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THE FUN FILLED WEEKEND ISSUE



Brandon Wise *brandonw@smdp.com*

TICKET TO RIDE: **Guests at Pacific Park on the Santa Monica Pier enjoy a ride on the roller coaster. Guests may be able to gain access to the park for only $10 as part of a new promotion with the Santa Monica Chamber and the web site Groupon.com.**

Web site features deals at businesses

BY NICK TABOREK
Daily Press Staff Writer

SM CHAMBER In a first of its kind promotion that Chamber of Commerce officials hope will generate buzz for some of their members, five Santa Monica businesses this week will be featured by the Web site groupon.com, which promises "one ridiculously huge coupon each day."

For each of the 47 cities the site covers, the company offers a steep discount at a different business every day, giving out savings as high as 90 percent to go to selected restaurants, spas, and hotels, or to try something new, like sky diving or a live lobster delivery service.

Through a special arrangement with the Santa Monica Chamber, for the week beginning April 12 the site's Los Angeles page will feature "Santa Monica Week," with a deal at a local business offered Monday through Friday.

The deals will include a $50 certificate for La Cachette Bistro available for $25 through the Web site, and an admission ticket to Pacific Park for just $10.

Enzyme Bath at Willow Spa, Border Grill and the Fairmont Miramar and Bungalows hotel are also offering discounts through the promotion.

True to its name, the coupons are only good if a large enough group takes the offers.

To Laurel Rosen, the Santa Monica Chamber's CEO, the partnership with Groupon was a good way to highlight local companies and to promote the city's Buy Local campaign.

"People are always excited about Santa Monica, so we're always looking for those opportunities," she said of the arrangement.

Julie Mossler, Groupon's public relations manager, said Santa Monica was a natural choice for the promotion because it has "so many really strong, classic local businesses."

"It was really important that we do it with the kind of local city that has its own personality."

The companies that will be featured this week, she said, are perfect examples of the kinds of businesses Groupon likes to spotlight.

"We feel like it's the best of the best," she said.

For the companies taking part, the promotion offers the chance to bring in new customers through a novel marketing approach.

Sam Jagger, director of sales and marketing at the Fairmont Miramar, said he's expecting about 250 people to jump at the chance for a one-night stay at the hotel for $219, which is

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Rents down, but still high for most

BY NICK TABOREK
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITYWIDE The cost for a new tenant to lease a rent-controlled apartment decreased last year for the first time in 11 years, City Hall said in a report released this week, but the number of affordable units for those earning less than the median income continued to dwindle.

The report detailed changes to Santa Monica's rent-controlled apartment stock during 2009 under the California law known as the Costa-Hawkins Rental Housing Act, which was passed in 1995 and allows owners of rent-controlled units to offer them at market rate once a tenant moves out.

Under the law, which took full effect in 1999, owners are typically able to get big increases in revenue from their properties after a long-time rent-controlled tenant leaves.

According to the report from City Hall's Rent Control Agency, a typical rent-controlled, one-bedroom apartment that was leased for $799 per month would cost $1,514 per month after a vacancy.

Rent control rules that set maximum annual rent increases and put in place certain eviction protections still apply after the new rent for a controlled unit is established.

In what City Hall referred to as the "one bright spot in this year's report" the median market rate rent for controlled apartments went down for the first time since 1999.

"While there will be times like the present when a troubled economy drives rents down, the historical trend is upward, and away from affordability," the report stated.

According to the report, the median "maximum allowable rent" for one-bedroom, rent-controlled apartments that were leased to new tenants in 2009 decreased 5 percent from the year before, to $1,542 per month from $1,631 per month.

Tracy Conden, City Hall's Rent Control administrator, downplayed the impact that decrease will have on overall housing affordability in Santa Monica.

"It's not like rents have come down significantly, they're just a little bit down from this upward movement that they've been having for the last 11 years," she said.

For new tenants with low or moderate incomes who are seeking rent-controlled housing in Santa Monica, she said affordable units are scarce.

"Certainly people making minimum wage could not afford any of these apartments in Santa Monica now," she said.

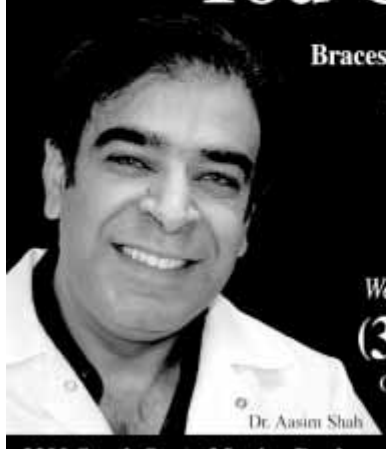
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WHAT'S UP WESTSIDE

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA AND SURROUNDS



Saturday, April 10, 2010

Painting from the heart
Paint:Lab
2912 Main St., 6 p.m. — 9 p.m.
Patrons can meet the artists while enjoying music and food. The after school Hospitality/Culinary Art Program at Victor Valley High will provide decorated cupcakes. This year's featured artists and celebrity artist will be donating 25 percent to 100 percent of their proceeds to the Moapa Youth Center on the Moapa Indian Reservation in Nevada and to The Goodwill VINTA Youth Ambassadors of the High Desert of Southern California. This event presents an opportunity to purchase original art and make a big difference in the lives of the members of these two groups.

International gem and jewelry show
Civic Auditorium
1855 Main St., 10 a.m. — 6 p.m.
This show will display gems and jewelry from around the world.
Admission is $7. Children under 16 get in for free with a paid adult.
Call (301) 294-1640 for more information.

Forget sales tax
Montana Avenue, 9 a.m. — 10 p.m.
The merchants on Montana Avenue have decided it's about time to give shoppers a break, so they are joining together to offer tax-free day — a day of shopping along one of Santa Monica's most popular retail destinations. More than 60 stores will be participating in the event, featuring everything from men's & women's fashion and jewelry, to one-of-a-kind home accessories and gifts.

Happy birthday
Montana Branch Library
1704 Montana Ave., 10:30 a.m. — 4 p.m.
The Montana Avenue Branch Library celebrates 50 years.
Music, magic, food and games will be provided at this birthday party.
Call (310) 458-8682 for more information.

Sunday, April 11, 2010

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.

Alex Shrader
The SMC Performing Arts Center
1310 11th St., 4 p.m.
Tenor Alex Shrader will perform Liszt's William Tell songs and folk songs from the British Isles.

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.



Celebrating 50 years of service

BY LISA ANDERSON
Special to the Daily Press

MONTANA AVE At a time when some are questioning the viability of libraries and publishing companies in light of the recent release of Apple's iPad, Santa Monica's libraries are busier than ever, said City Librarian Greg Mullen.

One such library is the Montana Avenue Branch, which will celebrate 50 years of existence this weekend.

Mullen said the number of people using local libraries is up considerably because of the sluggish economy. People would rather rent than buy, or may be looking for books to help them beef up their resumes.

To celebrate the 50th anniversary, there is a full day of festivities planned for April 10. There will be performances from the popular Los Angeles magician Tony Daniels and the folk duo Sometimes in Tune from the Topanga Bajo and Fiddle contest. There will also be a DJ spinning 1960s music, refreshments, crafts, surprises, and a birthday cake. The event will be free and open to the public, lasting from 10:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.

Montana Branch Manager Terrie Dorio laughed and agreed that there was certainly a

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Activision countersues 'Modern Warfare' execs

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EASTSIDE Two former studio heads overseeing last year's blockbuster video game "Modern Warfare 2" were fired for insubordination and trying to poach key employees from Activision, the gaming giant alleged in court filings.

Santa Monica-based Activision on Thursday countersued former Infinity Ward executives Jason West and Vince Zampella, who sued Activision for more than $36 million in March. West and Zampella's lawsuit claimed they were fired so Activision could avoid paying them hefty royalties for their work on the popular "Call of Duty" franchise.

Activision's filing seeks to show the firing was justified and claims the men met with a key gaming rival, which it says was one of several violations of their employment contract.

Infinity Ward is the studio behind last

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Tom Keegan photo courtesy

ACTIVE: **Artists from India take to the streets of Calcutta during the Make Art/Stop AIDS conference, which is featured in the documentary 'Out in India.'**

Art fights AIDS in India

BY MIRIAM FINDER
Special to the Daily Press

MAIN LIBRARY When director Tom Keegan followed David Gere, Peter Carley and their two children to India in 2004 after Gere received a Fulbright scholarship to study the intersection of AIDS and art, he was uncertain about the direction his documentary of the trip, "Out in India" screening April 11 at the Santa Monica Library, would take.

In fact, upon learning about his friends' plans, he was not scheduled to go along at all.

"They came over with their kids and said, 'We might be doing this crazy thing,'" Keegan said. He was discussing Gere and Carley's plan at work when a producer mentioned someone should make a documentary about their journey.

As a fellow gay father whose brother died of AIDS, Keegan agreed someone should, and eventually, he said, "A little light went off in my head and I said, 'Oh, that's me.'"

Upon their arrival in India, Keegan said the couple found not just a chance to study, but also an opportunity for activism, giving the documentary new direction.

Gere, a professor at UCLA, found that many artists were working independently to raise awareness about HIV/AIDS from Mumbai to Dehli to the family's base in Bangalore. He realized he had an opportunity to bring them together, an idea he first had while teaching a global HIV and the arts course.

"Most of my attention [on AIDS] was on big cities in the United States," Gere said. "I'm looking in my own backyard, but I'm not looking at the whole wider world in front of me."

Gere introduced his non-profit activism group, Make Art/Stop AIDS, as a forum for these artists to reduce the stigma associated with HIV/AIDS in India through their art. Although Make Art/Stop AIDS was in the works before his trip, he said it was made official at a meeting attended by 75 artists in Calcutta.

The stigma in India associated with HIV/AIDS, which affects mainly married individuals, leads to a general fear of HIV in a society that places a high premium on marriage, Gere said.

"India is a very marriage-oriented society," Keegan said. "The culture and economy rest on marriage."

While in India, the family felt the sting of living outside the bounds of a traditional marriage, leading to conflict between Gere and Carley, both longtime HIV/AIDS activists who have lost partners to the disease. While Gere spent most of his time in the field advocating, Carley remained at home with the kids where, "no one wanted to be his friend," Keegan said. However, Carley was able to translate his hardship into a new sense of activism — raising children with an openness and awareness of the world.

Keegan worked to weave together the story of the art project with the story of the family, and said it all came together with spontaneous art on the streets of Calcutta, ending his first feature-length documentary. Keegan, who mainly works voice

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Wasteful spending

Editor:

I am very concerned about the recent posture that a Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District administrator has taken regarding due process cases. The administrator indicated that "affluent parents bring power to the table" to get their way with the district. The "power" that the administrator refers to are the advocates and attorneys that parents hire to work on behalf of their special needs children.

I guess that the administrator has forgotten that until recently, the district employed Mary Kellogg in the capacity of a legal consultant that was paid a salary. In addition, Ms. Kellogg filed due process lawsuits against parents too. I was one of those parents. An organization with a $132 million budget that sues the disabled parent of two special needs children is the epitome of "bringing power" to the table.

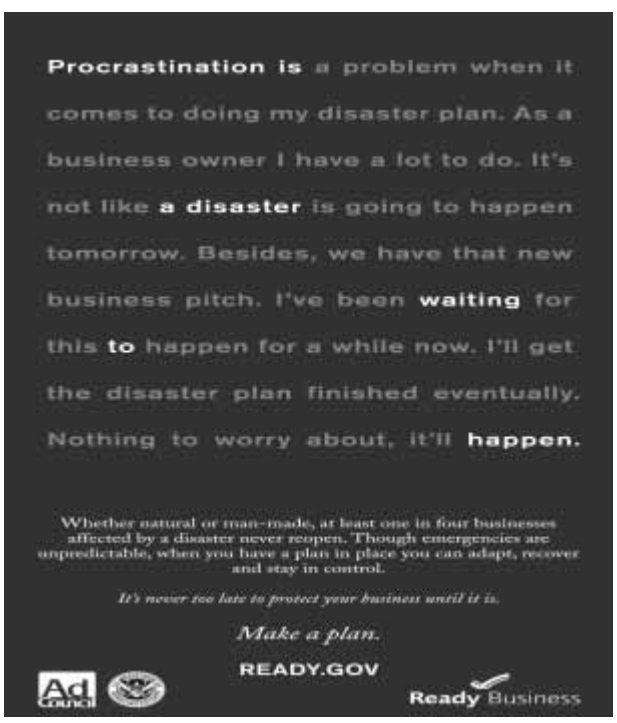
I asked the administrator if the district would, for example, be willing to spend $20,000 to $25,000 litigating a case worth $5,00 in the middle of a "budget crisis." The administrator indicated that he/she would absolutely litigate those cases based on "principle." While it is admirable for one to have principles, the "principles" that the administrator intends to litigate are at tax payer expense. Last year, SMMUSD spent $2,313,64 on legal costs, other operating expenses including legal, and legal settlements. That's almost the cost of five days of school. I think that individuals receiving pink slips would prefer to receive a paycheck than have the district litigate on "principle."

The administrator indicated that he/she wanted to "level the playing field." Taking parents' requests for services to due process will not "level the playing field." It will cause the affluent parents to hire even more powerful attorneys asking for larger dollar amounts, while leaving those of a lower socio-economic status, primarily people of color, to fend for themselves as they do now. The administrator says that he/she wants to "level the playing field," however SMMUSD has employed four different attorneys to fight against me and my children over less than $10,000 in equipment and services. The district even sent an attorney to small claims court against me. Attorneys are not even allowed in small claims court. So much for "leveling the playing field."

My last concern is that the administrator alleged that parents bring attorneys to the table that pose as brothers, sisters or other relatives or friends of the family. It's been my experience that no matter how much that I have indicated that a friend of my family is indeed a friend of the family, that person was treated like an attorney.

Taxpayers need to know how much of the proposed parcel tax money will be used to litigate rather than educate. Our children deserve better.

Debra Shepherd
Santa Monica



On the Beat

Robert Lucio

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What to do about noisy neighbors

Q: I LIVE NEAR A BAR AND COMMONLY see or hear people walking around my street or near my residence, drinking alcohol, smoking, yelling and shouting. What can be done?

A: The city of Santa Monica is an attractive city, rich in popular nightlife spots and dining establishments. Your neighborhood resource officer (NRO) works closely with all of the major and pertinent entities (SMPD Vice, city of Santa Monica Code Compliance, California Department of Alcohol Beverage Control) to ensure that the quality of life for residents is not negatively impacted by any such overflow issues in his beat.

Although it is difficult to hold any establishment solely responsible for its patrons' actions once they leave, an establishment can still be monitored and/or regulated to ensure all laws and codes are abided by. These laws are commonly put in place to maintain a controlled and safe atmosphere. When these laws or codes are not adhered to, or patrons are unruly or disruptive, it can result in a negative impact on the adjoining neighborhood.

It is important for you during these times to help us help you, by calling our dispatch center to report such activity at (310) 458-8491. If activity like this continues, it can be a sign of a long-term issue that needs to be dealt with comprehensively. You can also contact your NRO directly and provide them with the pertinent information. Your NRO in most cases will follow up with the owners of such establishments directly or SMPD Vice, SMPD patrol to begin the process of curtailing all issues from multiple angles.

Please feel free to call your NRO on the above for any additional questions you may have on this type of activity in your area.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES:

Santa Monica Police Department Vice Unit (310) 458-8458.

California Department of Alcohol Beverage Control (213) 833-6043.

Q: My neighbors who live above me are noisy; they talk loud, walk hard and are up all hours of the night. I've called my landlord and he hasn't done anything to help. Can you please help?

A: Yes and no. Absent intent, meaning your neighbor is intentionally shouting or screaming towards your walls or stomping up and down to intentionally disturb your peace, this scenario would be more of a civil complaint. Although hearing a loud voice or footsteps in the middle of the night can be disturbing, especially if you are trying to sleep, it may not be a violation of any law. On the contrary, it is a civil liberty afforded, under the guidelines of freedom of speech to every citizen of the United States under the First Amendment. Walking hard on an upstairs unit can be more of a construction issue than a tenant issue; this is usually common in older buildings. That being said, if you are having trouble with a neighbor, and speaking to him/her is getting you nowhere, call the police department at (310) 458-8491. The SMPD would rather help find an acceptable solution instead of allowing neighbor disputes to heat up and escalate.

Other alternative approaches can be taken, such as talking to your neighbor directly, when things are calm, to see if there is an amicable agreement you both can come to in order to enjoy your living quarters peacefully. Or, contacting the city of Santa Monica's Rent Control Board for advice or mediation services is also an option. And of course you can always contact your NRO to see if he can help you with ideas or potential peaceful solutions.

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TEXT A TIP

Did you know that you can now text crime tips to the Santa Monica Police Department? The SMPD joined with 24 other law enforcement agencies in Los Angeles County in December 2009. The new program will assist the police department in solving crimes with help from the public. The program with Crime Stoppers, a non-profit organization, allows individuals to anonymously provide information on crimes they may have witnessed or have knowledge of. It allows law enforcement agencies additional ways to investigate crimes and provides information across various agency borders. This cross-jurisdictional access and the ability to work together, enables a virtual flow of information while maintaining the tipster's anonymity. Tipsters may be eligible for cash rewards for information leading to an arrest.

If you have any information on a crime you would like to share anonymously, you can reach Crime Stoppers by either calling (800) 222-TIPS (8477), texting from your mobile phone, or by visiting their Web site at www.lacrimestoppers.org.

If you have police related questions or concerns, we'd like to hear them. Send your questions or comments to NRO@smgov.net and you may see your question in our weekly column accompanied by valuable feedback for the rest of the community. While not all questions will appear in the column, all questions submitted will be answered by a department representative. Also, please note that we will supply as much information as possible without jeopardizing any legal proceedings or investigations. Remember, if you have a question, chances are, another reader may be wondering the same thing. So don't hesitate to ask!

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Modern Times

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Was it just basketball?

IF IT HAD BEEN A MOVIE, BUTLER'S Gordon Hayward's last shot would have gone in. But it wasn't a movie, it was real life. It was the NCAA championship game and real life spoiled things for an amazing Butler team, for about 60,000 (out of the 70,000) people in the arena, and for millions of people across the country who were rooting for the little school that almost could. The score was close the whole game, and Duke's winning 61-59 probably made the defeat all the more painful for Butler.

It was an excitingly emotional game. Up and down, tied, up and down some more. It was the kind of game you didn't want to end. Butler University, a school located only a few miles from the arena, a school with about 4,000 students, was considered the underdog this season no matter whom they played and no matter how high their ranking soared in the national polls. People love an underdog — in sports and in life. We get much more excited to hear a success story about someone who started with nothing rather than one about a kid who was born rich and succeeded.

The non-sports fans always seem to ask why people who are seemingly mature in other ways will get so involved in a game. They don't understand that getting so involved in sports, getting so wrapped up in watching a game, is a great break from the realities of life. In those last few minutes of the championship game, I guarantee you nobody there was thinking about the economy, foreign policy, or whether their kid had married the right person. They were either rooting for a team they had cheered on for years or for a team they felt symbolized the optimistic mantra of "anything's possible." And maybe they then felt that anything's possible for them. Maybe they can solve those problems in the "real world," maybe they can get a job or a promotion, maybe they can get that person at work to smile at them.

It was fitting that Butler's Hayward took that final half-court shot. Butler has often been compared to the school in the movie "Hoosiers." If so, then Gordon Hayward was "Jimmy," the kid who could do almost anything with the basketball, a kid who looked so very Middle American in this sport that had its origin in Middle America.

After the game, I felt a little depressed as reality was slowly creeping into my mind. I had to pack, would I make my plane connections tomorrow? (I didn't.) I have a lot of work to do when I get home, etc.

Reality can be an annoying thing. It disturbs our dreams. It often spoils our good times. But for reality to join fantasy — like during an "unreal" basketball game — is a wonderful gift for those who are lucky enough to be present for it.

I was at that championship game in Indianapolis, and sitting behind me was a very tall man who looked like he had definitely played basketball. He turned out to be the Olathe, Kan. girls high school basketball coach (and science teacher) Joel Branstrom. A couple of months before this game, he had been in the news because of something that happened at a pep rally at his school. Some girls on the team blindfolded him, then told him that if he could make a half-court shot, he'd win tickets to the Final Four. Branstrom, a former basketball walk-on for the University of Kansas, made the half-court blindfolded shot. The kids were shocked, and then admitted that they didn't have any tickets for him. It was just a prank. There was that annoying reality again.

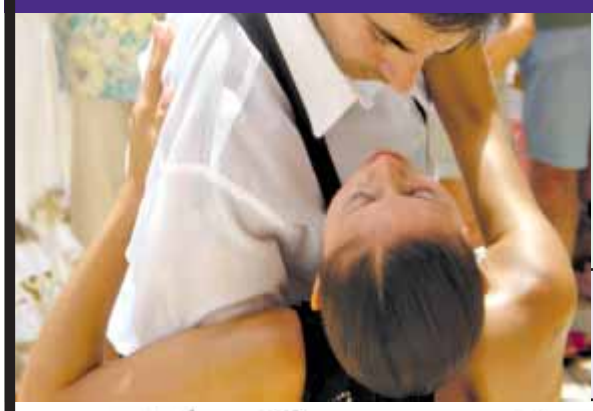
But somehow, the NCAA got wind of this whole thing and sent Branstrom tickets for the championship weekend. So there he was sitting behind me with his family, a big smile on his face, watching some of the most exciting games in his chosen field. For him, reality had joined fantasy.

If it worked for him, if one of his dreams could come true, maybe it can work for the rest of us once in a while. Let's face it: making a half-court shot blindfolded sounds impossible. It is impossible in the world of reality, but not in the world of sports.

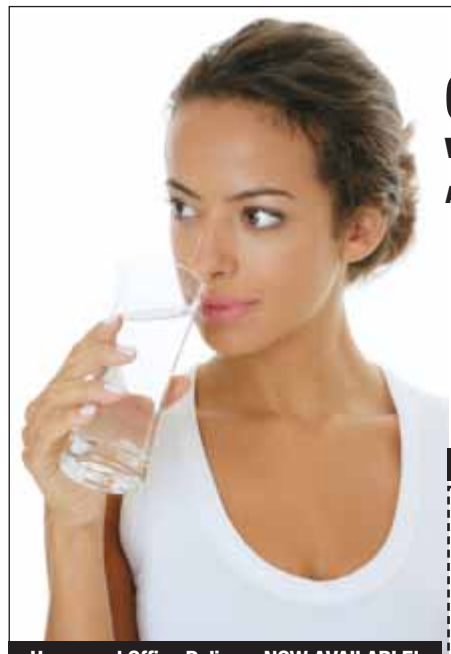
By the way, when Gordon Hayward missed that long shot at the buzzer, I wonder if Branstrom was thinking, "How could he have missed that? He wasn't even blindfolded.

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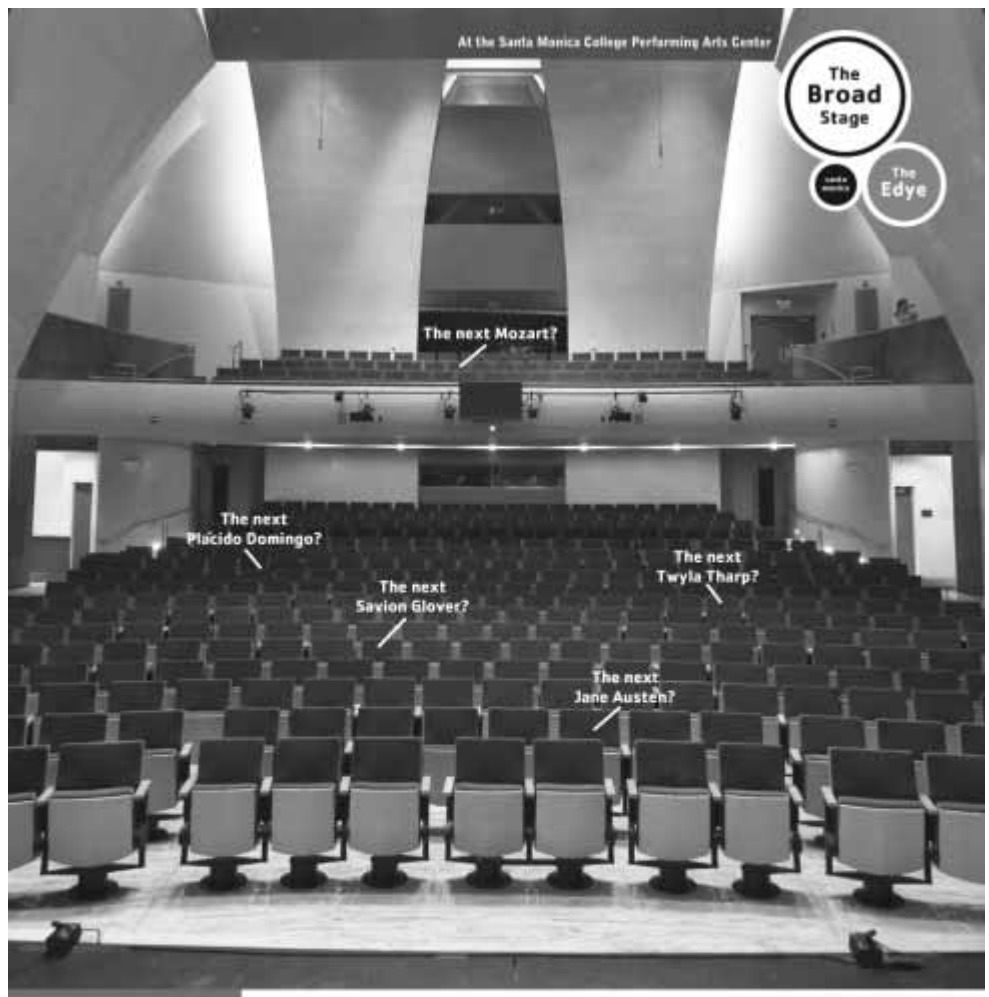


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Embracing burritos for the family that's on the go

J.M. HIRSCH
AP Food Editor

Finding the time and energy to get dinner on the table is challenging enough during the week. Add picky eaters to the mix — the child who won't eat anything green, the teenager who has gone vegetarian — and it can become a nightmare.

It's a good reason to embrace burritos as a mainstay of your weeknight repertoire. Not only are they speedy to assemble, they also are incredibly versatile. Stuff them with greens, or not. Meat, or not. Make them as healthy (or un) as you like.

My basic assembly starts with a flour tortilla, which can be had in whole wheat, white, even low-carb varieties.

For the filling, I like to use a can of refried beans (available in traditional, spicy, vegetarian and fat-free varieties) as my base. I then add read-serve rice (heat-and-eat variety), a bit of salsa and whatever else moves me.

If you have leftover cooked chicken, that's a great option. If not, deli sliced chicken breast is an easy alternative. For vegetarians, roasted vegetables, fresh baby spinach or steamed green beans are fine choices.

A bit of shredded cheese (low-fat, if you like) completes the package. And to make life easy, the cook can just heat the stove, set out the ingredients and let people assemble their own burritos.

Chicken, cheese and brown rice burritos

Start to finish: 40 minutes (10 minutes active)
Servings: 4

15-ounce can low-fat refried beans
8 1/2-ounce package heat-and-serve brown rice
1 1/2 cups shredded cheddar or Monterey Jack cheese, divided
3/4 cup salsa, divided
4 large flour tortillas
8 deli slices chicken breast
Sour cream, for serving (optional)
1 avocado, peeled, pitted and sliced
1 large tomato, cut into wedges

Heat the oven to 400 degrees. Lightly spritz a baking sheet with cooking spray.

In a medium bowl, mix together the refried beans, rice, 1 cup of the cheese and 1/4 cup of the salsa.

Arrange the tortillas flat on the counter. Arrange 2 slices of chicken over each tortilla. Spread a quarter of the bean and cheese mixture in an even layer over each. Roll up each tortilla, tucking in the ends as you go.

Place the burritos on the prepared baking sheet. Cover with foil. Bake for 20 minutes. Remove the foil, sprinkle the remaining cheese over the burritos, then bake, uncovered, for another 8 to 10 minutes.

To serve, top each burrito with a bit of the remaining salsa and a dollop of sour cream, if using. Accompany with slices of avocado and tomato.

Nutrition information per serving (values are rounded to the nearest whole number): 798 calories; 245 calories from fat; 27 g fat (11 g saturated; 0 g trans fats); 51 mg cholesterol; 104 g carbohydrate; 33 g protein; 16 g fiber; 1,523 mg sodium.

Fried without all the oil

JIM ROMANOFF
For The Associated Press

Fish tacos certainly sound like a healthful meal. After all, experts encourage us to eat fish at least twice a week. And when you add a fresh tomato or fruit salsa, the dish seems downright virtuous.

That is, except for that whole deep-frying thing.

But you don't need a fryer to get the satisfying crunch. There are several tricks for crafting crisp fish (or meats and vegetables, for that matter) that involve only a fraction of the fat needed to fry.

"Oven frying" is a great technique that can be used for getting crispy deep-fried results without all the fat.

Pieces of fish, chicken or pork can be dipped in egg white or a mixture of egg white and Dijon mustard, then coated with light and crispy panko (Japanese-style) breadcrumbs. If you like, you can add spices to the crumbs to boost flavor.

For this crispy fish taco recipe a different, but equally effective method is used to create crunch. Strips of tilapia are dredged in Wondra flour (sold in baking aisles and often used for gravies), which creates an excellent crust even when fried in only a tiny amount of oil.

Cayenne pepper, cumin and white pepper give the coating a spicy flavor. And if you don't have Wondra flour or want a gluten-free alternative, rice flour works almost as well.

Top these crispy fish tacos with your favorite salsa or try this avocado-mango salsa, which will add layers of sweet, sour and creamy flavors to the spicy fish.

Crispy fish tacos

Start to finish: 15 minutes
Servings: 4

5 tablespoons Wondra flour
1/4 teaspoon cayenne pepper
1/4 teaspoon ground cumin
1/4 teaspoon salt, or to taste
1/4 teaspoon ground white pepper
1 pound tilapia fillets, cut into 1-by-2-inch strips
1 1/2 tablespoons canola oil
Canola oil cooking spray
8 soft corn tortillas, warmed
Avocado-mango salsa (recipe follows)

In a medium bowl, combine the Wondra flour, cayenne, cumin, salt and white pepper.

Place the tilapia pieces in the flour mixture, then toss to coat well. Shake the fish fillets gently to remove excess flour.

In a large nonstick skillet over medium-high, heat the oil. Add the fish, placing each piece in a bit of the oil. Cook until the bottom side is crispy and golden, 2 to 4 minutes.

Turn and cook until crispy, another 2 to 4 minutes. Serve immediately with warm corn tortillas and avocado-mango salsa.

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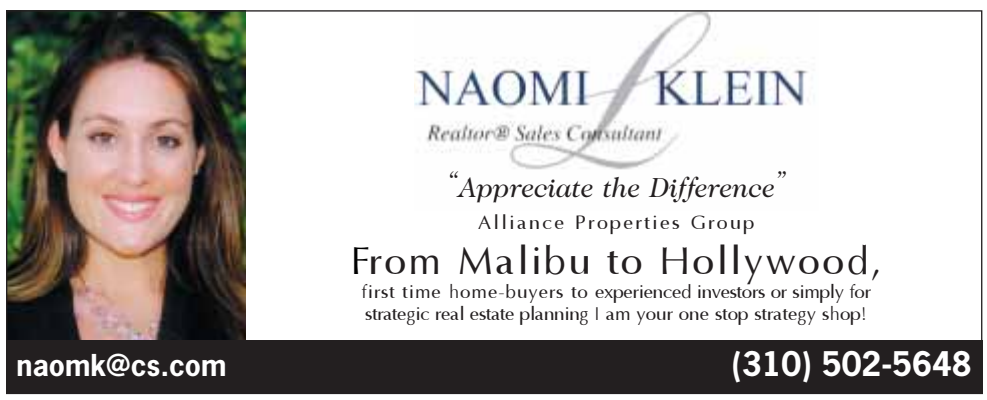
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Couple shows art fights AIDS

FROM FILM PAGE 3

directing video games, also has experience in theater and short films telling people's real-life stories. These experiences provided him both the skills and sensitivity to execute the documentary.

"As a documentarian, you're a voyeur … you're asking someone to open up to you," Keegan said. "It's a very vulnerable thing when you allow yourself to be seen on film."

He said the family was extremely generous in sharing their lives with him, and he wanted to honor the message Gere and Carley set out to send. Part of this involved Keegan doing his best to show the experience through the couple's eyes, without too many talking-head interviews.

Since its debut, "Out in India" has been screened at film festivals in the United States, India, Brazil, Italy and many European cities, including London. It has additionally racked up awards at the Torino Gay and Lesbian Film Festival and the Seattle On-Line Film Festival. Keegan said viewers of the film are inspired by art's power to change lives while simultaneously made more comfortable with the notion of a gay family.

"When I was doing it, I just had a sense that this is really something, this is a really good story," Keegan said. "When we all saw the response of audiences all across the world, they thought it was worth it."

While making the documentary, which Keegan referred to as earning his master's degree in film making, he found himself adhering to the doctrine of David and Albert Maysles, the pioneers of cinéma vérité.

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> **Tom Keegan,**
> "Out in India" director

"They're teaching just going into the story without any preconceived ideas of where it's going to go," Keegan said. "I found that was really true."

At the April 11 Santa Monica screening, Gere and Carley will both be present to discuss their experiences in India. While the documentary continues to screen, Keegan said the next step is cutting the film down from 70 minutes to 55 minutes for television so he can share the inspiring story with a broader audience.

"I wanted to tell the story and I also wanted to show a gay couple with kids trying to do something big on a world scale," Keegan said. "I really like ordinary heroes."

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Housing remains scarce for workers

FROM RENT PAGE 1

A new tenant had to earn $75,700 per year in order for a one-bedroom, controlled apartment in Santa Monica to be considered affordable in 2009, the City Hall report said.

"Basically, these market rate apartments are non-affordable, certainly for low-income or median-income people. It is a problem and continues to be a problem," said Marilyn Korade-Wilson, who chairs the Rent Control Board.

Realtor and Rent Control Board Commissioner Robert Kronovet, though, said the down tick in the market rate rental prices of controlled units shows affordability has improved for those entering the market.

"The housing prices in Santa Monica at market rate represent, at this point, a real value to the consumer," he said.

And Wes Wellman, president of the Action Apartment Association, a rental housing owners' group, said a trend toward more people sharing apartment units has also helped affordability.

"As owners rent to a greater number of occupants per unit, consumers have in kind made more efficient use of the housing stock by sharing," he said.

Of Santa Monica's 27,500 rent controlled units, 58 percent have been offered at market rate at least once in the past 11 years, the report stated. The other 42 percent of the city's controlled rental stock, or 11,500 units, are occupied by tenants who have remained in their apartments since before 1999.

In 2009, 431 rent controlled apartment units were offered for rent at market rates for the first time, fewer than in any other year since Costa-Hawkins took effect.

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Chamber members offering big discounts

FROM COUPONS PAGE 1

about 40 percent off the normal rate. The Fairmont Miramar coupon will be available through Groupon on Friday.

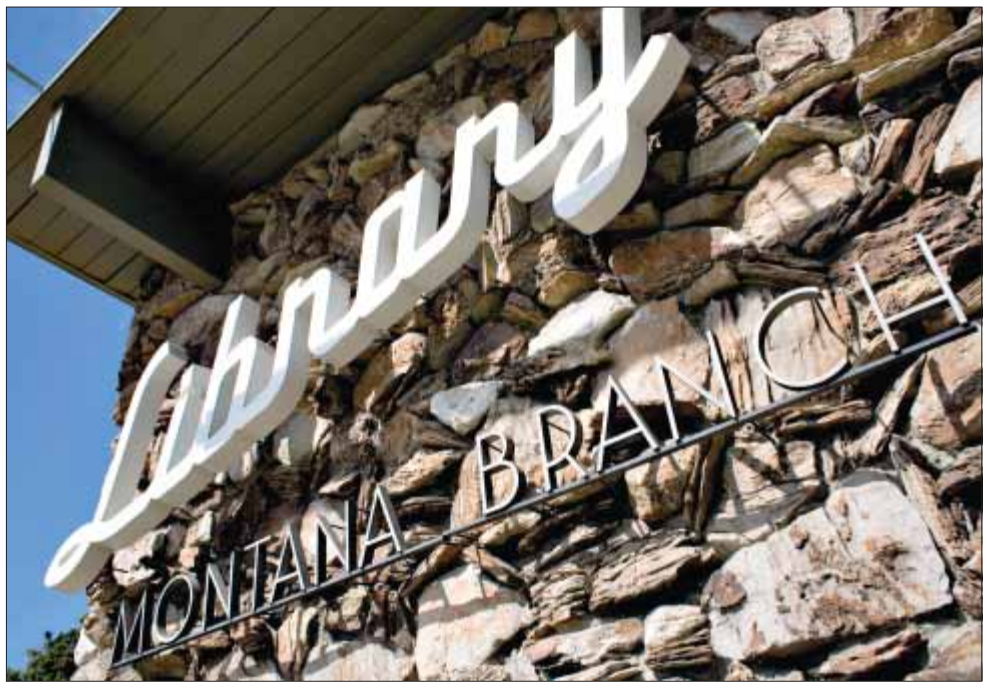
Jagger said participating in the promotion is a way to support the goals of the chamber while doing something that makes good business sense.

"You've got to embrace new technologies, and this is one of those opportunities that I think we're going to see for the foreseeable future," he said.

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CONGRATULATIONS: **The Montana Avenue Library Branch turns 50 this weekend.**

Libraries experiencing growth

FROM **BIRTHDAY** PAGE 3

lot going on, but she said that she is excited. The 50th anniversary of the Montana Branch is really an opportunity to celebrate the library, Mullen said.

"Hitting that milestone is pretty significant. We really have enjoyed tremendous support from the community," he said.

"The library is a lot more crowded than it was a couple of years ago," Dorio added.

When considering the advancement of technology, it may seem counterintuitive that libraries would be busier, but Mullen said that last year the Santa Monica Library circulated more than ever. From '07 to '09 the Montana Branch has seen a 22 percent increase in circulation for adults, a 12 percent increase for children, and their number of visitors is up 20 percent.

In 2002, the Montana library was also remodeled. A meeting room was added, the children's area was modified, and some cabling was put in for more technology. Dorio was quick to say that technology has been the biggest change throughout the years.

When Dorio started in 1979, there were no computers, she said. Now the library has launched a "TXT 4 Answers" program where anyone can text a question to the library and a librarian will answer in minutes. They also do references through e-mail and over the phone. Dorio added that a lot of people are coming in to use the Internet, but a lot of people are also coming just to check books out.

Mullen explained the concept of the library as an interesting one considering the idea for libraries began from information being scarce, and now it is all around us.

"The format has obviously changed," Mullen said, and predicted that in the future there would just not be as much "physical stuff."

"The libraries will always be libraries," Dorio said. Even though research is different now than it was, they still serve a big function, she said.

"The library is a place where people can come together and build a community around local issues," Mullen said. "Certainly we've changed a lot in the last 50 years, but there are some core services that continue."

There are still places for reading and for child development through story time and bringing kids together, and a lot of people come looking for do-it-yourself books instead of paying repair men. As far as the biggest change, there has just been such a huge growth in media, Mullen said.

The city libraries have seen a lot of growth since the first city library was founded in 1890, and the Ocean Park Branch has been around since 1917. The Fairview Branch also celebrated its 50th anniversary a couple of years ago.

Dorio and Mullen agree that there are many more technological advances to look forward to in the future, and the library will continue to adapt.

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Serious accusations made in suit

FROM **LAWSUIT** PAGE 3

fall's record-breaking release, "Call of Duty: Modern Warfare 2," and other games. "Modern Warfare 2" was No. 1 last year and has become one of the best-selling video games of all time.

The breach of contract suit claims West and Zampella held up development on other "Call of Duty" games to try to gain more money. The company is seeking to withhold additional payments to the men, who they claim also kept bonuses from Infinity Ward employees.

The men "morphed from valued, responsible executives into insubordinate and self-serving schemers who attempted to hijack Activision's assets for their own personal gain and whose actions threatened both the future of the Call of Duty franchise and future of Activision's (Infinity Ward) studio," the complaint states.

The lawsuit alleges the bonuses were withheld in an attempt to try to leverage other key employees to leave Activision.

Robert M. Schwartz, an attorney who represents West and Zampella, did not immediately return a phone message seeking comment Friday.

The filing does not state by name which rival West and Zampella are accused of meeting with, but states they were flown by the rival to Northern California. Gaming giant Electronic Arts, which is Activision's main rival and produces the competitor franchise "Medal of Honor," is based in Northern California.

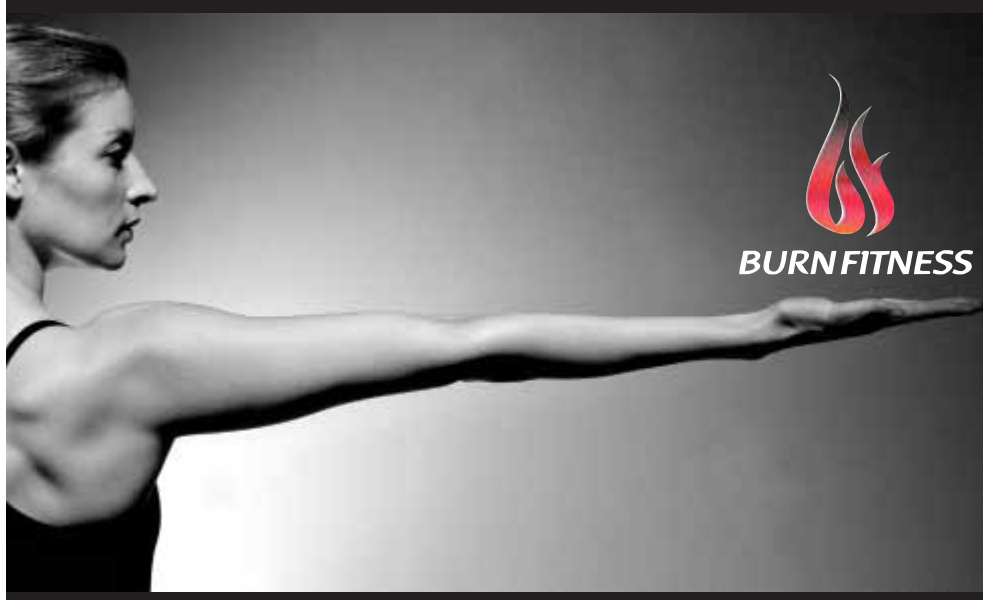
The cases are filed in Santa Monica, where Activision is based. The company is majority owned by French conglomerate Vivendi SA.



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The Q Line

Making Funny

This past week, Q-line asked:
The SMDP published its annual April Fools' Day issue last week. We certainly received a good number of responses, most of which were positive. Did you think it was funny or do you believe it was in poor taste? Be honest, we can take it.
Here are your responses:

"FRANKLY, I DIDN'T THINK IT WAS FUNNY. A waste of good journalistic space. In this world of today where so much is crazy and unbelievable, it just lowered the bar on scare tactics. That kind of humor and practical jokes don't have any place in today's already on-edge and angry society."

"UNTIL I READ THIS MORNING'S ISSUE of the Santa Monica Daily Press, and the Press' Q-Line question of the week, I thought your April 1 issues was on the up and up. Why not? Stranger things have happened such as: hostages are being held on the Santa Monica Pier and the Santa Monica police are engaged in a gun battle. Famous western orchestra leader throttled his wife last night. The Santa Monica Pier washed out to Catalina last night due to stormy weather. Earthquake shatters Santa Monica to near rubble. I could go on and on, but I will not."

"I THOUGHT YOUR APRIL 1 ISSUE WAS a delight and it reminded me of the Onion, which I very sorely miss. Thanks for doing that and maybe you can find an excuse for doing another one or two or three or more during the following year."

"THE ISSUE WASN'T TOTALLY SILLY because the article about the gambling boats. If some Indian tribe got involved they might even be able to do it, although the pier probably couldn't handle that many people plus the parking and stuff. As for protesting the Viking mascot, don't give anybody ideas because sooner or later they're going to do that, too. And the same thing for charging fees for everything. These idiots on the City Council will probably look to do that, too."

"YOUR JOKE ABOUT PUTTING GAMBLING ships in our bay near the pier should be for real. We could have legal gambling with poker-related games and entertainment, like we have in the Inglewood and Gardena card clubs. We could make enough tax money to pay for our schools."

"I THOUGHT THE APRIL FOOLS' COLUMN was very, very funny. Humor is what makes the world go round. [singing] The world go round, the world go round, humor makes the world go round and round, round, round."

"I CUT OUT AND I WAS READY TO SEND THE article on the gambling ships to my brother who lives in Vegas. I thought, 'Great, he can come out here, he can have a little fun gambling, he doesn't have to worry about running back home.' And all of the sudden, I said, 'Oops! This is April Fools'.' I thought it was very, very funny."

"I WOULD LIKE TO TELL YOU I APPRECIATE every April Fools' day. The paper does a very good job and don't give up what anybody says. It's a good April fool, it's funny and nice."

"MY HUSBAND AND I ANTICIPATE THE April Fools' issue every year. We love the creativity, we are eager to see what the new running joke will be. We are glad you are supplying this humor. Being able to laugh at yourself is a sign of good health and maturity. Don't stop publishing this issue."

"WHAT WAS IT THAT GENE KELLY'S reporter character said in 'Inherit the Wind?' 'I comfort the afflicted and afflict the comforted.' The press' job and your job is to dig for the truth. Good comedy is very close to the truth. Any chance you take to deflate the narcissistic gas bags in this town, you've done half of your job. Ridiculing City Hall fools and the moronic school district, SMC, Heal the Bay, Big Blue Bus, low-income non-resident housing, rent control, the pier and the almost endless list of non-profit do-gooders — all money-sucking slugs. It's a shame you only do it once a year."

"I DO THINK IT'S VERY POOR TASTE FOR the obvious reasons. A person not immediately noting that it's April 1 could react emotionally, especially a very elderly person. A sick person could react emotionally and become sick either temporarily or long term from news they think is accurate and is true. So I'd say it's funny, I guess, but I think it was in the limits that you have to admit, it could cause serious effect in vulnerable people that could be serious and damaging. For that reason, it's not so funny."

"WHEN I FIRST STARTED READING IT, it really upset me. I read the first article, it was a bit bizarre, but I was really concerned and upset. Then I read the second article and I realized it is a whole paper with nothing but BS. It was hilarious, even the ads, everything in the paper. I thought it was excellent. I've been studying humor and comedy for over 30 years and my wife just called and harangued you and told you it was very poor taste. I have quite a different opinion, however. For one thing, she said that it might upset older people, they might not know, but everyone needs to think for themselves and allow others to do the same, as Voltaire said. Also, do not cast your pearls before swine. As it says in the comedy books, someone who is trying to learn comedy and write comedy and speak comedy, you do not give your comedy ideas to your family or your close friends because they will psycho-analyze it to death. What you do is you find strangers and you pop the comedy on them as natural as it comes to you and see if they laugh. Then you can determine if it's going to work or not. But it was excellent. The paper was just hilarious, I wanted to send a copy to my sister in Boston."

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Documents: Bullied teen sought help from school

STEPHANIE REITZ
Associated Press Writer

SOUTH HADLEY, Mass. Phoebe Prince, the Massachusetts high school freshman who took her own life after what prosecutors called relentless bullying by classmates, spoke to a school administrator one week before her death about a threat of physical violence, court documents reveal.

The documents, filed in connection with charges against six South Hadley High School students, raise new questions about how much school officials knew about the bullying. They also provide a glimpse into the final, tortured hours of Prince's life shortly before the 15-year-old hanged herself at home Jan. 14.

On Jan. 7, according to the documents, Prince went to a school administrator after learning that one of the defendants, Flannery Mullins, had told fellow students that she was going to "beat Phoebe up" and that she "needed to watch out at break after second block."

The documents do not reveal the official to whom Prince spoke or provide details of the conversation.

A witness who was interviewed by investigators said Prince had gone to administrators because she was "scared and wanted to go home." After the meeting, the witness said Prince returned to class, and said that no action was going to be taken and that "she was still going to get beat up."

In a recent interview, Superintendent Gus Sayer said school administrators were not aware of the bullying until Jan. 7, a week before Prince committed suicide. On that day, two teachers reported separate bullying incidents to the principal, Sayer said.

In one incident, a student walked into Prince's classroom and yelled at her. In the other, a teacher overheard several students in the cafeteria making remarks about Prince "that appeared to be threatening."

"Even though they weren't made to her directly, he reported that to the principal," Sayer said.

The principal "took immediately disciplinary action against both students," Sayer said. He would not say what kind of action was taken, citing school privacy rules.

A message left with Sayer on Friday was not immediately returned. The six charged teens, their families and their attorneys have not commented to The Associated Press. Messages left Friday with the teenagers' lawyers and an attorney representing the Prince family were not immediately returned.

District Attorney Elizabeth Scheibel has said the inaction of school officials was troublesome but not criminal.

Massachusetts Gov. Deval Patrick told WTKK Radio on Friday that "adults did not seem to have acted like adults" in the case. He did not distinguish between school administrators and the parents of the teens charged.

Prosecutors said Prince, an Irish immigrant, endured months of verbal assaults and threats after she briefly dated a popular boy. She was harassed mostly in school, but also on Facebook and through other electronic forms.

The insults included being called an "Irish slut," the papers say.

The documents detail in length the final 24 hours of the girl's life. On Jan. 13, Prince told a confidant that school "has been close to intolerable lately."

On the day of her death, according to the documents, Prince was in the school library at the same time as three of the charged teens — Sean Mulveyhill, Kayla Narey and Ashley Longe.

Witnesses told investigators that Prince was subjected to crude sexual taunts from Longe, including, that day, "Irish whore."

At the end of the school day Jan. 14, witnesses said Prince was again subjected to verbal abuse as she walked out of the building. After Prince had left school grounds, a witness said Longe, as she rode by in a friend's car, threw an empty beverage can at Prince and started laughing.

According to the documents, Prince was crying as she walked home. Investigators said she exchanged several text messages with a friend about two hours before her death, in which she discussed the verbal abuse she had received that day and the ongoing taunts.

Later in the day, Prince's body was found hanging in a rear stairwell of her family's apartment.

Summer battle ahead for Stevens' court replacement

MARK SHERMAN
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON The retirement of Justice John Paul Stevens, the Supreme Court's leading liberal, touched off an immediate election-year political battle Friday over President Barack Obama's second high court pick. Republicans promised trouble for any activist nominee.

Obama said he would quickly name a successor in the mold of Stevens, who he said was a voice for ordinary people rather than powerful interests.

Eleven days before his 90th birthday, Stevens said he would step down when the court finishes its work for the summer in hopes that a replacement could be confirmed well before the next term begins in October.

"We cannot replace Justice Stevens' experience or wisdom," Obama said at the White House after returning from Prague where he had signed a nuclear treaty. "I'll seek someone in the coming weeks with similar qualities: an independent mind, a record of excellence and integrity, a fierce dedication to the rule of law and a keen understanding of how the law affects the daily lives of the American people. It will also be someone who, like Justice Stevens, knows that in democracy powerful interests must not be allowed to drown out the voices of ordinary citizens."

A White House official said about 10 people are under consideration, but speculation has focused on fewer than that. Leading candidates are said to be Solicitor General Elena Kagan, 49, and federal appellate Judges Merrick Garland, 57, in Washington and Diane Wood, 59, in Chicago. All three were considered last year as well, and Obama interviewed Kagan and Wood before choosing Sonia Sotomayor for the high court.

Of those, Wood would be most likely to excite Obama's liberal base and stir up conservative opposition. Garland is seen as most acceptable to Republicans, with Kagan somewhere in between.

Stevens is the court's last remaining World War II veteran and the second oldest justice in the court's history. His retirement had been hinted at for months, and the White House had made clear it would be ready to nominate a replacement without delay.

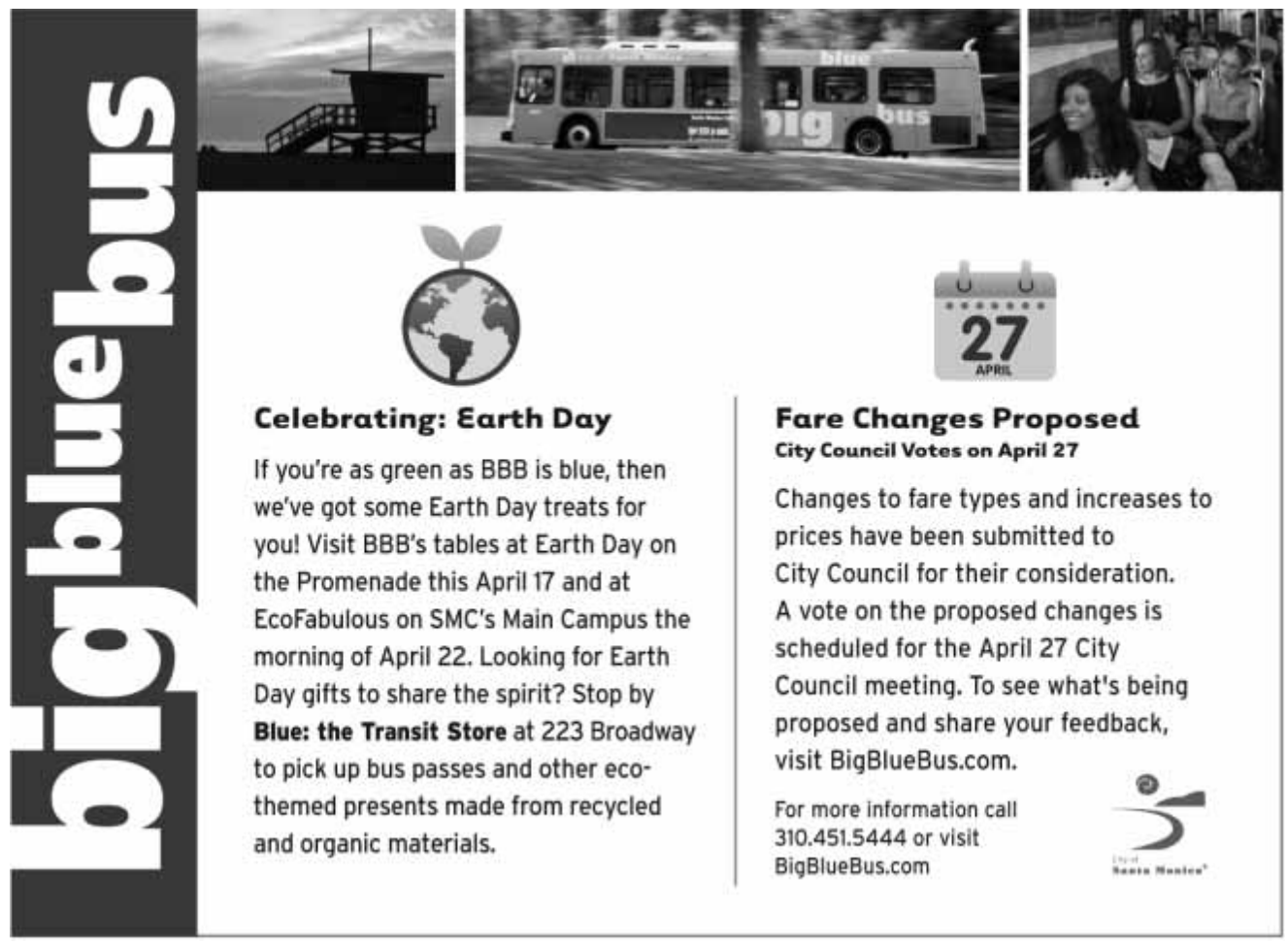
A leading Democrat said the Senate, where Democrats control 59 seats, would follow the same pattern as last year, when Sotomayor was confirmed as the 111th justice in early August. Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, appealed for civility. "I hope that senators on both sides of the aisle will make this process a thoughtful and civil discourse," he said.

Looking toward those hearings, Senate Republican Leader Mitch McConnell of Kentucky said, "Americans can expect Senate Republicans to make a sustained and vigorous case for judicial restraint and the fundamental importance of an evenhanded reading of the law."

Republicans have not ruled out efforts to delay confirmation, and GOP Sen. Orrin Hatch of Utah said Obama would face a "whale of a fight" if he nominated an activist judge.

At the very least, the high court nomination could rev up both Democratic and Republican fundraising machines for the November election, even though Stevens' replacement by a liberal-leaning justice would not alter the court's ideological balance. Ideologues of both sides were ready for a conflict.







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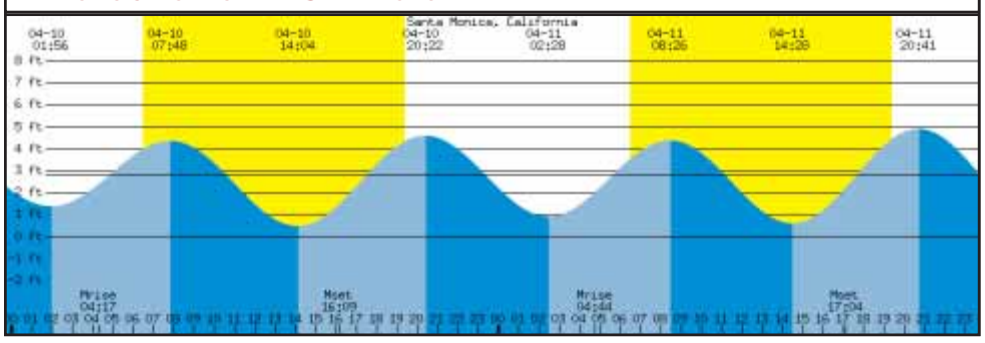
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Heal the Bay reminds you not to swim or surf within 100 yards of any flowing storm drain or for 3 days after a rainstorm. After a rain, indicator bacteria counts at beaches throughout California usually far exceed health criteria in the state's Beach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

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Los Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	A+
El Pescador State Beach, between Lachusa and Las Alisos creeks.	A+	A+
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	A+	A+
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth.	B	F
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	B	A+
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	A+	A+
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	F	B
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	F
Solstice Canyon at Don Blocker County Beach.	A+	F
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth.	A+	A+
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd..	F	F
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	A+
Surfrider Beach (breach location)- daily.	D	F
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	C	C
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	A+	F
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero).	A	F
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs.	A+	A+
Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach.	A+	A+
Tuna Canyon.	A+	A+
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	F	F
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+	F

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence.	A+	F
Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain.	A+	A+
Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain.	A+	F
Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua).	B	F
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain.	A+	D
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain.	A+	F
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+	A
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+	C
Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south.	A+	A+
Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St..	A+	A+
Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- lifeguard tower.	A	B
Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth.	A+	F
Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain.	A+	F
North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach.	A+	A+
Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of D&W jetty).	B	D
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+	B

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

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Poulter leads at Augusta but Woods in hot pursuit

PAUL NEWBERRY
AP National Writer

AUGUSTA, Ga. Tiger Woods plodded along Friday, making one par after another, mixing in the occasional birdie, avoiding any major mistakes.

On a day when Augusta National showed its teeth and some early contenders faded away, Woods finished his round near the top of the Masters leaderboard and liked his position heading into the weekend.

"Yeah, yeah I do," he said, flashing a smile that usually strikes fear in his rivals, a smile that hasn't been seen in the last five months while he dealt with a sex scandal.

Again showing no rustiness from his long layoff, Woods shot a 2-under 70 that might have been even more impressive than his opening 68 given the much tougher conditions.

He still had some work to do. England's Ian Poulter shot his second straight 68 for an 8-under 136, two strokes ahead of Woods with the clubhouse lead. Another Englishman, Lee Westwood, was at 10 under with five holes to play. But neither Poulter nor Westwood have won a major title.

Woods has captured golf's biggest championships 14 times, more than anyone but Jack Nicklaus. Four of those titles have come at Augusta National, and if this keeps up, Woods might be wearing another green jacket Sunday evening.

"It feels good to be back in contention," Woods said. "I've put myself in contention most years here. This year, I'm right there."

CITY OF SANTA MONICA
NOTICE INVITING BIDS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Santa Monica invites sealed bids for the:

Reed Park Open Space Improvements Project (SP2055)

Bids shall be delivered to the City of Santa Monica, Office of the City Clerk, Room 102, 1685 Main Street, Santa Monica, California, not later than 2:30 p.m. on **Thursday, April 29, 2010**, to be publicly opened and read aloud after 3:00 p.m. on said date in City Hall. Each Bid shall be in accordance with the Request for Bids.

Job Walk: Thursday, April 15, 2010, 11:00am. Meet near the playground at 1133 7th Street, Santa Monica, CA 90403

ENGINEER'S ESTIMATE: $600,000
CONTRACT CALENDAR DAYS: 250 DAYS
LIQUIDATED DAMAGES: $500 PER DAY
COMPENSABLE DELAY: $1000 PER DAY

Bidding Documents may be obtained by logging onto the City's Finance website at: http://www01.smgov.net/finance/purchasing/. The Contractor is required to have a **Class B** license at the time of bid submission.

Pursuant to Public Contracts Code Section 22300, the Contractor shall be permitted to substitute securities for any monies withheld by the City to ensure performance under this Contract.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Santa Monica ("City") invites design-build entities ("Design-Build Entities") to complete and to submit sealed Design-Build Bids ("Bids") for the design and construction of the following project ("Project"):

PROJECT NAME: Woodlawn Cemetery Old Office Conversion Project (SP2155)

All Bids shall be submitted in sealed envelopes marked on the outside, **"DESIGN-BUILD BID, WOODLAWN CEMETERY PROJECT"** and shall be hand delivered to, or be received by mail at, the City of Santa Monica, Office of the City Clerk, Room 102, 1685 Main Street, Santa Monica, California 90401, not later than **2:30 p.m. on Tuesday April 27, 2010,** to be publicly opened and read aloud at 3:00 p.m. on said date in City Hall. All Bids must be prepared in conformance with the RFB using the forms referenced in or attached thereto. The Applicant assumes full and sole responsibility for timely receipt of its complete Bid at the stated location designated for receipt thereof. As set forth more fully in the RFB, the City may select from the Applicants a "short-list" of the Design-Build Entities determined to be most qualified based on the scoring of the Bids. The City may interview such Applicants to determine the best bidder for the Project.

A Bid Conference/Job Walk will be held on **April 13, 2010,** commencing promptly at **10:00 a.m. at the Woodlawn Cemetery, located at 1847 14th Street, Santa Monica.** Participation is not required but is strongly recommended to view the site and existing structures.

JOB WALK: **Tuesday, April 13, 2010 at 10:00 a.m.**
1847 14th Street, Santa Monica

Design-Build Entities wishing to be considered must submit Bids containing all information required pursuant to the City's Request for Bids ("RFB") from Design-Build Entities for the Design-Build of Woodlawn Cemetery Old Office Conversion Project. The RFB is available for download from the City's website: http://www01.smgov.net/finance/purchasing/.

MOVIE TIMES

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

Saturday, April 10
Double Feature:
Mash (R) 1hr 56min
California Split (NA) 1hr 48min
7:30 p.m.
Discussion with Elliott Gould and actress Sally Kellerman

Sunday, April 11
Double Feature:
A Wedding (NA) 2hr 5min
A Perfect Couple (NA) 1hr 50 min
Discussion with actor Paul Dooley
7:30 p.m.
Call theater for information.

AMC Loews Broadway 4
1441 Third Street Promenade

The Bounty Hunter (PG-13) 1hr 46min
1:15pm, 4:15pm, 7:15pm, 10:00pm

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

Clash of the Titans 3D (PG-13) 1hr 50min
11:00am, 1:45pm, 4:45pm, 7:45, 10:45pm

Letters to God (PG) 1hr 50min
11:05am, 1:50pm, 4:35pm, 7:30pm, 10:15pm

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

Alice in Wonderland (in Disney Digital 3D) (PG) 1hr 49min
11:15am, 2:00pm, 4:45pm, 7:45pm, 10:35pm

Clash of the Titans 3D (PG-13) 1hr 50min
11:45am, 1:00pm, 2:30pm, 4:00pm, 5:30pm, 7:00pm, 8:30pm, 10:00pm, 11:15pm

Date Night (PG-13) 1hr 28min
11:00am, 12:30pm, 1:30pm, 3:00pm, 4:15pm, 5:35pm, 6:45pm, 8:15pm, 9:15pm, 10:45pm

The Last Song (PG) 1hr 47min
11:05pm, 1:45pm, 4:30pm, 7:15pm, 10:05pm

Hot Tub Time Machine (R) 1hr 40min
11:30am, 2:15pm, 5:00pm, 7:30pm, 10:15pm

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

Mid-august Lunch (R) 1hr 30min
1:00pm, 3:10pm, 5:20pm, 7:30pm, 9:40pm

The Ghost Writer (PG13) 2hr 23min
1:20pm, 4:10pm, 7:10pm, 10:00pm

La Mission (R) 2hr 12min
1:10pm, 4:00pm, 7:00pm, 9:50pm

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

After.Life (R) 1hr 37min
11:50am, 2:20pm, 4:50pm, 7:20pm, 9:50pm

Diary of a Wimpy Kid (PG) 1hr 33min
12:00pm, 2:30pm, 5:00pm, 7:30pm

Green Zone (R) 1hr 55min
1:10pm, 10:10pm

How to Train Your Dragon (PG) 1hr 38min
12:10pm, 2:40pm, 5:10pm, 7:40pm, 10:00pm

How to Train Your Dragon 3D (PG) 1hr 38min
11:20am, 1:40pm, 4:10pm, 6:40pm, 9:10pm

She's Out of My League (R) 1hr 44min
4:20pm, 7:10pm, 9:40pm

Tyler Perry's Why Did I Get Married Too (PG-13) 2hr 1min
12:30pm, 3:30pm, 6:30pm, 9:30pm

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

Love the one you're with, Cap

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★ Nothing seems as clear as you might like. Communication will excel if you listen to your intuition. A boss could be demanding, and your role also could be changing. Visualize more of what you want. A gesture comes back in multiples. Tonight: Play it low-key.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ Zero in on what you want. Somehow you feel powerless, which is far from reality. Through a foreigner or perhaps education, your perspective on critical issues transforms. Acceptance happens more easily. Tonight: Where the action is.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★ Bring others together for a fun occasion. Your sixth sense kicks in with an older or powerful friend. You know the right words to get through to this person. Don't take another's actions personally. Tonight: Take a stand.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★★ Keep reaching out for someone at a distance. Your caring means a lot, as do your time and attention. Take time to create a fun happening, and invite those you care about and enjoy. What occurs could be interesting. Tonight: Let the music move you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★★ A caring partner or friend reaches out to you. Accept an invitation from him or her. It is important to this person to be seen with you. Of course you might feel a little like you are participating in show-and-tell. Just think of this as a gesture and nothing more. Tonight: Talks over dinner.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Defer to others and listen. You might not like everything that you hear or the end results if you don't put in your two cents. Say what you feel, but at a moment when it is meaningful and can make a difference. A call to someone at a distance means a lot. Tonight: Where the happening is.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★ You might not be seeing the whole picture. In a sense, you are gaining time alone to think and process. Someone makes it quite clear how much he or she cares. Tonight: A gesture toward a special person heals a wound.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★★ Your creativity comes out in nearly anything you get involved in, be it a conversation with a child, making plans or simply addressing a problem. Others, and most likely a key person, could be most enamored or taken by you. Tonight: Defer to another person.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★ If you want to go out, do keep it in your local area. For whatever reason, you will be happiest at home. Invite a friend or two over. Get into a project or share a favorite hobby. Don't isolate yourself, at any cost. Tonight: At home.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★★ Communication flourishes if you remain open. Clearly you have someone you care about enormously. A discussion opens up new possibilities that you had not considered. Whether with a child or in a courtship, there is a feeling of magic and specialness. Tonight: Enjoy the person you are with.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★ Stay centered, especially if you're involved with a major expenditure for yourself or your home. You will make a good choice. This purchase adds to your sense of well-being. A partner or friend could be changing. Tonight: Your treat.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★★ Others come forward and share more than in the past. Plans might need to be put on hold for a short while. Ask a friend to pitch in, and before you know it, you'll have cleared out a problem. Tonight: The world is your oyster.

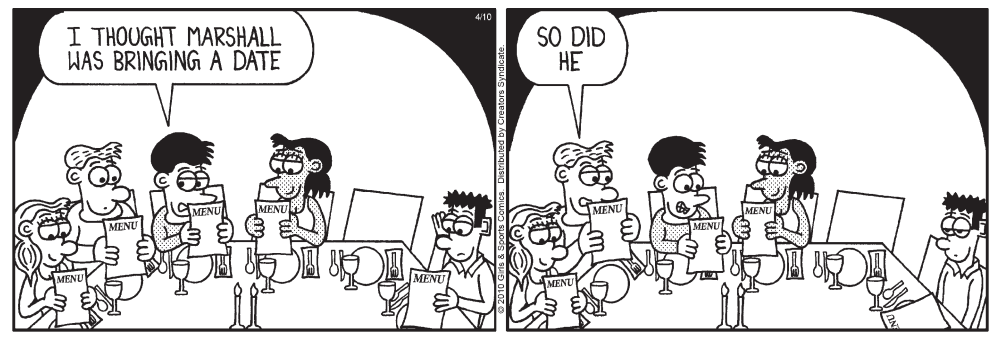
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This year, you will need time for thought and reflection. You are ending a 12-year cycle and clearing the way for a brand-new luck cycle. Be honest with yourself about what no longer works for you. You might want to let go or make an adjustment. If you are single, you could meet someone who is emotionally unavailable and not know it. Take your time dating. If you are attached, your relationship benefits from time away together. You could start acting like new lovers. PISCES could be your natural healer.

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

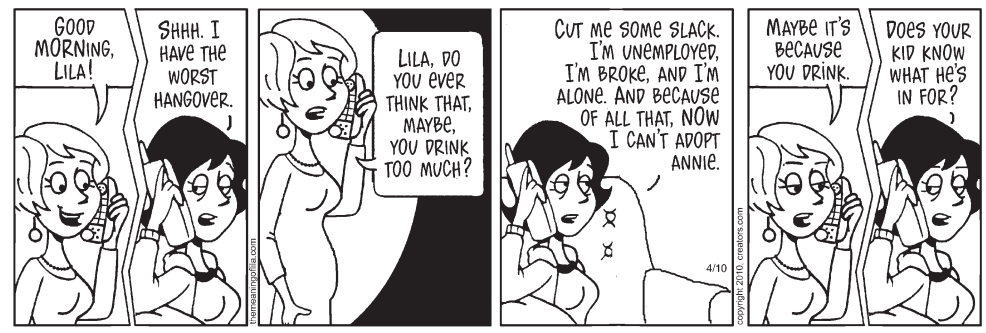
Girls and Sports

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By John Forgetta & L.A. Rose



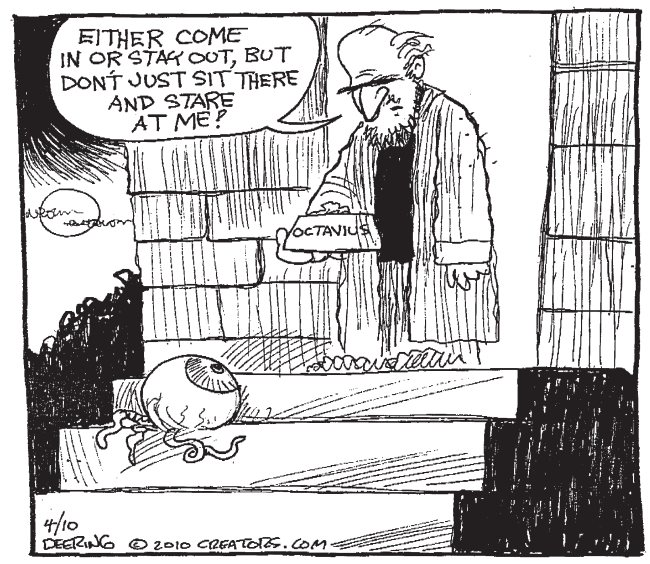
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Difficulty Level ★★★★

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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.

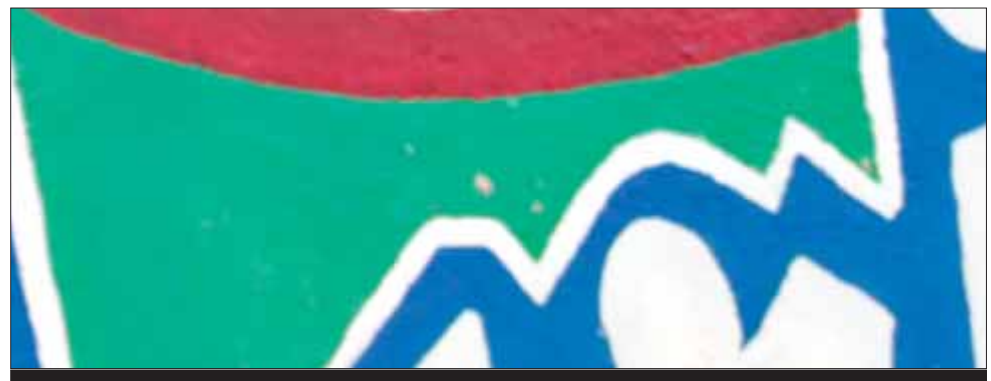
SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 "The Grass Harp" writer
7 Fox musical series
11 Perfect place
12 Tumble
13 One taking it easy
14 Not new
15 Grounds
16 "Deathtrap" co-star
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18 Radio wave-emitting star
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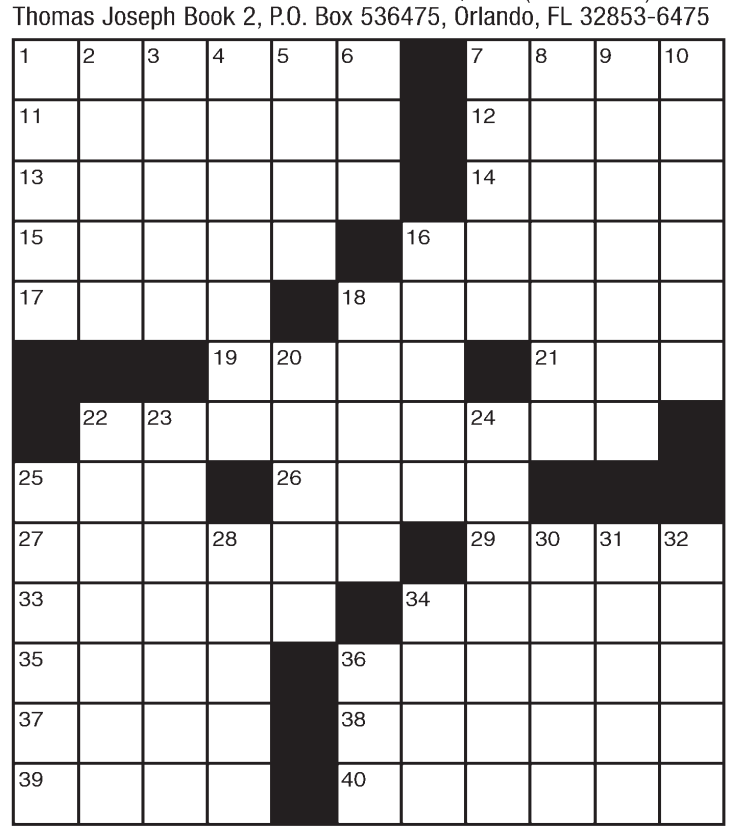
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5 Binds
6 Plug's place
7 Watery porridge
8 Wigs out
9 Lift
10 Church leaders
16 Chaka Khan's old group
18 Irritate
20 Vegas machines
22 Cure-all
23 Greek letter
24 Desdemona's husband
25 Tycoons
28 Laughable
30 Fur tycoon
31 Chef's need
32 Sharpens
34 Pub order
36 Towel word

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ In January, Aretha Brown, 66, who has lived in the same house in Callahan, Fla., (pop. 962) for 30 years, suddenly became unable to leave her yard unless she crawled between CSX railroad cars blocking her access to the road. Tracks had always been in place, but the railway only began storing train cars on them this year. CSX told The Florida Times-Union that it would soon build Brown an access road to the street.

■ The entertainment manager at Thorpe Park in Surrey, England, announced in February a contest seeking foul-smelling urine. The park has introduced a live action horror maze based on scenes from the "Saw" movie series and decided that it was missing a "signature stench" to "really push the boundaries" of disgustingness. Manager Laura Sinclair suggested that submissions' pungency would be enhanced after consumption of such foods as garlic and asparagus and offered a prize of the equivalent of about $750 for the winning urine.

■ The Times of London reported in February that at least six local government councils have been so avid about enforcing street-parking rules that they have issued tickets to vehicles registered to their own governments. In at least two recent incidents (involving Islington and Kingston), the councils pursued collection all the way to traffic court (though only in the latter case did the adjudicator actually require the council to hand over a fine to itself).

TODAY IN HISTORY

1968 Shipwreck of the New Zealand inter-island ferry TEV Wahine outside Wellington harbour.

1971 Ping Pong Diplomacy: In an attempt to thaw relations with the United States, the People's Republic of China hosts the U.S. table tennis team for a weeklong visit.

1972 20 days after he is kidnapped in Buenos Aires, Oberdan Sallustro is executed by communist guerrillas.

1972 Vietnam War: For the first time since November 1967, American B-52 bombers reportedly begin bombing North Vietnam.

WORD UP!

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