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We have you covered

THE SO, THAT'S WHERE IT CAME FROM ISSUE

Analysis: Whale meat came from Japan

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Editor in Chief

DOWNTOWN Banned meat from whales killed as part of Japan's controversial "scientific" hunt was served at The Hump and an upscale sushi restaurant in Seoul, South Korean, according to a DNA analysis published Wednesday.

Scientists say they have found clear evidence that whale meat is illegally sold in restaurants in the U.S. and South Korea in violation of a global whale ban imposed 14 years ago. Japan has invoked an exception in the ban for scientific research, dispatching a whaling fleet that harpoons several hundred whales a year and brings home tons of whale meat that is sold across Japan.

In what could be a major blow to the Japanese government, the DNA analysis suggests that distribution of whale meat may be poorly managed and could be flowing into an international smuggling network.

"The illegal trade of products from protected species of whales, presumably taken under a national permit for scientific research, is a timely reminder of the need for

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Local water supplier hiking rates 15 percent

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES The giant water wholesaler serving 26 cities including Santa Monica in Southern California is hiking rates 15 percent — and it's ordering mandatory conservation for a second year.

The board of the Los Angeles-based Metropolitan Water District of Southern California voted Tuesday to hike water rates by 7.5 percent on Jan. 1 and another 7.5 percent a year later.

District customers provide drinking water to nearly 19 million people in parts of Ventura, Los Angeles, Orange, San Diego, Riverside and San Bernardino counties.

The MWD says the increases are necessary because restrictions on pumping Sacramento-San Joaquin river delta water have crimped supplies.



ONE, TWO, THREE

Brandon Wise *brandonw@smdp.com*

Maestro David Robertson, music director for the St. Louis Symphony Orchestra and a Santa Monica High School alum, works with the Samohi Symphony Orchestra on Wednesday. Robertson was in town to lead a rare West Coast performance of the St. Louis Symphony at the Disney Concert Hall in Downtown Los Angeles. Robertson praised the Samohi's music program during his visit.

Council approves St. Monica's development plan

BY NICK TABOREK
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL The City Council on Tuesday night unanimously approved an agreement to allow St. Monica Church to renovate and expand its property at California Avenue and Lincoln Boulevard by adding a community center, new classrooms and nearly 100 new parking spaces.

The church is also planning to knock down one structure on its campus and update an auditorium and gymnasium during a construction project expected to take three to four years to complete.

The proposed project involves demolishing a 13,500-square-foot pastoral center and constructing a 27,500-square-foot community center in its place. It also includes three levels of subterranean parking and 7,700 square feet of classrooms.

In exchange for the guaranteed right to build the project, the church has agreed to provide "community benefits" that consist of access to facilities for public meetings, 15 parking spaces that will be available to neighborhood residents during evening hours, and a publicly accessible coffee shop and bookstore. Church officials have also agreed to develop a transportation demand management program aimed at limiting vehicle use by visitors to the campus.

The development deal easily passed the council without dissent.

Church officials said they are still raising money for the project and hope to begin sometime next year.

Tom Zanick, who chairs a church committee that worked on the project, said the final plan represents a scaled-back version of an earlier blueprint.

"The proposal before you is probably less than we'd like to do," he told the council, adding that the plan recognizes "we have a limited site, we have limited resources and we have a neighborhood context we have to work within."

Residents who live near the church were split on the project's appropriateness.

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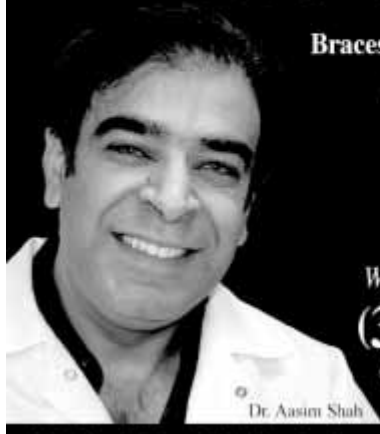
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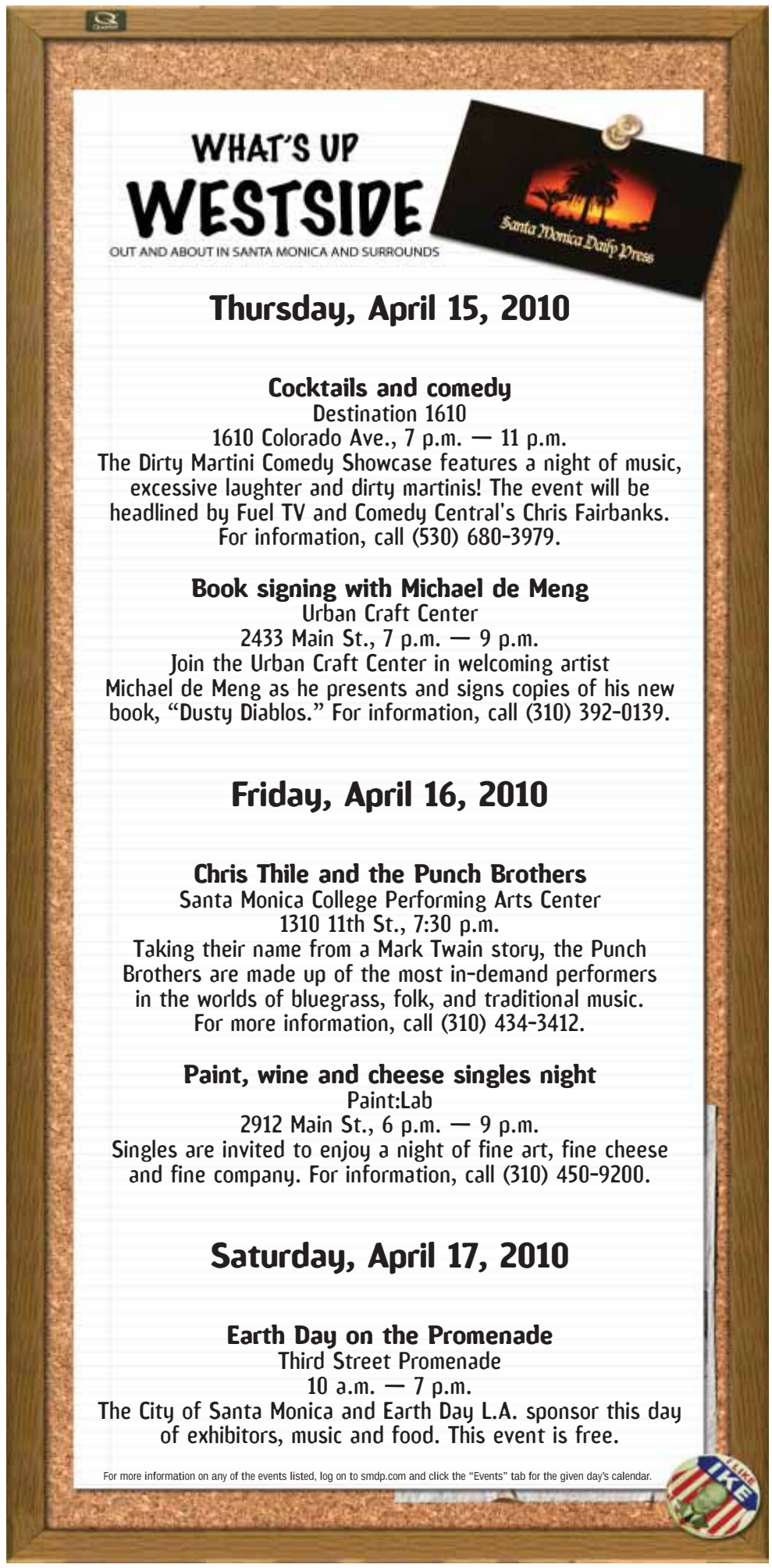
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Council says 'not so fast' to B and B owners

BY NICK TABOREK
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL The saga of Santa Monica's lone, would-be bed and breakfast continues.

The City Council on Tuesday night declined to give the owner of a seaside cottage the right to rent the property out to vacationers during half of the year, sending the proposal back to the Planning Commission for further review.

At issue is whether the owners of a landmarked cottage at 2219 Ocean Ave., which is in a residential zone, should be allowed to earn income from offering the property as a short-term rental.

A City Hall ordinance geared toward keeping commercial activity out of residential areas bars apartment owners from renting their units out for periods of less than a month. But the Planning Commission in December made an exception to that rule for the Ocean Avenue cottage, granting owners John and Donna Heidt a "conditional use permit," or CUP, to operate as a bed and breakfast — the only type of short-term rental property permitted in residential zones.

The plan for the property all along, though, was to run it more like a time-share, with no live-in host and no complimentary breakfast. The designation was allowed under City Hall code, which defines a bed and breakfast simply as a multi-unit building with at least four rooms and only one kitchen that is available for short-term stays.

While the commission's action would have allowed the property to operate legally, it also prompted an appeal to the council from an upset neighbor, Scott Spell, who said the panel's decision amounted to an "end run" around a policy meant to preserve residential neighborhoods.

"The result is a gaping loophole in the city's ban on short-term rental housing that's been opened," Spell said. "We're calling this a bed and breakfast but that's clearly not what it is … . It's just a ruse to get around the law as it currently exists."

The council stopped short of granting Spell's appeal, but several members indicated they were unwilling to allow the property owners to get away with calling the cottage a "bed and breakfast" if they weren't planning on having a full-time host live in the house to manage guests.

The Heidts, who live in Westwood, have been using the cottage as a second home, staying there about two weeks per month and previously rented it out to vacationers.

The case has sparked passions among historic preservationists and neighborhood activists.

Michael Feinstein, an Ocean Park resident and former mayor, said allowing the cottage owners to rent the property out for a week at a time amounts to an abuse of City Hall's law meant to protect housing from conversion into commercial space.

"Granting this CUP would establish a horrible precedent for our city," he said. "It would incentivize people to come into the city, buy landmark properties, claim they can't afford them and then ask for a CUP to convert them."

Others who live near the cottage complained that it has become a nuisance, with late-night parties taking place there because there's no on-site manager to lay down the law. The Heidts were required to provide supervision of the property for four hours per day under the CUP the Planning Commission issued.

The Heidts and those who support the use of the cottage as a bed and breakfast have argued that allowing it to be used at least occasionally as an income-generating prop-

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FROM THE SKIES

Fabian Lewkowicz *FabianLewkowicz.com*

City employee Robert Griffin installs a 'Do Not Feed The Birds' sign at the Santa Monica Pier on Tuesday afternoon. Aggressive pelicans have been known to peck ice cream cones and other food items from people's hands. Some injuries have been reported.

HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS ROUNDUP

New Roads reaching new heights

BY DANIEL ARCHULETA
Managing Editor

People in high places are starting to take notice of New Roads' baseball team.

The latest California Interscholastic Federation Southern Section Division 7 poll has them ranked third, which is a far cry from last season when the Jaguars finished 5-15.

Fresh off a win over intercity rival Crossroads on Tuesday, New Roads has improved its record to 9-3 overall and 1-0 in league. The Jaguars are on track to finish the season with a winning record, for the first time since the 2006-07 season.

"Our athletic program as a whole is definitely making significant strides this year, and the improvement of the baseball team this season is a testament to this progress," Athletic Director Dan Weslow wrote via e-mail.

Next up for New Roads is a game against Vasquez, which is 12-2 this season. The game will be played at Vasquez at 3:15 p.m.

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In the middle of it all

Editor:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank this paper for printing such varied views on a variety of subjects that concern our citizens.

Case in point is the publishing, on most Wednesdays, of Steve "the Mailman" Breen, right across the crease from Kenny Mack. Surely, there could not be a more diametrically opposed two than these. For me, they sort of serve as bookends to today's political process. I'm able to use them as the left and right boundaries with which I measure myself. I usually find myself right there "in the crease" between the two.

I am a registered Independent, and often find myself agreeing with either one or the other, depending on the subject matter. I consider myself a social liberal, but in fiscal and foreign policy matters I lean more conservatively. Some may call me a hypocrite, but I just like to think of myself as eclectic.

Unlike Fox News that purports to report the news "fair and balanced," The Santa Monica Daily Press truly seems to try and cover both sides of the story. This is a quality that keeps me coming back and enjoying the read, "from the crease."

Scott Mossman
Santa Monica

Say it isn't so

Editor:

I just read Steve Breen's piece in today's paper and it sounded like a farewell message ("Never trust a skinny cook," April 14). Am I to believe that this is his last column for your publication? Please say it isn't so! What are we conservatives going to do for a weekly "fix" if he quits writing? I'm so depressed. I think I'll go eat a bug.

Barry Barker
Santa Monica



Life Matters

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

Beating the Monday morning blues

DEAR NEW SHRINK,

I have been wondering why it is that I hate Mondays so much. I have been asking around and a lot of my friends have similar feelings. It is not unanimous but pretty close. What causes this and what can we do about it?

Signed,
Monday Blues

DEAR MONDAY BLUES,

You ask an interesting question but it is difficult to come up with just one answer. Maybe we should start by pointing out that it's the opposite of TGIF?

On a serious note, I really think that each situation is different and I tend to think that it is somewhat age dependent; also gender, marital status and our role in life factor in.

If you are younger, it may be that you are somewhat lost, not sure yet of your direction in life. If you are a recent college grad but can't find a job, this is not exactly uplifting. Looking for employment these days is anxiety producing as well.

Or perhaps your love life, dates, personal relations were not what you had hoped for over the weekend. Any of this can cause the Monday Blues.

And for the very young kids, some have trouble separating from family and friends after a weekend. Monday can be a big day of adjustment for them.

Along similar lines, many moms are homemakers and they experience a kind of empty nest on a Monday. They have been with family and friends all weekend and then everyone is gone come Monday. Sundays tend to be thought of as family day, so following the closeness of it can make the next day seem all the more empty.

It's good to have a game plan for Monday morning; gym, a class, or volunteer work. Having something to get up and go to puts the week off to a better start.

It is also no secret these days that we have a high number of unemployed men. This can be very hard on the self-esteem as well as the pocketbook. If you are the primary income provider, are identified with your work and have a family to support, these are rough times emotionally.

With technology advancing so rapidly and literally replacing people and jobs, some folks have to start over. They often feel insignificant, angry, scared and like a failure to the family.

For the employed, ambitious types, there can be performance anxiety or worry about losing business, jobs or clients. On the other hand, maybe you are employed and hate Mondays simply because you just do not like your job or the people you work with.

Or maybe you are like the young man who recently wrote in about being tired and hung over on Mondays. He clearly needs to cut back on the Sunday drinking. If he can't or finds excuses not to, he may have what we call the Monday morning "alcoholism" flu.

Having said all of this, there are some folks who love Mondays. For some, it is almost like a defense, it gets them away from their weekend blues.

Lastly, there is the retired. This is an important group to consider. Scientific research has shown that those who are not prepared for retirement, especially men or those career folks who are highly identified with their work, have a much higher incidence of death within the first two years of retirement. It cannot be stressed enough just how very important it is to be prepared for retirement.

No matter who we are, we need to have a meaning or purpose to our lives. When we are younger, we hopefully have our entire lives ahead of us and much to look forward to. Even if we are not clear in our identity, figuring it out can become the purpose and establishing it, even more so. But if we are beyond this and suddenly lose our jobs, especially if it's a job that is being totally eliminated and won't be coming back, we can become very threatened and the blues may go way beyond Mondays.

The bottom line is that we need to be prepared, as prepared as we can be because it always helps us to handle life changes and unexpected events much better.

Think about your reasons for the Monday Blues. There is a good chance it falls into one of the categories above or something quite close to it. Once you figure it out, do your best to do something about it.

If not, write back. We are here to help you with your life matters.

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Maybe it's just me

ON OCCASION MY HUSBAND WARNS ME that if I meet three jerks in a day, then chances are I'm the jerk. (Although he doesn't actually use the word jerk.)

Indeed, despite the fact I lead a relatively charmed life, I've been feeling a little jerky of late. It could be because I've been sick for the better part of two weeks and just about everything is irritating me. Or it could be because deep down, I'm really just a jerk. Either way — a little spring cleaning, if you will.

We rarely take our daughter out to eat. Mostly because four minutes after sitting down in any restaurant is when she decides to experiment with just how far she can hurl a spoon. And also because while she's not exactly a picky eater, she likes what she likes how and when she likes it and unlike at home, the staff in a restaurant is generally not so keen on continuously preparing her a variety of foods until she eventually picks something.

Which is why when we took her for dinner at a nearby hotel bar a few weeks ago it seemed as if ordering her the macaroni and cheese from the kids' menu was a safe bet. I figured at $10 a plate, it must be one of those fancy mac and cheese dishes, like it would arrive infused with truffle oil, laced with chunks of slow braised short ribs, baked with gold flakes or studded with emeralds. After all, no one can possibly charge that much for just plain macaroni and cheese on a kids' menu. Even in a hotel. Even in a resort town.

And I was right. It wasn't actually macaroni and cheese. It was penne and cheese. But the penne was where the fanciness ended (and I'm not sure penne really falls into the fancy category — cavatelli or fusilli, maybe, but not penne).

Talk to other parents of kids between the ages of zero and 3 or 4, and I'm guessing many of them will also feel as if they would like some warning when macaroni is actually penne. My princess will only eat penne with tomato sauce. She likes her melted cheese with actual macaroni. And at an extravagant $10 for a shallow bowl with about 20 pieces of penne and nary a precious gem or edible fungus in sight, I call B.S.

On the opposite end of the spectrum is our neighborhood diner, which proudly charges $3.50 for a small dish of Kraft macaroni and cheese straight from the 99-cent box (plus fries and a drink). Granted there are few things more comforting than Kraft, but if I knew that's what they were serving, I would have made and fed it to her at home on principle alone. I even would have garnished it with a sprig of parsley, if it made her feel special.

For my complaining, I've been rewarded in the form of a large purple dinosaur. I don't mind Barney (although the new one eerily sounds as if he could be featured on an episode of Dateline's "To Catch A Predator") as much as whiny Baby Bop and her obnoxious older brother, BJ. But what really irks me is the voice-over at the end. The woman who sounds like an NPR reject who comes on to deliver an episode summary for the adults. She explains in detail what actually happened over the past 28 minutes, what kids were supposed to take from it and how parents can continue to teach their children in real life. You know, in case we missed the real message in the song, "Look Both Ways When You Cross the Street."

I'll be the first to admit I'm not always the sharpest knife in the drawer (I watched "Spinal Tap" three times and felt awful for the band, wondering why they ever would have agreed to be the subject of a documentary). But I feel confident that during each episode of Barney I absorb the lessons that are simple enough for my 20-month-old daughter to understand. And she frequently tries to bathe fully clothed in a waterless tub.

Then there's the matter of my Yahoo e-mail. I clicked the send button the other day after typing a message when a warning popped up: "Forget something? Please enter an e-mail address in the To: field." Do I really need sarcasm in my Yahoo mail? Am I supposed to be a doormat just because it's free?

And those "Don't even think about parking here" signs. Really, parking department? Are things that slow in the office that you need to come up with spicy copy for your signs? Did I miss the launch of the campaign to make parking tickets and meter maids sexier?

As Navin R. Johnson said, "First they didn't have the bamboo umbrellas for the drinks, and now snails on the plate." My thoughts exactly.

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The Q Line

The final say

City planners are in the midst of finalizing the Land Use and Circulation Element, or LUCE, which will determine what shape development takes for the next two decades.

So, this week's Q-Line question asks:
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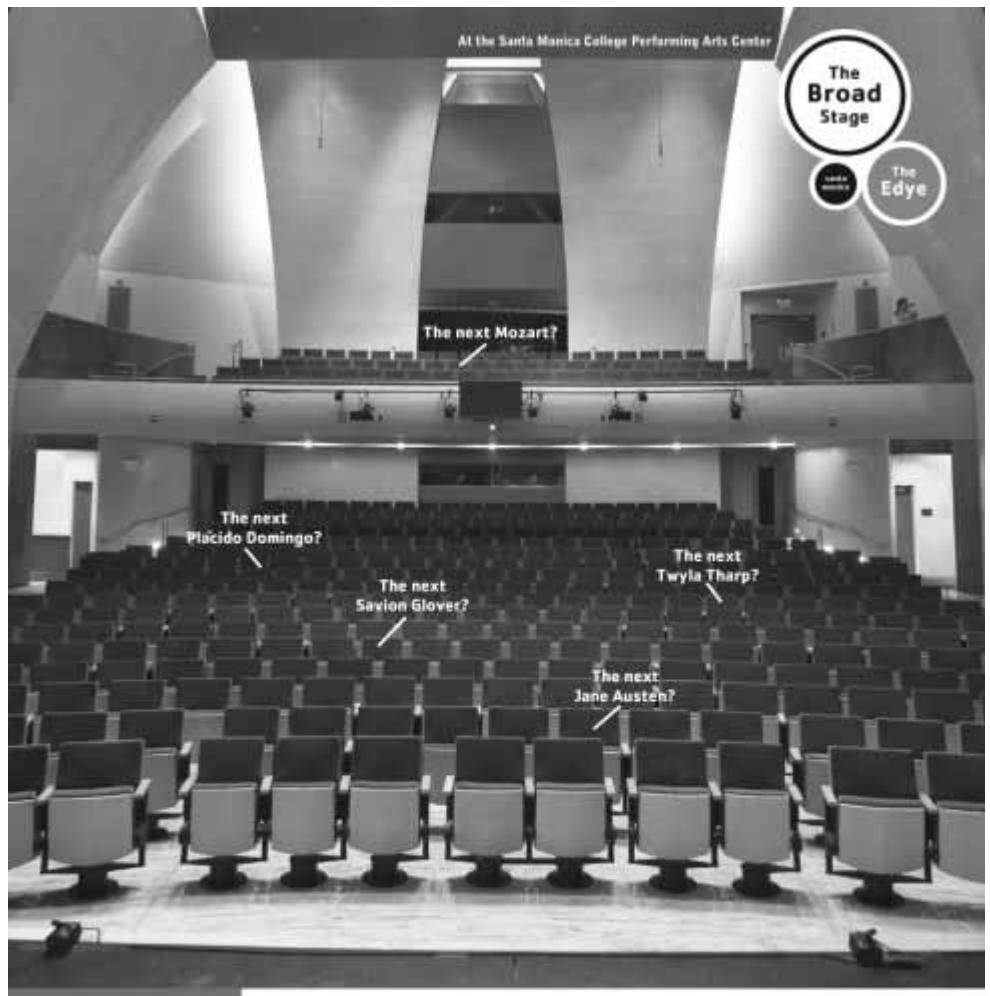

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Taking a bakery tour

BAKERIES ARE POPPING UP ALL OVER LOS Angeles and have taken desserts to a new level. Gone are the days of terrible store-bought baked goods with sugary cakes smothered in pastel-colored icing. I seem to find a new bakery every week these days and thought I would check out a few local spots that offer wonderful tasty treats.

There are bakeries and then there are fine bakeries. I will start with the former, Angel Maid Bakery on Centinela Avenue right past Washington Boulevard. It is a Japanese bakery so the goods are not too sweet, which, from reading all the reviews on Yelp about them, is their claim to fame, so to speak. The place is a no frills working bakery with nothing fancy about it, but they crank out some very nice items. I went in there about a month ago to buy a few dozen cookies for a meeting I was going to and they were very yummy; chocolate chip, peanut butter chip and one that was half chocolate and half vanilla in a swirl type of pattern. All of the cookies were delicious and tasted homemade and buttery. I hear their chocolate mousse cake is the real deal but didn't try it yet, as I said I don't want to get into this research too deeply.

Then I went to Schmerty's Cookies on Ocean Park Boulevard near 28th Street in Sunset Park. I have walked by there a million times and resisted the temptation and aroma to go in, but finally, in honor of this piece, I broke down.

It is a family-run business that has been around since 2001 and specializes in very delicious cookies. I know the owner as we both go to the same pilates class so she hooked me up! I was treated to a large box of every cookie they make plus a brownie, lemon bar and their latest flavor, cranberry.

First of all, the place is so sweet and appealing that you want to sit there all day eating cookies and milk. It is a small space with a few tables and is clean enough to eat off the floor. They do have the ability to serve coffee and sell small bottles of milk for the true cookie lover. I really loved the soft, chewy texture of all the cookies and my favorite was the chocolate, chocolate chip — what a surprise.

I also enjoyed the oatmeal and peanut chocolate chip. The only one that wasn't my taste was the red velvet cookie; too buttery and there was no real taste to it and the heaviness made me not want to finish it. The cranberry bars were really good, surprisingly so, rich and dense. They do have the trendy cupcake featured with many flavors and icings and sell cookie dough to take home if you want to make your own cookies.

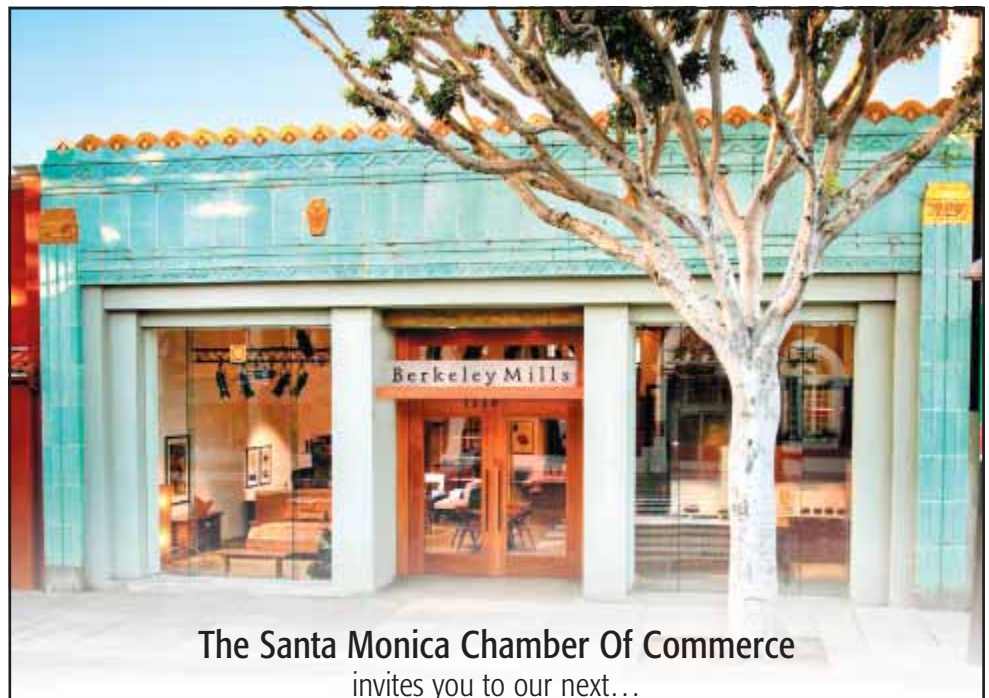
I was lucky enough to find a true gem on Washington Boulevard in Culver City named Platine. The retail store opened in 2009 (although the business has been around since 2002) with chef/owner Jamie Cantor at the helm. She has taken baked goods to a new level; elegant, refined and unique, this place was my favorite. It is a working kitchen which you see from behind the small display case, and delivers some of the finest cookies, pastries and tarts I have seen outside of Paris or New York. I had a sampling of their artisan cookies, fancy cookies and mini pastries, all done with subtle flavors and twists that made me want more. For example, there is a chocolate gingersnap that I loved. What a perfect combination of ginger, spices and chocolate. They have created a Ho-Ho (remember those?) in a mini "updated" version that was to die for. There is also a cheesecake cup that has seasonal flavors such as blood orange, pumpkin and fleur de sel. And they make a seriously addictive new twist on an Oreo with a soft dark chocolate cookie filled with thick vanilla bean frosting. This stuff was so much more refined than the previous two that it was like night and day. The cookies were delicious without being overly buttery or too sweet so you could taste the vanilla bean, chocolate chips, currants and nuts used. The bars, mini tarts and "fancy" cookies were just like you would find in a Parisian bakery.

Of course there are many more establishments worth visiting and endless goodies to taste all over the city such as; Thyme Café, the new Bite Bakery on Pico Boulevard and 32nd Street and Hotcakes, also on Centinela and Washington Boulevard. So venture out for your next sweet treat and enjoy!

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A NETWORK OF FUELING STATIONS

There is a network of over 200 public compressed natural gas stations in California that can "fast-fill" the Civic GX with natural gas. These stations fuel the GX as quickly as fueling a traditional gasoline vehicle. These stations are generally located along freeways and most are open 24 hours per day. There is even one near Honda of Santa Monica at 1701 Stewart St in Santa Monica. At these public access CNG stations, the fuel costs generally range from $1.80 to $2.50, significantly less than gasoline and with far fewer price fluctuations.

IT'S STILL A CIVIC

The Civic GX is all Civic at heart. Based on the Civic LX, the Civic GX has spacious comfort, sleek styling and easy handling. It is built from the ground up as a natural gas vehicle on the Civic assembly line in Greensburg, Indiana, making it the only mass-produced natural gas vehicle built and sold in the United States. You won't sacrifice performance with the Civic GX's responsive 113 horsepower, 1.8-liter engine and smooth-shifting five-speed automatic transmission.

SAFETY IS A PRIORITY

The Civic GX has all of the Civic safety features including six airbags and the highly sophisticated Advanced Compatibility Engineering (ACE) body structure that is tough enough to garner a 5-star frontal crash-test rating from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

MORE DURABLE THAN MOST

The Civic GX has the standard Civic warranty of 3 years/36,000 miles and an outstanding 15 year/150,000 mile emissions durability warranty that few vehicles offer. This emission warranty extends the warranty coverage on many vehicle parts, such as the oxygen sensors and most elements of the fueling system, assuring the owner that the Civic GX will maintain it's very low cost of ownership and incredibly low emissions for many years to come.

DRIVING IS BELIEVING

The true test of any vehicle is getting behind the wheel and taking a drive. The Civic GX's performance and handling is the same great performance and handling that the world expects from a Honda. Driving is believing; so, head to Honda of Santa Monica for a test drive today! The only question that will remain is "What color should I buy?"

HONDA of Santa Monica

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Say Goodbye to Gasoline and Say Hello to Natural Gas

Saying goodbye to gasoline is more important today than ever before. That is because there is a greater international demand on oil supplies and these supplies, as well as the oil producers themselves, are in faraway places that are frequently politically volatile. There also is increased concern for the environment and the impact that motor vehicle pollution may have on global warming. And, of course, the United States has experienced high gasoline prices at a time when it is believed that oil reserves are at an all-time low.

The United States needs an alternative and American Honda believes that natural gas is a natural choice.

Say Goodbye to Oil, Foreign or Domestic

Natural gas has long been considered an excellent transportation fuel that entirely eliminates gasoline from the vehicle. Natural gas is a natural resources that can be found in many areas of the United States and can even be generated from biogases from landfills and dairy farms, making natural gas a renewable fuel. The United States has over 100 years of natural gas reserves which will take us well into the future.

Say Hello to Energy Diversity and Security

Through the deployment of the Civic GX and other vehicles that run on natural gas, a domestically abundant fuel, our nation becomes less dependent on oil, foreign or domestic, making our nation more energy independent and secure. Natural gas use also diversifies our energy choices, giving drivers more options and preserving precious oil reserves for uses other than transportation.

Say Goodbye to Emissions and Pollution while Reducing Your Carbon Footprint

Natural gas vehicles generally offer a 90% reduction in emissions from tailpipes and the Civic GX's tailpipe emissions are actually about 99% lower than that of a traditional gasoline vehicle. In addition, natural gas vehicles eliminate well-to-wheel emissions. This means that the pollution from oil refineries, gasoline delivery – such as emissions from gasoline tanker trucks – underground gasoline storage tanks and gasoline fueling are all eliminated. All this is due to the fact that natural gas is an inherently low carbon fuel that reduces emissions, as well as greenhouse gases, thus helping you reduce your carbon footprint and helping the nation reduce global warming.

Say Hello to Cleaner Air

The natural gas Civic GX is so clean that, in some areas of California, the emissions from the tailpipe are actually cleaner than the air that people are breathing.

Say Goodbye to High Fuel Prices

Natural gas historically is priced lower than gasoline. Currently, natural gas prices are at an all-time low, which means that the public natural gas fueling stations are selling natural gas for $1.80 to $2.50 (double check your price range as we don't want to over promise) per gasoline gallon equivalent. This is less than the $3.00 per gallon that most people are currently paying for gasoline. Gasoline prices are projected to increase over time, while natural gas prices are projected to remain flat or even decrease some. This means that you will not only save on fuel costs today with a Civic GX, but could save even more in the future as gasoline prices increase.

So, "say goodbye to gasoline" and say "hello" to a cleaner, more energy diverse future!

Scientists call for 'robust' monitoring of whale hunts

FROM ANALYSIS PAGE 1

independent, transparent and robust monitoring of any future whaling," said the author's of the study, which appeared online in the journal Biology Letters, published by the London-based Royal Society.

Scientists tested pieces of sei whale meat sold last October at The Hump, a Santa Monica-based sushi restaurant whose owners and a chef are facing federal charges for violating the Marine Mammal Protection Act. The tests revealed that the meat samples were "identical" to whale products purchased in Japan in 2007 and 2008.

The authors said the meat came from a sei whale killed in the North Pacific during a Japanese scientific hunt. Last month, the owners of The Hump apologized to customers for serving whale sushi and have since closed the restaurant.

The DNA analysis also matched fin whale meat served last year in a Seoul restaurant to fin whale products sold in Japan. Japan killed 13 fin whales between 2005 and 2008, and it is "highly likely" the meat purchased in South Korea and Japan came from the same whale, according to the study.

Federal officials were alerted to the sale of illegal whale meat at The Hump after the team behind the Oscar-award winning documentary "The Cove" conducted an undercover investigation, capturing video of a waitress at the restaurant serving whale. The team also had receipts from The Hump that had the word "whale" written on them.

The owners of The Hump and a chef are expected back in federal court on May 10.

Authors of the study said Japan should be required to make public a register of the DNA of all the whales it catches so that illegally traded meat can be tracked.

The study was conducted by 11 scientists from the U.S., Japan and South Korea.

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Back to the drawing board for bed and breakfast

FROM COTTAGE PAGE 3

erty is crucial to funding its renovation and upkeep, and is an important way of encouraging others to purchase and restore landmarked buildings in the city.

Nina Fresco, a landmarks commissioner, told the council on Tuesday that it's appropriate to give the cottage's owners "excellent but reasonable benefits" in exchange for being good keepers of a historic building.

"All owners of landmarks should benefit equally as they are all stewarding Santa Monica cultural resources on our behalf."

Historic preservationists have praised the restoration work the couple put into the previously dilapidated structure, and last year the Santa Monica Conservancy gave the property an award.

Council member Gleam Davis and Mayor Pro Tem Pam O'Connor supported granting the Heidts permission to rent the cottage out with slight adjustments to operating procedures. But the rest of the council members present for the vote indicated that bigger changes to how the property is handled would be needed for it to win a bed and breakfast designation.

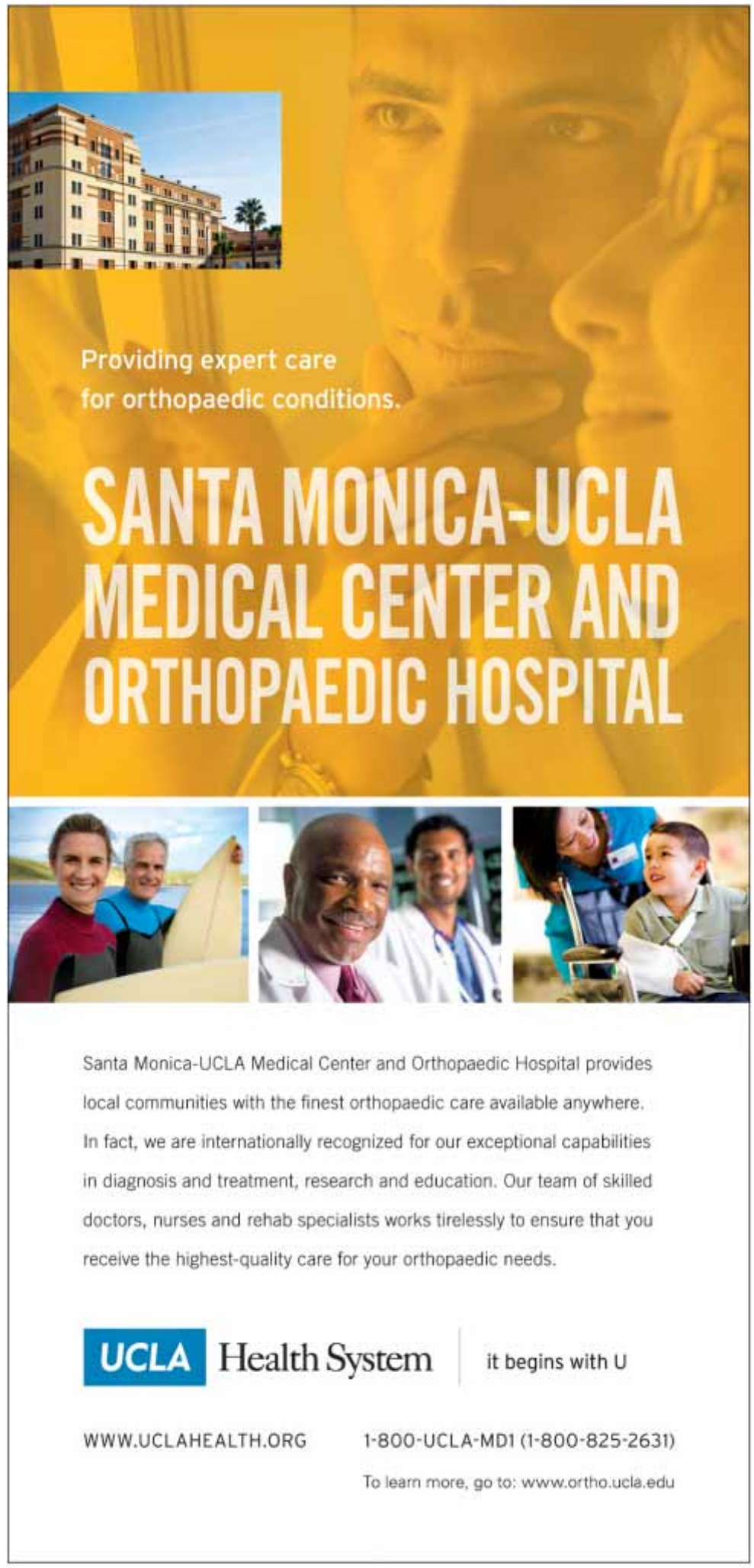
"WE'RE CALLING THIS A BED AND BREAKFAST BUT THAT'S CLEARLY NOT WHAT IT IS ... . IT'S JUST A RUSE TO GET AROUND THE LAW AS IT CURRENTLY EXISTS."

Scott Spell,
Santa Monica resident

"I always thought or believed that a bed and breakfast meant you'd have kind of a cute room and some kind of a breakfast," said Councilman Bob Holbrook. "And this doesn't feel like that to me."

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CHECK OUT THE HOROSCOPES ON PAGE 12!

Church construction to last up to four years

FROM ST. MONICA PAGE 1

The Wilshire-Montana Neighborhood Coalition reluctantly supported the plan, with the group's chair person, Valerie Griffin, stating that the addition of new parking spaces in the neighborhood "outweighs [the] increased awfulness" of the added traffic congestion the development is expected to cause at the intersection of Lincoln Boulevard and Wilshire Boulevard.

Others, though, said the construction impacts are enough to make the project a bad deal for the neighborhood.

"What can often be a bottleneck starting at Wilshire will be a nightmare," said Sidney Hillery, who lives near the church. The project is also expected to overlap a planned renovation of the California Incline, which she said will compound congestion in the area.

Ken Sherman accused City Hall of failing to give residents adequate notice about several public meetings on St. Monica's development plans. He brought with him a notice for a March 17 meeting that had been postmarked on March 31 and a notice for Tuesday's meeting that he said had been sent on April 6, fewer than the required 10 days beforehand.

Planning Director Eileen Fogarty denied there had been improper notice given.

Before their unanimous vote in support of the deal, the council also heard from a number of church supporters, among them Wilmont resident Susan Scarafia. She said the planned construction will improve a valuable community asset while providing a significant side benefit to the neighborhood by adding underground parking spaces.

"Those of us who live there really applaud the church for helping us alleviate [our parking] problem," she said.

Council members raised concerns about the workability of the proposed shared parking program and ultimately agreed that the plan should be subject to review.

No council member raised serious concerns before voting to approve the deal, but Councilman Bobby Shriver said there should be no mistake the project will have substantial impacts on its neighbors.

"It's going to be a big noisy project, and I think we should not say anything other than that," he said.

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> Sidney Hillery,
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Samohi teams hit the road

FROM ROUNDUP PAGE 3

SAMOHI SOFTBALL VISITS BEVERLY HILLS

Santa Monica High School' softball team, which is ranked sixth in the latest CIF-SS Division 4 poll, travels to Beverly Hills today in Ocean League action.

The Samohi Vikings are 10-5 overall and 1-0 in league. The Vikings are coming off a 20-0 trashing of Inglewood on Tuesday.

The game will be played at 3:15 p.m.

SAMOHI BASEBALL ON THE ROAD

Samohi's baseball team will complete its season series with Ocean League rival Hawthorne today on the road. The game is scheduled to begin at 3:15 p.m.

The Samohi Vikings defeated Hawthorne, 3-0, on Tuesday at home improving its record to 8-7 overall and 1-0 in league play. Hawthorne is 9-8 overall and 0-1 in league.

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MLB

Pineiro pitches slumping Angels past Yankees, 5-3

MIKE FITZPATRICK
AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK Joel Pineiro's power sinker cut right through the Yankees lineup.

That was a welcome sight for the Los Angeles Angels, who looked much more like themselves as soon as they got a top-notch pitching performance.

Pineiro tossed seven impressive innings for his first win with his new team and the Angels showed signs of shaking their early slump by beating New York 5-3 on Wednesday.

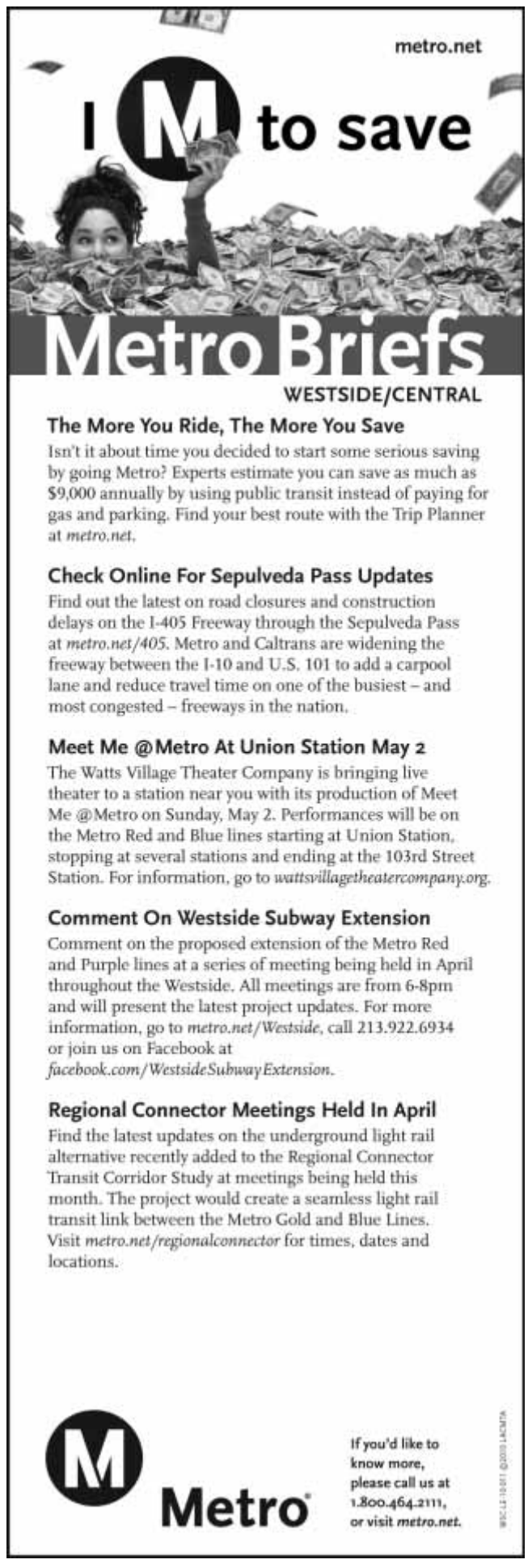
"We need more games like this," manager Mike Scioscia said. "If we had been playing like this for the first week there's no way we're sitting with a 3-6 record."

Bobby Abreu and Kendry Morales each hit an RBI double off a rocky Javier Vazquez, and Los Angeles rebounded after its worst eight-game start since 1972.

Much more reminiscent of the sound team that's won three straight AL West titles and five in six years, the Angels were aggressive on the bases and made tough plays in the field.

Kevin Jepsen escaped an eighth-inning jam and Fernando Rodney, filling in for injured closer Brian Fuentes, got three quick outs for his first save.







SURF REPORT

Surf Conditions **Water Temp:** 58°

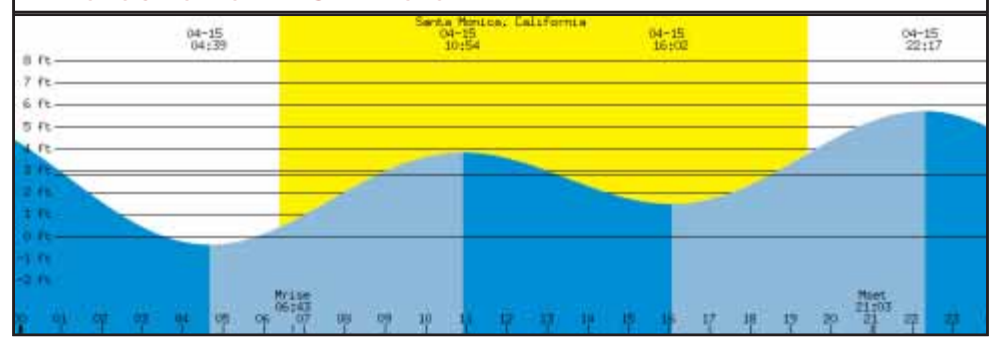
Swell Forecast

Chest to head high at south facing breaks, waist high at direct west facing spots.

Long Range Synopsis

The southerly swell should back off to chest high max. West facing breaks are looking at knee to waist high waves.

Tide Forecast for Today in Santa Monica



BEACH REPORT CARD

NORTH LOS ANGELES COUNTY

Grades for this report are based on monitoring data from the previous 30 days up to the ending date of **April 6, 2010**

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QUICK STATS (for the last 30 days)

- Number of sewage spills – 0
- Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill – 0
- Number of wet days – 2
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather - 35 / 26
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather – 5 / 19

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

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

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Los Cerrillo 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

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

Heal the Bay's Beach Report Card℠ is based on weekly water quality monitoring data provided by the City of Los Angeles' Environmental Monitoring Division and the Los Angeles County Department of Health Services. Data is analyzed as soon as it is made available to us by the public agencies. Beaches are graded on an A–F scale based on the risk of ocean users becoming ill. Samples are analyzed for bacteria—enterococcus, total and fecal coliforms—that indicate biological pollution. A fact sheet detailing the exact methodology used in determining grades for each location is available from the office or on our web site. The report is not designed to measure the amount of trash or toxins found at local beaches.

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MOVIE TIMES

Aero Theatre
1328 Montana Ave.
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Call theater for information.

AMC Loews Broadway 4
1441 Third Street Promenade

The Bounty Hunter (PG-13) 1hr 46min
1:30pm, 4:15pm, 7:05pm, 9:40pm

Greenberg (R) 1hr 47min
1:35pm, 4:20pm, 7:15pm, 9:55pm

Clash of the Titans 3D (PG-13) 1hr 50min
1:15pm, 4:00pm, 7:00pm, 9:45pm

Letters to God (PG) 1hr 50min
1:45pm, 4:35pm, 7:25pm, 10:00pm

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

Alice in Wonderland (in Disney Digital 3D) (PG) 1hr 49min
1:20pm, 4:10pm, 7:05pm, 9:50pm

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

Date Night (PG-13) 1hr 28min
1:15pm, 2:00pm, 3:30pm, 4:30pm, 6:00pm, 7:00pm, 8:30pm, 9:30pm

The Last Song (PG) 1hr 47min
1:00pm, 4:00pm, 7:15pm, 9:55pm

Hot Tub Time Machine (R) 1hr 40min
2:10pm, 4:35pm, 7:20pm, 9:45pm

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

Do your thing, Gemini

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Someone you answer to could make demands. Detach from the immediate issue in order to get down to the very basics. There are solutions. You also might gain more understanding of what is necessary to allow greater creative flow. Tonight: Your treat.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ You don't know what to do with a difficult situation that emanates from a domestic or property-related issue. Your ability to communicate accelerates as you seek out solutions. Know what you want. Tonight: Think "weekend."

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★ Knowing that more is on your plate than you can handle could be important in making decisions. You could be overwhelmed by all the possibilities that lie in front of you. Sometimes you need to step back and do some questioning. Be careful about a difficult conversation. Tonight: Do your thing.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★★ A meeting could have a far greater impact than you anticipated. Enlist the support of others, both financially and emotionally, in a key project. Your opportunities are many and allow you greater flexibility than anticipated. Tonight: Where the action is.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★ Your fiery side emerges too quickly when you think you are challenged. That might not be the case. Relax and work with this person. A meeting could prove to be most enlightening. Many ideas are exchanged. Tonight: In the limelight.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★★ Keep thinking outside the box, and you'll come up with ideas left and right. How you handle a changeable situation, whether it is a relationship or a heartfelt project, could transform if you transform also. Try to push away from either/or situations. Tonight: Let your mind wander to great music.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★★ A partner wants and needs more control. You could be irritated, as it appears he or she might be stepping on your desires and boundaries. Investigate different alternatives within a meeting or get-together. Tonight: Chat over dinner.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Listen to another person's sharing. How you deal with someone could change radically. If you're investigating alternatives to a difficult professional or emotional matter, hold back some. Others chime in, and it gives you a better sense of where you are. Tonight: Say "yes."

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ An even, mellow approach could go far. You might want to push someone, but that won't work. If you're challenged, get to the base of your resistance. You could be surprised by what comes up for you. Be willing to flex, especially in your daily life. Tonight: Squeeze in some exercise.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★★ Sometimes pressure helps you come up with unusual solutions. Your creativity soars in the face of one of these challenges. Understand what is happening with an irritated associate. The right solution can incorporate everyone's bottom line. Tonight: Let your imagination rock and roll.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★ You could be holding back and not be too happy at first. Refuse to place yourself in a difficult situation. Just keep working with new information, knowing there is an answer. You just might not have seen the solution yet. Tonight: At home.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★★ If you keep communication flowing, even a disagreement isn't hard. You discover that a meeting or a friend could be the source of a solution. Others also might be looking to greater flexibility. Tonight: Say "yes" to an invitation.

Happy birthday

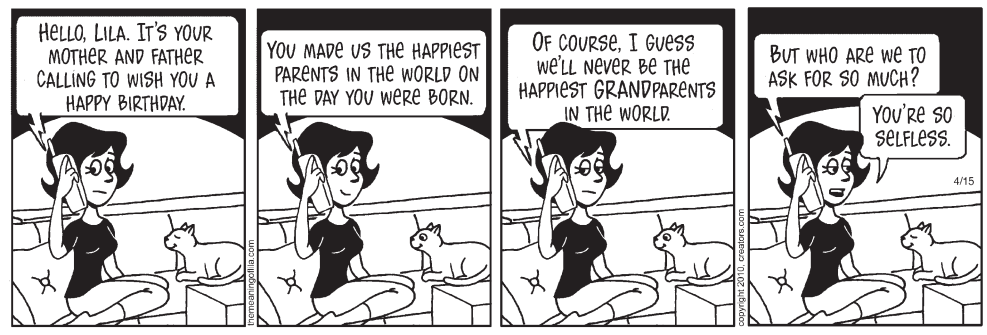
This year, you see life with renewed interest. You see ways to maximize your security and finances. Often, you will look risks directly in the eye. Be very sane about taking a risk, as the damages could be great. Include emotional risking in this category. Always be sure you can accept the fallout if you decide to go for it. If you are single, you consider new possibilities as a result of a newfound openness. The people you meet could be unusually interesting. Just check that this person really is emotionally available before getting involved. If you are attached, the two of you need to work more as a team, emphasizing security. TAURUS can be a little too practical for your taste.

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

Girls and Sports
By Justin Borus and Andrew Feinstein



The Meaning of Lila
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By Jim Davis



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By John Deering



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Sudoku

Fill in the blank cells using numbers 1 to 9. Each number can appear only once in each row, column, and 3x3 block. Use logic and process of elimination to solve the puzzle. The difficulty level ranges from ★ (easiest) to ★★★★★ (hardest).

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.

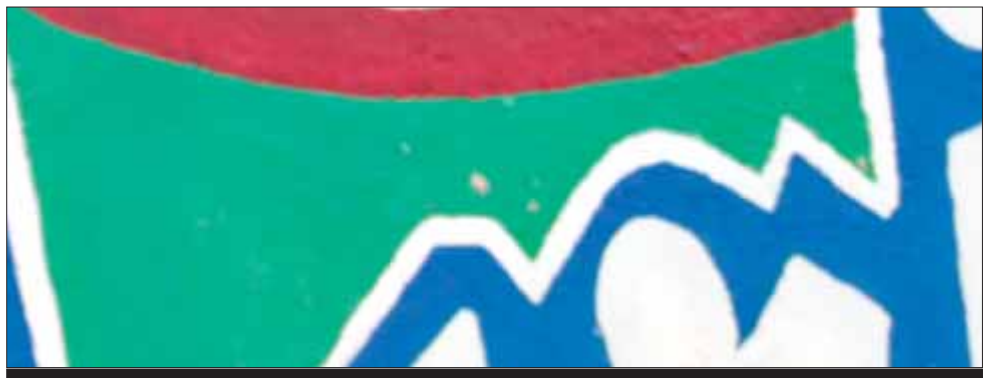
SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

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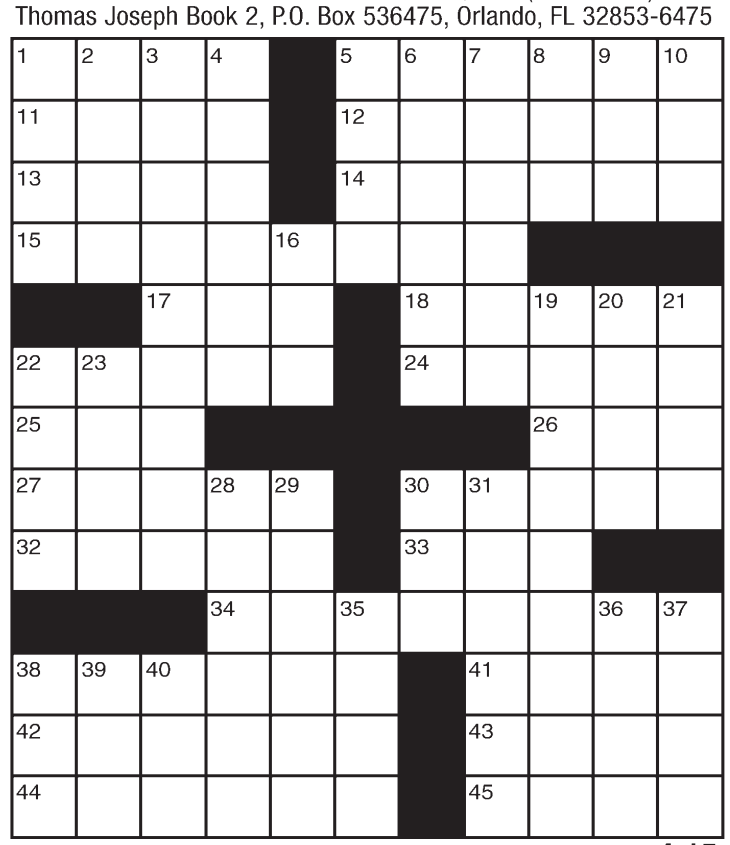
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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Lax on Perverts: In February, the Minnesota Board of Chiropractic Examiners relicensed Scott Fredin even though he is still registered as a sex offender following a 2003 conviction for fondling two female patients during "examinations." Released from jail in 2006, he had re-applied to the board, which then found him "rehabilitated." He agreed to several restrictions on his office practice, but the board declined to order him to disclose his crime to patients. (And in March, the Tennessee Board of Medical Examiners finally expelled Dr. David Livingston, whom it had licensed in 1992 despite knowledge of his sex-crime-related expulsions in two states and his being labeled a "violent sex offender" by the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation.)

■ Ralph Conone, 68, was arrested in Columbus, Ohio, in March after witnesses identified him as the man who several times had walked up behind young children, punched them on the head when their parents weren't looking, and walked away as if nothing had happened. According to police, Conone confessed that he had been punching children in public since January because he liked the "excitement" of getting away with something.

■ Police who were called to a home in Charleroi, Pa., in February arrested Linda Newstrom, 49, for allegedly swinging a baseball bat (reportedly, a genuine Louisville Slugger) at her 21-year-old son, Jeffrey, because he had come home drunk. (She whiffed on the first two swings but connected on the third.) Newstrom told police, "I brought him into this world, and I'll take him out of this world."

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	Single Family Homes	Condos & Townhomes
Santa Monica Canyon	$1,997,000	$4,802,500
North of Montana	$2,695,000	$1,395,000
Between Wilshire & Montana	$2,095,000	$875,000
South of Wilshire	$795,000	$649,500
Sunset Park	$1,274,000	$598,000
Ocean Park	$1,429,000	$655,000

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