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EVERY LITTLE BIT HELPS

Brandon Wise *brandonw@smdp.com*

Shoppers attempt to retrieve their share of the 20,000 nickels glued to a sign from ARCO gas company on the Third Street Promenade on Friday afternoon. Written on the sign, a publicity stunt, was the sentence, 'It's a proven fact that people like a few extra nickels.' It took a little over three hours for people to take all of the nickels on the sign.

Proposal would let more permit students stay

BY NICK TABOREK
Daily Press Staff Writer

SMMUSD HDQTRS More kids who attend local public schools on inter-district permits could be allowed to stay put if the Los Angeles Unified School District board approves a proposal next week to modify the district's strict new permit policy.

In an attempt to net $51 million in extra state education funding, LAUSD Superintendent Ramon Cortines in February said the district would stop issuing permits to most students who live inside its boundaries but go to school in neighboring public school systems including the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District.

The policy shift was expected to require about 10,000 of the 12,250 students who receive out-of-district transfer permits from LAUSD to return to their home district. At SMMUSD, more than 1,200 students receive transfer permits from LAUSD.

Cortines had said the district would boost its enrollment by making it more difficult to get permission to transfer.

But under a proposal supported by two LAUSD board members, additional permits would be issued, decreasing the new policy's impact on districts like SMMUSD that stand to lose hundreds of students next school year.

The proposal, which will come before the panel for a vote on Tuesday, would grant additional permit exemptions in order to allow students entering 10th, 11th and 12th grades to keep their transfer permits and remain at their current high schools. Under Cortines' original plan, only high school students entering their senior year would have been allowed to remain at their out-of-district schools. (Cortines' plan also allows students entering 5th and 8th grades to remain at their current schools. Those exemptions would not be changed under the proposal before the school board.)

"It was our feeling that high school stu-

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O'Connor gets warning from state for filing campaign statements late

BY NICK TABOREK
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL Following a local gadfly's urging, California's Fair Political Practices Commission has officially warned Mayor Pro Tem Pam O'Connor she will be fined in the future if she fails to file campaign disclosure statements on time.

The written warning dated March 23 from the FPPC stated that O'Connor failed to file a semi-annual campaign statement for the second half of last year in a timely fashion.

"Failure to comply with the provisions of the [Political Reform Act] in the future will result in monetary penalties of up to $5,000 for each violation," the letter, which was obtained by the Daily Press, stated.

O'Connor filed her most recent campaign disclosure forms more than six weeks after the Feb. 1 deadline. She was not fined for her tardiness by the City Clerk's Office after she submitted a letter asking for leniency because she had recently undergone knee surgery.

The FPPC's investigation occurred at the behest of Pro Se, a longtime Santa Monica City Council gadfly who notified the commission O'Connor had missed the filing deadline.

In an interview on Friday, he said he felt compelled to report O'Connor's tardiness to the commission in part because he felt City Hall's decision not to issue a fine revealed a "double standard."

He said he ran for City Council in 2002 and was told that he would have to meet filing deadlines despite being confined to a wheel chair and experiencing "extreme pain."

Denise Anderson-Warren, an administrative analyst in the City Clerk's Office, denied the department plays favorites.

"I've been here for 15 years and [City Clerk Maria Stewart has] treated everybody exactly the same," she said. "She's been fair and equitable with everybody the entire time I've been here."

Pro Se said even though the FPPC opted not to fine O'Connor, his complaint would benefit Santa Monica's political culture.

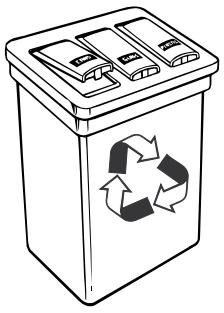
"The good thing out of this is it'll give a warning to all elected officials in Santa Monica that there's someone who will bring to the attention of the commission their

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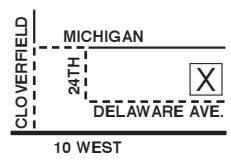


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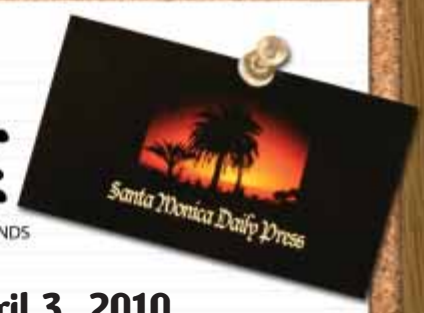
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WHAT'S UP WESTSIDE

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA AND SURROUNDS



Saturday, April 3, 2010

Easter egg hunt
Douglas Park
2439 Wilshire Blvd., 9 a.m. — Noon
The Santa Monica Junior Chamber of Commerce presents the 18th annual Peter Rabbit Day at Douglas Park. Kids will be able to get their faces painted, learn how to color Easter eggs and have a chance to participate in the egg-in-spoon race. The Easter Bunny will be there to meet children and give away prizes. The Santa Monica Police Department will also be there with a police car for kids to explore and learn. Admission is free.

Get into the act
YWCA Santa Monica
2019 14th St., 10:30 a.m. — Noon
This class will train you in the techniques necessary to start a commercial acting career, ages 18 to 98! The instructor has had students appear in nationwide commercials for Pepsi, Target, Mercedes Benz and more! For more information call (310) 452-3881.
Cost: $48 for six weeks.

Spring break splash
Annenberg Community Beach House
415 Pacific Coast Highway, 11 a.m. — 3 p.m.
For the next two weekends the pool will be open Friday, Saturday and Sunday. All members of a guest's party must be present when purchasing pool passes. Passes are $10 for adults, $5 for seniors, $4 for kids 1 to 17 and $24 for a family pass covering two adults and two children.

Paulo Szot
Santa Monica College Performing Arts Center
1310 11th St., 7:30 p.m.
Brazilian opera singer Paulo Szot will sing Broadway standards and classic Brazilian songs. His songs include "Some Enchanted Evening," from Rodgers and Hammerstein's "South Pacific."
Call (310) 434-3412 for more information.

Sunday, April 4, 2010

Get stretched out
Kathmandu Boutique
1844 Lincoln Blvd., 11:30 a.m. — 12:30 p.m.
Come and relax your body and your mind through gentle yet challenging poses. Beginners and older adults especially encouraged to try. Bring your own mat. Cost: by donation (part of which goes to charity).
For more information call (310) 392-4711.

Number one
Morgan-Wixson Theatre
Pico Boulevard and 27th Street, 2 p.m.
The musical Urinetown won three Tony Awards. It's about more than pay toilets! This musical manages to address issues like drought, privatization, and individual rights, while playfully entertaining and cajoling us to laugh at ourselves. Musical theatre fanatics will appreciate the many sly references to other shows. For more information call (310) 828-7519. Admission is $23, $18 for seniors and students.

For more information on any of the events listed, log on to smdp.com and click the "Events" tab for the given day's calendar.



COMMUNITY BRIEFS

CITY HALL

Computer literate

For the eleventh consecutive year City Hall has received awards from the Public Technology Institute (PTI) for going high-tech to save energy and provide better services to residents.

City Hall recently won two Technology Solutions Awards and received an outstanding achievement recognition from PTI, a national nonprofit technology research and development organization based in Washington, D.C. that represents local governments.

City Hall's PC Power Management Program earned an award in the category of sustainability. The program controls personal computers, reducing energy consumption when workstations are not in use. City Hall realized a 30.8 percent drop in computer power consumption thanks to the program. That resulted in an annual savings of $28,568.39 and 137,890 fewer pounds of greenhouse gas emissions.

"Personal computers are sometimes left on regardless of whether they are being used or not," a press release from City Hall read. "This results in unnecessary energy consumption, which drives up costs and increases the generation of greenhouse gasses. Individual power management schemes, available through Windows, have proven ineffective."

When it comes to counting the homeless, City Hall used a Geospatial Information System, or GIS, to produce maps and reports that provided detailed and accurate statistics on the homeless population. City Hall's use of the system helped it win the GIS Category. This year's count saw a 19 percent drop in the homeless population.

And last, but not least is City Hall's automated parking meter system at the Annenberg Beach House. The system earned City Hall the Significant Achievement honor in the category of sustainability. Several meters were installed as part of a pilot program that allows pre-paid parking reservations and provides real-time credit card reconciliation, monitoring and reports. The system has proven to be more effective at helping manage the beach lots and City Hall plans to deploy an additional 14 systems in other beach parking lots in the near future.

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CITYWIDE

For the greater good

Join Vons and Pavilions stores in Santa Monica as they raise money during April for services provided by Easter Seals to residents with disabilities. Throughout the month-long charity campaign customers will be given the option at every check-out counter of making a contribution to Easter Seals Disability Services.

Donations help Easter Seals provide job training and employment opportunities, pre-school and after-school services, independent living options that keep people in their own homes instead of institutions, and services that help adults learn daily living and social skills that most take for granted.

"Easter Seals Southern California has seen first-hand the positive impact of the money raised by Vons and Pavilions stores in the five years of this campaign," said Mark Whitley, chief executive officer of Easter Seals Southern California. With state budget cuts and belt-tightening for services to people with disabilities across California, their support is as important as ever."

In 2009, Vons raised over $1.4 million in support of Easter Seals Southern California.

Santa Monica locations include Vons stores at 710 Broadway, 1311 Wilshire Blvd., and Pavilions at 820 Montana Ave.

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Photo courtesy SOS

HAIR CARE: **Phayvanh Phongsa, owner of Special Occasion Salon, provides free makeovers for homeless women in OPCC's Daybreak program located on Cloverfield Boulevard last month.**

Salon brings beauty to homeless women

BY MIRIAM FINDER
Special to the Daily Press

CLOVERFIELD BLVD When a salon is mobile, its stylists can go anywhere they need: weddings, anniversaries or parties.

While on wheels, Phayvanh Phongsa, owner of the mobile Special Occasion Salon (SOS), also found she can spread her goal of helping woman gain confidence more easily, as she did when she visited Daybreak facility for mentally ill homeless women March 30.

Phongsa, SOS founder and LuxeLab salon master stylist, said she had been looking for a way to give back to the community through her field while specifically helping women. A friend suggested she contact Ocean Park Community Center (OPCC), which suggested she get involved with Daybreak, an OPCC project.

"It was a perfect match," Phongsa said.

The SOS stylists spent the evening giving the women new hairstyles, manicures, eyebrow shaping and make-up. Phongsa said one woman could not stop smiling after she blew out and straightened her normally curly

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Study: Small soda taxes don't dent obesity

BY MIKE STOBBE
Associated Press Writer

CIVIC CENTER Small taxes on soda do little to reduce soft drink consumption or prevent childhood obesity, but larger levies probably would, according to new research.

The study is being released as a recent wave of proposals would raise soda taxes or create new ones on sugared beverages. But they'll have to be a lot steeper than current taxes, which are generally 4 percent or less, said Roland Sturm, lead author of the new research.

"Small taxes will not prevent obesity," said Sturm, a senior economist at the Rand Corp. in Santa Monica.

Sturm and his colleagues used information from a 2004 national survey of about 7,300 fifth-graders. The researchers looked at how the children's height and weight had changed over the previous two years and

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Rich get off easy

Editor:

Jim Goodman's letter published March 27-28 ("Another bad move by City Council") was an excellent analysis of the workings of the City Council. The council approved a framework to subsidize a billionaire's art museum on city property, and the same evening endorsed the school district's regressive tax on the poor, Measure A. The parcel tax is another subsidy for the rich and a regressive tax on the poor as all property owners will pay the same $198 per parcel. The small condo owner pays the same as the owners of luxury hotels and fancy office buildings. Mr. Goodman's only error was he stated senior citizen and low-income renters will be exempt from paying increased rent if the parcel tax is approved. Wrong. If approved, all renters will have to pay for this tax via increased rents. Measure A only provides an exemption for senior citizen homeowners, not renters. For more information about Measure A go to www.NoSneakAttax.com.

Matthew Millen
Santa Monica

Setting the record straight

Editor:

In an effort to convince your readers that AB 32 is a job killer that will do little to address climate change, Jon Coupal of the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association (op-ed in March 26 issue) cites a study released by the UC Berkeley Center for Labor Research and Education – erroneously.

The center's study findings may not fit Mr. Coupal's dismal outlook about the opportunities green business can bring to California. While he's entitled to his opinion, he is not entitled to misquote and misconstrue our work, which concluded that successful implementation of AB 32 will provide tremendous economic opportunities for California. The state has the potential to become a center for green innovation and export new technologies, products and services, creating well-paying, quality jobs. AB 32 and other climate change policies will certainly transform the California economy. There are opportunities and risks, and with planning, we can take advantage of the opportunities and reduce the risks.

I urge your readers to read the study for themselves. The report, "Addressing the Employment Impacts of AB 32, California's Global Warming Solutions Act," is available on the Labor Center's Web site, at http://laborcenter.berkeley.edu/greenjobs/AB32_policy_brief09.pdf.

Carol Zabin
Director of research at UC Berkeley's Center for Labor Research and Education

Win the war on cancer

Editor:

April is Cancer Control Month. Experts recently announced that one-third of breast cancer cases in Western countries could be prevented by exercising and eating a low-fat diet. By eating a healthy vegan diet, people can slim down and reduce their risk of cancer.

According to renowned nutritionist Dr. T. Colin Campbell, "No chemical carcinogen is nearly so important in causing human cancer as animal protein." The fat, hormones, dioxins, and other harmful compounds found in meat, eggs, and dairy products also raise one's cancer risk.

Fortunately, vegan foods not only taste great, most are low in fat and high in fiber and phytochemicals, which knock out carcinogens and fight inflammation. Studies show that vegetarians have 40 percent of the cancer rate of meat-eaters.

Why undergo chemotherapy or radiation treatment when you can win the war on cancer just by eating tasty, inexpensive vegan foods? Commemorate Cancer Control Month by visiting www.GoVeg.com for a free vegetarian starter kit.

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I couldn't give it away

SUPPOSE YOU'RE DRIVING ALONG AND you happen to be behind an armored car. Suddenly, the back door of that armored car flies open, a bag of money hits the street, splits open, and cash starts flying all over the place. Would you slam on your brakes, get out of your car in the midst of traffic, run over to the bag, stuff as much money in your pockets as possible, run back to your car, get out of there as fast as you can, and think there was nothing wrong with what you just did?

I didn't think you'd do something like that. Neither would I, but that's exactly what several people did recently when this actually happened in a suburb of Columbus, Ohio.

The first thing I thought about when I heard the story was how could the back door of an armored car fly open allowing a bag of money to fall to the street? I've been driving for a long time, and I've never had any money fly out of my car, and I don't even drive a special vehicle whose sole purpose is to safely drive money around.

The other thing, of course, was the behavior of the people who grabbed the money — $100,000 is still missing. ($100,000? I guess that was a pretty big bag). Maybe they rationalized that they were taking the money from a big, unfeeling, faceless bank or corporation, not from "regular people." But that money that was bouncing around in the armored car probably belonged to "regular people." It could have been your money going to or from a bank.

Maybe another rationalization was that obviously, the money was insured, so "nobody got hurt." Your house is probably insured. If you were robbed, would you think that "nobody got hurt?"

Call me a Pollyanna, but I generally feel that people are good, honest, and responsible. That's why I was so disappointed to learn the way so many people acted. I worried that maybe I'd been wrong all these years about my positive views of my fellow men and women. It shook up my entire perception of the world. If people are willing to run out of their cars in the middle of traffic to grab money that's not theirs, who knows what else they're capable of doing? Maybe some people actually do things like cheat on their income taxes, take drugs so they can play sports better, or take their neighbor's newspaper early in the morning to check last night's sports scores.

So I decided to conduct an experiment. I would walk up to people with money in my hand, and ask them if it was theirs. I started with quarters and I would usually be near a store's cash register to make my scenario believable. "I think you might have dropped this," was my line. But every person I approached that way said to me, "No, that's not mine."

I even went to a video arcade where quarters are like gold. There were two kids in there who were either doing research for a paper on video games or were ditching school. The one whose jeans were around his knees actually dropped a quarter as I walked in. After he picked that up, I presented him with one of my quarters and said, "I think you dropped this one, too." The kid declined the quarter, saying it wasn't his. (He actually said, "Not mine, dude.")

I decided to up the ante. I was walking in a crowded shopping mall with my hands in my pockets and purposely "dropped" a $20 bill to the floor and continued to walk. I was practically tackled by two people, coming from opposite directions, telling me that I dropped the $20. They also admonished me, saying I should be more careful with my money.

As I put the $20 bill back in my pocket, I smiled. People really are good. Then how do I explain the actions of those who stuffed their pockets and fled? There are plenty of plausible explanations. For example, maybe that's the one street in America where people don't act properly. Maybe they plan to give the money to charity. Maybe they thought it was play money. The important thing is that I proved that people really are trustworthy.

By the way, if you see me walking around, don't bother following me, hoping that I'll purposely be dropping money on the ground. My experiment's over. It was a one-time thing. I have faith in people, but I'm not going to push my luck.

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Preventing bike thefts

Q: MY FRIEND HAD HIS BICYCLE TAKEN. How do I prevent my bicycle from being stolen?

A: First and foremost, be sure to get it registered/licensed so if your bicycle is taken, the information regarding your bicycle is available to the police department so officers can better identify and return it to you, should it be located. The state bicycle license is $3 and is good for three years. You can obtain one by going to the city of Santa Monica permit office at City Hall or get the information via the following Web link: www01.smgov.net/finance/licenses/bikelic.htm

[G]IVING MONEY TO PANHANDLERS, ALTHOUGH WELL MEANING, IS REALLY ONLY A TEMPORARY RESPONSE TO THE VERY REAL NEEDS OF HOMELESS PEOPLE AND LIKELY DOES NOT HELP SOMEONE TO GET OFF THE STREETS.

Second, get a quality lock to secure your bicycle. Too many times we have taken stolen bicycle reports to find out the lock being used was of poor quality and/or an easy material to break. Small chains and "cable" type locks are easy to cut and are usually the target of thieves. Although we cannot guarantee them, we recommend a better high quality lock such as the "U-type" lock. This type of lock should be secured around your bicycle, a tire and the rack you are securing it to.

Third, if you see anyone acting suspicious in and around the area where bicycles are kept, please call our dispatch at (310) 458-8491 with a description of the suspicious person, (clothing, appearance, hair, height, weight, etc.) and what they are doing that caused you to notice their behavior.

There is no way to guarantee that a bicycle will not be stolen, however, these tactics will help lessen the possibility of it happening to you.

Q: Should I give money to the homeless I see panhandling along Third Street and other areas of the city?

A: We know that many people want to help the homeless and think that they are doing so by giving them money. However, giving money to panhandlers, although well meaning, is really only a temporary response to the very real needs of homeless people and likely does not help someone to get off the streets. In fact, handouts may allow a person to experience one more day on the street rather than accessing the service that will help the individual rebuild their life. The Santa Monica Police Department finds that donations to non-profit organizations for the homeless are put to better use than giving money directly to the individual, which may be used to purchase items, such as alcohol, cigarettes and sometimes even narcotics. With that in mind, we encourage residents and visitors to give responsibly and effectively.

If you wish to donate, the city of Santa Monica and its partner non-profit service providers ask that donations be made to a local service organization. Interested parties can visit www.westsideshelter.org to learn more about homelessness, how to donate, and volunteer opportunities.

CRIME MAPS

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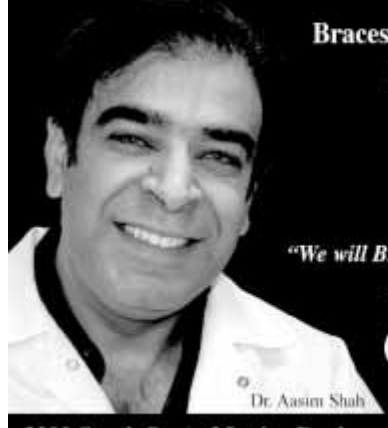
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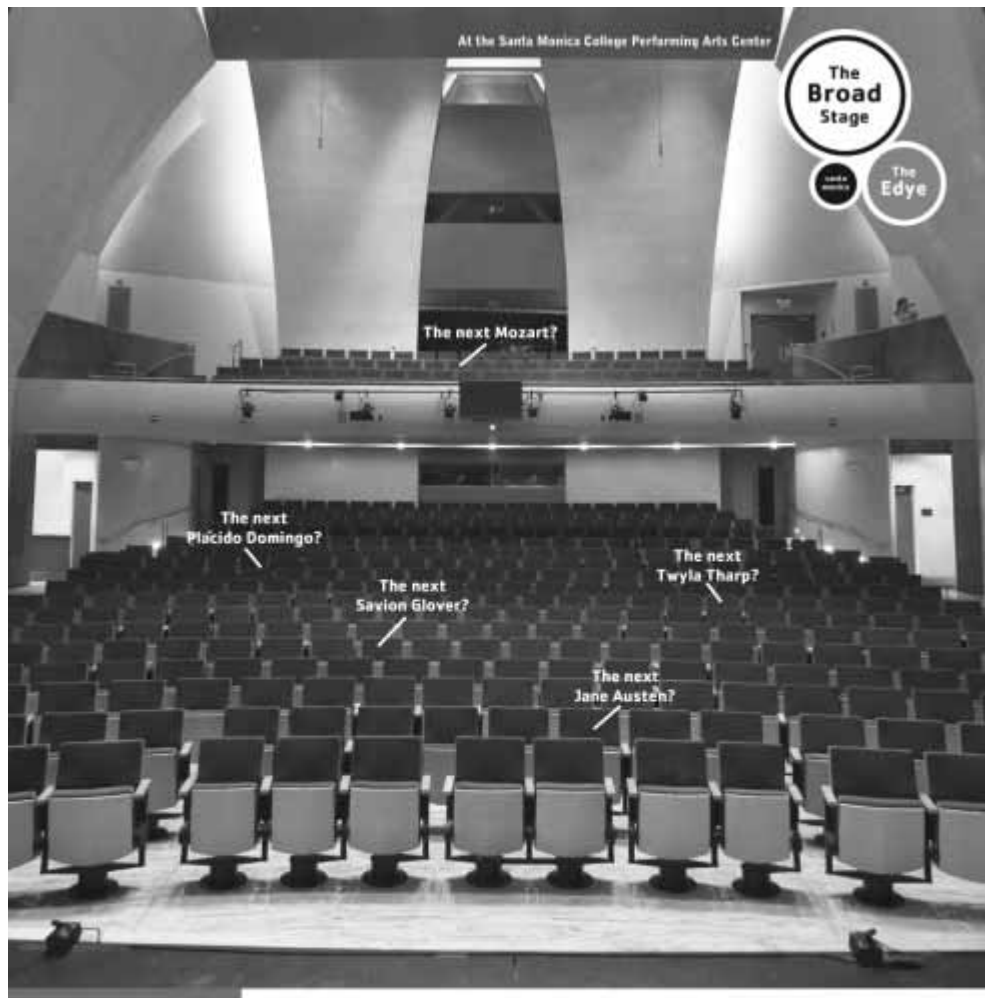
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Creating fond food memories

IT'S ALMOST AS IF IT WAS A DELAYED April Fools' joke. After all, the e-mail did literally appear in my in-box at 12:06 a.m. on April 2. I couldn't believe it when I saw the heading, "Ebelskiver pan, our number one customer favorite." It's not that I thought the word "Ebelskiver" was some sort of joke. It's that I thought, "How does everyone know about Ebelskivers? I thought my grandfather Brown invented them?"

It's as if, with this one little Williams-Sonoma ad, that someone changed my childhood memory from something only I knew, to something that is the "number one customer favorite." This is no joke. I really felt duped, not by my grandfather, but by the people at Williams-Sonoma who burst my little childhood bubble.

My dad's parents lived in Baton Rouge, La. while the rest of my family lived in the Northeast. I actually only remember seeing my paternal grandparents maybe a handful of times in my life. But during their visits, the fondest memory I have is when my grandpa Brown would make what he called "ableskeebers." That's how they were spelled in my mind. He made these pancakes in muffin tins and would toss them onto our plates as my brother and I had abelskeeber eating contests. My brother is four years older than I, but as a young, active girl, I gave him a run for his money. I think I remember his record being 24.

Now looking back, I'm actually not surprised that my grandpa Brown knew about Ebelskivers. After all, he was a military man and they had lived all over the world. Perhaps it was during their stay in Europe that my grandfather stumbled upon Ebelskivers, "a beloved treat in [their] native Denmark," according to the Williams-Sonoma ad.

Don't get me wrong, I don't really blame Williams-Sonoma for bursting my bubble. In fact, I love Williams-Sonoma. To me they are like the Tiffany's of cookware. I just wish I had never known the truth about Ebelskivers. But now that I do, I guess it's a good thing. I can share some Ebelskiver recipes with you and you won't think I'm completely weird for talking about them.

If you're a grandparent you can even get your grandkids to think that you are so cool, like I thought about my granpa Brown, for inventing this fun little pancake batter treat. Maybe that's it. It's not that my grandfather was trying to pull one over on me. It's that I probably just assumed that he made up the name abelskeeber, because that is exactly something only a grandparent could do. Oh, well, the Ebelskiver is out of the bag, so to speak. Now you can create some fond food memories of your own.

Although I do love Williams-Sonoma, I don't believe you have to have a gadget for every kitchen need. Instead of buying an Ebelskiver pan right away, you can simply do as my grandfather did and use muffin tins. It worked just fine for him. My brother and I had no problem scarfing down Ebelskivers until we were about to hurl. I would never do that these days, nor would I encourage it. In fact, to help you and your family enjoy Ebelskivers in moderation, please have a nice vegetable omelet and fresh fruit with two to three Ebelskivers. Then go outside, play a game of badminton, shoot some hoops, use a hula hoop, jump rope, ride your bikes, go for a walk and even try out a retro pogo stick. These are just a few of my favorite childhood games. Save the abelskeeber eating contests for the county fairs.

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Gluten-free Ebelskivers

Preheat oven to 350 degrees

1 cup rice four
1/2 cup tapioca flour
1/4 cup corn starch
1/2 teaspoon xanthan gum
(If you are not gluten sensitive, you can sub 1 3/4 cups all purpose flour for the first four ingredients)
2 tablespoons sugar
1 tablespoon baking powder
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 egg
1 cup milk plus up to 1/2 cup more milk until you reach desired consistency

Combine dry ingredients in one bowl. Beat the egg and 1 cup of milk in another bowl. Combine wet and dry ingredient and blend with a fork. Do not beat. You want the liquid ingredients to be absorbed by the dry ingredients until you get a gelatinous, sticky, thick batter that is still liquid enough to pour. Lumps are OK. Coat muffin tins with oil of your choice. Pour batter into tins and fill about three quarters full. Bake 8 to 10 minutes or until Ebelskivers are browned on the outside and a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean. Serve with warm fruit and maple syrup.

Perfect omelet

1/2 red pepper, diced
1/4 onion, diced
1/2 cup mushrooms, chopped
(or use any fresh vegetables of your choice)
2 omega-3 rich eggs plus one tablespoon water
Salt, pepper, basil, oregano to taste

Chop vegetables. Set aside in a bowl. Scramble eggs with water until light and frothy. Heat a small to medium size non-stick skillet on medium heat. Add a teaspoon of olive oil or butter to the pan. Use a heat resistant rubber spatula (a must-have item from Williams-Sonoma) to disperse oil. Heat vegetables until browned. Pour in egg mixture. Sprinkle with salt, pepper and whatever fresh or dried herbs you desire. Reduce heat to medium-low. Cover with a lid to allow omelet to steam for about five minutes. When omelet becomes puffed and fluffy, flip with the spatula or if you are brave, flip in the pan using good wrist action and a strong sense of conviction. Allow the omelet to heat on the flipped side for about a minute. Slide omelet onto a plate and serve with fresh fruit plus two Ebelskivers.

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SMMUSD official: Compromise proposal doesn't do enough

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dents should be allowed to finish their years at the school in which they're currently [enrolled]," said Tom Waldman, chief of staff for LAUSD board member Tamar Galatzan, who supports the measure.

SMMUSD Board President Barry Snell said the proposal doesn't go far enough.

"I'm happy to hear that there is some movement toward trying to limit it, but I think that all students should be allowed to complete their education at the school they're currently attending."

SMMUSD superintendent Tim Cuneo has said he supports grandfathering in all the district's students who receive transfer permits from LAUSD, as well as their siblings.

The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors endorsed a similar idea this week, approving a motion by Zev Yaroslavsky, who represents the Westside, urging Cortines to allow all students to continue receiving permits in order to complete their education at their current schools.

But Waldman said Galatzan isn't likely to support such a significant revision to the district's new permit policy.

"Right now this is as far as we'd like to go to expand it to high school students," he said. "Other than that we're supportive of the superintendent's policy."

Under Cortines' plan, students with a parent who works within the attendance boundary of their child's out-of-district school would still be allowed to receive transfer permits.

> **"I THINK THAT ALL STUDENTS SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO COMPLETE THEIR EDUCATION AT THE SCHOOL THEY'RE CURRENTLY ATTENDING."**
>
> **Barry Snell,**
> SMMUSD board president

Students seeking the permits from LAUSD were allowed to apply through the district's Web site beginning April 1.

Ellen Morgan, an LAUSD spokeswoman, said the district plans to respond to permit requests within five business days of when applications are submitted, though that window could be extended.

Students whose applications are rejected are allowed to appeal decisions to LAUSD and then to the Los Angeles County Office of Education.

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Beauty day at Daybreak

FROM **SOS** PAGE 3

and frizzy hair. Others were thrilled with the products inside the gift bags Phongsa provided.

"I definitely think it will help them just boost their confidence," she said. "It was so inspiring."

Phongsa's background has ingrained in her an understanding and need of helping others. She was born in Laos shortly after American troops withdrew from the country. Her family escaped to Thailand, where they lived in refugee camps for three years before moving to Rockingham, N.C., all thanks to the kindness of strangers.

Although she said she remembers little before life in America, she grew up in an environment full of aunts, uncles and cousins always helping and supporting each other. Her upbringing not only makes her see the importance of helping others, but also allows her to relate to those in need.

"Just growing up, I knew I wasn't as privileged as other kids," Phongsa said. "When I see people who are less fortunate I can relate to them. … I feel like I want to provide."

She said she hopes through beauty these women find the sense of self to fully utilize Daybreak's resources aimed at helping these women stabilize their lives and find permanent housing. She also said she was surprised by how well the facility was running, noting the women seemed happy and comfortable.

"They're doing an amazing job with these ladies," Phongsa said. "It was a great experience."

Daybreak Volunteer Coordinator Rene Buchanan said the women had a wonderful time, and the evening allowed them to feel closer to the community and realize that there are people in Santa Monica who care about them.

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>
> **Phayvanh Phongsa,**
> Special Occasion Salon founder

Rita Elzy, a participant in the Daybreak program, said the stylists were professional and kind.

"It made me feel really good on the inside," said Elzy, who got a haircut and her eyebrows shaped. "It lightened up our day."

All the stylists in attendance, Phongsa included, expressed interest in bringing SOS back to Daybreak.

Phongsa began toying with the idea for SOS a year ago and launched the business in July. Although she still works at LuxeLab salon, she missed doing fancy hairstyles like up-dos and curls. Through current clients, she and her 14 stylists have been able to get jobs styling people for events like weddings.

"It's just a lot of fun being in that environment," Phongsa said. From the reports of the evening at the Daybreak facility, it seems like she was able to carry over that jovial atmosphere to a group of women who need it most.

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56 percent of Americans opposed to soda tax

FROM **STUDY** PAGE 3

how often the kids said they drank soda and sports drinks. The researchers also reviewed taxes on carbonated drinks that were in effect in 2004.

Roughly two-thirds of the children lived in states that had a tax on soda greater than on other food items. The highest was 7 cents tax on each dollar's worth of soda. The average was about 4 cents.

They found the taxes made no real difference on overall soda consumption or on obesity for kids overall. They did have a small effect on certain children — especially those from families with an annual income of $25,000 or less. Those kids — who drank about seven cans of soda a week, on average — drank one less can because of the taxes, Sturm said.

However, if the taxes were more like 18 cents on the dollar, Sturm calculated it would make a significant difference.

The research is being published online Thursday in the journal Health Affairs. The Rand study was funded by the federal government and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.

Most states exempt grocery food from sales taxes. But in recent years, candy and soft drinks have been increasingly targeted, either through a tax or removal of an existing sales tax exemption.

The children in the study were from 40 states, 20 of which had soda taxes when the study was done.

More than 30 states have some form of soda tax today, averaging about 5 cents per dollar of soda.

In the last month, Colorado removed a 3 percent sales tax exemption for candy and soda. Philadelphia's mayor proposed a 2 cents-per-ounce tax on sugary drinks, which would add 24 cents to the price of a can of Coke.

Most of the taxes tend to be enough to bring in some extra money for struggling state budgets, but small enough not to rile soda manufacturers or significantly change buying habits, said Kelly Brownell, director of Yale University's Rudd Center for Food Policy and Obesity.

"Taxes have to be large enough to affect consumption," said Brownell, who has called for a tax as high as 12 percent.

But most people don't want their soda taxed, according to the American Beverage Association, which represents soda manufacturers.

Association officials noted that Maine voters last fall rejected a soda tax. And in a press release last week, the organization pointed to a recent survey of 1,000 U.S. adults by Rasmussen Reports that found 56 percent of Americans are against taxes on candy and soda.

The beverage association did not pay for the telephone survey, said Debra Falk, a spokeswomen for the polling firm.

The Rand study confirms that small taxes on soda don't reduce obesity, and offers no evidence that larger taxes would do any better, said Christopher Gindlesperger, spokesman for beverage association.

"Taxes don't work. What does work is balancing the diet and exercise," he said.

Gadfly says he's holding SM pols accountable

FROM **WARNING** PAGE 1

lateness," he said.

There are practical reasons for timely filing, he said, since "the sooner we know the source of their donations ... the better informed we the people of Santa Monica will be."

"As an elected official it should always be an honor and a privilege to serve we the people of Santa Monica."

In an interview Friday, O'Connor downplayed the significance of the FPPC warning and her tardiness in filing her campaign forms.

"The FPPC said, 'You're late Pam.' I know. [The forms were] in by the time they gave me the letter."

She said it's been a hectic period because on top of her knee surgery she's had additional duties filling in as the de facto mayor at City Hall.

"I work for a living and I had some big projects," she added. "There are maybe some people who are never [late], once in a while I'm late on a bill payment, I'm late on something like this."

She said the fact she wasn't assessed a fine doesn't mean she received special treatment at City Hall.

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"I think it all comes from recognizing that we're citizen legislators. You're not a full time candidate. You're not a big time politician."

O'Connor's forms, filed March 17, showed she raised $6,675 during the period from July 1, 2009 to Dec. 31. After 16 years on the council, O'Connor plans to run for re-election in November.

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Request for bid forms and specifications may be obtained from the City of Santa Monica, 1717 4th St., Suite 250, Santa Monica, California, by calling (310) 458-2211, or by e-mailing your request to kimberlie.nimori@smgov.net. Bids must be submitted on forms furnished by the City of Santa Monica.

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NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA CITY COUNCIL

SUBJECT: Introduction and first reading of an Ordinance approving Development Agreement 08-002, adoption of a resolution certifying the Final Environmental Impact Report 08-004; and adoption of a resolution making the necessary CEQA findings, adopting a Statement of Overriding Considerations, and adopting a Mitigation Monitoring Program.

725 California Avenue

APPLICANT: St. Monica Catholic Community
PROPERTY OWNER: Archdiocese of Los Angeles

A public hearing will be held by the City Council to consider the following request:

The applicant is requesting City Council approval of a Development Agreement, Final Environmental Impact Report, and Statement of Overriding Considerations for a campus improvement project located at 725 California Avenue (St. Monica Catholic Community). The subject property comprises a full city block bounded by California Avenue, Lincoln Boulevard, Washington Avenue, and 7th Street. The project involves the demolition of the existing Pastoral Center (13,465 sq. ft.) located at the corner of California Avenue and Lincoln Boulevard, the construction of a new 27,500 SF Community Center with subterranean garage (154 spaces) within the demolished area of the Pastoral Center, construction of a 7,700 SF addition to the High School East building, improvements to the campus courtyard/playground, and interior renovations to the existing auditorium, gymnasium and other facilities. A Statement of Overriding Considerations will be necessary to approve the project since the EIR has concluded that there will be a significant unavoidable impact to traffic/circulation. All other potential impacts can be mitigated to a less than significant level.

Pursuant to Santa Monica Municipal Code (SMMC) Section 9.48.140, the City Council hold a public hearing on the proposed development agreement.

DATE/TIME: **WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13, 2010, AT 6:45 PM**

LOCATION: City Council Chambers, Second Floor
Santa Monica City Hall
1685 Main Street, Santa Monica, California

HOW TO COMMENT
The City of Santa Monica encourages public comment. You may comment at the City Council public hearing, or by writing a letter. Written information received prior to 3:00pm on the Wednesday before the hearing will be given to the City Council in their packet.

Address your letters to: City Clerk
Re: 08DEV-002
1685 Main Street, Room 102
Santa Monica, CA 90401

MORE INFORMATION
If you want more information about this project or wish to review the project file, please contact Steve Mizokami at (310) 458-8341, or by e-mail at steve.mizokami@smgov.net. The Zoning Ordinance is available at the Planning Counter during business hours and on the City's web site at www.smgov.net.

The meeting facility is wheelchair accessible. For disability-related accommodations, please contact (310) 458-8341 or (310) 458-8696 TTY at least 72 hours in advance. All written materials are available in alternate format upon request. Santa Monica Big Blue Bus Lines numbered 1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 8, 9, and 10 serve City Hall.

Pursuant to California Government Code Section 65009(b), if this matter is subsequently challenged in Court, the challenge may be limited to only those issues raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of Santa Monica at, or prior to, the public hearing.

ESPAÑOL
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Here are your responses:

"THE ONLY SANTA MONICA PLAYHOUSE that I am aware of is the one my father built for me in our backyard when I was a youth that I shared with Shep, my pet German shepherd. Shep and I had some good times in that playhouse napping and snoring together. My fondest memory of that playhouse is of Shep and knowing if dogs have a heaven, than Shep has a home because he is gone where all good doggies go."

"I WOULD SAY THE THING THAT distinguishes that playhouse and the most memorable legacy of that playhouse is that it survived. In times of crisis when it didn't look like it could survive, the Santa Monica community rose to the occasion and made sure that it would be there for the future and for all of Santa Monica to enjoy."

"I HAVE A GORGEOUS SON WHO GOES to Pepperdine and he wants to be an actor. And even though I've never been to that theater that you're talking about, I think it's good to have some balance in the community and I read about that place and I think it'd be great to keep it on in and through the grapevine."

"IF YOU RESEARCH THE OLD SANTA Monica Outlook for the very early 1970s, the Outlook dedicated a series of articles about the flourishing porno industry in Santa Monica. Most people don't realize that the Santa Monica playhouse rented itself out on Fridays and Saturday nights as a performance space for live sex shows. Quite a few young, struggling actresses performed there in the early 1970s and met up with young film directors who were working anonymously in the Santa Monica porno industry. Many of these struggling actresses went on to do B-movie work in Roger Corman or Roger Corman-type films. A couple went on to actually do legitimate TV series work and one had a pretty good career in feature films, mainstream feature films. The camaraderie of the sex show performers and the film directors who would eventually connect to the sex show performers at the Santa Monica Playhouse probably had much more of an impact on Hollywood than Santa Monica has had since."

"THE SANTA MONICA PLAYHOUSE HAS provided many memorable opportunities for our community, but there are two that stand out in my mind. The first is when the late attorney Kenny Kahn, who was a comedian billed as the world's funniest comedian, did a sold-out performance at the Santa Monica Playhouse and was introduced by the noted attorney Robert Shapiro. The other fond memory I have was last year when they hosted a number of wonderful films from an environmental film festival that was taking place. I wish them the best of luck in all their future endeavors."

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SF crime lab scandal strains justice system

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Associated Press Writers

SAN FRANCISCO The first hint of scandal at the San Francisco crime lab came in December when officials received a tip that a technician might be stealing cocaine used as evidence.

An investigation soon revealed that small amounts of cocaine were missing, and the scandal has just snowballed from there.

Hundreds of narcotics cases may have to be thrown out, the drug-testing lab has been closed indefinitely, and outside reviews have unmasked even deeper concerns with how evidence is handled at the facility. The scandal has served as an embarrassment to the police department and raised questions about why officials weren't more proactive in dealing with the problems.

"Anybody who doesn't see the magnitude of this problem is either blind or stupid," San Francisco Police Chief George Gascon said after a review cited bad management at the lab has led to poor practices.

The district attorney's office has already thrown out or not charged 550 cases because of possible evidence tampering, and is reviewing about 1,400 more for possible dismissal.

A final decision hasn't been made on how many ultimately will be tossed, but may come Friday. Authorities are trying to salvage some cases by having drugs retested at other labs; they also may refile some of the dropped cases.

The woman accused of skimming drugs from the lab for her own use, Deborah Madden, has not been charged. Madden took a leave of absence from the lab in December following an audit that found cocaine was missing from the lab, then retired last month. She was a criminalist for 29 years.

Madden, 60, was convicted of misdemeanor domestic assault in 2008 — a conviction not disclosed to the proper authorities until the drug scandal surfaced. Gascon has said it was a mistake the conviction wasn't disclosed.

During a recent search of her home, police discovered small amounts of a "white powdery substance" believed to be cocaine.

Her lawyer, Paul DeMeester, last month sought to downplay the allegations and compared the situation to a bartender who sneaks a drink from a brewery. He said the larger issue is the problems at the lab.

"What's clear is that there's a systemic failing with the San Francisco crime lab that is completely separate and apart that has nothing to do with my client," he said.

DeMeester said Friday that he and Madden are "just waiting to see what happens" once authorities complete their investigation. "If they bring charges, we'll deal with it."

An audit requested by Gascon revealed that employees at the lab were overworked and not doing their jobs properly.

The lab had at least three technicians working there between July and December, each handling about 5,000 to 7,000 cases a year. The state's average is slightly more than 1,000 cases per year, the report said.

Gascon said the department will hire at least six more technicians to decrease the workload.

The report also found that technicians often left drug evidence in unsecured boxes or lockers ripe for possible theft, and technicians did not record when they may have reopened evidence sampling. The lab also failed to calibrate scales used for weighing drugs, the report said. In a criminal case, the weight of the drug can result in a greater or lesser sentence.

"One of the real issues is the system works on a matter of trust," said Jim Norris, former head of the San Francisco crime lab and now a consultant with the public defender's office. "No one knows if they are proceeding on information that is correct."

He said this scandal not only casts doubt on the narcotics testing, but all aspects of the crime lab including the DNA program, firearms and all other analyses.

An investigation into the lab didn't begin until Feb. 22, nearly two months after Madden's sister called officials to notify them that she found a cocaine vial at the technician's home, police said. The lab was not shut down until March.

"What we've seen is a tsunami of incompetence," said Public Defender Jeff Adachi. "What we have is several layers of managers and administrators who at various points had information that Madden tampered with evidence and did nothing. These are not only red flags, but burning red flags that should've resulted in immediate action."

Experts said such widespread failures at a criminal lab are shocking, but not unique to San Francisco. Laboratories in Houston, New York City, Seattle and at the FBI have had problems in recent years, said Dr. Lawrence Kobilinsky, chair of the Forensic Science Department at John Jay College of Criminal Justice in New York City.

When problems happen, criminal cases typically get dropped and public trust erodes.

"If the public cannot trust the work of a laboratory, then the entire criminal justice, the entire operation, suffers," Kobilinsky said.

The problems at the San Francisco lab come at an awkward time for politicians and local leaders.

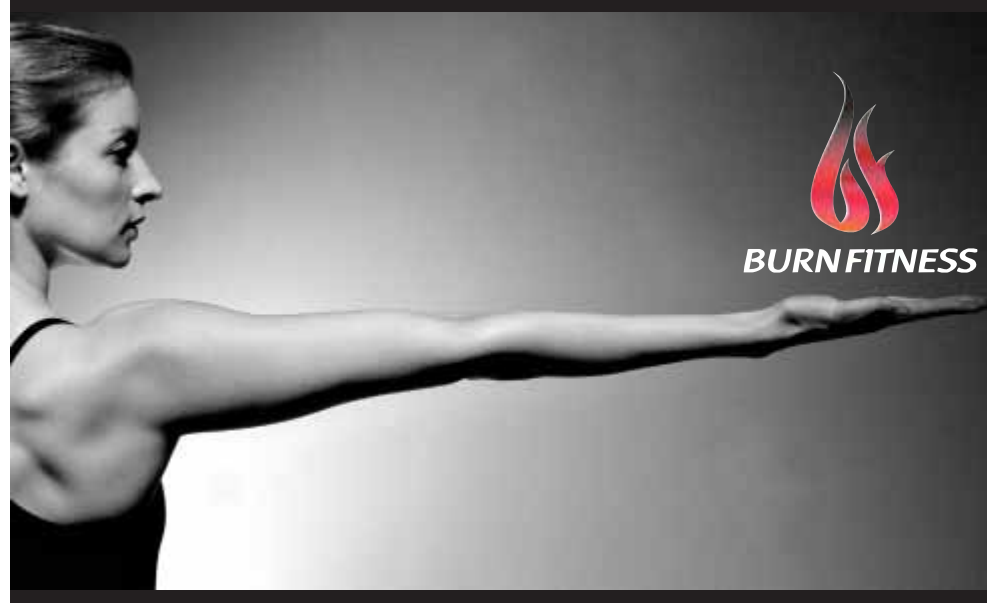
Mayor Gavin Newsom is running for lieutenant governor and District Attorney Kamala Harris wants to be state attorney general. Gascon arrived in San Francisco last year with a tough-on-crime message.

"It's neglect that has run deep across the board, and we're paying the price of not taking care of business," the chief said.

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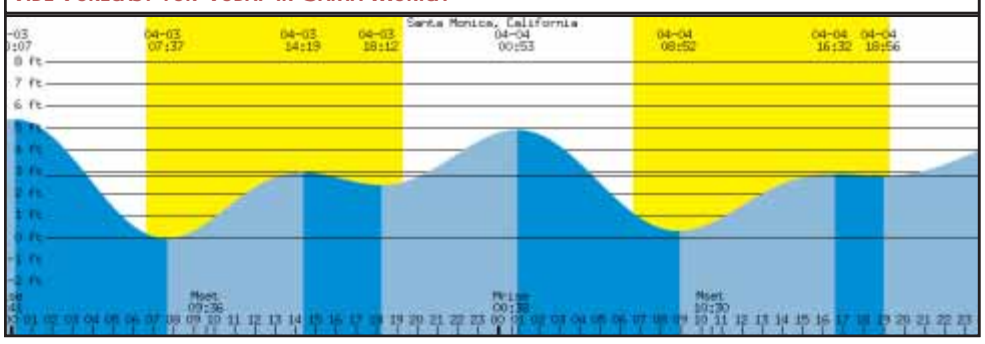
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Steep angled NW swell should back down to around chest high max for west facing breaks. Winds should be lightly offshore for a good part of the day.

Long Range Synopsis

End of week looks very small as well.

Tide Forecast for Today in Santa Monica



BEACH REPORT CARD

NORTH LOS ANGELES COUNTY

Grades for this report are based on monitoring data from the previous 30 days up to the ending date of **March 30, 2010**

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QUICK STATS (for the last 30 days)

- Number of sewage spills -- 0
- Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0
- Number of wet days -- 6
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 41 / 36
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 5 / 9

The Beach Report Card is made possible by: The Diller – von Furstenberg Family Foundation; simplehuman; SIMA

Heal the Bay reminds you not to swim or surf within 100 yards of any flowing storm drain or for 3 days after a rainstorm. After a rain, indicator bacteria counts at beaches throughout California usually far exceed health criteria in the state's Beach Closure and Health Warning Protocol.

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth.	A+	C
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	A+
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechusa and Las Alins creeks.	A+	A+
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	A+	A+
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth.	A	F
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	D	A+
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	A+	A+
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	C
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	F	D
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	B
Solstice Canyon at Don Blocker County Beach.	A+	C
Pverca State Beach at creek mouth.	A+	A+
Marie Canyon storm drain at Pverca Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd..	F	C
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	A+
Surfrider Beach (breach location)- daily.	F	F
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	B	A
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	A+	A+
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero).	A	A+
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs.	A+	A+
Pena Creek at Los Tunos County Beach.	A	A+
Tuna Canyon.	A+	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	F	A+
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	A+
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	A
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	A+	A+

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence.	A+	A+
Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain.	A+	A+
Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain.	A+	A+
Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua).	B	F
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain.	A+	A+
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain.	A+	A+
Santa Monica Municipal Pier.	A	A+
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain.	A+	A+
Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms).	A+	B
Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain.	A+	A+
Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain.	A+	A+
Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain.	A+	A+
Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain.	A+	A+
Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south.	A+	A+
Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St..	A+	A+
Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- lifeguard tower.	A	A
Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth.	A	A+
Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain.	A+	A
North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach.	A+	A+
Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of D&W jetty).	A	A+
Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain.	A+	A+
Dockweiler Beach- opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant.	A+	A+
Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain.	A+	C

LEGEND

DRY -- each location is graded on an A – F scale based on bacterial pollution levels present in the surf zone
WET -- grades for days of recorded rainfall and the following 3 days
ns -- no sample taken

Heal the Bay is a non-profit environmental organization dedicated to making Santa Monica Bay and Southern California coastal waters safe and healthy for people and marine life.

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NBA

Lakers sign Bryant to 3-year extension

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

EL SEGUNDO, Calif. Kobe Bryant is staying with the Los Angeles Lakers for another three years.

The deal means the Lakers achieved two main objectives going into the season — signing Bryant and Pau Gasol to extensions.

"We were able to accomplish those goals, helping to keep the core of this team intact for the foreseeable future and in turn help to ensure the franchise's continued success over the years to come," General manager Mitch Kupchak said Friday on the team's Web site.

Financial terms of Bryant's deal weren't announced. Gasol signed earlier in the season to a three-year, $57-million extension.

Bryant was already under contract this season and next season for a total of $47.8 million before the extension would kick into gear.

The 31-year Bryant could have terminated the last two years of his contract and become an unrestricted free agent last July. He could've gotten a new, longer deal if he had opted out, but he wouldn't have necessarily made more money.

Bryant will be eight weeks shy of his 36th birthday when his new extension reaches its end.

Bryant is averaging 27.2 points, 5.3 rebounds and 5.1 assists this season. He's helped the Lakers win four NBA titles, including last season when he was the Finals MVP.

The 12-time All-Star was voted league MVP in 2008 when he helped the U.S. win a gold medal in the Beijing Olympics. This season, he moved past Jerry West to become the Lakers' all-time leading scorer.

NCAA

UCLA's Brendan Lane to miss five months after left ankle surgery

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES UCLA forward Brendan Lane will have left ankle surgery next week and is expected to be out five months.

The school said Friday that the surgery is to repair damage Lane sustained from multiple injuries this season.

Lane initially sprained his ankle during the first week of practice in October and was sidelined for three weeks. During the season, he had two more sprains that caused him to miss a total of five games.

The freshman from Rocklin, Calif., averaged 2.4 points and 1.5 rebounds while making three starts.

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This Request for Proposals (RFP) contains the key questions and informational requirements for respondents to address. To download the RFP, please go to http://vendors.planetbids.com/SantaMonica/bidsearchform.cfm?StateID=52, or call the Economic Development Division at (310) 458-8906 to request this package. A site visit is scheduled for Apri1 15, 2010 at 10:00a.m.

Proposals are due by no later than 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 19, 2010. They may be delivered by mail or by hand to the City of Santa Monica Economic Development Division, 1901 Main Street, Suite E, Santa Monica, CA 90405 to the attention of Donna Rickman.



MOVIE TIMES

Aero Theatre
1328 Montana Ave.
(323) 466-FILM

Saturday, April 3
Bugs Bunny Cartoon Shorts (NR) 1hr 15 min
4pm
Andrei Rublev (NR) 3hr 25min
7:30pm

Sunday, April 4
The Mirror (NR) 1hr 48min
7:30pm

AMC Loews Broadway 4
1441 Third Street Promenade

Chloe (R) 1hr 36min
11:15 am, 2:00pm, 4:30pm, 7:00pm, 9:30pm

Greenberg (R) 1hr 47min
11:30am, 2:15pm, 5:00pm, 8:00pm, 10:35pm

Clash of the Titans 3D (PG-13) 1hr 50min
10:45am, 1:45pm, 4:45pm, 7:45pm, 10:45pm

The Runaways (R) 1hr 45min
1:30pm, 7:30pm

Shutter Island (R) 2hr 18min
4:15pm, 10:15pm

AMC 7 Santa Monica
1310 Third St.
(310) 289-4262

Diary of a Wimpy Kid (PG) 1hr 33min
10:15am, 12:45pm, 3:15pm, 5:45pm, 8:15pm, 10:40pm

The Bounty Hunter (PG-13) 1hr 46min
11:00am, 1:45pm, 4:30, 7:30pm, 10:30pm

Alice in Wonderland (in Disney Digital 3D) (PG) 1hr 49min
11:15am, 2:00pm, 4:45pm, 7:45, 10:45pm

Clash of the Titans 3D (PG-13) 1hr 50min
10:00am, 11:30am, 1:00pm, 2:30pm, 4:00pm, 5:30pm, 7:00pm, 8:30pm, 10:00pm, 11:15pm

The Last Song (PG) 1hr 47min
10:30am, 1:15pm, 4:15pm, 7:15pm, 10:15pm

Hot Tub Time Machine (R) 1hr 40min
11:45am, 2:15pm, 5:15pm, 8:00pm, 11:00pm

Laemmle's Monica Fourplex
1332 Second St.
(310) 394-9741

The Greatest (R) 1hr 53min
1:30pm, 4:20pm, 7:10pm, 9:40pm

The Ghost Writer (PG13) 2hr 23min
1:40pm, 4:30pm, 7:20pm, 10:10pm

A Prophet (R) 2hr 44min
1:50pm, 5:10pm, 8:30pm

The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo (NR) 2hr 49min
1:00pm, 4:30pm, 8:00pm

Mann's Criterion Theatre
1313 Third St.
(310) 395-1599

Repo Men (R) 1hr 51min
2:20pm, 7:50pm

Green Zone (R) 1hr 55min
1:10pm, 3:50pm, 6:40pm, 9:20pm

Remember Me (PG-13) 1hr 53min
11:40am, 5:10pm, 10:30pm

How to Train Your Dragon (PG) 1hr 38min
12:00pm, 2:30pm, 5:00pm, 7:30pm, 10:00pm

How to Train Your Dragon 3D (PG) 1hr 38min
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She's Out of My League (R) 1hr 44min
11:30am, 2:00pm, 4:30pm, 7:00pm, 9:30pm

Tyler Perry's Why Did I Get Married Too (PG-13) 2hr 1min
1:20pm, 4:20pm, 7:20pm, 10:20pm

For more information, e-mail news@smdp.com

You're a force to be dealt with, Pisces

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★★ Use frustration to energize you. Once you get going, you could be close to impossible to stop. If you can take off for a day trip, do. Recharge and gain a perspective. A sense of tranquility leads to new perceptions. Tonight: Take in a movie.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ Relate on an individual level. When you focus on someone, he or she feels very important and cared about. A new warmth energizes the dynamics. Use your intuition with a loved one. Tonight: Add a touch of romance.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ Others seek you out. Forget thoughts of a quiet Saturday off doing your thing. Bend like a weed with events and invitations. You enjoy yourself with friends most of all. A difficult person overwhelms you. Tonight: Just not alone.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★ Clear out errands, go to the gym or squeeze in some exercise. Make yourself more comfortable in your daily life. Stop and check in with an older relative or friend. He or she could be quite happy to see you. Tonight: Keep it easy.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★★ Make sure you honor what you want. The child in you comes out when dealing with a loved one. No sign knows how to enjoy him- or herself better than you. Do just that, and you also will make a lot of people happy. Tonight: Discuss a trip in the near future over an exotic dinner.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★ You might want to rethink plans, especially if they take you away from home. You need some downtime. A partner could be quite caring once he or she realizes the issue you are dealing with. Opening up helps you clear your mind. Tonight: Your home is your castle.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★★ Make calls, visit with a neighbor and catch up with others in general. Others seem to be more dominant than in the past. A friend, probably a male, could be very assertive. Practice being assertive, too, in your unique Libra way. Tonight: At a favorite haunt.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★ Be aware of the extremes you can go to. Spending easily could get out of control. Be aware of the long-term ramifications of your actions. You might want to get some extra work done or clear out a project. Your imagination creates great plans. Tonight: Treat a loved one to a good time.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★★ News from a distance could get you going. Make calls and reach out to key people. Perhaps it is time to plan a trip; make sure that it is a trip for pleasure. A family member goes out of his or her way for you. Tonight: Paint the town red!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★ Take some much-needed personal time. Ask yourself what you really would like to do. Whether it is going to a flea market or to a movie, indulge. You work very hard, and it is time to let go and nourish yourself. Tonight: Happiest close to home.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ Whether you are shopping or at a game, you will be happy as long as you have people around you. Return calls and touch base with a dear friend. You might overindulge and go a little haywire at the end of the day. Tonight: You are the party.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ Dote on an older relative or friend. This person is delighted by your company. Treat him or her to a late lunch and/or a fun mutual pastime. You could be overwhelmed by everything that is on your plate. Know that you can handle it. Tonight: A force to be dealt with.

Happy birthday

You have unusually high energy this year. If you are focused, you can accomplish nearly anything. Detach and look at the big picture. Travel and education could play a significant role in your choices. If you are single, you could meet someone quite unusual. Doors open as you learn more about a different lifestyle. If you are attached, the two of you need to detach from right and wrong in discussions. Through acceptance, you will discover the richness of your bond. SAGITTARIUS always presents a different view.

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS
The stars show the kind of day you'll have:
★★★★★Dynamic ★★ So-So
★★★★ Positive ★ Difficult
★★★ Average

Girls and Sports
By Justin Borus and Andrew Feinstein



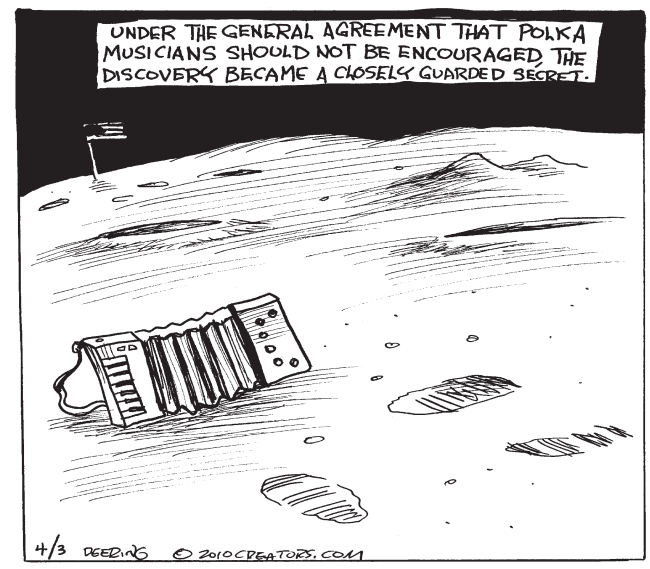
The Meaning of Lila
By John Forgetta & L.A. Rose



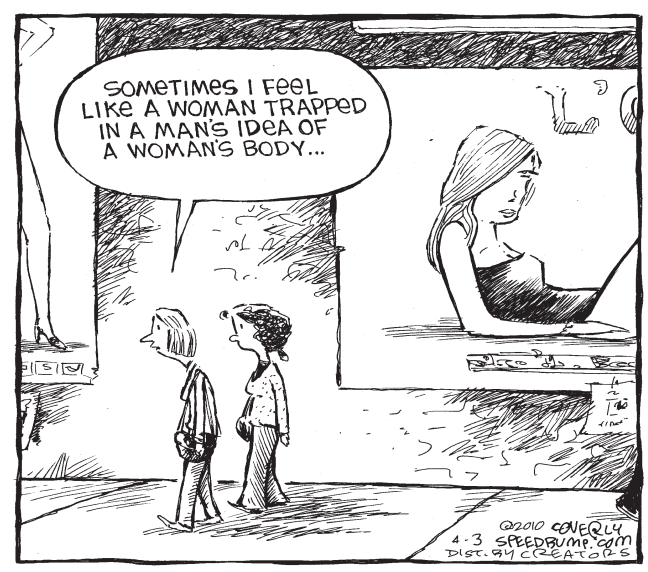
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Difficulty Level ★★★★

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GETTING STARTED

There are many strategies to solving Sudoku. One way to begin is to examine each 3x3 grid and figure out which numbers are missing. Then, based on the other numbers in the row and column of each blank cell, find which of the missing numbers will work. Eliminating numbers will eventually lead you to the answer.

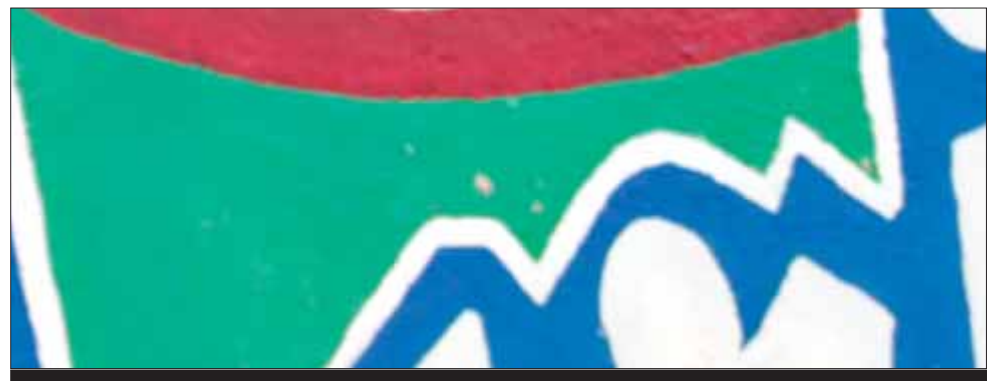
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By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Puzzle-book feature
5 Boot attachment
9 Long tales
10 Sharpens
12 Like argon
13 Rainy month
14 Amusement park
16 — bind
17 Wee bit
18 Arthur Ashe specialty
20 On the schedule
22 Circus setting
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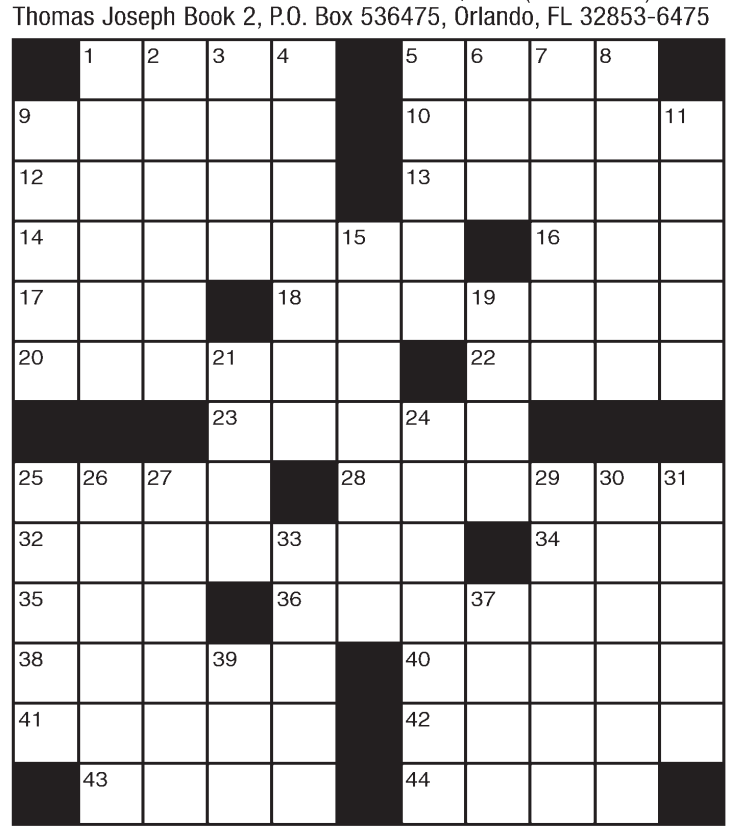
DOWN

1 Training book
2 To-do list
3 Cup holder
4 Fancy homes
5 Cutting
6 Some music
7 Green, perhaps
8 Control
9 Makes finer
11 Bias
15 Like much salt
19 Flight part
21 Sea dogs
24 Set of chairs and a table
25 Be frugal
26 Musical handicap
27 Turkish capital
29 Weakened
30 Theater workers
31 Skating category
33 Board victories
37 Reclined
39 Court divider

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ American Taliban: (1) Michael Colquitt, 32, got a judicial order of protection in January against his father, Baptist preacher Joe Colquitt, in Alcoa, Tenn. According to Michael, Pastor Joe had threatened him at gunpoint about his poor church-attendance record. (2) Kevin Johnson, 59, was arrested in Madison, Wis., in February and charged with using a stun gun repeatedly on a local dance instructor, whom Johnson believed was a "sinner" (also a "fornicator" and a "peeking Tom") who "defiles married women" by teaching them dances involving bodies touching.

■ Jeff and Marci Beagley were sentenced to 16 months in prison in March after a jury in Oregon City, Ore., found them guilty of criminally negligent homicide in the death of their teenage son, whose congenital urinary tract blockage was treated only with oils and prayer prescribed by the Beagleys' Followers of Christ Church. Doctors said the boy could have been saved with medical treatment right up until the day he died. (The Beagleys' infant granddaughter died in 2008 under similar circumstances, but no criminal conviction resulted.)

TODAY IN HISTORY

1974 The Super Outbreak occurs, the biggest tornado outbreak in recorded history. The death toll is 315, with nearly 5,500 injured.

1975 Bobby Fischer refuses to play in a chess match against Anatoly Karpov, giving Karpov the title of World Champion by default.

1982 The United Kingdom sends a naval task force to the south Atlantic to reclaim the disputed Falkland Islands from Argentina.

1996 Suspected "Unabomber" Theodore Kaczynski is arrested at his cabin in Montana, United States.

1996 A United States Air Force airplane carrying United States Secretary of Commerce Ron Brown crashes in Croatia, killing all 35 on board.

WORD UP!

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