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Students caught with ninja knives

BY NICK TABOREK
Daily Press Staff Writer

SAMOHI Two students here have been arrested for allegedly bringing daggers, ninja stars and other weapons on campus, police said this week.

The two male students, who were not identified because they are juveniles, were arrested after a school security officer spotted one of the boys with a suspicious metal object in his pocket.

After receiving the tip, police interviewed the first student Feb. 25 and found he had nine knives in his pockets and backpack, detectives with the Santa Monica Police Department said.

Police interviewed the suspect's friends

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Barring gangsters from L.A. Skid Row

THOMAS WATKINS
Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES Authorities unveiled a tough new legal tactic Wednesday aimed at reclaiming the streets of Skid Row from drug-dealing gang members who commute from afar to sell crack cocaine to some of the region's most vulnerable residents.

Under a lawsuit proposed by the city attorney's office, 80 defendants, most of them gang members or their associates, would be barred from the poverty-stricken, 50-block area on the east side of downtown.

The move is aimed at reducing rampant drug sales from gangs that don't live in the district populated by 4,000 homeless or transient people, many of whom are trying to recover from addictions.

"The single biggest criminal threat faced by the residents of this area is the open and notorious drug dealing and violence committed by hardcore gang members and career criminals who actually commute to Skid Row to do their dastardly deeds," City Attorney Carmen Trutanich said at a news conference.

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Brandon Wise *brandonw@smdp.com*

BUSTED: **Law enforcement officials with the Santa Monica Police Department and the Department of Alcohol Beverage Control serve a search warrant at the Pico Neighborhood bar The Joker on Wednesday after undercover agents purchased narcotics from employees at the bar on several occasions. At least one employee was arrested and a bindle of cocaine was found on the premises, officers said.**

Cops allege bartenders, patrons sold cocaine at The Joker

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Editor in Chief

PICO NEIGHBORHOOD After two months of investigation, state and local law enforcement officers served several search warrants here Wednesday, with a focus on a dive bar where at least two employees and customers sold undercover agents cocaine on four separate occasions, authorities said.

Officers with the Santa Monica Police Department and the state Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC), which issues liquor licenses, arrested at least one female bartender and recovered a bindle of cocaine in the bathroom of The Joker, which is located on Pico Boulevard near Yorkshire Avenue.

Officers also arrested another person, recovered approximately two ounces of cocaine, scales, packaging material and $5,000 in cash at undisclosed locations, said SMPD Sgt. Dave Hunscke.

Theresa Ann Beatty, 39, of Culver City was taken into custody and booked for conspiracy, possession of narcotics and selling narcotics. Beatty worked as a bartender at The Joker. Officials would not release the name of the second suspect out of fear of jeopardizing the investigation.

More arrests are expected in the coming days, police said.

The owner of The Joker was not taken into custody, however he could have his liquor license suspended or revoked, said Marcie Griffin, district administrator with ABC. Liquor licenses are heavily regulated, Griffin said, and some can go as high as $100,000 or more on the open market.

The Joker had become a nuisance, officers said, with several neighbors complaining about unruly customers breaking beer bottles in the bar's parking lot late at night. The Santa Monica Fire Department recently responded to a car fire at the bar and officers said several members of a local gang

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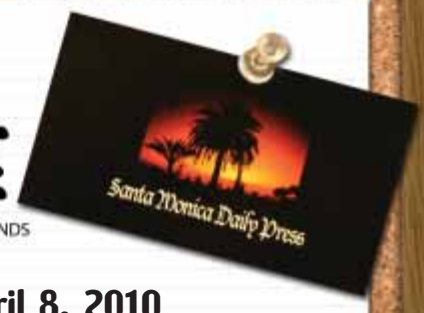
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OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA AND SURROUNDS



Thursday, April 8, 2010

An evening with Anna Lappe
MLK Jr. Auditorium
601 Santa Monica Blvd., 6:30 p.m.
This event honors Santa Monica for being the first city to sign on to the Cool Foods Pledge Campaign. Author Anne Lappe will discuss her book, "Diet for a Hot Planet," an investigation into the role industrial agriculture plays in today's climate crisis. She will also share some of her ideas for everyday actions people can take to help combat hunger and the climate crisis. There will be vegetarian snacks served after the book signing. Admission is free.

Martin Lubner opening reception
Emeritus College Art Gallery
1227 Second St., 5 p.m. — 6:30 p.m.
This reception marks the opening of Martin Lubner's painting exhibit. Call (310) 434-4306 for more information.

Friday, April 9, 2010

Music of the people, by the people, for the people
The Edye Second Space
SMC Performing Arts Center, 11:15 a.m.
In a musical love letter to American history, soprano Karen Benjamin, baritone Casey Zeman, pianist Yulia Kozlova, and narrator Alan Chapman explore the richness of American folksongs. Admission is free.

Healing for Haiti
The Edye Second Space
SMC Performing Arts Center, 7:30 p.m.
As part of SMC's "Healing for Haiti," Karen Benjamin (soprano), Charles Lane (baritone), Yulia Kozlova (pianist), and KUSC morning host Alan Chapman explore the richness of American folk songs. This benefit is in coordination with SMC's AAPIA Project, Black Collegians and Pan-African Support Group.

Reading for all languages
MLK Jr. Auditorium
601 Santa Monica Blvd., 3 p.m.
Children ages 5 and up and their families are invited to this celebration of childhood and bilingual literacy. The festivities begin with a paper flower craft in the Children's Activity Room. At 4 p.m., popular performer Jose-Luis Orozco will present a concert featuring multicultural songs, games, and rhymes. Seating is limited, but free tickets are available beginning at 3 p.m. on the day of the performance. This is to celebrate El Dia de Los Niños/El Dia de Los Libros, a nationwide celebration of reading held annually on April 30, but for various libraries celebrated on other days in April.

Spring break splash
Annenberg Community Beach House
415 Pacific Coast Highway, 11 a.m. — 3 p.m.
Jump in the pool to celebrate your spring break. The Beach House pool is one of the remaining elements from the historic Marion Davies Estate. It features beautiful fish tiles that were restored by hand, and marble around the deck. The pool and pool deck are complimented by a new Pool House, with changing areas, lockers, and a second floor View Deck that offers spectacular views of Santa Monica Bay. Passes go on sale at 10:30 a.m. and are not available in advance. The members of your party must be available to obtain a pass, which is good until April 11. For adults, it is $10, for children it's $4, for seniors it's $5, and for a family of four it's $24.

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.



LOTS OF GREEN

Brandon Wise *brandonw@smdp.com*

Shoppers enjoy the large selection of vegetables at the Weiser Family Farms stand at the Farmers' Market on Arizona Avenue on Wednesday morning. The market, now in its 29th year, is experiencing its best year ever in terms of sales despite the struggling economy. Beets, a good source of folate, manganese, potassium, fiber, and vitamin C, are the food of the month at the market.

Parents may be held liable for teen drinking

BY NICK TABOREK
Daily Press Staff Writer

MAIN LIBRARY For many parents, stories in the newspaper about teens who have died after a night of drinking are sobering reminders of the tragic consequences underage alcohol consumption can have.

While preventing deaths from teenage binge drinking is the main goal for public safety officials, pediatricians and others who regularly confront the issue, a growing body of research, doctors say, is providing a broader basis for parents to focus on preventing — or at least delaying — teenagers' experimentation with alcohol.

Sparked by growing concern about teenagers' drinking habits, there's also a potential new law under consideration that could further complicate the picture for parents by making adults civilly liable for knowingly providing alcohol to minors.

Under the proposal, which would scale back California's historically broad "social hosting" protections, attempting to keep adolescents safe by allowing them to drink at home would become riskier than ever.

Taken together, the developments mean it's a good time for parents to re-commit to dealing with the issue responsibly, according to a panel of experts from diverse fields assembled at Santa Monica's Main Library on Tuesday evening for an event put on by the American Academy of Pediatrics.

The event was one of some 2,000 similar gatherings the national organization is holding around the country aimed at getting communities to educate their teens about the dangers of drinking.

Many traditional strategies for combating the dangers of teen drinking, like confiscating car keys before a party or holding get-togethers with a limited amount of alcohol, often fail to protect minors, said Trisha Roth, a pediatrician who organized the panel. That means it's all the more necessary for parents to have a frank conversation about alcohol's dangers.

"Parents cannot keep impaired kids safe," she said. "It's like herding cats."

Not every teen is curious about drinking, the experts said, but studies show many will dabble with alcohol, so it's a topic that shouldn't be ignored.

While headline-grabbing incidents like the recent death of a South Pasadena High School student after a party may cause the most alarm about the issue, it's not just the risk that a teen will overdose on alcohol or make a bad decision while under the influence that should concern parents — there's

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Jaycee Dugard hires lawyer who represented stars

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

PLACERVILLE, Calif. Kidnapping victim Jaycee Dugard has hired a prominent Southern California lawyer to represent her and the two daughters she had with the man charged in her abduction and rape, according to new court papers.

Shawn Chapman Holley, 47, a Santa Monica attorney who has represented celebrities including actress Lindsey Lohan, rapper Snoop Dogg and boxer Mike Tyson, told an El Dorado County judge about her professional relationship with the trio on Monday.

Holley also informed Judge Douglas Phimister that her clients object to the judge's decision in February to appoint separate lawyers for the 29-year-old Dugard's daughters, ages 12 and 15. The girls were scheduled to meet their court-appointed lawyers on Tuesday, but Holley said she advised the girls not to go since she has been retained.

"I have advised my clients of their right to have independent counsel and each of them has waived this right and wishes for me to represent them," wrote Holley, who also served on O.J. Simpson's defense team when he was acquitted on charges of killing his wife.

The judge gave the girls their own lawyers because attorneys for Phillip Garrido and his wife, Nancy, are seeking access to videotaped interviews authorities conducted with them and Dugard, as well as certain photographs of the girls.

Prosecutors said Dugard objected to having that evidence turned over to the defense, but Phimister said during a Feb. 26 hearing that he could not assume that mother and daughters shared the same feelings about the issue or the Garridos.

Holley reassured the judge in her court filing that all three agree they do not want any contact with the couple, who have been jailed since their arrests in late August, or their lawyers. Dugard and the girls also do not want any confidential information about them, such as their address or photographs of the girls, to be disclosed to the defense, she said.

Holley is seeking a protective order to that effect from the judge. The next hearing in the case is scheduled for April 15.

The law firm where Holley is a partner — Kinsella, Weitman, Iser, Kump and Aldisert — also is representing Dugard and her family in their potential lawsuits against the state of California.

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This isn't discrimination

Editor:

I think the FAA is carrying the term "discrimination" too far when they claim that the ban against type C and D jets from landing at the Santa Monica Airport because of long-standing safety issues "amounted to discrimination against certain classes of aircraft." It seems to me that is really stretching the matter to extreme misuse of what the term "discrimination" means to the majority of people. To be silly, if planes had hearts and souls, then one might think those poor, sad planes might feel wounded and discriminated against. Now that I think of it, this might be fodder for an animated film about discrimination against C and D type planes. But, truth be told, these planes, or any other planes for that matter, have no awareness, consciousness of sensibilities to being discriminated against. So, FAA, please stop showing us how desperate you really are!This has been a long, ongoing dispute between the Santa Monica Airport, City Hall, and the FAA. The safety hazard presented by the possible misstep of one of these C or D jets is enormous and extremely dangerous to the surrounding area and residents. I do not understand how the FAA can continue its battle to continue allowing C and D class jets access to SMO when it has been, and is fully aware of the grave danger these jets present to the entire neighborhood. The runways were never meant to accommodate them. I wish the City Attorney's Office a high level of success in arguing in favor of City Hall's right to ban such high-speed jets from landing at SMO in the Washington, D.C. federal appellate court. May the "force" be with them.

Julia Reeves
Santa Monica

Take that to the bank

Editor:

I just talked to a young lady I know and she told me her credit cards are over 22 percent and she feels she will never get a handle on her debt at these interest rates. I have a credit card that jumped from 9 percent to 14.9 percent for no reason whatsoever. I did not miss a payment and I was not late. I was, however, informed that if I did not want to pay the 14.9 percent they could close the card and I could pay it off at the lower rate. At that time you could not get another credit card. Unfortunately with the recession you need a credit card for unexpected expenses. And then I also know someone else who works for one of the banks/investment firms and he received a big bonus. He is a nice man and he lives in a million dollar home but did he really need that bonus? I wonder if his clients believe he deserves that money. I am tired of hearing the banks say they need to pay to keep the talented employees. Aren't they the ones who got us into the financial mess/recession we are in now? Shouldn't they have been fired? Greed is rampant now and it has to be stopped in some way. I am tired of getting mad about it and paying for it. The banks need to be regulated as do the insurance companies. What happened to tar and feathering?

Mary Hughan-Rojeski
Santa Monica





Life Matters

JoAnne Barge & Katrina Davy Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Taking the lead

DEAR NEW SHRINK,

I was recently promoted into a management position within my corporation. This is a new opportunity for me, but I feel a little unprepared for this new venture. Part of my new responsibilities include running staff meetings with a staff of 20 professionals. My team represents administrative staff, technical specialists, finance, and operations. With such a wide variety of staff, I need some advice on running effective meetings. Are there any tricks or techniques that will help?

Sincerely,
Recently Promoted

DEAR RECENTLY PROMOTED,

First off, congratulations on your recent promotion; this is a great symbol of your hard work and dedication to the company. Upper management must believe in you and your abilities to take on this challenge. However, you are wise to prepare ahead of time; starting out on the right foot will show others that they made the right decision in promoting you.

There are several different philosophies on meetings. A lot has to do with the culture of your organization and the style of the individual manager. No matter what advice you get, I would encourage you to think about what style or approach will be most comfortable to you. Feeling as though you have to put on an act or follow some predetermined guidelines will only be exhausting and difficult to maintain over the long term. Use your own personal strengths to maximize meeting time and communication with your staff.

Before you schedule a meeting, consider not having a meeting. Can the information be distributed through a memo or e-mail? Examining this should help reduce unneeded meetings and ineffective use of staff time and resources, two things you'll have to pay close attention to as a manager. One way to distinguish whether a meeting is needed is to consider the method of communication. If your news focuses on one-way communication, meaning that you need to inform staff of something, a memo or e-mail may work best. However, if the topic requires discussion or two-way communication, holding a meeting may most effectively meet your objective. Ultimately, by only holding meetings when they are truly necessary your staff will know upfront that meetings are important.

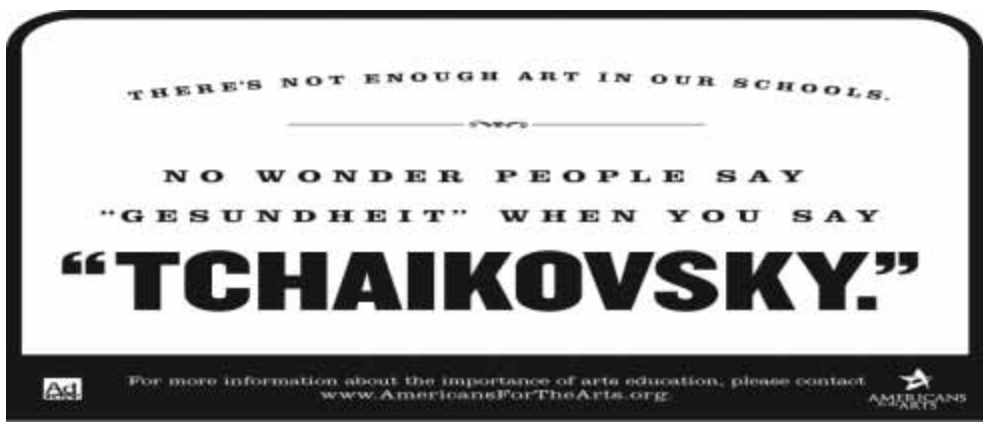
Before you get too excited about scheduling your first meeting, you need to know what your goals are. What do you hope to accomplish during the meeting? Break your answer down into specific and tangible outcomes. For instance, your goal for a particular meeting might be to educate employees on a new corporate policy, to answer specific questions about this policy, and to have employees sign a form indicating their understanding of the new policy. You have now established a meeting with a focused intention and concrete goals.

After determining the purpose and the goals of your meeting you can begin drafting the agenda. Having a clear path set out ahead of time will help you to manage staff expectations while ensuring that you run in the meeting in an organized and efficient manner. If possible, send the agenda to staff ahead of time so they can review the topics and prepare accordingly.

Although you are the leader of your department, you do not have to be the only one who runs the meetings. Delegating responsibilities to others on your team can be a great way of building team ownership over staff meetings. If an agenda topic requires input from other staff members, consider having them prepare the materials for the meeting or lead the discussion on that particular topic. You may also choose to have employees submit topics for the agenda. Rather than asking for updates at the beginning or end of the meeting, your staff will feel as though they are valued contributors. Effectively involving others in the planning of the meeting should reduce off-topic discussions allowing you to stay on track. This method will need to be carefully outlined and managed, so again your own personal leadership style needs to dictate your approach.

Finally, end the meeting with a recap of what was discussed, focusing specifically on action items. Detail out the next steps and ensure that everyone has a clear understanding of their individual responsibilities. During your first few meetings you may want to welcome process questions. First frame the approach to your staff members and note that responses must come in the form of action statements. For example "ideas should be to the point" as opposed to "she talks too much" Asking the team about what worked well or what type of meetings works best for them will again allow them each to feel invested in the process and will also allow you to gain more insight into their underlying thoughts on meetings. Good luck, you will do great!

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She talk 'prit-eeee' one day

LAST MONTH MY 19-MONTH-OLD daughter started talking in earnest. It was remarkable not just because hours before the onslaught of language her preferred method of communication was whining, bursting into tears, poking, pulling, dancing, swatting, giggling, throwing things gleefully or rolling on the floor. But because she had previously only uttered one word at a time and it took a team of audiologists, linguists and highly trained yentas to decipher each one.

Granted, what she's speaking now still isn't necessarily English. And for the sake of full disclosure, in the past she could actually string two words together, but only if one of the two words was "no." As in, "No, Mama" or "Mama, no."

The difference is that now she's uttering real words and sometimes in the correct context. Like when I say we need to change her diaper, she tells me matter-of-fact as she ambles up the stairs to her room if she has "poo poo" or "pee pee." (Too much information? Sure. But when it comes to my kid's diapers, a little advance notice of exactly what to expect is always appreciated.)

Some words are more discernible than others. She says "pretty" loud and clear, but she rarely ever means "pleasing" or "attractive to the eye." In gym class the other day she found a stray Goldfish cracker on a mat, picked it up and put it in her mouth. When I told her to spit it out, she extracted it and carefully placed it exactly where she had found it, then promptly looked at me while pointing to the moist cheddar remnants and said, "Prit-eeee."

Anything she's instructed not to touch is pretty. Among the objects she finds prettiest are her diaper pail, hot stoves, yellow snow, and mud and bacteria laden rocks on the sidewalk that she attempts to ingest quicker than I can ever possibly tell her not to. Christmas lights are also pretty to her. And while I agree that Christmas lights are, indeed, pretty, she's calling them that because she learned the hard way not to touch them on our fake tree in December.

She says "hi" frequently (or "hello," pronounced "hi-lo"), but not as a greeting. She usually says it when she's trying to distract from something she doesn't want to hear, such as "It's time for night nights" or "Are you supposed to be dumping the contents of your dresser on the floor?" She'll come over and hug me, lie her head on my shoulder and coo, "Hi," as if she thinks I'm that much of a pushover. Clearly at those moments she's mistaking me for her dad.

"No" is a big word for her, as is "now." Sometimes it's hard to tell which one she's saying, but whichever it is, it always means the same thing, which is the former. She only ever says "now" when I say it, and when I say it, it's because she needs to take a nap now, get dressed now, walk away from the television now or stop trying to run into traffic now.

She's improved on a few words lately. She used to call snow "nay nay," but now she pronounces it "ttthhhhh-know." It's sort of like how she pronounces "nice" as in, "Don't hit that nice little boy — be nice." She repeats "nyyyy-tthhh." When she says either she sounds like someone listening to loud music with headphones who can't hear what she's saying, only she's much cuter and has more snot.

These days instead of saying "Mama," she'll sometimes call me "Mommy," or "Mom-MEEEE." Which is significant in that she's also taken to saying "Me Me Me Me" or "Mine" frequently. That might read more charming than it actually is.

As much as I can really understand her now, there are some words and phrases, the origins of which just elude me. When she sees an airplane she points to it in the sky and says, "duck-ah duck-ah duck-ah." She also says the same thing for ceiling fans and any type of overhead light. While she uses the word "baby" frequently and correctly, she calls her baby doll "Bah-da Bah-da." And when she throws her bottle off the table a half a dozen times while she's eating, she waves to it each time and says, "Bye-bye ba ba." It's very clever, unless you're the one assigned to the role of her ba ba gofer at that meal.

It's really a joy listening to her talk, except when it's not. Like a few weeks ago when she woke up crying at 3:15 a.m. with a fever and couldn't go back to sleep for two hours. I finally brought her into bed and said, "Do you want to cuddle with Mommy and Daddy?"

She repeated, "Do do do do do do do do" for the next 11 minutes. It's moments like those that I wish she came with a mute button. Since she didn't, I give a little prayer of thanks to the person who invented earplugs.

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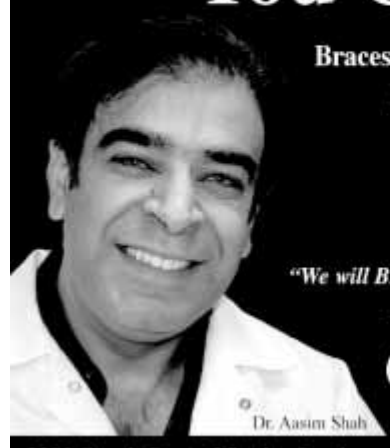
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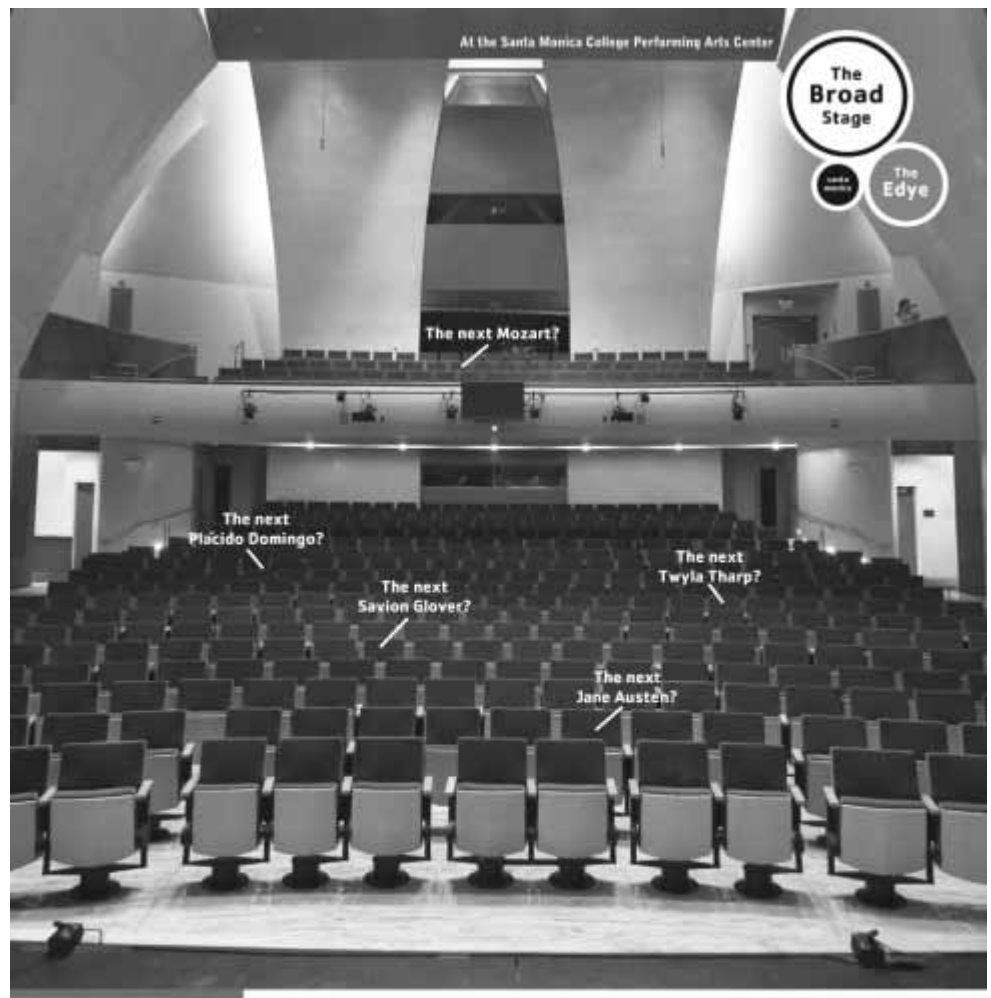
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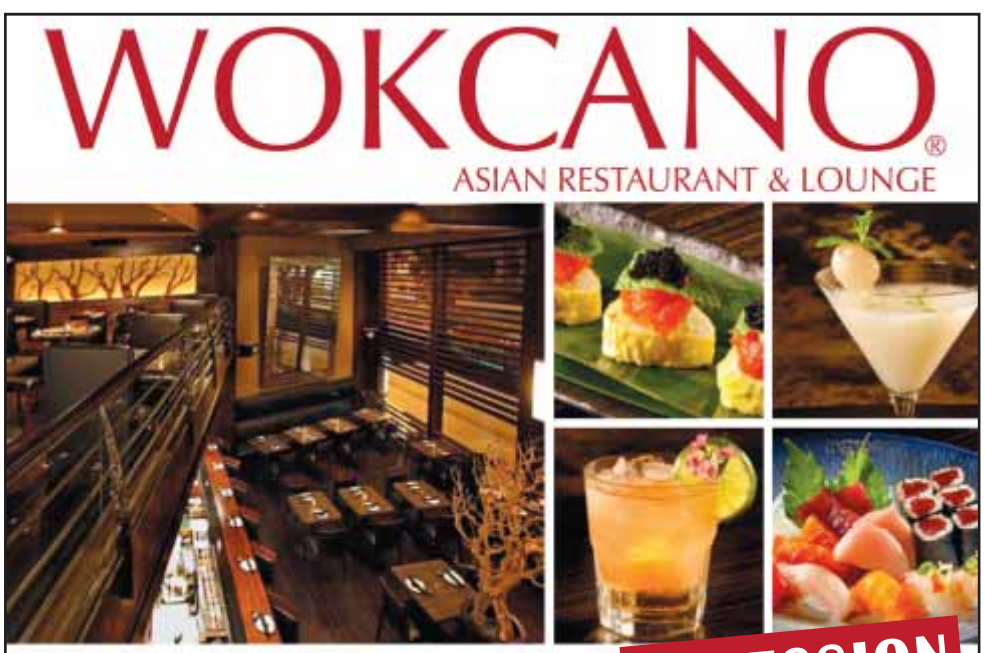
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The Re-View

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Checking out Chaya

IN THE RESTAURANT BUSINESS, capturing a niche market can be very profitable. Among people I know, Chaya Venice is the place to go after work for a drink and a snack. The happy hour is so popular, in fact, that it now continues every day for at least five hours (is that five happy hours?), between 5 p.m. and at least 10 p.m.

Any restaurant that's been in business in the same location for 20 years must have it together. So in celebration they are going to close for a week to redecorate. I hope they don't change the beautiful ceiling. Look for the new opening on April 1.

Of course when you're a restaurant critic, and take your job seriously, you can't just praise everything or people stop reading your columns. After all, how many newspapers would sell if the headline were "Tiger Woods was faithful to his wife?"

I stopped into Chaya Venice the other day with my son Spencer. Whenever there's a sushi bar to review, and Spencer is in town from Tokyo where he lives, I always invite him. After we were seated in a very comfortable booth, Spencer walked over to the sushi bar and said to the head sushi guy in Japanese, "Hello, I'm Spencer Hecht. Where are you from?"

After all, a lot of sushi places have Koreans making the sushi, so you can't be too careful before launching into Japanese.

"Why do you ask?" was the unfriendly reply. Will the sushi be made with loving care with the customer in mind? In fact, while about 15 percent of the business at Chaya Venice is sales of sushi, that's not a strong point, and I've never seen a Japanese person at the sushi bar. Part of this might be that popular sushi bars are popular not just because of fresh, well made sushi, but a good sushi bar is a place where you can converse with the sushi chefs, discuss the latest sports event, the weather, and especially fish and seafood cuisine. I don't think that's happening here.

The non-Asian luncheon and dinner plates are certainly good enough. We had a delicious, fresh baked salmon, and a good salad. The hamburgers looked wonderful. Chaya is well-known for its many signature items off the kitchen menu, including the simple yet very tasty chicken Dijon, the hearty rib-eye steak, and the miso-flavored Japanese broiled black cod, one of my personal favorites. Luckily, the chefs have been trained to cook the cod in proper Japanese fashion, making sure to properly broil it in order to slightly blacken the skin and caramelize the miso sauce into the delicate fish for extra flavor.

The crispy fried calamari is also always a best-seller at Chaya, both in the dining room and during Chaya's famous all-night happy hour at the bar. The quality of the squid is quite good, and the portions very generous.

Also, the prices are reasonable. Except for the sushi, which is more expensive than in many places.

Now about the wine list! The chalkboard of wines by the glass is very well thought out: there is one varietal of good quality of just about any kind you would want, and the prices per glass are very reasonable. But the wines offered by the bottle are very ordinary, and the prices are pretty outrageous. They're working on it. But if you want a good bottle at a reasonable price, ask for a bottle of one of the wines by the glass listed on the chalkboard, and you'll be in good shape. Nowhere on the wine list does it alert the customer to the fact that those wines are available by the bottle, but the friendly waiters do recommend a bottle when more than two glasses are ordered at a table.

Really the special feature at Chaya is the small plates offered during happy hour. These may change from time to time, but the prices for these snacks are reasonable, and the quality is excellent. A really good snack plate for $5 is a deal. And these days when I'm trying to eat less for dinner, this is a great way to go!

If you go:

Chaya Venice

www.thechaya.com/venice
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Lunch: Monday-Friday 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
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a.m. to midnight, and Fridays 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 a.m., Saturdays 5
p.m. to 12:30 a.m.

Tub's fine chili

GENERAL COMMENT: Chili is a cult food. There are annual chili cooking contests, and lots of secret recipes. I have mine, and the main secret is the kind of beer I put into the chili. Tub's has a weekly contest for the best outside recipe, which is a good idea, but they didn't have one the day I was there.
WHERE: 4265 Overland Ave., Culver City, Calif., 90230. Telephone: (310) 559-8827 (TUBS), located in a small shopping mall with a convenience store almost next door where you can buy a beer to take into Tub's when they're not looking (keep it bagged and it's OK).
WHEN: Open Monday – Saturday, 11:30 a.m. – 8 p.m. Sundays, noon – 5 p.m.
BEST DISHES: Don't go if you expect to order anything other than chili. Personally I liked the chicken chili the best because of the garlic flavor and the white beans. The steak chili was not bad. The turkey is the most popular. Usually the smoked pork would be my favorite, but I found this one lacked chili flavor and didn't have enough meat in it.
BEST FEATURE: The chili is served in a bread basket, which is the perfect way to eat it.
WORST FEATURES: No on-site beer, very limited menu, no hot peppers.
WHAT TO DRINK: I had a beer from next door.
PRICES: Don't even worry about it. The single helping is about $5. Larger helpings are available.
BOTTOM LINE: A good idea but it could be much more.

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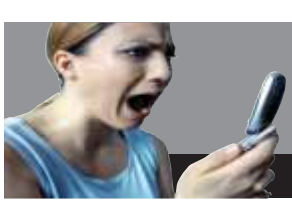


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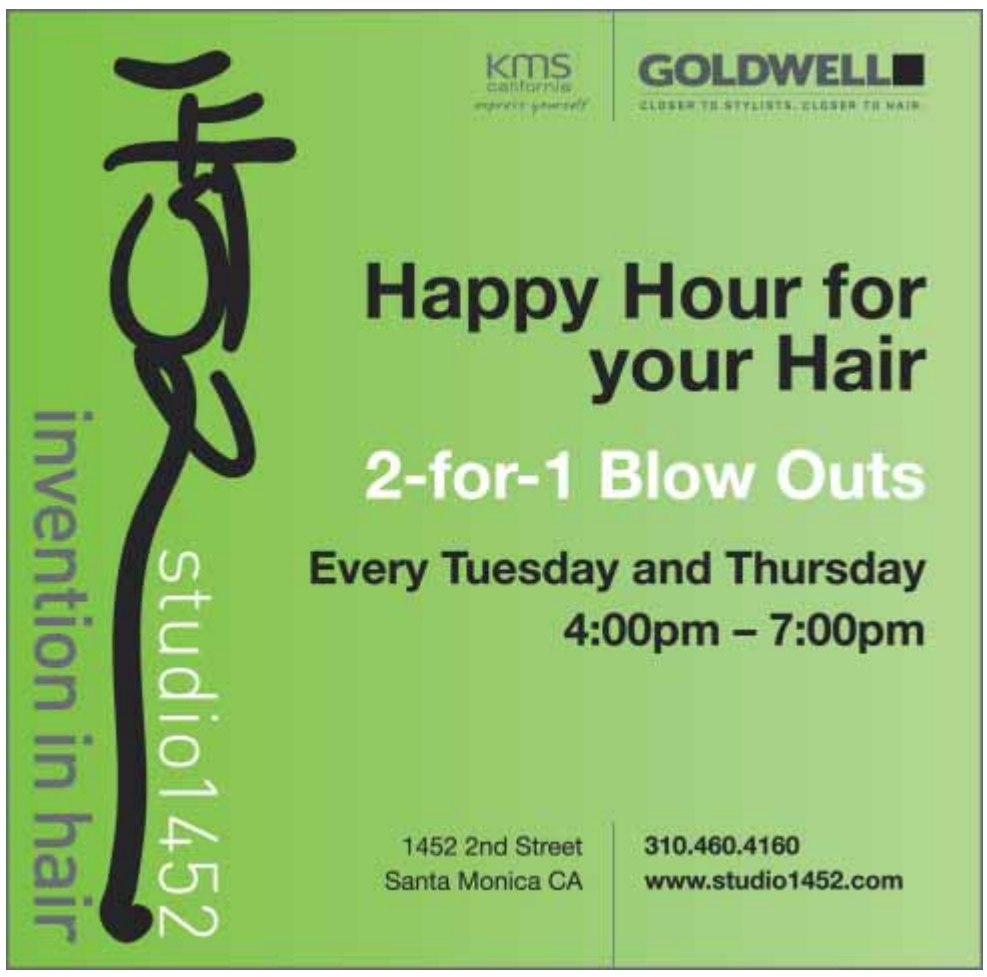
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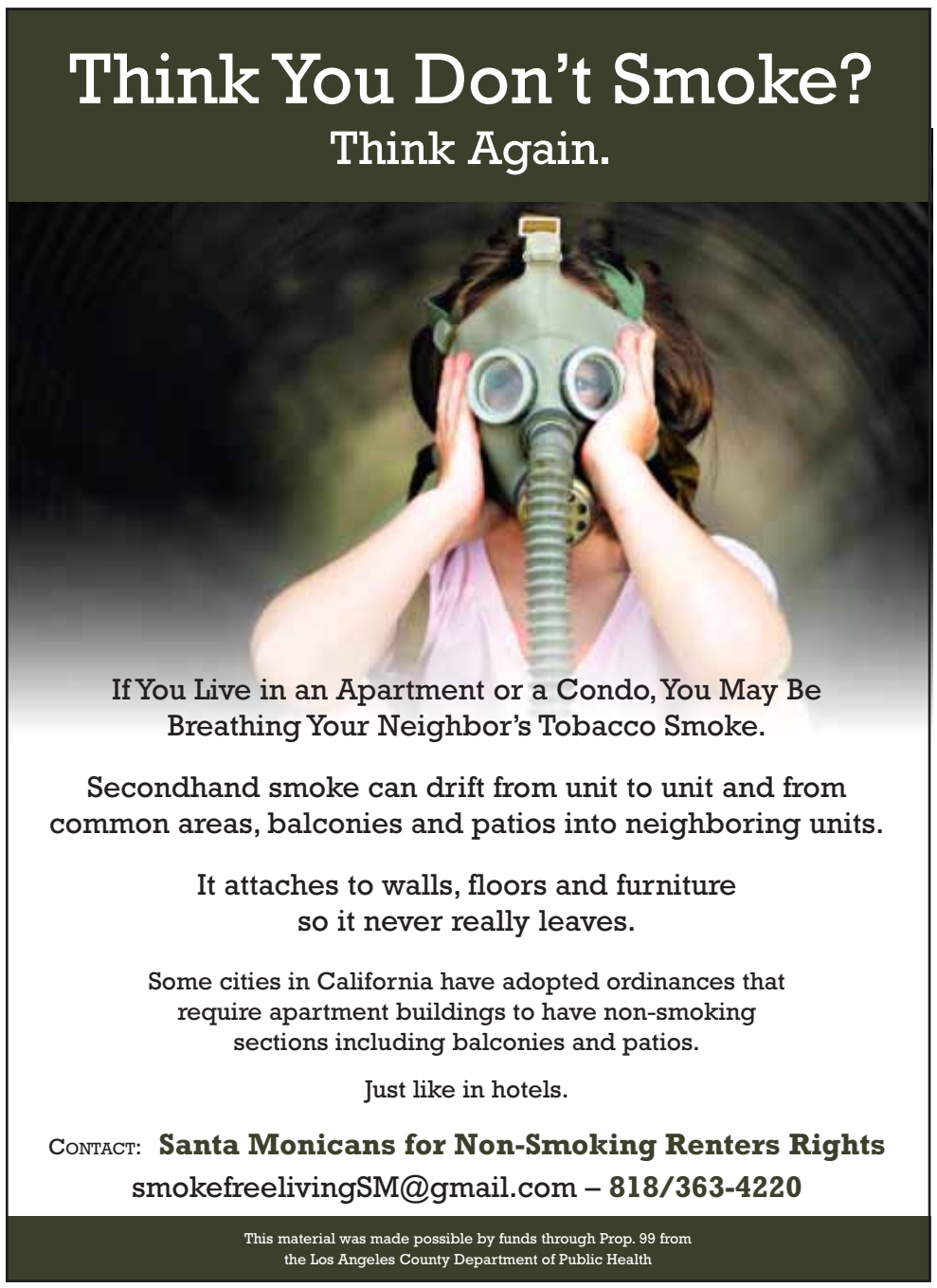
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Proposed state law would make "social hosts" liable

FROM **TEENS** PAGE 3

also evidence adolescent drinking can harm brain development, which continues into the mid 20s, and cause long term cognitive and social problems, said Brandy Cohen-Brown, a psychiatrist who spoke at the event.

She said while avoiding alcohol altogether is best, it's often more practical for parents to focus on "harm reduction."

"The new data supports that the longer you can get them to wait, the better off they will be with regard to brain function. Every year does make a difference," she said. "You may not be able to get them to wait until they're 21, but if you can push 14 to 16, you've done something huge."

Cognitive problems linked to heavy alcohol use during adolescence, she said, include difficulties with memory, focus and mood stability, as well as disruptions in the development of the brain's frontal lobe. She said it's still not known if damage that occurs during adolescence is reversible.

Informing kids about the neurological risks of teenage drinking, several experts said, can act as an important deterrent, especially for health-minded adolescents.

Those risks aside, there are also legal reasons for parents to take a more active role in preventing alcohol abuse by teenagers.

While there's already a criminal penalty for adults who knowingly provide minors with alcohol, state law makes it very difficult to sue a "social host" for damages if an accident occurs as a result of alcohol consumed at the host's party.

Since the 1970s, the thinking has been that individuals who drink should be held responsible for their actions, not those who hold gatherings where alcohol is served.

Growing concern about youth drinking, though, could result in the Legislature scaling back social hosts' legal protections when it comes to parties where minors drink illegally.

A bill introduced by California Assemblyman Mike Feuer (D-Los Angeles), would allow victims of alcohol related accidents and their families to sue hosts for causing the damage by knowingly providing alcohol to minors.

The bill, AB 2486, unanimously passed the judiciary committee in March and is pending before the full chamber.

Arianna Smith, a legislative aid to Feuer, said the point of the bill is to add an extra deterrent for parents who think it's OK to allow adolescents to drink.

"The hope is that this will cause this kind of behavior to go down," she said.

Attorney John Doyle, who spoke at Tuesday's event, said 39 states have already adopted similar laws. If enacted in California, the law would still require plaintiffs to prove a host had been negligent in allowing alcohol to be consumed by minors, Doyle said, but it could go a long way toward preventing injuries and deaths from alcohol.

"It will at least open the door to having the civil courts assign legal responsibility to adults for providing alcohol to teens," he said.

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ACCORDING TO THE AMERICAN ACADEMY OF PEDIATRICS:

- Teens whose parents talk with them regularly about drugs and alcohol are 42 percent less likely to use substances than those whose parents don't.
- Alcohol affects teens differently than adults. Teens are more likely to remain awake, to wander about or to drive a car while having a high degree of mental impairment from alcohol.
- Teens are more likely to have sex, be involved in a violent accident, or suffer an injury after using drugs or alcohol.

"PARENTS CANNOT KEEP IMPAIRED KIDS SAFE. IT'S LIKE HERDING CATS."

Trisha Roth,
Pediatrician

Collaboration called a success

FROM **BUST** PAGE 1

used the bar as a base of operations.

"It has been a trouble spot for us," said SMPD Lt. Doug Theus, a member of the SMPD's SWAT team, which accompanied officers with ABC to serve the search warrants.

Griffin and Theus said the investigation was a success because of the collaboration between the two agencies, with the SMPD providing much of the intelligence, while ABC provided undercover officers who were not familiar to the bar's employees or patrons.

No one could be reached at The Joker for comment.

"We want the public to know that we are responding to their concerns and complaints," SMPD's Hunscke said. "Hopefully this will encourage others to make the call when they see something that is suspicious."

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No plan to incite violence at school suspected

FROM ARREST PAGE 1

and the next day arrested another male student for allegedly possessing 12 knives and a loaded BB gun while on campus.

Both suspects also had handcuffs, ski masks and rope.

Police said there was no indication the boys had been involved in fights or belonged to gangs, and there was no evidence of a plan to incite violence.

"They were both fascinated with these ninja knives and weaponry," said Leslie Trapnell, an SMPD juvenile detective.

Trapnell said there was "no real explanation as to why" the weapons were brought to school.

"I think it was just a persona they wanted to portray," she said.

Police also searched both boys' homes, where they said they found additional weapons, including swords.

Detectives said some of the weapons found at the school were "Rambo-style" survival and hunting knives and "throwing star" knives.

Both boys were charged with illegally bringing weapons to school and the cases have been refereed to the District Attorney's Inglewood Juvenile Office for prosecution, police said.

Juvenile Detective Lloyd Gladden said the incident was not part of a trend at Samohi.

"It's highly unusual for kids to be bringing these types of weapons to campus and as many as they did," he said.

Reached on Wednesday, School Board President Barry Snell declined to comment on the incident, citing "a confidentiality issue with respect to the kids" and calling it strictly "a police matter."

He declined to say whether the students would be disciplined by the school district.

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L.A. has more than 40 injunctions in place

FROM INJUNCTION PAGE 1

His comments and those of other officials were repeatedly drowned out by about 20 protesters shouting that the area needed more housing, not tougher policing. At one point, a placard-waving man stood directly in front of officials and started yelling at them to "stop harassing the homeless."

The use of gang injunctions is common in Los Angeles, with more than 40 currently in place that typically target gathering or other activities by a single gang in one area. The legal tool is gaining popularity around the country to disrupt gangs.

Bruce Riordan, the chief of the city attorney's gang division, said the Skid Row action marked the first time an injunction was being aimed at multiple gangs. The lawsuit names members of 31 gangs and authorities said the defendants all have prior drug arrests or convictions.

Because the area is not claimed by any particular gang, members tolerate one another and even cooperate to maximize drug sales, Riordan said. By not claiming turf or fighting among themselves, they draw less attention.



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Shedding clothes to shed pounds

RYAN MCLENDON
Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK Some people work out to look good naked. Others skip a step.

Inside a heavily curtained fourth-floor dance studio is a male-only class specializing in "Hot Nude Yoga," a form of sensualized tantric yoga practiced nude.

A few classes are coed, but male-only gatherings tend to be more popular and have become a mini-phenomenon in the gay community, with studios in Boston, San Francisco, Los Angeles and Salt Lake City. A studioless group in Chicago practices in the apartment of a nude yoga enthusiast.

Fans say the nudity aids in deepening their yoga practice while building a close — and emphatically nonsexual — community. "A lot of people, especially living in New York, don't get the opportunity to connect with people in an intimate way," said Aaron Star, who started the naked yoga movement.

And while participants do occasionally report a frisson of excitement, Star and the practice's aficionados make one thing clear: This is about physical fitness.

"This is about yoga and appreciating your body," said John Cottrell, 40, who teaches naked yoga classes in Salt Lake City twice a month. He calls them a safe, nonthreatening space "to help men especially look at themselves in a different way.

"It's just fun. It's a great workout," he says.

Star began the practice to appeal to a primarily gay male audience and achieved fame in the yoga world with his DVD series "Hot Nude Yoga," which allows aspiring yogis to practice in the privacy of their homes.

Hot, yes — in temperature, for starters. Awkward? That, too.

At the small class I attended, an undeniable sexual charge hung in the room, making the exercise at times painfully weird and embarrassing. Many nude yoga classes revolve around partnering positions, a series of postures that put two men within striking distance of the other's privates.

Not all serious yogis think the practice makes sense.

"I don't see the point," said Mary Dillion, who teaches clothed yoga in Manhattan. "I have a yoga practice that I like and I can be naked in my home. I don't need to do naked yoga."

And Joshua Stein, editor-at-large for OUT Magazine, who attended a class in 2008, says the quality of the yoga was diminished by the heightened sensuality.

"It's almost if the yoga is something between an afterthought and an excuse," said Stein, who is heterosexual. "It gives you this gray area where you can be intimate physically, but not so aggressively intimate as in a bath house or in a bar."

He describes being asked to do a child's pose — a kneeling pose with arms stretched forward on the ground — while a partner draped himself on his back. "It's not something you really need a partner to do," he said.

Star acknowledges that partner work is a popular feature of Hot Nude Yoga that "generates a certain amount of heat" and keeps his client list high. Still, practitioners say they constantly combat the notion that their classes are orgies veiled as exercise.

At Nude Yoga NYC in Manhattan, nude yoga isn't such a boys club. Instructor Isis Phoenix, 29, said her coed nude yoga studio attracts "a well-rounded population of ages, genders and sexual orientations." The men usually outnumber women two-to-one, however.

Phoenix sees nudity as an extra pull for men, who often need an incentive to practice yoga. Still, she nixed the idea that nudity created a sexual element, but one of comfort.

"Men more often fall into a general greater ease with their bodies than women do," she said.

But the trend seems to appeal mostly to gay men. David Flewelling teaches Mudraforce Yoga at a home studio in Montreal, Canada. As at Star and Cottrell's studios, the majority of attendees at Mudraforce are gay.

Flewelling said sex is never part of the experience. Nude yoga, while extremely sensual, is not sexual, he said.

"There's something fantastic about exercising without clothes," he said. "You're free of the restrictions that clothes put on and it puts everyone on even keel."

Even teachers of naked yoga, while railing against the suggestion that the class is tantamount for foreplay, can send mixed signals. When my class ended, I took aside the instructor, Jeffrey Duval, and asked how he got into naked yoga. Duval acknowledged he attended his first class because he thought it was about sex.

But his experience surpassed all his expectations.

"You're shedding away your clothes, but you're also shedding away insecurities and fear," he said. "I can't think of a more perfect way to practice."

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Angels get into Guinness record book

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ANAHEIM, Calif. The Los Angeles Angels have put themselves into the record books — by fleecing their fans.

And it had nothing to do with the ticket prices.

The estimated crowd of 45,000 attending Tuesday night's game against Minnesota received complementary red fleece blankets inscribed with Hideki Matsui's name and uniform No. 55 as they entered the ballpark. At the end of the fourth inning, the fans were encouraged to wear their "blankies" for 5 straight minutes — a request they willingly obeyed through the top of the fifth.

A Guinness World Records adjudicator was on hand to officially certify the new record for "the largest gathering of people wearing fleece blankets of one color in one place."

The previous record of 17,758 fans, was set on March 5 by the NBA's Cleveland Cavaliers.

Tour of California to change Stage 6 route

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES Tour of California organizers will change the route for Stage 6 of the cycling race from Pasadena to Big Bear Lake because of severe road damage on Angeles Crest Highway.

The California Department of Transportation advised tour organizers that winter storms created potential safety hazards on the road, so Stage 6 will no longer begin in Pasadena on May 21.







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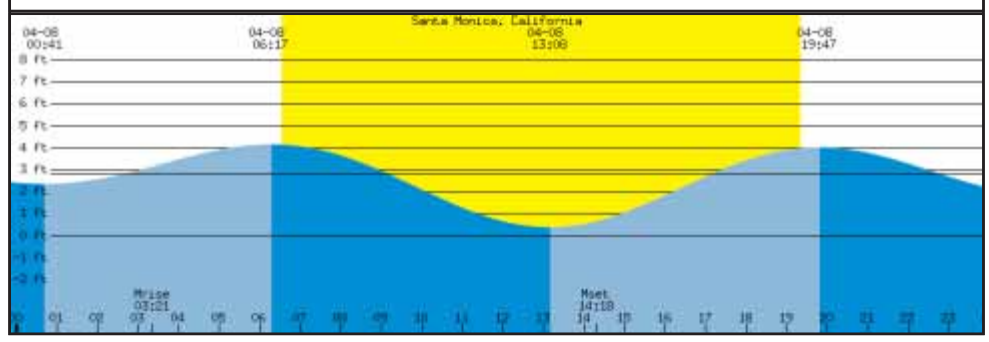
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Both swells are expected to back off: waist to chest most everywhere.

Long Range Synopsis

Should see SW ground swell build, bringing chest high sets to most south facing breaks. Looks like we may see NW wind swell with similar size.

Tide Forecast for Today in Santa Monica



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- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 5 / 9

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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 Alisos 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 Rominer Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	C
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	F	D
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	B
Solstice Canyon at Dan Blocker County Beach.	A+	C
Pierce State Beach at creek mouth.	A+	A+
Marie Canyon storm drain at Pierce 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 Tunas 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

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2:00pm, 4:30pm, 7:30pm

Greenberg (R) 1hr 47min
1:30pm, 4:15pm, 7:00pm, 9:40pm

Clash of the Titans 3D (PG-13) 1hr 50min
1:00pm, 3:45pm, 6:45pm, 9:30pm

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1:15pm, 7:15pm

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2:00pm, 4:40pm, 7:25pm, 10:20pm

Alice in Wonderland (in Disney Digital 3D) (PG) 1hr 49min
1:20pm, 4:10pm, 7:00pm, 9:50pm

Clash of the Titans 3D (PG-13) 1hr 50min
12:15pm, 1:45pm, 3:00pm, 4:30pm, 5:45pm, 7:30pm, 8:30pm, 10:15pm

The Last Song (PG) 1hr 47min
1:00pm, 4:00pm, 7:15pm, 10:10pm

Hot Tub Time Machine (R) 1hr 40min
1:30pm, 4:20pm, 7:05pm, 9:45pm

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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
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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
1:30pm, 4:05pm, 6:30pm, 9:00pm

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

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Lie low, Pisces

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Aries generally is directed, but today you will tend to linger and over-indulge. You wonder what is going on. Perhaps you need to take a break. Do something just for you, even if it is just getting a haircut. Help yourself recycle. Tonight: Where the action is.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ Be aware of your efforts to court the boss's or someone else's favor. Is it worth it? Your instincts tell you which way to go, and experience tells you to follow them. Be willing to nix a new project, or at least your involvement in it. Tonight: Out late.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ Seek out new perspectives and knowledge. Your instincts tell you one thing, and reality tells you something different. Zero in on what is important, especially in a meeting. Share your thoughts. Tonight: Where you can relax most.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★★ A partner goes out of his or her way to help you, especially with a public or community matter. You could be on overload with all the feelings that come up. Be happy for the support and caring. Tonight: A must appearance.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ You could be overwhelmed by a boss and his or her efforts. Accept the compliments. Know that you are being observed with care. A key friend, family member or loved one cannot do enough. He or she brings you important information. Tonight: Just don't be alone.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Tension builds wherever you are. The only way to dissipate some of this energy is to detach. Focus on what you must do, and you will get it done. A co-worker or associate pitches in. Tonight: Have a long-overdue chat.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Partners, associates and friends all want command of the ship. Let them have it, while you go off and do something you really enjoy. Creativity, humor and friendship could merge. Enjoy every moment. Tonight: Go with the flow.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★ If you can continue working from home, please do. You could be overwhelmed by everything that is on your plate. Your efforts to clear out work, errands and all that might be weighing you down help. Tonight: Order in.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★★ You have to field more than your share of calls and requests, and a meeting could be exhausting. Your creativity helps cut through the fat and get down to brass tacks. Recognize that you have limited energy. Try not to put in overtime. Tonight: Catch up on another person's news.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ You might be shooting yourself in the foot if you continue to go for a risk. Use your funds to build greater stability, or plug some money into your home. Find another way of letting off steam. Try more people time. Tonight: Be a wild thing.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ You could feel drained by a family member or domestic situation. Know when you can do nothing more, and go about your day. Many people appreciate your efforts and time. Stay where you do make a difference. Tonight: As you like it.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ How you handle a close friend and the choices you make come from within. Treat people as you would like to be treated, and see how easy it can be. A call could cause you to withdraw, think and maybe daydream. Tonight: Lie low.

Happy birthday

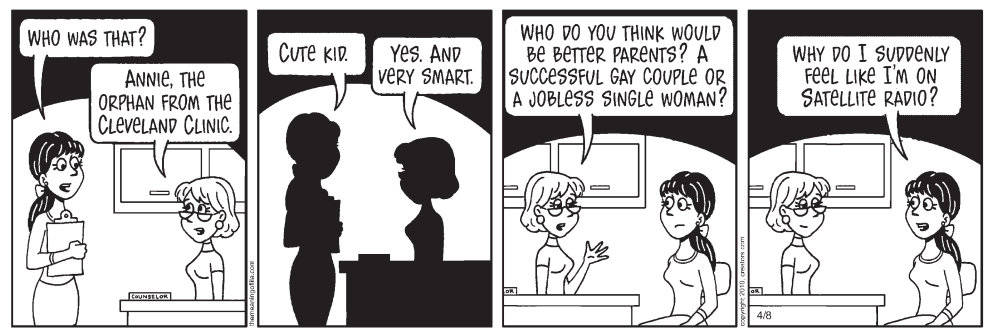
JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS
The stars show the kind of day you'll have:
★★★★★Dynamic ★★ So-So
★★★★ Positive ★ Difficult
★★★ Average

This year, often you will choose to be with your friends. You also could become far more civic-minded, and get involved in an important cause. Be careful not to spread yourself too thin. On some level, you revitalize through letting go and being with your friends. Learn to be more frugal than in the past, especially as you will need to counteract a tendency to overspend. If you are single, a new relationship could come through a friend. If you are attached, the two of you need to have a solid friendship as well. Treat each other as your best friend more often. You can count on AQUARIUS.

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Difficulty Level ★★★

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	6			5			3	
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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.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

6	5	1	7	8	4	2	9	3
8	9	3	5	6	2	1	7	4
2	7	4	3	9	1	8	5	6
4	3	7	8	2	9	6	1	5
1	2	5	4	3	6	9	8	7
9	6	8	1	5	7	4	3	2
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CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Wide gaps
6 Adorable
11 Burning
12 Artless
13 Errand runner
14 Building addition
15 Composer Grieg
17 Tiny particle: Abbr.
19 Poorly
20 Pet perch
23 Each
25 Extinct bird
26 Road features
28 Neighborhood
29 Switch type
30 Used to be
31 Plead
32 Was ahead
33 Florence family
35 Pesto base
38 Realtor's listing
41 Have substance
42 "Do, —, ..."
43 Car's scars
44 Focused beam

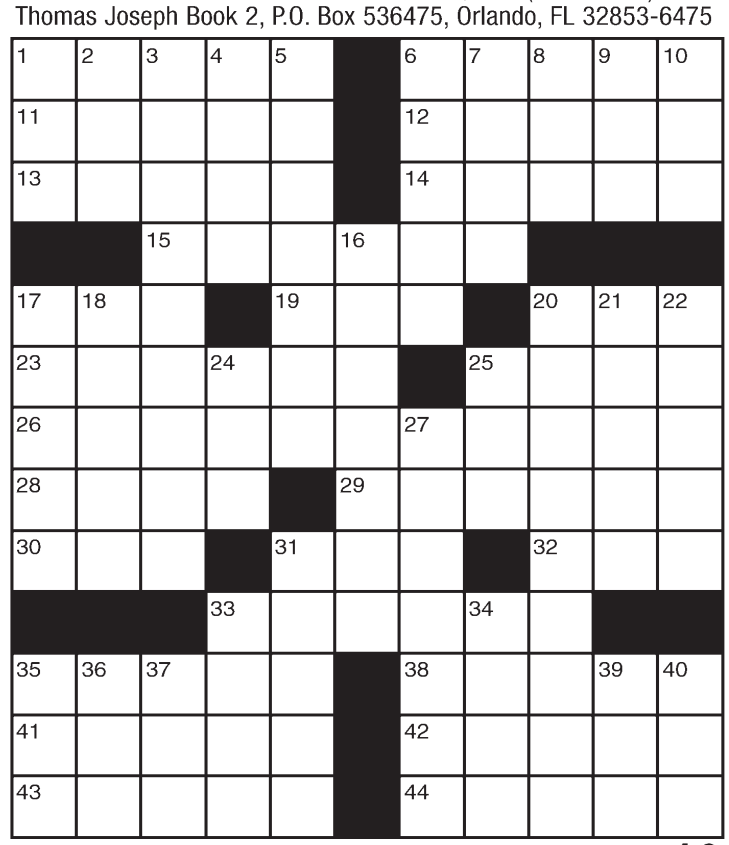
DOWN

1 Comic bit
2 Saucer, perhaps
3 "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire" options
4 Wilma's hubby
5 Waiter's job
6 Mongrel sound
7 Wizard's prop
8 German article
9 Second person
10 Singer Ritter
16 Warned
17 Showy parrot
18 Sung story
20 Bank annoyance
21 Designer Simpson
22 Offered
24 Greek vowel
25 Excavate
27 Sound
31 Potent swigs
33 Haze
34 Musical finish
35 Nap site
36 Tin Man's prop
37 Naughty act
39 Singing Sandra
40 Bruins legend

P	E	S	T	S	■	■	H	O	P	I
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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ More Texas Justice: In March, juries in Smith County and Matagorda County sentenced Henry Wooten and Melvin Johnson III to 35 years and 60 years in prison, respectively, for possessing small amounts of drugs (but enough under Texas law to allow jurors to infer an intent to distribute). Wooten, 54, had 4.6 ounces of marijuana (same penalty as for 5 pounds), and Johnson had 1.3 grams of crack cocaine (about half the weight of a U.S. dime). (Wooten's prosecutor actually had asked the jury for a sentence of 99 years.)

■ In February, the undergraduate dean's office at Yale University disclosed that it was formally soliciting anonymous, first-person reports of student sexual experiences to publish on a school Web site, as "strategies for creatively navigating Yale's sexual culture," according to an advisor. "There is a real need for students to have space to think about what happens to them and what they want to have happen," she said. "Sex@Yale" would contain "70 to 80" specific perspectives, she said, but critics suggested the anthology might grow to resemble Penthouse magazine's often-ridiculed "Forum" section of lascivious fantasies.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1916 In Corona, California, race car driver Bob Burman crashes, killing three and badly injuring five spectators.

1918 World War I: Actors Douglas Fairbanks and Charlie Chaplin sell war bonds on the streets of New York City's financial district.

1929 Indian Independence Movement: At the Delhi Central Assembly, Bhagat Singh and Batukeshwar Dutt throw handouts and bombs to court arrest.

1935 The Works Progress Administration is formed when the Emergency Relief Appropriation Act of 1935 becomes law.

1940 World War II: The United Kingdom and France announce that they have mined Norwegian territorial waters to prevent their use by German supply ships.

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