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FREE RIDE: **Santa Monica College students board a Big Blue Bus in front of the main campus on Thursday afternoon.**

BBB fare hike delayed for SMC

BY NICK TABOREK
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL City Hall has agreed not to charge Santa Monica College more for providing its students and staff with unlimited access to the Big Blue Bus system for at least a year, though the City Council is expected to increase fares for other riders next week.

Facing an estimated $6.1 million deficit, BBB officials have recommended increasing the base fare from 75 cents to either $1.50 or $1.25 as part of a plan expected to generate between $3.4 million and $4.2 million per year in additional revenue for the bus system.

While that recommendation stands, BBB Director Stephanie Negriff on Monday said SMC would not be affected by the potentially higher fares for at least another year.

"The partnership has been so important to us that we think we can take that extra time to get it right," she said of the decision.

SMC pays City Hall about $1.2 million per year so that its students and staff can take advantage of the "Any Line Any Time" program, which lets those who are eligible board any bus simply by showing a college ID card.

Since the college pays for the program based on the estimated number of SMC riders, implementing a fee hike could have cost SMC several hundred thousand dollars more per year and may have jeopardized the college's ability to provide unlimited access to the transportation system, according to Don Girard, SMC's senior director of government relations.

Girard said it makes sense to give the college special consideration for access to bus lines because SMC is a bulk buyer. City Hall officials, meanwhile, have praised the SMC program for helping reduce traffic.

"The college is a major user of BBB service. By some estimates, we are about 10 percent of their ridership," Girard said.

He praised the BBB's decision to delay implementing its planned fee hike for SMC.

"The college is very engaged in moving people onto public transit and understands that it has to be a personal and institutional priority, and we know that the problem of increasing costs will continue to be with us," Girard said. "We look forward to involving our community in exploring long-term solutions."

The council had been set to decide on the fare increase in March, but the vote was postponed after SMC officials asked for more time to negotiate.

Negriff said the reason for delaying the implementation of the expected fee hike for SMC was to come up with an accurate count of how many SMC riders use the bus system.

Because the "Any Line Any Time" program doesn't require riders to pay a fare for

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HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL ROUNDUP

Samohi considers playing 'little ball'

BY DANIEL ARCHULETA
Managing Editor

SAMOHI When a baseball team struggles for runs, coaches everywhere begin considering changes.

For the Santa Monica High School Vikings, that change may come in the form of little ball.

Coming off a pair of losses in which the Vikings scored seven runs against 14 from their opponents, Samohi Head Coach Sheldon Philip-Guide said he may have to reconsider his standing order allowing players to swing freely and tighten the reigns to produce more offense.

"I think we're taking bad approaches at

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Local schools deemed 'distinguished' by state

BY NICK TABOREK
Daily Press Staff Writer

SMMUSD HDQTRS A trio of local elementary schools have been named "California Distinguished Schools" for taking steps to narrow the achievement gap while maintaining high scores on standardized tests.

McKinley, Point Dume Marine Science and Webster elementary schools each received the honor, the California Department of Education announced Monday.

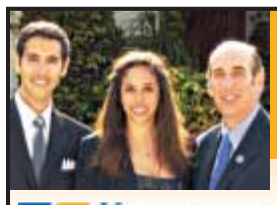
To be eligible for the award, schools must meet benchmark scores on federal and state tests.

Elementary and secondary schools are recognized during alternate years, so this year only elementary schools were considered.

To be recognized in 2010, elementary schools had to submit an application describing two of their most successful signature practices. A panel of educators conducted in-person evaluations at school sites before winners were selected.

At McKinley, which has received funding under the federal law known as "Title 1,"

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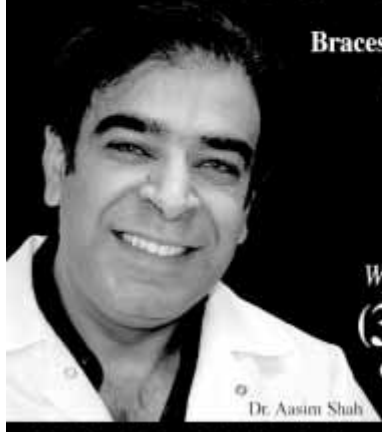
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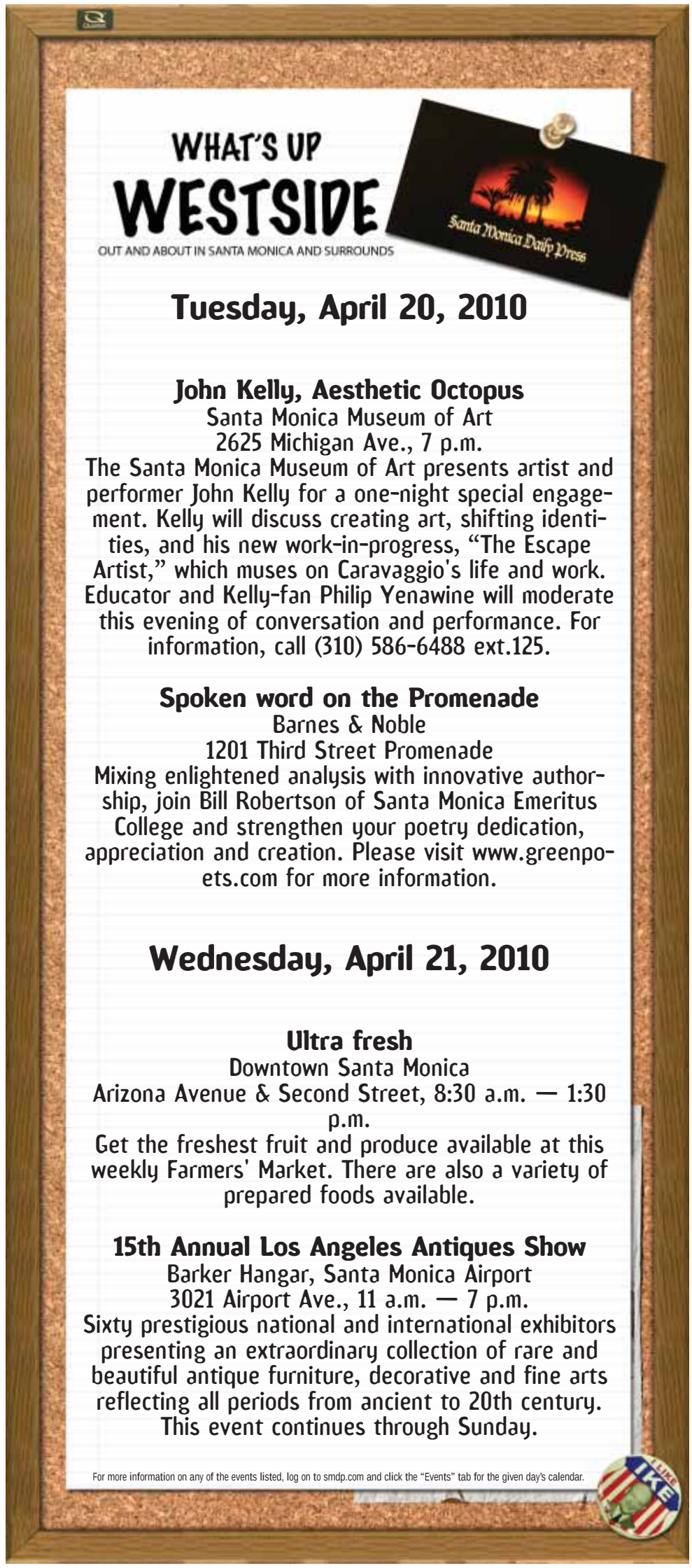
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Santa Monica Museum of Art
2625 Michigan Ave., 7 p.m.
The Santa Monica Museum of Art presents artist and performer John Kelly for a one-night special engagement. Kelly will discuss creating art, shifting identities, and his new work-in-progress, "The Escape Artist," which muses on Caravaggio's life and work. Educator and Kelly-fan Philip Yenawine will moderate this evening of conversation and performance. For information, call (310) 586-6488 ext.125.

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Sixty prestigious national and international exhibitors presenting an extraordinary collection of rare and beautiful antique furniture, decorative and fine arts reflecting all periods from ancient to 20th century. This event continues through Sunday.

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

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

CITY HALL

What to read?

The Santa Monica Citywide Reads Advisory Committee invites community input for the 2011 book selection.

The mission of Citywide Reads is to encourage a culture of reading and to promote book-centered dialogue in Santa Monica.

Book selection criteria include the following: fiction, amenable to good group discussion, broad appeal, challenging but not exclusive, and available in a variety of formats, such as paperback and audiobook.

Past Citywide Reads selections include "Balzac and the Little Chinese Seamstress," by Dai Sijie; "The Berlin Stories," by Christopher Isherwood; "The Kite Runner," by Khaled Hosseini; "Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close," by Jonathan Safran Foer; "The Time Traveler's Wife," by Audrey Niffenegger; "The Highest Tide," by Jim Lynch; "The Shadow Catcher," by Marianne Wiggins; and 2010's selection "Little Bee," by Chris Cleave.

To make a suggestion for Citywide Reads 2011, go to the online survey at www.smpl.org/cwr, visit any Santa Monica Public Library, call (310) 458-8600, or e-mail citywidereads@smgov.net. Suggestions will be accepted through May 30, 2010. The Citywide Reads title will be chosen and announced in the fall, and the program will take place in spring 2011.

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Give something back

Gov. Schwarzenegger proclaimed April 18-24 as "Volunteer Week" in California, CaliforniaVolunteers announced Monday.

"From building houses to being a mentor, the variety of volunteer opportunities is immense, varied and important," Schwarzenegger said. "Those motivated citizens who stepped up to help the victims of the recent Haitian earthquake, for example, are a perfect reminder of why California, and the world, depends on its volunteers."

National Volunteer Week was designated in 1974 to call attention to the tremendous contribution of volunteers. This year's theme, "Celebrating People in Action" honors individuals who take action and solve significant problems in their communities.

Several events will be held throughout California to mark National Volunteer Week including Hand's on Central California's volunteer telethon aimed at recruiting new volunteers and a volunteer recognition picnic and BBQ hosted by L.A. Works to celebrate the contributions of the area's volunteers.

"The recent tough times experienced by many Californians means that the need for volunteers is greater than ever," said Karen Baker, secretary of Service and Volunteering. "Nonprofits are reporting a decrease in donations and a rising demand for services. I encourage all Californians to be part of the solution by finding a meaningful volunteer opportunity at CaliforniaVolunteers.org."

In 2008, 7.1 million Californians performed 989.2 million hours of service with an estimated economic contribution of more than $18 billion. Additionally, Californians gave more time than the national average, last year contributing 35.2 hours per resident compared to 34.2 nationally.

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TAKING IN THE SIGHTS OF THE CITY BY THE SEA: **Over 2,000 Australians take part in the Clipsal party on the Santa Monica Pier on Friday night. The group took over local hotels before heading on a cruise to the Mexican Riviera. The Santa Monica Convention and Visitors Bureau convinced Clipsal to stop off in Santa Monica before setting sail to Mexico.**

Landing the big fish

Convention and Visitors Bureau attracts roughly 2,200 Australians, who spend big while in town

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Editor in Chief

SM PIER Illuminated by Pacific Park's solar-powered Ferris wheel with a pulled pork sandwich in one hand and a light beer in the other, Australian TV personality Troy Gray stood on the Santa Monica Pier last Friday night and watched as roughly 2,200 of his fellow countrymen drank and danced to pop music.

The crowd was comprised primarily of customers of Clipsal, a multi-billion-dollar energy company from the land down under that organized the party and a cruise to the Mexican Riviera, a show of appreciation for their customers' loyalty. Clipsal, which also celebrated its 90th anniversary, rented out a large portion of the pier as well as the amusement park for the bash and the revelers helped fill nine local hotels, pumping much-needed cash into the local economy.

"This place blows me away," Gray said of Santa Monica. "We claim to have the best beaches in the world in Australia, and we have beautiful beaches, but the sand here, the people, the atmosphere is just awesome. We don't have the diversity, the characters that you do. And everybody's been really friendly."

In three days, Gray had the opportunity to check out a Dodgers game, attend the opening of a new night club in Hollywood and cruise along the Third Street Promenade for some shopping.

"If you are coming to L.A., Santa Monica is the perfect place to stay," Gray said. "You are out of the hustle and bustle of Hollywood and have a chance to relax and take in the sea breeze."

Gray and his fellow Aussies represent the ideal tourist for Santa Monica and roughly five years of work by the Santa Monica Convention and Visitors Bureau (CVB), a nonprofit that promotes the city by the sea abroad in an effort to maintain its status as a premier tourist destination.

The 2,200 Australians are the largest group of travelers the CVB has attracted at one time, said Misti Kerns, president and CEO of the CVB, which is focused on bringing guests who occupy hotel rooms for several days, take public transit, and love to shop and dine

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Sometimes a sidewalk is necessary

Editor:

Letter contributor Roger Swanson (Letters to the editor, "A new bike plan," April 5) writes that SMPD Officer Pace holds the view that riding bicycles on sidewalks is illegal for the reason, in part, that bikes are "dangerous for pedestrians." Oh really? What evidence does Officer Pace have for that? None that SMPD Community Relations is aware of. I'll wager (if that's legal) that the answer is there's absolutely no evidence whatsoever.

People in Santa Monica seem blissfully unaware (ignorance being bliss) that in the city of Los Angeles, a significantly larger and more populated area than Santa Monica, riding bicycles on sidewalks is perfectly legal.

The LAPD offers the following information on their Web site:

"Can I ride my bicycle on the sidewalk or do I have to ride on the street? If I do ride my bicycle on the street, what side should I ride on?

"Bicyclists are permitted to ride on sidewalks; however, it is an infraction to do so in a willful or wanton disregard for the safety of persons or property (56.15.1 LAMC). If you ride your bicycle on the street, you must ride in the same direction as the flow of traffic and as close as practicable to the right side of the roadway (21202a CVC)."

This prompted me to contact LAPD's community relations department and inquire if they were aware of any sidewalk incidents involving bicycle riders and pedestrians ... ever! Answer: none that they have a record of. This in a city of millions.

Where I've lived for 30 years in Santa Monica (in a densely populated residential area) the sidewalks are a common site for bicyclists. Who are these riders, small children on training wheels, little 6-year-olds on their first two-wheeler, or boys and girls under the age of 13. I can tell you this: Hell would freeze over before the mothers in my neighborhood would let their children ride on the streets. Moreover, I put it to Officer Pace that hell would freeze over before any Santa Monica cop would enforce the Santa Monica bicycle ordinance on children. We like our children alive and playful, not road kill.

From reading this paper's weekly Crime Watch column, it is apparent that the ordinance is little more than a convenience for selective enforcement against the homeless. Don't get me wrong, I'm all for giving our officers whatever it takes to keep a thumb on the scofflaws in our hobo population. But let's tell it like it is, Officer Pace.

We have gonzo teenage skateboarders tooling down our sidewalks – perfectly legal. We have neophyte tourists careening down our sidewalks on their rented Segways at 10 mph – perfectly legal. We have Rollerbladers slaloming around pedestrians on our sidewalks – perfectly legal. We have bicyclists riding on the paths in Palisades Park, as well in other parks – perfectly legal.

From what I've seen of adult bicyclists on sidewalks, they pose no threat to public safety. I'm referring to sober bicyclists, of course, not the drunken transients that our patrol officers may encounter.

On my street, every day an elderly gentleman with a basket on his handlebars cycles to the supermarket on a balloon-tire antique that looks like it was made when FDR was president. It's not a problem. He rings a bell as he approaches. He's a little shaky, and I step off the sidewalk when I see him coming. Were he to "obey the law" and ride on the street he would be at great risk of losing his life, probably to some blonde in an SUV who habitually gabs away with a cell phone in one hand and a latte in the other and never gets a ticket for it.

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What's the Point?

David Pisarra — Send comments to editor@smdp.com

From poor mom to CFO in one hearing

LAWYERS ARE EXPENSIVE, AND SCARY, but we really protect our client's rights. Most lawyers take their job, and their responsibilities, very seriously. It can be extremely challenging at times, particularly in child custody cases.

For example, this case I had last week involved a mother with a few entitlement issues. She thinks she's Hollywood royalty because grandpa made a couple of movies and married a movie star. In reality, she's just an average person, and has no desire to be self-sufficient. She pawned off her first child to the baby-daddy's parents. So now we're fighting over a second child with a different father.

My client is father number two. Together they have a child; a beautiful, happy, smart little boy. At 4, he's already showing his abilities. Dad has custody about 50 percent of the time, and is under court order to pay $800 a month in child support, when he comes in to see me.

His ex has filed a "Move-Away" request. She wants full legal and full physical custody so she can go to some unnamed place, for an undetermined time. Dad is panicked. Her declaration says she is just a "simple homemaker" who can't live on what little money he gives her. She says he never shows up for visitation, is unreliable, and that she should have sole power of their child. She doesn't really mention the new husband, or the fact that she lives in Topanga with her mother rent free. And conveniently forgets to tell the judge about how she manages to maintain a horse that she rides three days a week.

Dad hires me to fight the move. We engage in a furious campaign to gather information about dad, about his relationship to his son, and the history of the case to give to the judge. Turns out that dad is a great guy, we have eight declarations from medical doctors, psychiatrists, psychologists, therapists and daycare providers about what an amazing father he is.

As we enter court, I handed her a stack of declarations, and a response to her move-away request. The color fades from her face, and her new husband has a worried look on his face. He knew that she lied in her declarations, and now we were going to prove it.

The court in Santa Monica has this great outside area, and the commissioner in Department E likes to send people outside to "see if they can work things out." He calls our case, and as usual, sends us to the courtyard. I try to negotiate with her and get nowhere fast.

I suggest that we just let the judge make a ruling, perhaps send the case to an evaluator to determine who is the better parent. Twenty minutes later, she's taking the move-away off the table and just wants to change the custody arrangement a "teeny-tiny bit."

I force the issue with the judge, and under oath she begins her testimony with, "I just want to say that I absolutely agree with all of these declaration, that he's a great dad (funny how that changed from her initial declaration)." After about 15 minutes of my arguing about visitation, she testifies that she'd be happy to give dad, every weekend starting from Friday at 6 p.m. to Monday at 7:30 a.m. Yup, all four of them a month!

We start talking about the child support, and I ask the court to impute income to her, because I see no reason why she can't work, and she starts squawking about being a stay at home mom, which is a great thing for the child, but there's no reason why dad should have to bear the burden of her choice, so I say, she can earn a living and be self-sufficient, which was a hot button. "I am self-sufficient! I do the books for the construction company my husband and I own." Aha! That takes how many hours a week? Twenty hours, at $10 an hour, that's your weekly income.

Dad's child support went from $800 to $219, and he gets all the weekends to enjoy his son. It took a solid strategy, hard work on his part and mine to execute it, and a willingness on his part to fight for his relationship with his son.

She started out as a stay at home mom, and with some tough questioning, she became chief financial officer of her husband's construction company. Hiding her income and playing the coy role of a defenseless victim of life worked for a while, but we were able to make the court see what was really going on, and we won as a consequence.

Not a bad day.

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Back to Nature

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Giving thanks to the giving tree

IT IS INDEED APPROPRIATE THIS EARTH Day to celebrate the magnificent bounty that the Earth provides for over 6.8 billion people — and trees are at the heart of the festivities.

Trees are truly remarkable.

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Wild forests in California's Sierra Nevada's supply almost 90 percent of the fresh water for the most intensive agricultural system on the planet, 38 million people's daily drinking water, the eighth mightiest industrial economy on the globe and tens of millions of tourists that visit our state each year.

Trees provide scrumptious spices including cinnamon — known to lower our blood sugar.

Trees grow incredible fruits like apples with apple-skin being one of the highest recognized natural fibers that helps prevent colon cancer.

In California with the help of the bees, trees provide us with lemons, oranges and grapefruits; and we grow more almonds than anywhere else in the world. Almonds are also an excellent source of protein and fiber. And let's not forget that California is also a world leader in avocado production — rich in Omega-3s that help preclude coronary disease.

Trees produce potent medicines. From the South American cinchona trees, the drug quinine was derived to help fight the mosquito-borne disease malaria. From the Pacific Northwest yew tree came taxol, the billion-dollar blockbuster that offers hope to those afflicted with breast, ovarian and lung cancers, coronary disease and even AIDS. From the Chinese Camptotheca trees, camptothecin is being trialed for breast, prostate, pancreatic, ovarian, leukemia, and lymphoma cancers as well as malignant melanoma.

Interestingly, scientists have known for at least the past couple decades that old trees are particularly important. In fact, the largest single stemmed tree — General Sherman — a Sierra Nevada Sequoia, holds several astounding records. He's been hit at least three times with over 100 million volts of electricity or lightning yet he's likely still the fastest growing tree on the planet, adding the equivalent volume of wood in a tree 1.5-feet thick and 60-feet tall every year. Incidentally, the tannic acid present in his near-fireproof bark is the same chemical used in all fire extinguishers.

The oldest single stemmed tree, a bristlecone pine named Methuselah, lives in east central California on the White Mountains almost two miles above sea level in an extreme environment bombarded by ultra violet radiation, blasted regularly by 80 mph winds and a growing season of about six weeks a year. He's over 4,700 years old and witnessed more than 1.7 million sunrises. The tree rings he lays down, almost every year, are a living window back in time assisting climate scientists as they grapple to comprehend how life is adjusting to climate change.

Some ground-breaking work at Oregon State University at Mark Harmon's lab found that the conversion of Pacific Northwest old-growth to young, fast-growing forests did not decrease atmospheric carbon as compared to old growth forests, which capture and store vast amounts of CO_2. It took those low-elevation, second-growth forests at least 200 years to accumulate the CO_2 storage capacity of the existing old growth forests. In other words, old growth forests are invaluable, massive living carbon warehouses that unequivocally require protection from being harvested.

Urban trees also play a crucial role in our towns and cities. In one year's time one mature tree gives off enough oxygen for a family of four while at the same time urban trees help suck the rising greenhouse gas CO_2 out of the air.

This Earth Day consider buying a fruit tree and celebrate with family and friends by planting it in your yard.

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The Q Line

Travel plans

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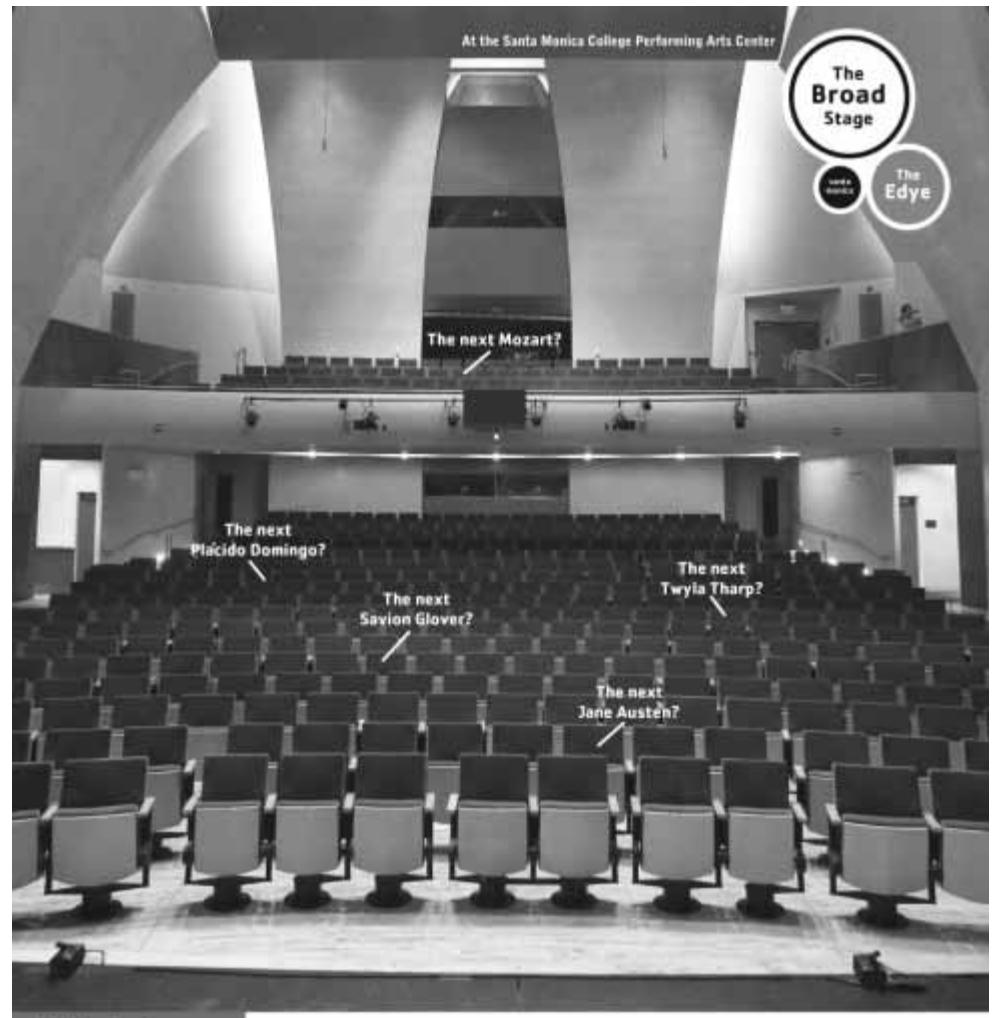
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TUBA CITY, Ariz. The hospital stands in the midst of a world of traditions: of Hopi clowns dancing around centuries-old villages, of Navajo elders tending their sheep, of customs as ancient as the winds that buffet the mesas and desert lands that stretch to the horizon.

And so, even at this center of modern medicine on the 27,000-square-mile Navajo Nation, it's not unusual to see Native medicine men attending the sick.

They might perform ceremonies to rid patients of bad spirits, or offer song and prayer in blessing a room where someone has died.

Moving between the two worlds is Joachim Chino, M.D. A Navajo-Acoma, he grew up on the reservation where the practices of medicine men often came first. He is well aware of how the cultural beliefs of his patients can affect what he does.

Chino, 37, modest and soft spoken, makes rounds wearing a white lab coat, a stethoscope stuffed in one pocket. He carries the authority of chief of surgery at the Tuba City Regional Health Care Corp., a major medical facility on America's largest Indian reservation.

Yet he often avoids eye contact as he consults with his patients. He speaks in the third person when delivering a difficult diagnosis. And unless he is asked directly about the chances for survival, he doesn't say.

Strongly held Navajo cultural tenets do not allow directly linking a person to an illness and its consequences. To do so could be interpreted as wishing harm.

"It just delays their fear — not mentioning death and dying specifically in their situation," Chino said. "I think it's helpful."

But cultural deference goes only so far, he said. Ultimately, "it's just like going to see any other surgeon."

And that's as it should be, said Navajo medicine man David Begay. Patients seek medicine men for encouragement and to restore their spirituality, yet they also must put faith in modern doctors.

"Any way to get healed, any way to get help, I think that's the ultimate thinking here," Begay said.

Bridging the cultural chasm between physicians like Chino and traditional healers is seen as essential for improving care on tribal lands, where hospitals and clinics struggle to keep doctors. It is the oft-expressed hope of Native elders that their talented students will leave the reservation to get an education, then return to help the people.

Tucked into the larger health care reform passed by Congress was reauthorization of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act. The bill addresses recruiting and retaining physicians and other care providers, including mentoring programs, workplace support systems for Natives in the medical field, and increased attention to scholarship and loan programs.

The return of even one medical graduate to a tribal community can make a huge difference in the quality of care, said David Bear, assistant dean of admissions at the University of New Mexico's School of Medicine.

"It doesn't take a whole lot," Bear said. "We're sometimes just focusing on going from zero to one."

Chino was among just a handful of Indian students studying medicine at UNM a decade ago. Last fall, a record nine Native students were admitted to the four-year program in Albuquerque. The gains in recruitment are small, given the program's 300 students, but meaningful with the university's proximity to Native populations and its vigorous outreach.

The top American Indian and Alaska Native students are courted by the nation's most prestigious medical schools. Even so, those enrolled last fall, 623 nationwide, made up less than 1 percent of the 77,000 total medical students, according to the Association of American Medical Colleges.

The universities of Minnesota, North Dakota, Washington and Oklahoma produce about 25 percent of all American Indian physicians, said Dr. Gerald Hill, a board member and past president of Association of American Indian Physicians.

University officials say the biggest barrier to getting more tribal members to pursue careers as physicians is showing them that goal is within reach and persuading them to leave the reservation.

Native physician role models can help.

Missy Begay, a self-assured young Navajo woman and second-year medical student at UNM (not related to David Begay), was in high school in northwestern New Mexico when Chino visited to encourage students to follow his lead.

She was drawn immediately to the young doctor's demeanor.

"He came in in scrubs and he was talking about some sort of surgery and the brain, something just really far out, just beyond what I could even imagine," she said. "He seemed just really passionate about what he was doing."

With her unique family heritage, Begay was ready to be convinced. She is the daughter of another UNM medical school graduate and the granddaughter of a medicine man.

Some of her earliest memories focus on the people who came to her grandfather, seeking diagnoses for their ailments. Her role was to serve coffee before her grandfather's private consultations.

"Afterward, they would do this ceremony for the person," she said. "As a child, I remember being really curious about that."

Arriving at UNM medical school, the Stanford graduate was already prepared for the potential clash between cultural tradition and Western medicine. The first-year anatomy class, which calls for dissecting a cadaver, can be particularly challenging.

Navajos are told to stay away from dead bodies and from burials. Begay said her community back home conducted ceremonies to prepare her for the class.

Her elders understood that the bad parts of taking the class would be outweighed by the good of her becoming a doctor, she said, and so they were willing to help her, even though it pushed her farther away from tradition.

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After a storm comes a rainbow

I HAVE BEEN ABSENT FROM THIS COLUMN for a bit now. And for that, I am sorry. But I promise I have a good reason. I am pregnant.

And being that I write about my life as a mom here, it was easier to take a break than to try to hide it.

Most people, myself included, aren't that comfortable with going public with pregnancies until the second trimester. Call us superstitious, but for those of you who follow Mommie Brain, you know that last year found me suffering through multiple losses, so I did not want to announce it just yet.

For my first trimester, I was on modified bed rest (which has now been lifted). The bed rest was due to a minor complication so I wasn't sure this one was really going to take. Well now I am four months and though I know that anything can happen, I feel confident announcing it.

The funny thing is that if anything were to go wrong, I would probably turn to this column and express it as I have in the past. So here I am, preggers.

It is strange to be pregnant when you stop to think about it. There is another human being growing inside of me. How weird is that? I forget at times and then I wonder why am I out of breath, why don't my clothes fit, why can't I sleep? This is something I have truly wanted for a long time. I wouldn't say I had given up hope, but after my third miscarriage last year, I started to question if it would ever really happen again. And here it is reminding me that it is happening on a daily basis, which is lovely.

It makes sense I got pregnant when I did. It was over Christmas break. My husband, son and I explored our city, relaxed and happy. We went to Legoland, Cirque du Soleil, I took a trapeze lesson, we went bike riding. We were stress free and calm.

When I found out this time it just felt different. Though I was nervous, I believed it would take. And so far it has.

To have another baby after last year and after my son's wobbly entrance into the world is scary. But it is exactly because of my son that I am not as scared as I thought I would be. My son is now almost 4 and he flirts and jumps and runs and makes loud noises and giggles and is just so much fun. This little boy on first meeting in the NICU, showed me the frailty of life, but in the years since he has now introduced me to determination.

That is not to say that I am completely without worry. When I go online and read the community boards of Web sites like Baby Center I admit that I am often drawn to the posts about losses and the scary stories. Perhaps it is calming for me to share in the stories of these women who have been through something so similar. It is not that I think it will happen to me again. It is just that I need to know that anything is possible. Some may say eliminate all stress while you are pregnant, do not entertain these thoughts. But my son showed me that struggles can be overcome. Perhaps as I sit at the computer reading these stories as my belly grows I feel like I have overcome something.

There was a posting on one of these boards about rainbow babies. It was not a term I was aware of. But it caught my eye. I thought at first it meant a bi-racial baby. But after some poking around I learned that a rainbow baby is a baby after a loss. So I guess you could say I am having a rainbow baby, which seems kind of a perfect term for me because I am slightly obsessed with the song "Over The Rainbow" from "The Wizard of Oz." I spent much of my childhood in the back room of my mother's apartment watching Dorothy sing about this land that she heard of over the rainbow, this place where dreams come true, this place full of hope. It was something I clung to. I walked down the aisle to marry my husband to that song. I serenade my son each night with it. And so it seems almost too perfect that that is what this pregnancy should be called.

But though that song is beautiful to me, I do not want to forever tie this pregnancy to the ones I lost by having a term that does just that. This baby is its own wonderful entity. But I do enjoy the symbolism of a connective rainbow that has seen me through many stages, good and bad, in my life. And just as Kermit the Frog sang when he wondered, "Why are there so many songs about rainbows and what's on the other side," it seems this time I may just find out.

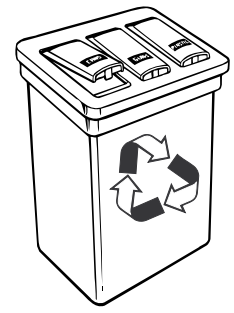
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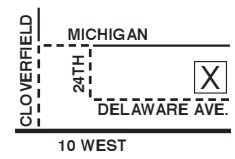


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BBB says it needs to tally SMC ridership

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each trip, there are no detailed records of how many people use the program, which makes negotiating a contract for service difficult, she said.

The BBB expects to complete a manual ridership count in the next several months that will give operators a clearer picture of how many users from SMC take the bus. Negriff said there are also plans to work on a new system that would require SMC riders to swipe their ID cards before boarding the bus.

With more accurate information about ridership, she said the BBB will be in a better position to implement a fee increase for SMC in a year.

Despite the concession to the college, Negriff said the bus system is still facing reduced sales tax revenue and needs to raise fares to avoid a projected $16 million deficit by 2015.

"We're still in a structural deficit situation and we're still trying to climb out of it," she said.

The proposed fare increases, though, could cut into bus ridership rates in Santa Monica, exacerbating traffic and making it difficult for some people to get to work, said former mayor and Move L.A. Executive Director Denny Zane.

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He said new transportation funds, both from local funding measures and from the state, have become available since BBB officials made their fare increase recommendations.

"I think they've gotten some significant improvement in their revenue, so it's not as bleak as they have indicated. That should alter the recommendation, one would think," said Zane, who is a consultant for the college. "Big jumps in fares have big impacts, so the council, I think, needs to be very cautious in how it proceeds here."

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Full slate of baseball action today

FROM **ROUNDUP** PAGE 1

the plate," Philip-Guide said. "I wanted to give the seniors a chance to swing the bat, but because of our struggles, we may play small ball."

Philip-Guide said that problem was evident on Saturday in a 10-4 loss to St. Bonaventure in the Redondo Tournament. Starting pitcher Andrew McRitchie gave up five quick runs in the first inning before settling down. The Vikings answered with two of their own in the bottom of the first, but they were unable to produce more offense until the sixth inning, way too late to mount a credible comeback.

"We've talked about this as a team, but I think we may have to consider a change [in the way the team approaches each at bat]," Philip-Guide said.

The previous game, Thursday against Hawthorne, was more of the same. Up 3-1 heading into the fifth inning, the team allowed Hawthorne back in the game and were unable to answer with scoring opportunities.

The one constant for the Vikings has been the pitching of senior Alonzo Gonzalez. He'll be called on today at home against Inglewood (game starts at 3:15 p.m.).

Gonzalez (3-2 overall, 30 strikeouts and a 2.25 ERA) will face an Inglewood team that Philip-Guide called "up and down." Inglewood enters the game 6-10 overall and 1-1 in Ocean League play. Samohi is 8-9 overall and 1-1 in league.

Despite the two-game losing streak, Philip-Guide is taking a practical approach going forward.

"I told them to just get over the last two games, today is a new day." he said. "Let's focus on Inglewood."

TODAY'S BASEBALL GAMES

• St. Monica (9-8 overall, 3-4 in Camino Real League play) hosts league rival St. Bernard (6-10-1 overall, 1-5 in league) at Marine Park at 3 p.m.

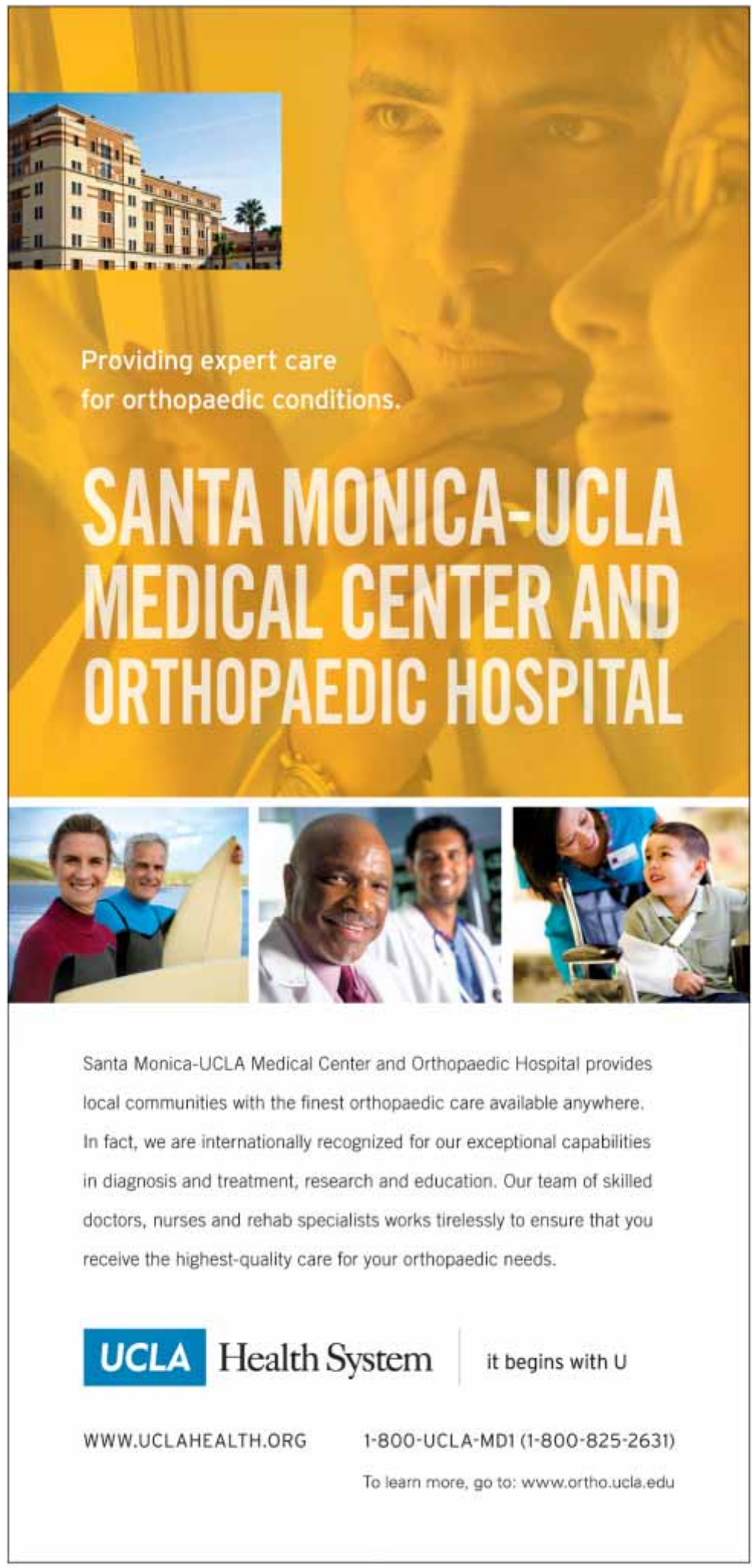
• Crossroads (7-7 overall) hosts Sierra Canyon (5-6 overall, 0-1 in Delphic League play) at Clover Park at 3:30 p.m.

• New Roads (9-4 overall, 1-0 in Harbor League play) travels to Lennox Academy (7-4 overall, 0-1 in league) at 3 p.m.

• Pacifica Christian (3-5 overall, 1-3 in Heritage League play) hosts Hillcrest Christian (5-2 overall, 1-0 in league) at North Venice Little League at 2 p.m.

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Aussies tout Santa Monica as a tourist attraction

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out. Clipsal's group took chartered buses and limos to Santa Monica from LAX. Smaller groups took chartered buses to tourist destinations like Universal Studios, cutting down on the number of additional cars making trips through Santa Monica.

Also, by linking up with Clipsal, an international company, the CVB extends its reach into the Southern Hemisphere, hopefully establishing long-lasting relationships that will bring more travelers in the future. The Australians are known as "incentive travelers" because a portion of their trip was being paid for by Clipsal as a reward for staying with them over the years. Attractive incentive travelers along with the businessman and his family will help diversify the travel base, helping Santa Monica whether downturns in particular markets, Kerns said.

"This is the perfect type of business for us," Kerns said. "This will open a whole new region for us. There's so much potential."

Damien Cummins, executive general manager for Clipsal, said Santa Monica has added 2,000-plus new ambassadors — his loyal customers. He said many he spoke with were spending on average $500 a day on alcohol, food and shopping.

"People are raving about Santa Monica," Cummins said. "I've been out talking with our folks … and the ladies are loving the shopping on the promenade, while the fellows can pop into the pup for a cold beer. If they can afford it, they will definitely be back."

On her trips to Australia, Lauren Rogers, CVB's director of sales and services who set the wheels in motion with Clipsal, emphasized Santa Monica's location in relation to major attractions throughout Southern California, including Universal Studios, Disneyland and Dodger Stadium. The pitch is to base yourself in Santa Monica, enjoy the laid back beach vibe and then travel into the heart of Los Angeles.

Santa Monica is also walkable, safe, clean and boasts some of the region's best restaurants and hotels, Rogers said. The active beach lifestyle is also appealing to Australians.

And with the dollar as weak at it is, Australians are getting more bang for their buck, which is a major factor when deciding to travel, said Phil Hoffman of Phil Hoffman Travel, one of the largest travel agencies in Australia. Clipsal hired Hoffman to plan the cruise and other accommodations.

But that's not all. Headlines also play a major role, Hoffman said. If a destination is getting a lot of negative press coverage because of violence, travelers will go elsewhere. Santa Monica's reputation as a safe destination, coupled with City Hall's environmentally-friendly policies make it a draw.

"It's really the ultimate way to kick off your vacation," Hoffman said.

Kerns said it is the goal of the CVB to attract more groups like Clipsal to help create "that balance," where residents get the tax revenue generated by visitors without all of the headaches.

To do that takes time, hence the five years of work that went into familiarizing travel agents in Australia with Santa Monica, which has to compete with hot spots like Bali, South Africa or Europe. Like any business, it is all about relationships, Hoffman said. With the CVB's help, Hoffman and his crew was able to problem solve, something critical when moving more than 2,000 people halfway across the globe.

But just as the momentum is starting to build, the bureau may have to pull back. Kerns said she must seriously consider cutting her budget by at least 3 percent. City Hall, which funds the CVB to a tune of $2.5 million annually, is looking for the CVB and other departments to present three budgets, one with a 3 percent cut, one with a 5 percent cut and a third with a 7 percent cut.

Cutting back could mean less revenue for City Hall in the long run, Hoffman said.

"It's out of sight, out of mind," he said. "I've seen other destinations seriously suffer by cutting back or eliminating [their tourism bureaus]. You have to get people excited about coming here."

Daniel VanGasteren of Raycon Electric in Adelaide, Australia is one of those people. A loyal customer of Clipsal, Daniel booked his trip years in advance as a member of the company's customer rewards club. He wasn't too familiar with Santa Monica but knew Clipsal could throw a great party.

"This is massive. I love it," he said of the Clipsal party at the pier. During his three days in Santa Monica he visited Universal Studios and Hollywood.

"Santa Monica is located near many of the sights and you all are just so friendly," VanGasteren said. "I'll definitely be back."

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Schools selected for maintaining standout programs

FROM **SCHOOLS** PAGE 1

which provides benefits to schools with a high proportion of low-income students, the honor was especially rewarding, said Principal Irene Gonzalez.

A former teacher at the school who became principal there five years ago, Gonzalez said earning the designation has long been a shared goal at McKinley.

"You can just sense happiness at our school right now," she said.

McKinley was recognized for its collaborative coaching program, which is aimed at fostering close communication between teachers from a specific grade level, and for its schoolwide professional learning communities.

Gonzalez said the focus on getting teachers to collaborate with one another allows them to quickly identify and address their students' academic weaknesses. She credited the program with leading to big jumps in student achievement on standardized tests in the past two years.

Gonzalez also won the Elementary Principal of the Year award from the Association of California School Administrators, which she will receive in Long Beach on Thursday.

Point Dume Principal Chi Kim said her school stood out to evaluators for its focus on environmental education and for a reading intervention program. A favorite feature of the environmental curriculum is the "learning garden," where students find out about composting, organic gardening and the concept of "waste-free lunches," she said.

Point Dume received honorable mention from the state when it applied for "distinguished" status four years ago. Getting the recognition this year was a bright spot amidst looming teacher layoffs and potential cuts to district programs, Kim said.

"It's just really nice to have some good news about education," she said. "It's a nice boost for everybody."

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Europe resumes some air travel despite volcano

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LONDON After five days in which nature brought the jet age to a halt, European officials agreed Monday to let air traffic resume on a limited basis, giving hope to millions of travelers around the world stranded by ash from a volcano in Iceland.

Three KLM passenger planes left Schiphol airport in Amsterdam on Monday evening during daylight under visual flight rules bound for New York, Dubai and Shanghai. An Associated Press photographer saw one jet taking off into a colorful sunset, which weather officials said was pinker than normal due to the ash.

European Union transport ministers reached a deal during a crisis videoconference to divide northern European skies into three areas: a "no-fly" zone immediately over the ash cloud; a caution zone "with some contamination" where planes can fly subject to engine checks for damage; and an open-skies zone.

Starting Tuesday morning, "we should see progressively more planes start to fly," said EU Transport Commissioner Siim Kallas.

The German airline Lufthansa said it would bring 50 planeloads of passengers home and Britain said it would reopen some of its airspace in the next 24 hours.

Britain's National Air Traffic Service said Scotland's airports and airspace would reopen at 2 a.m. EDT (0600 GMT) Tuesday, and London's airports — including Heathrow, Europe's busiest — might be able to reopen later in the day. British Airways said it hoped to start flying from London at 7 p.m. local time (1800 GMT) Tuesday.

The easing of the crisis came as the aviation industry — facing losses of more than $1 billion — criticized official handling of the disruption that grounded thousands of flights to and from Europe.

Visual flight rules allow a pilot to fly without reference to instruments, if weather conditions are good enough so the pilot can see landmarks and avoid any other aircraft. Those flights need to be under 18,000 feet, lower than usual altitude for commercial traffic.

Scientists have instruments that can both detect the presence of the ash and measure its concentration — information that can be relayed to pilots.

The airlines said test flights in recent days by airlines including KLM, Lufthansa and British Airways suggested planes can fly safely despite the ash. None of the flights reported problems or damage.

"The analysis we have done so far, alongside that from other airlines' trial flights, provides fresh evidence that the current blanket restrictions on airspace are unnecessary," said BA chief executive Willie Walsh. "We believe airlines are best positioned to assess all available information and determine what, if any, risk exists to aircraft, crew and passengers."

Scientists and pilots urged caution.

"Mixing commercial and safety decisions risks lives," said Philip von Schoppenthau, secretary-general of the European Cockpit Association, a union representing 38,200 pilots from 36 European nations.

"Our members have many firsthand experiences of the extremely abrasive and clogging effects of such clouds," he said.

Millions of travelers have been stuck since the volcano under Iceland's Eyjafjallajokull glacier begun erupting April 14 for the second time in a month, spewing a vast cloud of ash that has drifted over most of northern Europe and is now spreading west toward North America.

In Iceland, meteorologists said the volcano's eruptions were weakening and the ash was no longer rising to a height where it would endanger large commercial aircraft. British Transport Secretary Andrew Adonis confirmed there was been a "dramatic reduction in volcanic activity."

White House press secretary Robert Gibbs said about 40,000 Americans in Britain were stranded abroad, citing Louis Susman, the U.S. ambassador to Britain.

"We are working closely with the State Department to examine all the opportunities that we have to speed this process along, understanding that people — you know, some people, maybe, may have gone on vacation," Gibbs said. "They're running out of medicine. They don't have a place to stay."

Eurocontrol, the air traffic agency in Brussels, said less than one-third of flights in Europe were taking off Monday — between 8,000 and 9,000 of the continent's 28,000 scheduled flights. Officials said more would operate Tuesday — although it wasn't immediately clear how many.

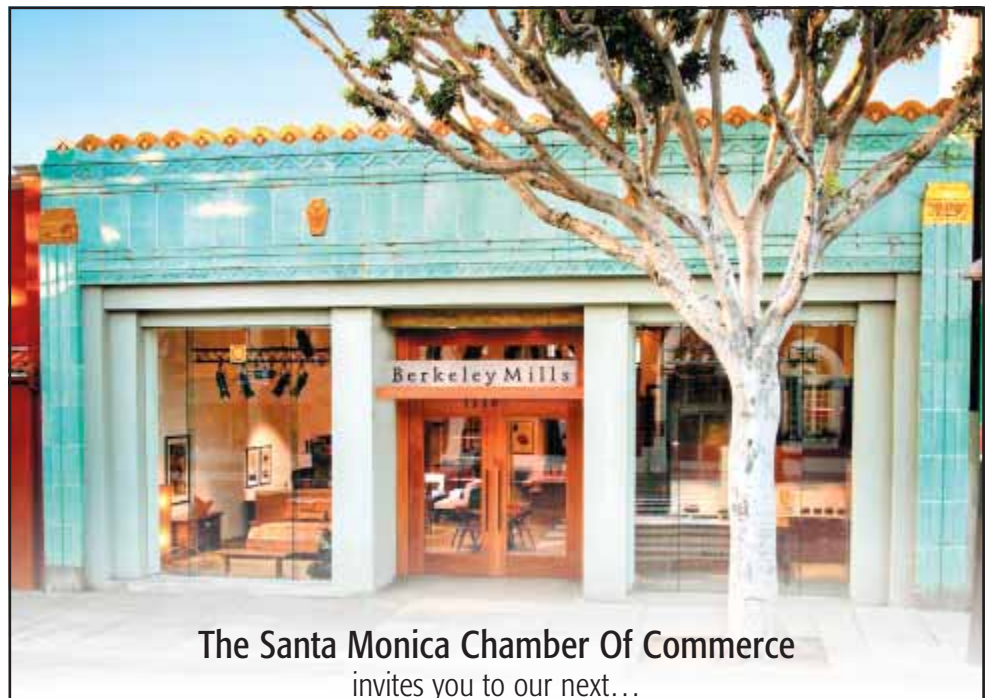
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SURF REPORT

Surf Conditions **Water Temp:** 58°

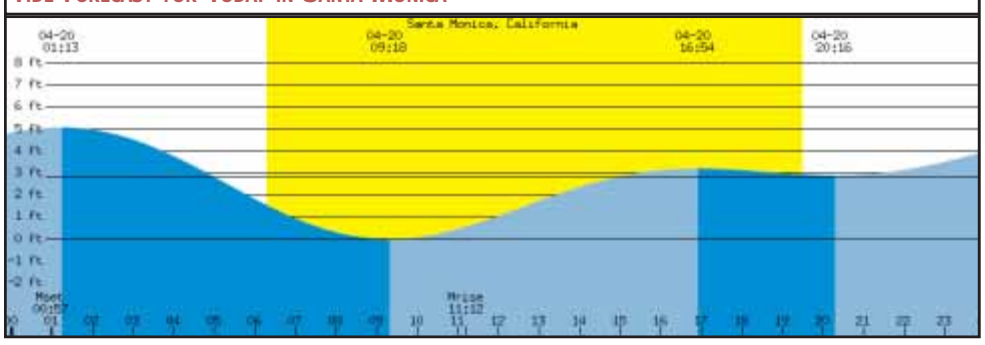
Swell Forecast

Doesn't look any different size-wise, but conditions are likely to deteriorate quickly.

Long Range Synopsis

Should see quite an increase in NW wind swell, although conditions are highly questionable from the passing storm. Size should reach a couple feet overhead at well-exposed west facing breaks, but peaky, sloppy...stormy.

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 13, 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 -- 7
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 41 / 22
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 6 / 22

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

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

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	A+
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechasa and Las Aliso creeks.	A+	A+
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	A+	A+
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth.	B	B
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	C	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	A+
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	C
Solstice Canyon at Don Blocker County Beach.	A+	B
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth.	A+	F
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.	C	F
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	C	F
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	A+	B
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero).	A	C
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs.	A+	A+
Pena Creek at Los Tunos 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
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).	A	F
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain.	A+	F
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+	B
Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain.	A+	A+
Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain.	A+	F
Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain.	A+	A
Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south.	A+	F
Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St..	A+	F
Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- lifeguard tower.	A	F
Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth.	A+	F
Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain.	A+	D
North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach.	A+	A+
Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of D&W jetty).	A	F
Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain.	A+	A+
Dockweiler Beach- opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant.	A+	F
Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain.	A+	F

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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NFL

Raiders look to reverse first-round struggles

JOSH DUBOW
AP Sports Writer

ALAMEDA For three straight years, the Oakland Raiders used a top 10 pick to try to upgrade their offense with a skill position player.

Despite the additions of quarterback JaMarcus Russell, running back Darren McFadden and receiver Darrius Heyward-Bey — or perhaps because of them — the Raiders were still the second lowest-scoring team in the NFL last season.

Because of those first-round mistakes and offensive struggles, the Raiders once again find themselves in the top 10 of the draft. If Oakland is going to reverse a record slide of seven straight seasons with at least 11 losses, hitting on this year's top pick will be a vital part of that.

"It's definitely important," coach Tom Cable said. "That's why they call them No. 1s."

Since 1999, the only first-rounder the Raiders have taken who went on to make a Pro Bowl is cornerback Nnamdi Asomugha. Out of the 13 first-rounders taken in that span, six are no longer with the team and three were out of the league last year.

That's the biggest reason the Raiders have struggled so mightily since going to the Super Bowl following the 2002 season. And much of the blame falls on the last three first-round picks.

The trio combined for five touchdowns last season. Russell lost his starting job midway through the year and posted the worst passer rating in the NFL in 11 years, throwing three touchdown passes and 11 interceptions. He is competing with Bruce Gradkowski for the starting job this season.

McFadden has struggled with injuries his first two years and hasn't been the game-breaker Oakland expected even when he has been healthy. He averaged just 3.4 yards per carry last season and scored one touchdown.

Heyward-Bey had just nine catches and one touchdown in 11 games after being one of the most criticized picks a year ago. While Cable has said he has seen huge strides from Heyward-Bey this offseason, the proof won't come until he performs in games.

Cable said the priority this year is finding players who were productive in college. That statement appears at odds with last year's selection of Heyward-Bey, who didn't come close to putting up numbers like those of Michael Crabtree and Jeremy Maclin but was significantly faster in the 40-yard dash.

While Crabtree and Maclin easily outplayed Heyward-Bey as rookies, don't expect the Raiders to completely abandon their infatuation with measurables like height, weight and speed.

"We want to be the fastest team in football," Cable said. "I think that's kind of always been the mantra, to be that elite speed team in football."

It was the Raiders' desire for speed that had many pointing to Maryland offensive tackle Bruce Campbell as their pick as soon as he ran the 40-yard dash in an impressive 4.85 seconds, bench-pressed 225 pounds 34 times and measured 6-foot-7, 310 pounds at the NFL combine.





MOVIE TIMES

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The Joneses (R) 1hr 33min
12:30pm, 2:45pm, 5:10pm, 7:30pm, 9:50pm

Greenberg (R) 1hr 47min
2:05pm, 4:40pm, 7:15pm, 9:45pm

Clash of the Titans 3D (PG-13) 1hr 50min
12:45pm, 3:30pm, 6:15pm, 9:00pm

The Last Song (PG) 1hr 47min
1:45pm, 4:20pm, 7:00pm, 9:35pm

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Alice in Wonderland (in Disney Digital 3D) (PG) 1hr 49min
2:00pm, 4:45pm, 7:30pm, 10:10pm

Clash of the Titans 3D (PG-13) 1hr 50min
1:30pm, 4:30pm, 7:15pm, 10:05pm

Date Night (PG-13) 1hr 28min
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Kick-Ass (R) 1hr 57min
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Hot Tub Time Machine (R) 1hr 40min
2:15pm, 5:00pm, 7:35pm, 9:55pm

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Mid-August Lunch (R) 1hr 30min
1:50pm, 7:00pm

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

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

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

Who Do You Love (NR) 1hr 47min
1:00pm, 3:15pm, 5:30pm, 7:50pm, 10:10pm

Mann's Criterion Theatre
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Death at a Funeral (R) 1hr 30min
12:00pm, 1:00pm, 2:20pm, 3:20pm, 4:40pm, 5:40pm, 7:00pm, 8:00pm, 9:20pm, 10:20pm

Diary of a Wimpy Kid (PG) 1hr 33min
11:40am, 2:00pm, 4:20pm

How to Train Your Dragon (PG) 1hr 38min
11:30am, 1:50pm, 4:10pm, 6:40pm, 9:00pm

How to Train Your Dragon 3D (PG) 1hr 38min
11:30am, 1:50pm, 4:10pm, 6:40pm, 9:00pm

The Perfect Game (PG) 1hr 58min
1:30pm, 4:30pm, 7:30pm, 10:30pm

Tyler Perry's Why Did I Get Married Too (PG-13) 2hr 1min
6:50pm, 9:50pm

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Up late, Leo

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ You might be surprised by the effect a family member or a domestic issue has on you. You cannot get around this problem. It needs to be handled. Your innate resourcefulness emerges. Tonight: Happy at home.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ Your way of making a point works better than you think. Others heartily agree. A meeting nearly seems like a celebration and could surprise you. When people relax, you get to know them even better. Tonight: Hang out.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★ Whether you are dealing with your budget or someone else's, you could have a devil-may-care attitude. Optimism seems to stem from you, and that can create greater lucre. Still, be very careful, especially if the budget is not yours. Tonight: Buy a small treat on the way home.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Your happy-go-lucky way draws a lot of people. It is apparent, however, that someone feels very challenged. Don't get into a power play or a game. Allow this person to deal with his or her feelings, not you! Tonight: Whatever pleases you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Whether consciously or not, others bestow a lot of power and respect on you. With the feedback of others, you hear news that makes you rethink a situation. Someone certainly does everything he or she can to ease your path. Tonight: Count on being up late.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★★ Someone seems to be doing all your footwork and asking all your questions for you. Decide if this is OK, or would you prefer to take a stand and not let others walk all over your boundaries? You might be surprised by how nice someone can be when given an ultimatum. Tonight: Schedule a getaway.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★★ Once more, a partner goes out of his or her way. You might be uncomfortable with this person's gestures, but on the other hand, it helps you. Let this person make a difference and lighten your load. Tonight: Visit over dinner.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★★ Others think they are making the choices. Let them. But without your imagination, others would experience less success. A brainstorming session emphasizes that point one more time. You don't need to toot your own horn! Tonight: "Yes" works well.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Focus on accomplishing what you must. Your mind is on other matters closer to home. You might be surprised by what greets you involving your house, real estate and/or a domestic matter. Be upbeat. Tonight: Hurry home.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★★ Your energy soars when dealing with a problem. Try to take an overview. Sometimes this might look like walking out the door for a walk or taking a drive. Others receive your good will in much the same way that you receive theirs. Tonight: Make weekend plans.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★ You want to bottom-out an issue and strip it down to the very basic elements. You are willing to give a lot, not just financially but emotionally, intellectually and any other way you can. Talk about alternatives. Tonight: Your home is your castle.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★★ Your upbeat style attracts many people. The problem lies in getting anything done. You could be overwhelmed by everything that you have to deal with. Sort through and prioritize. Schedule a talk for the end of the day. Tonight: Out and about.

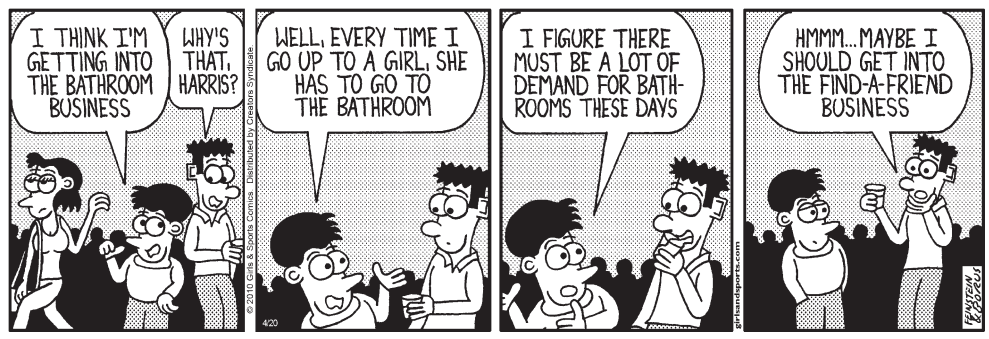
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JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS
The stars show the kind of day you'll have:
★★★★★Dynamic ★★ So-So
★★★★ Positive ★ Difficult
★★★ Average

Opportunities will knock on the door of positive Rams. Your circle of friends will grow larger and larger. Networking for business or pleasure could be more important than you can imagine. You develop a whole new group of friends who are always there for you, pushing the cause. Be careful what you wish for. You are a strong manifester. If you are single, you could meet someone very alluring and enticing. Give yourself a full year to get to know this person. If you are attached, the two of you will enjoy realizing one of your life goals together. CANCER's moods make him or her interesting.

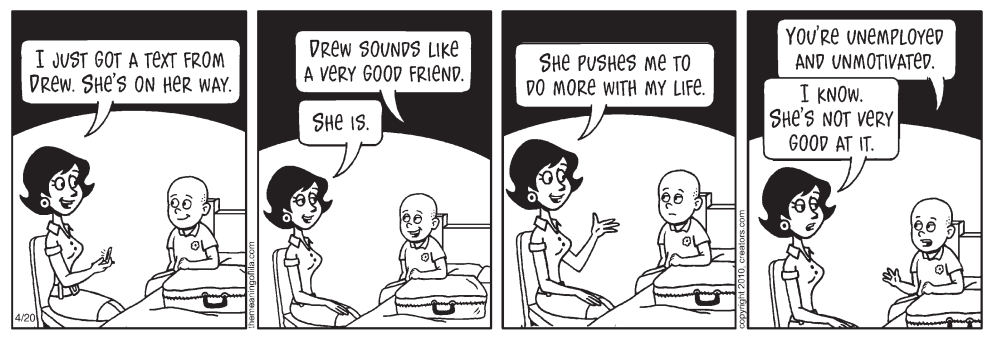
Girls and Sports

By Justin Borus and Andrew Feinstein



The Meaning of Lila

By John Forgetta & L.A. Rose



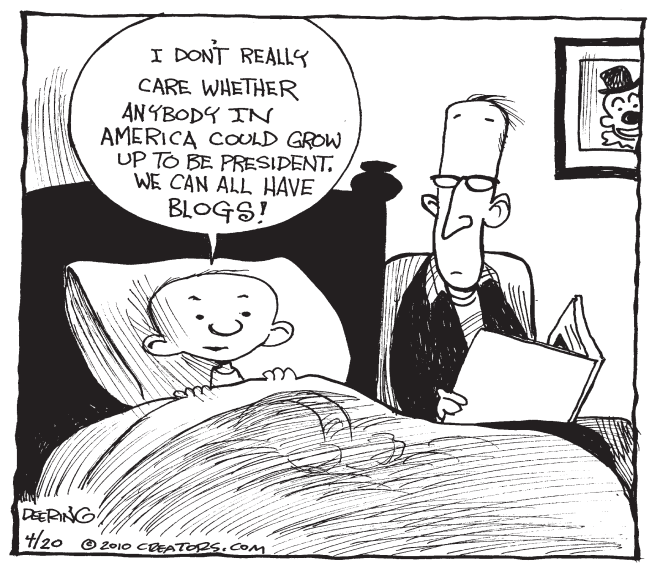
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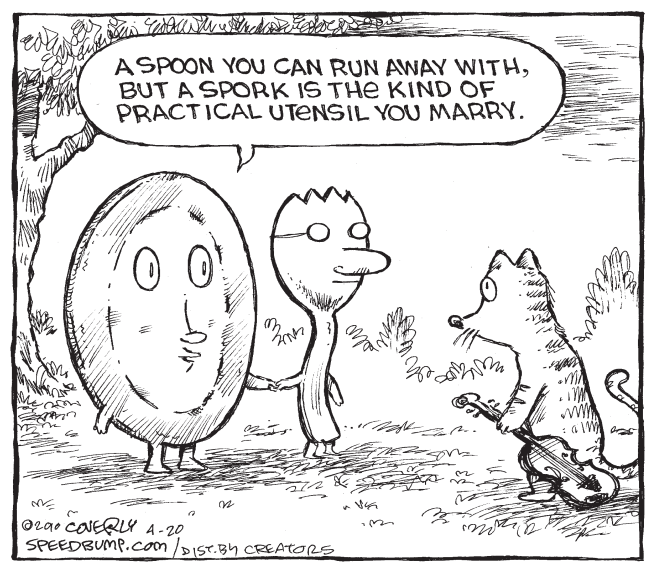
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Difficulty Level ★★

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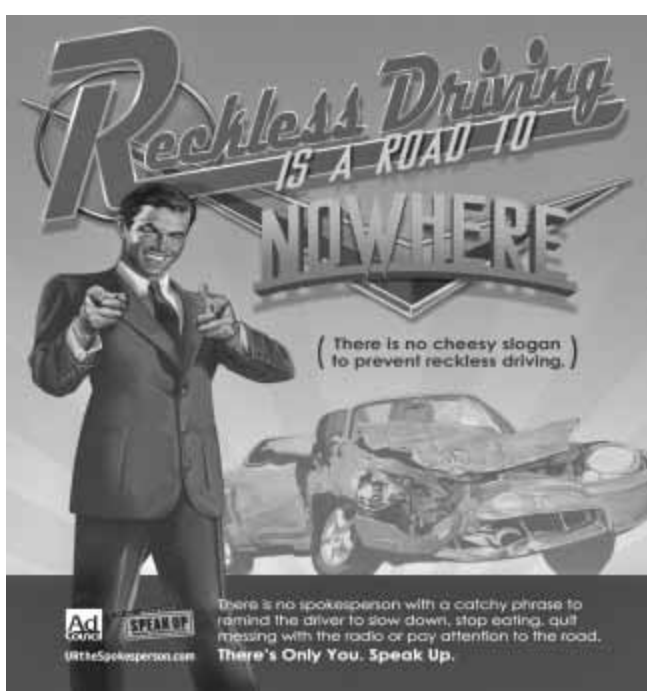
There are many strategies to solving Sudoku. One way to begin is to examine each 3x3 grid and figure out which numbers are missing. Then, based on the other numbers in the row and column of each blank cell, find which of the missing numbers will work. Eliminating numbers will eventually lead you to the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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

3	1	5	9	6	7	2	8	4
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CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Nanny's warning
7 Grass clump
11 Sports settings
12 Like the Sahara
13 Cheerleading stunts
15 Make fresh
16 A long time
18 Hightails it
21 Cornfield pest
22 Comic-strip parts
24 Museum stuff
25 Cereal buy
26 Game cube
27 Dish with a crust
29 Wall climber
30 Eroded
31 Pipe problem
32 Fiery crime
34 Watch parts
40 In a frenzy
41 Secret stuff
42 Bowling targets
43 Get together

DOWN

1 Scrooge cry
2 Historic time
3 Rooster's mate
4 Painter Wyeth
5 Rose holders
6 "SportsCenter" carrier
7 Asian nation
8 Fancy vase
9 Greek export
10 NFL scores
14 Kick back
16 Pointer
17 Affected
19 TV, radio, etc.
20 Move like a cat
21 Limit
22 "Lenore" writer
23 Notice
25 Coffin stands
28 Mischievous acts
29 City of canals
31 Peter of "M"
33 Junk e-mail
34 Travel aid
35 Paris pal
36 Charged atom
37 — "King" Cole
38 African grazer
39 Tree fluid

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Yesterday's answer

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3rd: 08 Gorgeous George
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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Despite Texas' severe pro-conviction history, one man actually received a full pardon in February. Tim Cole had been convicted of rape in 1986, though relentlessly proclaiming his innocence, and a 1996 confession to the crime by another man did not move officials to re-investigate. When a DNA result (ordered in 2008) confirmed the 1996 confession, Cole's innocence could no longer be ignored. In March 2010, Gov. Rick Perry issued a full pardon, but Cole could not enjoy it. He had died in prison in 1999 after wrongfully serving 13 years, the last three despite the fact that the actual rapist had already tried to turn himself in.

■ Not Much of a Challenge for Cops: (1) William Edmunds, 32, was charged with DUI in March when his car weaved up to the guard gate at the loading dock for the Montgomery County, N.Y., jail, and he asked if this was the Canadian border crossing at Niagara Falls (more than 250 miles away). (2) Travis Neeley, 19, was arrested in Lake City, Fla., in March for burglarizing a car, caught red-handed by the owner, who used the remote control to lock Neeley inside. Neeley tried several times to unlock a door and exit, but each time, the owner relocked it before Neeley could get out, and he finally gave up and waited for police.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1961 Failure of the Bay of Pigs Invasion of US-backed troops against Cuba.

1964 BBC Two launches with the power cut because of the fire at Battersea Power Station.

1968 English politician Enoch Powell makes his controversial Rivers of Blood speech.

1972 Apollo 16 landed on the moon commanded by John Young.

1978 Korean Air Flight 902 is shot down by Soviets.

1980 Climax of Berber Spring in Algeria as hundreds of Berber political activists are arrested.

1984 Good Friday Massacre was a horrific ice hockey playoff game in Montreal, Canada.

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