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Malibu parents pushing for charter school

BY NICK TABOREK
Daily Press Staff Writer

MALIBU Concerned that the state budget crisis and declining enrollment at Point Dume Marine Science Elementary School could prompt the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District to close the award-winning campus, a coalition of parents and teachers at the campus want permission to operate it under an independent charter.

Leaders of the school's charter conversion effort say they plan to submit a formal petition to the district by September and hope to operate independently from SMMUSD by the 2011-2012 school year.

The school's 11 teachers have unanimously supported the decision to move ahead with the conversion process, said Robyn Ross, the school's Parent Teacher Association president. A majority of teachers at a school must support a charter bid in order to take the request to the school board.

"We know that because of the state budget cuts and declining enrollment there's a good chance that a Malibu elementary school will be slated for closure, not next year but the following year," Ross said. "I have been a parent at this school for seven years and there have been many discussions about doing this, but the time now is right."

If the SMMUSD school board declines to authorize the charter, she said Point Dume parents plan to take their petition to the Los Angeles County Office of Education, which she said can also authorize charters. The petition will lay out a detailed plan for the proposed charter school, including a five-year projected budget.

If their request is granted, Point Dume would remain a state-funded public school within the SMMUSD but would be free to make operational and personnel decisions independent of the district and the school board. It would also be able to hold fundraisers to benefit only Point Dume programs, with money raised not subject to the district's equity fund requirement, which redistributes 15 percent of proceeds to all schools in the district.

A small group of the Point Dume charter school advocates met with Superintendent Tim Cuneo on Wednesday to discuss the idea, and about 120 parents attended a general meeting about the proposed conversion that evening, Ross said.

"The support was overwhelming and it has been very, very positive," she said of the

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Step Up goes to Hollywood

BY NICK TABOREK
Daily Press Staff Writer

DOWNTOWN Santa Monica-based homeless services provider Step Up on Second is expanding its presence outside of its home base with a plan to open a new housing facility for the chronically homeless in Hollywood.

The non-profit, which operates three housing projects in Santa Monica, has acquired the former Galaxy Hotel on Vine Street and is planning to begin renovation work this year with the goal of opening a 42-unit facility by 2012.

"We're taking this model of housing the chronically homeless [and] mentally ill that we've been so successful in in Santa Monica and we're replicating that model in Hollywood," said Tod Lipka, Step Up's CEO.

After years being known as primarily a Santa Monica and Westside service provider, Lipka said the recent acquisition is part of a concerted effort to focus more resources on the homeless population in Hollywood.

"What is exciting for us is that there's so much need across the county for permanent supportive housing," he said. Step Up could acquire additional housing facilities in the Hollywood area, he said.

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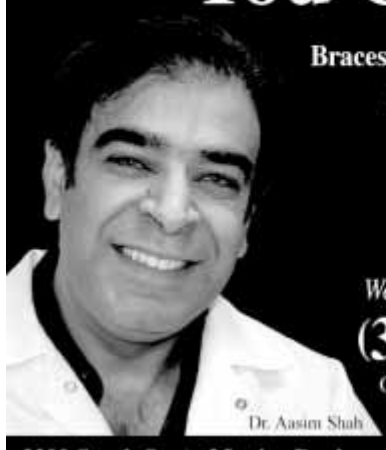
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Guests on Thursday watch as runway models show off the many unique clothing designs by Jessica Darwin during the sixth annual benefit by The Cao Institute and Paul Mitchell to raise money for various foundations. The event, held on Colorado Avenue, included an exclusive exhibition of local artists along with a silent auction.


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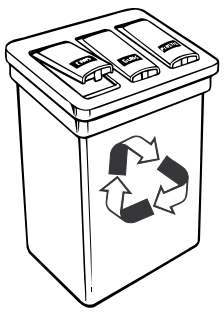
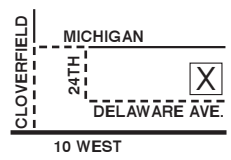
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Saturday, April 24, 2010

Big Blue Bus getaway
Santa Monica College Main Campus
1900 Pico Blvd., 9 a.m.
This trip visits the 120 acres of the Huntington Library, art collection and botanical gardens. The Huntington art gallery offers visitors one of the nation's finest collections of European art and includes Gainsborough's Blue Boy, Thomas Lawrence's Pinkie, and works by John Singer Sargent and Mary Cassatt. The botanical gardens include more than 14,000 different varieties of plants showcased in twelve specialized gardens arranged within a park-like landscape of rolling lawns. Admission is $40.

Dino fair
The Growing Place
401 Ashland Ave., 11 a.m. — 4 p.m.
This annual family festival event features bouncies, volcanoes, petting zoo, games, live music, food, prizes and much more. Entrance is free. Tickets are required for activities. All proceeds go to scholarships and educational materials for The Growing Place.

Get to walking
Ocean View Park
8 a.m.
The National Psoriasis Foundation is sponsoring their annual Los Angeles 5K Walk at Ocean View Park in Santa Monica. Psoriasis is a non-contagious auto-immune disease affecting 7.5 million Americans. Admission is free. Food, drink and live entertainment will be provided. Call (877) 825-9255 or (310) 575-3737 for more information.

Sunday, April 25, 2010

Going vintage
Santa Monica Civic Auditorium
1855 Main St., 11 a.m. — 5 p.m.
The Vintage Fashion Expo brings together over 85 vintage clothing and accessories dealers from all over the country. Fine vintage clothing for men and women will be presented for the most discerning vintage aficionados. Costume and estate jewelry, textiles and vintage eyewear will also be presented. Admission is $10. Students with valid ID will get in for free.

Family fun with a cause
Canyon Charter School
421 Entrada Dr., 10 a.m. — 4 p.m.
Spend a day near the beach at Canyon Charter School's 116th annual Fiesta Carnival and Silent Auction. The playground will transform into a carnival with attractions offering fun for the entire family including food and prizes for the kids. The auction proceeds will supplement Canyon's educational programs. Available silent auction items range from exotic vacations, local restaurants, gift baskets, autographed movie and sports memorabilia along with concert tickets. Admission is free.

Jazz mini-festival
SMC Performing Arts Center
The Broad Stage, 4 p.m.
This festival will pay tribute to Oliver Nelson, a prolific composer whose credits include the jazz standard "Stolen Moments." Admission is $10.

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.





LONG WAY TO GO

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Naval officer Geoff Weber, 42, kicks off his run across America at the Santa Monica Pier Friday morning. Weber wants to break the world record for the fastest crossing of the U.S. on foot. The current record, set in 1980 by Frank Giannino, stands at 46 days, 8 hours and 36 minutes. A very accomplished athlete, Weber was a nationally-ranked cyclist in the 1980s, spent a season as a resident at the U.S. Olympic Training Center, has raced for the U.S. Navy Marathon Team and All-Navy Cross Country, has twice broken the Guinness World Record for the fastest 50-kilometer run on a treadmill, has completed the 209-mile Patriot run across Virginia, and has finished 39 marathons.

HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL

Gonzalez fans 15 in win over Ocean League rival Inglewood

BY DANIEL ARCHULETA
Managing Editor

INGLEWOOD Apparently, the Samohi Vikings have at least one ace in their deck.

Senior pitcher Alonzo Gonzalez struckout a season-high 15 batters against Inglewood on Thursday, giving Santa Monica High School's baseball team a crucial 13-1 win in Ocean League play. The win brings the Vikings back to .500 at 9-9 overall and 2-1 in league.

"This is what happens when you throw strikes," Samohi Head Coach Sheldon Philip-Guide said. "When his stuff is on, it's hard to hit for some of these guys."

Gonzalez went the distance, giving up his sole run in the seventh inning. The victory improves his record to 4-2 with a 2.00 ERA.

Philip-Guide said that Gonzalez' performance helps prop up the entire pitching staff.

"Some of the younger guys feed off of what he does," the first-year coach said.

The 13 runs Samohi scored were a product of double-digit walks issued by Inglewood's pitchers.

"There wasn't an offensive explosion, hits

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Another shade of green

Home of Lisa Ling will be Santa Monica's first carbon-neutral pad

BY MIRIAM FINDER
Special to the Daily Press

ALTA AVE Although Santa Monica is generally an environmentally friendly town, one couple and contractor are taking green living to a new level with what they say is the city's first carbon-neutral, 100-percent waste diversion house.

As contractor Sean King, president of SMK Construction, transforms an old Alta Avenue bungalow into a modern new home, he has made sure that no materials end up in a landfill. The home is owned by journalist and former "The View" co-host Lisa Ling and her husband.

"[The owners] said they wanted to build a really green house," King said of the LEED platinum certified home — the highest green building rating. "We decided we wanted to do 100 percent waste diversion because its never been done before."

In order to achieve this goal, King enlisted the help of Habitat for Humanity and Waste Management California. All appliances were donated and the lumber from the home was used in building four houses in Mexico. King described the initial scene at the house as his own recycling yard. Leftover materials, including rocks, metal, bricks and plaster, were sorted and shipped off to recycling companies, but SMK workers hit a roadblock when it was time to discard the roof asphalt.

"We couldn't find anywhere in California that would recycle it," King said. Eventually, a Riverside company agreed to take the asphalt if it was brought to them. So, the workers packaged up the material and shipped it off to Riverside, where it was crushed and made into a parking lot.

Once all the old materials were gone, work on the new home could begin. Contractors worked out of a trailer partially constructed from the original roof's lumber and adorned with the bungalow's bright red door. The focus of the new home is operating at net zero carbon neutral, meaning the house returns all the energy from the energy grid that it takes. The finished house will have 60 solar panels for electricity and seven solar panels for hot water.

"I've always been an environmentalist," King said. "I could see it was becoming the way of the future and I wanted to be ahead of the curve."

The rest of the house is similarly constructed with a green mentality, from the concrete made with 50 percent recycled material to the blue wood, tinted by a non-toxic treatment meant to repel termites, mold and fire.



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HARD AT WORK: **Carpenter Arnold Bardibias uses recycled wood to install the first window of the Punch House at 234 Alta Ave. on Thursday afternoon. The home, owned by journalist Lisa Ling, will be Santa Monica's first carbon neutral home.**

The house has no air conditioning. Instead, there is a large atrium at the front with skylights along the ceiling. When it gets hot, the warm air will rise, where it can then be released through the skylights in a passive cooling system. Additionally, King said with the high efficiency windows and tightly sealed construction, the internal temperature of the home self-maintains better than less sustainable houses.

While these measures are good for the environment, King said some caused a hassle with inspectors who are unfamiliar with the technology, leading to delays in getting permits and approvals. The element they had the most trouble getting approved was a underground fiberglass tank that collects rainwater from the roof and reuses it in an irrigation system.

"It was a learning experience for me," King said. "[But] I want to get it out there that it can be done."

The house, which has been under construction for more than a year, is expected to take a total of 18 to 20 months to complete. Although green houses take almost three times as long to make as normal homes and cost twice as much, King said the extra time and money are worth it. While the upfront cost is large, the payback over time from reduced energy costs is significant. Additionally, the materials are made to last longer, which King said doubles the life of the home.

King, who has been a contractor since 1994, said he became focused on green building and sustainability five years ago.

"I guess in a way I feel like I'm giving back to the environment and trying to make it a healthy place to live," King said. "I really love what I'm doing and I really care about what I'm doing."

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Wasteful spending?

Editor:

The Big Blue Bus (as reported in the Tuesday, April 20 issue of the Santa Monica Daily Press) faces a $6.1 million deficit, and proposes raising fares.

Perhaps BBB should also consider more carefully thought-out and less wasteful spending. Case in point, the Market Shuttle – expensive mini-buses, plus personnel to drive and maintain them, expensively printed brochures, additional cost for street markers and the labor to install the signs. All of this was done without public input (to my knowledge) to determine a need for the service. These unnecessary little buses passed by empty as I walked to the Arizona Avenue Farmers' Market. I have seen no public accounting or cost estimates for this miscalculation of user demand.

Apparently, some of these mini-buses are now used to transport visitors to the Annenberg Community Beach House. Although the cost of this service may be hidden within the Beach House operating budget, those buses I have seen were also running without passengers. While BBB provides many valuable services to our community, the Beach House shuttle may not be one of them.

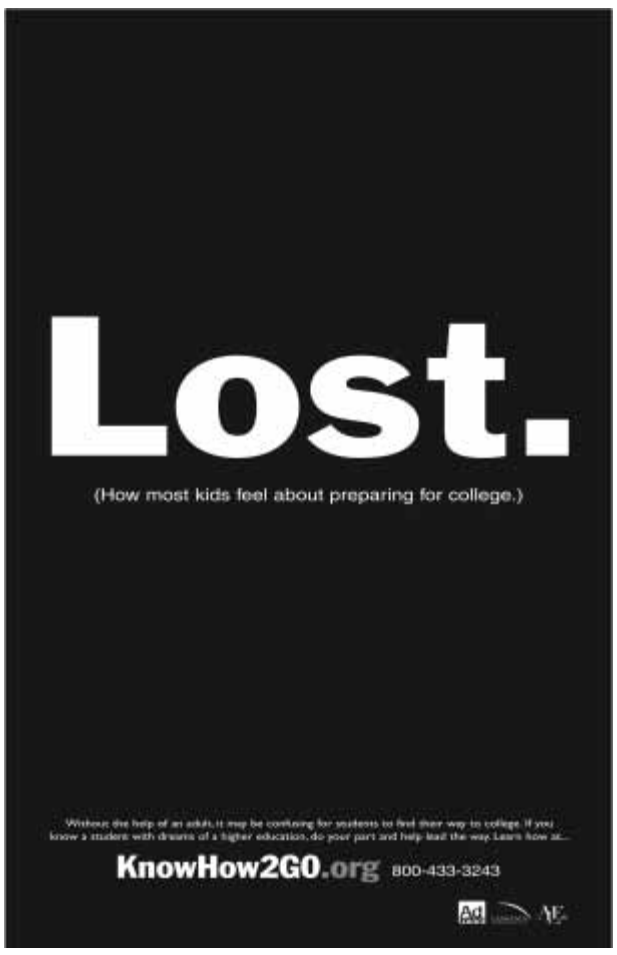
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Nuclear fallout

Editor:

Recently President Obama pledged $8 billion for new nuclear reactors. I am personally frustrated with President Obama's plans to promote nuclear power and am concerned that the administration has not planned a strategy for safe, long-term storage of radioactive waste. Obama claims that nuclear power will allow us to transition into utilizing renewable energies, however, I am pessimistic that President Obama will endorse renewable energy such as wind and solar power in the future. Nuclear power is costly, potentially catastrophic, inefficient, and uranium is a non-renewable resource and nuclear power plants are targets for terrorist attacks. In the State of the Union address, Obama repeatedly referred to the importance of clean energy. In my opinion clean coal, nuclear power, and opening new areas for offshore drilling do not represent clean energies or progress. Increased production and incentives for this type of "clean energy" are a step in the wrong direction.

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Bright lights, curfews and census scams

Q: IT SEEMS TO ME THAT IN THE PAST couple of years more and more motorists in Santa Monica are driving with their bright lights on. For people with cataracts or other degraded vision, bright lights either behind them or ahead of them are about like driving with a blindfold on. Is there still a law on the books requiring drivers to dim their headlights when approaching other cars? If so, could our police enforce it?

A: All of the laws in the California Vehicle Code are enforceable by law enforcement officials, and the Santa Monica Police Department can stop motorists and issue citations for violating this section. California Vehicle Code section 24409(a) states that the vehicle operators must dim the high beams of their vehicle for oncoming traffic within 500 feet. Also, section 24409(b) of the California Vehicle Code states that vehicle operators must dim the high beams of their vehicle when traveling behind other vehicles within 300 feet. Newer vehicles are being stocked with halogen bulbs. The halogen bulbs project a blue tint that appears to be very bright, but the bulbs are legal and not considered high beams.

Q: Is there a curfew for minors in Santa Monica?

A: Section 4.08.370 of The Santa Monica Municipal Code establishes the guidelines for the Santa Monica curfew ordinance. It is unlawful for any minor to be present in any public place or on the premises of any establishment within the city during curfew hours. "Curfew hours" means the period from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. of the following day on Sunday through Thursday and from 11 p.m. to 6 a.m. of the following day on Friday and Saturday.

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5. Involved in an emergency;
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Ice cold Tea Party

THIS WHOLE TEA PARTY THING IS somewhat confusing. Don't get me wrong. I think it's great that people who are upset about politics are participating in protests rather than being apathetic. However, some things that they're saying don't make sense to me. The big cry is, "Give me my country back." Where do they think their country went? Did they have a bad dream in which they wake up and suddenly can't find all of the states? "Oh, no! I can't find California and Arizona. Whoever took it, should give it back. And I don't want to hear, "Finders, keepers." Who do they think took America? Was it some country with fewer problems than we have? Are they calling out in this dream, "Hey, Monaco, we know you took our country. That's not right. You don't even have room for it."

Many of us were surprised by the recent demographic statistics that showed the Tea Party is not a movement consisting of people who have been unfairly deprived of achieving the "American Dream." Tea Partiers say they don't want the government so involved in their lives, yet the majority of them are in favor of Social Security and Medicare. In other words, they are against the government spending money on programs to help people except for the programs that they like. The majority of Tea Partiers are wealthier than the average American, better educated, and own nicer homes. So they achieved the American Dream. They just don't care if anyone else ever gets to have that dream.

So just what are they unhappy with? What do they think has changed too much? Do they yearn for a time when there was runaway spending by the Bush administration? They shouldn't worry about that. We've still got runaway spending. Do they miss the days when we waged a senseless war in the Mideast? Cheer up. We're still waging that war. Are they afraid that since Obama was elected, Wall Street's traditional greed has been halted? There are two words that should get rid of this fear — Goldman Sachs. So where's the socialism? What are the radical moves Obama has made?

Is it just about health care? Come on. Is there one American who either personally or through his or her family hasn't had a horrible experience with a doctor, a hospital, or an insurance company? I don't know any. Besides, if for some reason, you love your nice, caring insurance company, nobody's making you change to something else. That doesn't sound so radical to me.

So why are they upset with the Obama administration? It goes beyond the Democrats who were upset with Bush becoming president. These are not the usual feelings that those among the political "outs" have for the political "ins." There are some things having to do with the anger that these people feel towards Obama that is over the top. I'm talking about the out and out disdain, the name-calling, the drawings of Obama looking like Hitler that are displayed at their rallies. This is not just the traditional American rhetoric of those who were disappointed that their people were voted out of office. This is unabashed hatred.

I WANT MY COUNTRY BACK, TOO, AND NOT JUST THE GOOD OLD AMERICA IN WHICH COKE COST ONLY A DIME. I WOULD LOVE TO SEE THE OLD AMERICA IN WHICH PEOPLE COULD DISAGREE POLITICALLY, BUT STILL RESPECT EACH OTHER'S OPINIONS – AND THEIR RIGHT TO HAVE THEM.

I'm thinking of forming my own political group and calling it the Cola Party. I want my country back, too, and not just the good old America in which Coke cost only a dime. I would love to see the old America in which people could disagree politically, but still respect each other's opinions — and their right to have them. Give me back my America in which people could calmly discuss their differences without calling each other un-American. Is it really "American," is it really "patriotic" to not act this way?

Those who are actually spewing disgusting invective or bringing those Nazi posters to the rallies might very well be on the fringe of this fringe movement. I'm certainly not suggesting that everyone in the Tea Party is filled with this venom. But I worry that too many of them are.

So what makes these Obama opponents so much angrier, so much more threatened, and so much more involved in using violent images than Americans who haven't liked previous presidents throughout our history? It's a mystery, isn't it? Let's see. What is it about President Obama that's different from all the other presidents who've come before him? Maybe it's not really such a mystery after all.

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District denies it has school closure plans

FROM **SCHOOL** PAGE 1

response from parents. "I have not heard about anybody that's questioning it at this point."

But Cuneo said he was surprised to learn of the group's plan to petition the district for a charter, especially because Point Dume is a high achieving school that this week was recognized as a California Distinguished School by the state's Department of Education. Typically, he said, parents petition districts for charters when they're displeased with the level of student achievement.

He also denied there are plans to close Point Dume or any other school in the district.

"Closing a school is just not on the radar right now," he said. "I can't say it would never be, but … it certainly isn't now. It's a rumor."

Point Dume has the second lowest enrollment total of any school in the district with 264 students, Cuneo said, and district projections predict that figure will decrease to 215 by 2015.

Ali Thonson, another Point Dume parent, said fear that the school could be shuttered has been the primary motivation to back the charter conversion push.

"The main reason is we want to be proactive and we want to prevent closure," she said. "We feel that in order to honor our children, honor the teachers that have worked so hard to create this incredible school, and honor our community, that we need to do what we can to preserve our school."

Ross said the conversion effort has nothing to do with side-stepping the 15 percent equity fund contribution requirement for fundraising dollars.

"CLOSING A SCHOOL IS JUST NOT ON THE RADAR RIGHT NOW. ... IT'S A RUMOR."

Tim Cuneo,
SMMUSD Superintendent

"We do a significant amount of fund raising already, we've had to do that for many years in order to alleviate some of the effects of state budget cuts, and we would continue to do that," she said. "We have always happily paid into the equity fund, and it's a good program."

School Board President Barry Snell called Point Dume "a high performing school" that has been "very successful in our district," but declined to comment on the charter advocates' proposal.

"There's so many unanswered questions," he said. "This is so preliminary."

He also denied there was any plan to close a school in the district.

"Logistically, up in Malibu it's very difficult to close a school. They're so far [apart from] each other. We're concerned about that."

A call to Santa Monica-Malibu Classroom Teachers Association President Harry Keiley seeking comment about the proposed charter conversion was not returned by deadline Friday.

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New project would add 40 units for homeless

FROM **HOUSING** PAGE 1

The $12 million Hollywood project will be known as Step Up on Vine. It was made possible in part by a $1 million donation from Aileen Getty and a $250,000 contribution from Los Angeles County Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky's discretionary fund, Lipka said.

Councilman Richard Bloom said the move into Hollywood is a natural one for Step Up, which specializes in assisting homeless people who struggle with mental illness. Bloom said both Santa Monica and Hollywood have homeless populations with a disproportionate number of mentally ill individuals.

"It represents more regional partners doing good things on homelessness," Bloom said of the expansion. "The nice thing about this is that folks in Hollywood are really trying to step up on homelessness in a big way."

Step Up receives about 60 percent of its funding from the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health. It also receives money from the city of Santa Monica, the federal government and through private donations.



Photo courtesy Step Up on Second

NEW DIGS: **Step Up moving to Hollywood.**

Step up follows the "housing first" model of addressing homelessness, putting people in housing who in some cases have lived on the streets for decades.

"Their model is one that can be applied in other communities, not just here in Santa Monica," Bloom said.

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CLOSE CALL

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Michael Doherty of St. Monica School boys varsity baseball team dives under the tag attempt of Ben Lamkie of St. Bernard High School at Marine Park on Friday. St. Monica hosted St. Bernard in an El Camino Real league game and won 7-0.

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Vikings even record with win

FROM **STRIKES** PAGE 3

wise," Philip-Guide said. "We had a lot of patient at-bats."

Among the players issued multiple free passes were Adam Padilla and Mason Landis.

Assistant Coach Tony Todd said that he was happy to see a number of backup players get into the game, giving them much-need experience.

The win keeps the Vikings in a tie for first place with Beverly Hills. Samohi played Inglewood again on Friday at home, but the score was not available at presstime. The game had been scheduled for Tuesday, but it was rained out.

Next for the Vikings is a road matchup against Taft on Saturday as part of the Redondo Tournament. The Vikings are 2-2 in the tourney thus far and hope to secure a victory over one of the elite teams in the Los Angeles City Section.

Taft is 13-7 overall and has been successful against a team Samohi lost to earlier. Taft handed Westlake a 13-2 beating late last month, also in the Redondo Tournament. Westlake escaped with a 6-5 win over Samohi in tourney play.

"They look like a pretty good team," Philip-Guide said of Taft. "I expect a good game from them."

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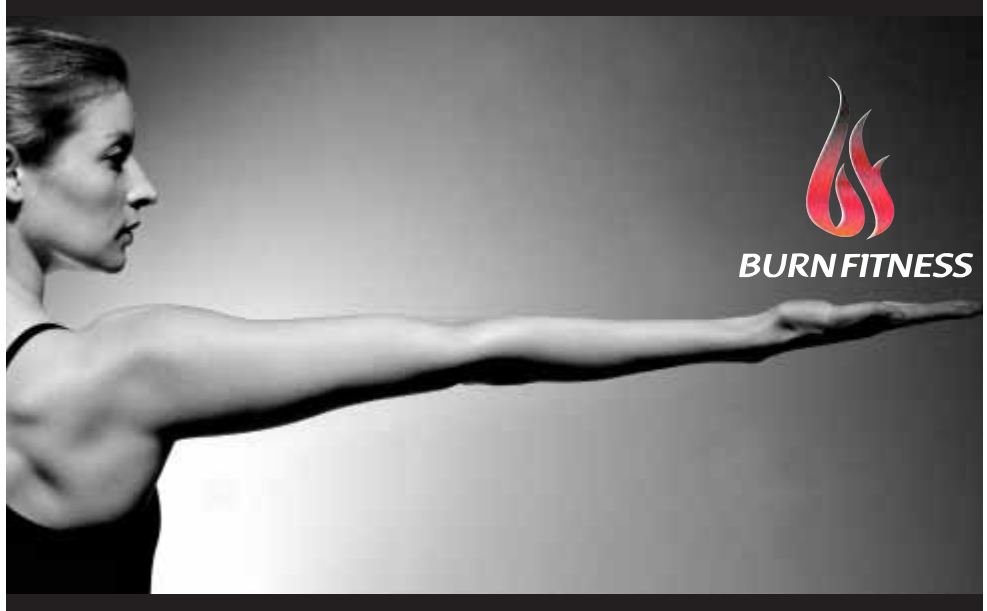
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BUICK'S 2010 LACROSSE

Quality returns to Buick

LET'S KICK-OFF OUR ROAD TEST SERIES with the 2010 Buick LaCrosse, an all-new car which is one of the prime examples of how far American-made car quality and attention to detail has come. And I see nothing wrong with sometimes rooting for the home team, especially when it's well-deserved.

Buick has had growing sales (comparing month-by-month to the past year) for six straight months and in March sales were up an impressive 76 percent.

The 2010 LaCrosse is a perfect competitor for the Lexus ES 350 and Chrysler 300 (which is pretty long in the tooth), thanks to its looks, a choice of three direct-injected engines, optional Haldex all-wheel drive (on CXL) and a healthy mix of standard and optional interior gadgets, including in-dash nav, rear entertainment system and a rearview camera.

I find LaCrosse's appearance aggressive and powerful, not quite intimidating but certainly muscular for a big four-door. The Chrysler 300? We've seen it for a long while now; nothing really new. And Lexus makes a point of not changing styling too much; their buyers don't like a lot of change.

Two design cues harkening back to Buick's glory days is the large grille with vertical louvers. In years past people would say about Buick's signature big grille that, "I don't know whether to drive it or shave with it."

The distinctive Buick portholes are back too. Now they're found next to the engine compartment on the inside top of the fenders.

You have three engine choices: for the first time in a decade, Buick offers a four-cylinder engine standard on the CX. It's a direct injected Ecotec 2.4L which pumps out 182 horsepower. The CX has a new 3.0L V-6 powerplant which make 255 horsepower. The high-zoot CXL comes with a 3.6L V-6 liter providing 280 horses. All engines are direct injection, which increases power and mileage and can decrease pollutants. Six speed automatics come on all three cars and they have a center console stick with tap-to-change-gear.

For 2010, only the 3L CXL model has AWD available; in 2011, the CXS standard with the 3.6 V-6 will have the option.

LaCrosse in 2011 will offer just the four-cylinder and the 3.6 liter V-6. That 2011 model will now be able to offer all-wheel drive paired with the direct-injection 3.6-liter

LaCrosse 2011 models start production on June 14 of this year. If it were me and I had the kick, I'd wait a few months for the CXS AWD.

Inside, it's Buick-level plush and quiet. Dashboard, switchgear, gauges and driver position are among the best in the industry. Most people will feel right at home in just a few minutes. Precise fit and finish inside (and out) shows GM is paying attention to details which the old GM would have let slide. "Ship it and let the dealer fix it" was the long-time GM mantra and thankfully those days are gone.

Driving LaCrosse on either the 17-inch (CX), 18-inch or optional 19-inch wheels is mostly a pleasure and can be fun. Front-drive cars sometimes have a lot of understeer, what NASCAR drivers call "push." LaCrosse, while it has its share of understeer, is fairly predictable and controllable. If you want no understeer, order the AWD option.

The car, despite its luxury size and weight, feels taut and surprisingly sporty. Fuel mileage, GM says, ranges between 17 and 26 mpg depending on the engine ordered, though I found my mileage lower. Around town mileage was between 12 and 15 mpg, and on the open highway was 21 to 23 mpg, but not 26. The 2.4-L is EPA-rated 30 mpg on the highway and 19 mpg in the city. Still all fairly impressive for a 3,929 pound automobile.

Base price for the four-cylinder is $26,995, for the V-6 CX $27,835, $30,395 for CXL and $33,765 for the top-line CSX with the big 3.6L V-6. Our tester, a CSX with a sunroof, Xenon headlamps, heads-up info display and optional paint, Red Jewel Tintcoat, came in at $36,130.

LaCrosse is built at GM's Fairfax Assembly facility in Kansas City, Kan.

Buick was always known as the "doctor's car" because, in the days of yore and house calls, no doctor wanted to pull up to your home in a Cadillac; a Buick was perceived as more conservative, less expensive and more sensible than its big bro Caddy.

LaCrosse signals Buick sedans are headed into a much higher realm. If this is your kind of car, there's little to complain about, including not much rear seat legroom, the aforementioned understeer, not the greatest sound system and some other problems. But there's plenty to enjoy, too, and that's right for a car which tops out at nearly $40,000.

On my scale of one to five, four tires and a spare, LaCrosse rates a three-plus to four.

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Oil drilling accidents prompted new safety rules

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NEW ORLEANS A federal agency that oversees offshore oil drilling was so concerned about deaths and injuries it had documented that it was moving to impose new safety rules even before this week's oil rig explosion off the Louisiana coast, according to records obtained by The Associated Press.

A Minerals and Management Service review published last year found 41 deaths and 302 injuries out of 1,443 accidents, the majority caused by human error and operational and maintenance problems. The new rules focus on preventing human error, a safety area that hadn't received as much attention in the past.

The accidents and the explosion have again brought criticisms of the industry and opponents of President Barack Obama's plan for more offshore drilling say the collapse should be taken as a warning to slow the fervor to drill.

As officials continued to search for what caused the blast, crews were making progress cleaning up oil from the explosion Tuesday, and trying to contain what spilled and prevent any threat to the coast's fragile ecosystem. The Coast Guard was also using an airplane, a helicopter and a Coast Guard cutter to continue looking for 11 missing workers even as hopes diminished that they survived.

Officials did receive good news Friday when Coast Guard Rear Adm. Mary Landry said no oil appeared to be leaking from a well head at the ocean floor, nor was any leaking at the water's surface. But she said crews were closely monitoring the rig for any more crude that might spill out.

At midday Friday, at least half a dozen boats were visible with booms extended in loops, trapping a thin oil sheen that extended about 7 miles north of where the rig sank.

From the air, there was no sign the oil was affecting animal life in the area.

Strong winds were blowing generally from the south as a cold front approached from Texas. The passage of the front late Friday or Saturday was expected to shift winds to the north, which could push the sheen away from the coast.

BP PLC, which leased the rig and took the lead in the cleanup, said it has activated an extensive oil spill response, including using remotely operated vehicles to assess the well and 32 vessels to mop up the spill.

BP Chief Executive Tony Hayward said the company will do "everything in our power to contain this oil spill and resolve the situation as rapidly, safely and effectively as possible."

Weather forecasts indicate the spill was likely to stay well away from shore at least through the weekend, but if winds change it could come ashore faster, said Doug Helton of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's office of response and restoration.

Environmentalists said the explosion was a reminder the industry was dangerous.

"I would hope it would serve as another wake-up call on this issue that there is no such thing as safe oil drilling," said Sara Wan, a California Coastal Commission who opposes offshore drilling. "Once that oil starts leaking in the ocean, that damage is irreversible. You just look at what happened with Exxon-Valdez — they're still feeling the affects of it. There's no real way to clean it up."

Despite the explosion, White House spokesman Robert Gibbs said the president had no plans to give up his effort to expand offshore drilling. Gibbs said Obama continues to believe that the United States needs a comprehensive solution to its energy problems — including expanded domestic production of oil and natural gas.

The president still believes increasing domestic oil production can be done safely, securely and without harming the environment, Gibbs said.

"I don't honestly think it opens up a whole new series of questions, because, you know, in all honesty I doubt this is the first accident that has happened and I doubt it will be the last," Gibbs said.

Meanwhile, U.S. Sen. Bill Nelson called for a congressional investigation of safety practices at offshore oil rigs. Nelson, a Democrat who has led opposition to offshore drilling, said he asked the U.S. Interior Department to investigate and provide a comprehensive report on all U.S. drilling accidents over at least the last decade.

"The tragedy off the coast of Louisiana shows we need to be asking a lot more tough questions of big oil," Nelson said. "I think we need to look back over 10 years or so to see if the record denies the industry's claims about safety and technology."

The Coast Guard, which was leading the investigation, had not given up the search early Friday for those missing from the rig.

Lt. Cmdr. Cheri Ben-Iesau said a Coast Guard cutter would remain on the scene Friday after searching overnight, and a helicopter would take advantage of clear weather to make three more search flights.

"We use a scientific program to make a best-guess estimate on survivability," Ben-Iesau said. "And then the Coast Guard searches a little longer than that. Because there's always the unknown."

Carolyn Kemp of Monterey, La., said her grandson, Roy Wyatt Kemp, 27, would have been on the drilling platform when it exploded.

"They're assuming all those men who were on the platform are dead," Kemp said. "That's the last we've heard."

Most of the crew — 111 members — were ashore, including 17 taken to hospitals. Four were in critical condition. Four others made it off safely were still on a boat operating one of several underwater robots being used to assess whether the flow of oil could be shut off at a control valve on the sea floor, said Guy Cantwell, spokesman for rig owner Transocean Ltd.

Overton said the sheen's distance from shore means the impact on wildlife is likely not widespread, although some seabirds that dive for food could become coated with oil.

The problem, Overton said, would be if thicker globs of oil reach coastal areas such as the Chandeleur islands, home to hatcheries for pelicans and other birds.

A turn in winds and currents might send oil toward fragile coastal wetlands — nurseries for fish and shrimp and habitat for birds.

To prevent that, the Marine Spill Response Corp., an energy industry cleanup consortium, brought seven skimmer boats to suck oily water from the surface, four planes that can scatter chemicals to disperse oil, and 500,000 feet — 94.6 miles — of containment boom, a floating barrier with a skirt that drapes down under the water and corrals the oil.

Arizona governor signs immigration enforcement bill

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PHOENIX Arizona Gov. Jan Brewer signed into law the nation's toughest legislation against illegal immigration Friday, a sweeping measure that supporters said would take handcuffs off police but which President Barack Obama said could violate people's civil rights.

The bill, sent to the Republican governor by the GOP-led Legislature, would make it a crime under state law to be in the country illegally. It would also require local police officers to question people about their immigration status if there is reason to suspect they are illegal immigrants.

Brewer, who faces a tough election battle and growing anger in the state over illegal immigrants, said the law "protects every Arizona citizen."

"We in Arizona have been more than patient waiting for Washington to act," Brewer said after signing the law. "But decades of inaction and misguided policy have created a dangerous and unacceptable situation."

Obama said in Washington that he's instructed the Justice Department to examine the Arizona bill to see if it's legal, and said the federal government must enact immigration reform at the national level — or leave the door open to "irresponsibility by others."

"That includes, for example, the recent efforts in Arizona, which threaten to undermine basic notions of fairness that we cherish as Americans, as well as the trust between police and their communities that is so crucial to keeping us safe," Obama said.

Brewer was under intense pressure from anti-illegal immigration groups and lawmakers in her own party to sign the bill, but has given no indication what she will do.

Hundreds of protesters gathered at the State Capitol complex Friday calling on Brewer to veto the legislation.







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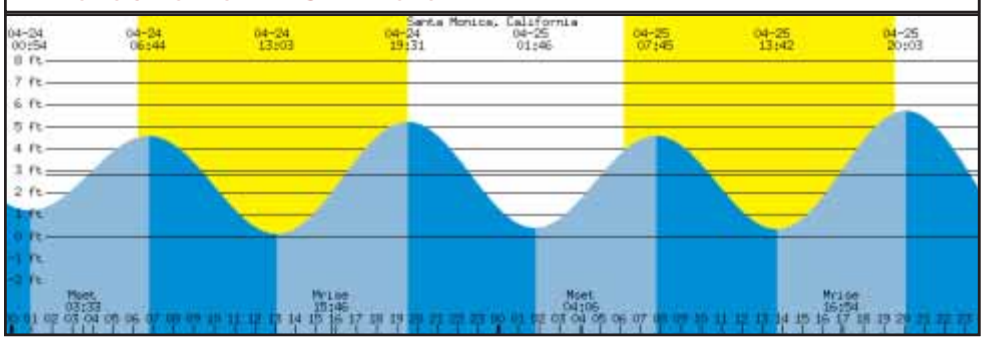
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Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	A+
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechasa and Las Aliso creeks.	A+	A+
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	A+	A+
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth.	A	F
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	A	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+	D
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.	D	D
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	B	F
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	A+	A
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero).	A	F
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+	B
Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain.	A+	F
Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua).	F	F
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain.	A+	F
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain.	A+	F
Santa Monica Municipal Pier.	A	D
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+	D
Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain.	A+	A
Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south.	A+	C
Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St..	A+	F
Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- lifeguard tower.	A	B
Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth.	A+	C
Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain.	A+	B
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+	D
Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain.	A+	F

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NFL

N.W.A.'s Ice Cube documents hip-hop's ties to the Raiders

JAKE COYLE
AP Entertainment Writer

NEW YORK When the groundbreaking hip-hop group N.W.A. was forming in the mid-1980s, they didn't care much for the colorful Troop suits then being worn by rappers such as LL Cool J.

Instead, the group — which included Dr. Dre, Eazy-E and Ice Cube — decided to wear black. Since many of the Compton, Calif., crew were fans of the Los Angeles Raiders, that meant wearing a lot of Raiders gear.

For years, Raiders apparel would be synonymous with N.W.A. and gangsta rap.

Cube, whose real name is O'Shea Jackson, has made a documentary about his old group's connection to the Raiders: "Straight Outta L.A.," a pun on N.W.A.'s 1988 debut album, "Straight Outta Compton." The film was to premiere at the Tribeca Film Festival on Friday and will air on ESPN in May as part of the network's "30-for-30" series.

"It was a team we could identify with, from the neighborhood that we came from," says Cube. "The Lakers was real glitzy and glamour; the Dodgers were seen as a little out of reach. But the Raiders, it seemed like my uncles played for the Raiders."

ESPN asked Cube, who has worked as actor and producer in such movies as "Boyz n the Hood" and "Friday," to contribute a film to "30-for-30." But he had only directed once: 1998's "The Players Club."

"I thought about it for a minute, and this was the story: the L.A. Raiders coming to L.A. and how their image and persona, in a lot ways, changed the trajectory of hip-hop," he says.

The Raiders, who made the Los Angeles Coliseum home from 1982-1994, were appealing because they were good (they won the Super Bowl in 1976, 1980 and 1983), a little brash and, thanks partly to owner Al Davis, had something of a renegade about them. The silver and black colors, with a pirate logo, also fit the violence of Compton.

"To me, they were always known as the bad boys of the NFL," Cube says. "It was some kind of crazy synergy."

In the film, Snoop Dogg chimes: "Good guys wear black."

Before they knew it, N.W.A. would play in Denver and elsewhere and see Raiders jerseys everywhere. Raiders merchandise began selling wildly.

But the love affair among hip-hop, L.A. and the Raiders didn't quite last. The team developed a thuggish reputation and moved back to Oakland not long after the L.A. riots in 1992.

Former Raiders linebacker Rod Martin says in the film that he thought N.W.A. was "too hardcore" and wasn't "a good advertisement" for the team. Since then, many rappers have sought to associate themselves not with a sports team's apparel, but their own gear. Master P, for example, launched a line of jerseys for his No Limit Records label.

Cube, too, eventually questioned why he and N.W.A. should fill the Raiders' coffers. On his 1991 solo album, "Death Certificate," he rapped: "Stop givin' juice to the Raiders/ Cause Al Davis never paid us/ I hope he wear a vest."

Cube interviewed Davis for the film, an experience he compares to "talking to Yoda." Those rap lines are long forgotten to Cube, still a rabid Raiders fan and an admirer of Davis.

"In rap, being clever and rhyming is key," he says. "So, you know, that record was done in '91. It was a whole different time."

Nevertheless, from 2 Live Crew and the University of Miami's football team to Jay-Z and the Yankees, few connections between rap and sports have been stronger than that of N.W.A. and the Raiders.

"Sports without music is just a game," says Cube. "The music adds the same thing it does for the movie soundtrack: It tells your emotions where to be."

Durant shows he's more than a scorer with clutch D

JEFF LATZKE
AP Sports Writer

OKLAHOMA CITY There's no doubting that Kevin Durant can score.

But it took some convincing for the NBA's scoring champion to believe that he could really impact a game when his shots weren't going in — a lesson that proved crucial to the Oklahoma City Thunder's improvement this season.

Durant developed enough on the defensive end that he was asking to guard Kobe Bryant in the fourth quarter of Oklahoma City's 101-96 victory in Game 3 against the Los Angeles Lakers. He limited Bryant to 2-for-10 shooting while rediscovering his offense to lead the Thunder to the win.

At this point, Thunder coach Scott Brooks says "it's hard to imagine us being a good defensive team without him."

Brooks says he still plans to mix up his defense against Bryant, whose team leads the series 2-1.



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7:30pm

Sunday, April 25
The Godfather, Part II (NR) 3 hrs 20min
7:30 p.m.

AMC Loews Broadway 4
1441 Third Street Promenade

The Joneses (R) 1hr 33min
12:05pm, 2:30pm, 5:00pm, 7:30pm, 10:05pm

Greenberg (R) 1hr 47min
11:05am, 4:20pm, 9:40pm

Clash of the Titans 3D (PG-13) 1hr 50min
1:40pm, 7:00pm

Alice in Wonderland in Disney Digital 3D (PG) 1hr 49min
11:00am, 1:45pm, 4:30pm, 7:15pm, 9:55pm

Hot Tub Time Machine (R) 1hr 40min
12:10pm, 2:40pm, 5:15pm, 7:45pm, 10:15pm

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The Back-up Plan (PG-13) 1hr 38min
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Clash of the Titans 3D (PG-13) 1hr 50min
11:30am, 2:15pm, 5:05pm, 7:45pm, 10:35pm

Date Night (PG-13) 1hr 28min
10:15am, 12:45pm, 1:45pm, 3:15pm, 5:40pm, 7:30pm, 8:15pm, 10:40pm

Kick-Ass (R) 1hr 57min
4:15pm, 10:15pm

Kick-Ass (Digital Presentation) (R) 1hr 57min
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Oceans (G) 1hr 24min
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Kenny Chesney: Summer in 3D (NR) 1hr 39min
2:00pm

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When You're Strange (R) 1hr 42min
1:00pm, 3:10pm, 5:20pm, 7:40pm, 10:00pm

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

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

City Island (PG-13) 1hr 55min
1:50pm, 4:20pm, 7:20pm, 9:50pm

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Death at a Funeral (R) 1hr 30min
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Get out and about, Pisces

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ You have your hands full. If you can visit and chat with someone while clearing out a project or two, it would be much nicer. If asked, be frank about how you feel. The other party wants to know. Tonight: Do your own thing.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ Where others are stymied by situations, you aren't. In fact, your imagination seems to take off in many unanticipated directions. Let go of old grievances. Open up to new thoughts and styles. Tonight: If you are a charming Bull, it might be very hard to say "no" to you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Though you might not want to dignify the role of couch potato with your presence, you run around so much that some heavy downtime fits the bill. A partner is changing, and you are adjusting. Venus enters your sign today, adding to your allure. Tonight: Be with a favorite person.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★★ Keep talking about what is on your mind. If someone doesn't get it with one set of words and expressions, try another style. Eventually, you will get through. In the next few weeks, walk away from being overly sensitive. Tonight: Hang out with favorite people.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Be aware of the hidden costs of a purchase or an agreement. Discuss feelings later in the day, when you see that another person's attitude was a passage rather than a reality. Tonight: Treat others to dinner or a scrumptious dessert.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ You beam, and others might wonder why. You might not know exactly, but you feel together. A child or budding relationship plays a strong role in upcoming events. You cannot run away from this one! Tonight: Just don't be alone.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★ Just say "no" or cancel plans if you would like to. It is wonderful to be reliable, but sometimes even you need to be flaky. A partner comes through with more understanding than anticipated. Tonight: Screen your calls.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★★ Where people are is where the happy Scorp can be found. As you meet people, you also sense the many possibilities that you have yet to entertain. If you are attached, your mate looks at you through new eyes. If you are single, someone clearly admires you. Tonight: Where the party is.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★ Many might look to you as an authority figure. Just don't step up to the plate unless you really know what you are doing. Use care with your funds, as you might suddenly notice that your accounts are lower. Tonight: Out at a concert or ballgame.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★★ Sometimes you hold yourself back too much. Don't today. Let your mind take off like a magic carpet. Whether you decide to plan a vacation or just plan a wild party is your call. Let go of constraints, certainly self-imposed ones. Tonight: Be free as a bird. You can do it. Try it once!

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ You are such an independent, free spirit that once in a while you can accommodate a partner or loved one and do exactly what he or she wants to do for a day. Both of you could be delighted by the outcome and the strength of the feelings. Tonight: Bend and go with someone else's plans.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★★ March to the beat of another person's drum. You might trip, but you feel enlightened to live another's life from his or her perspective. A family member or roommate shares his or her respect for the way you continue to open up. Tonight: Out and about.

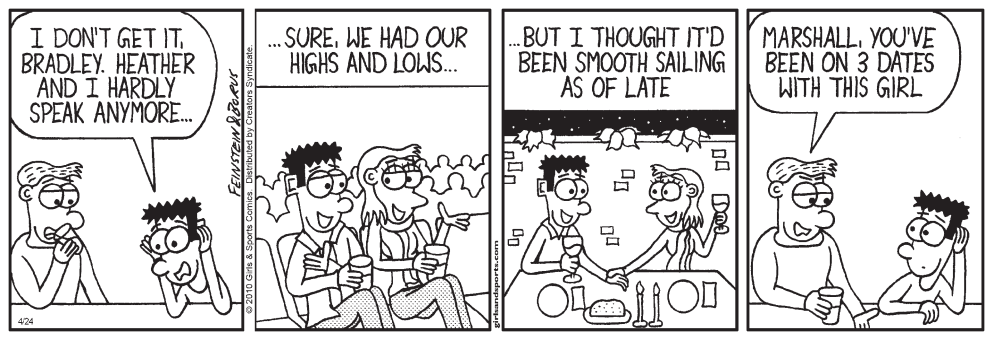
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The stars show the kind of day you'll have:
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★★★★ Positive ★ Difficult
★★★ Average

This year, you develop a new talent. Not only will you find it rewarding, but it also might become an excellent second source of revenue. Often, you hold yourself back and don't risk, but this is not a risk. You are developing a gift. Your creativity swells when you are out of your environment. If you are single, go exotic, and you could be delighted by the type of relationship you form. If you are attached, plan on that special trip you have always talked about. VIRGO understands you much better than you think.

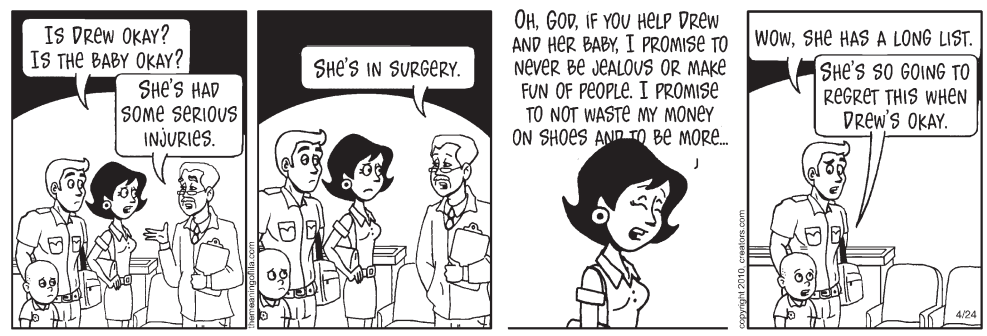
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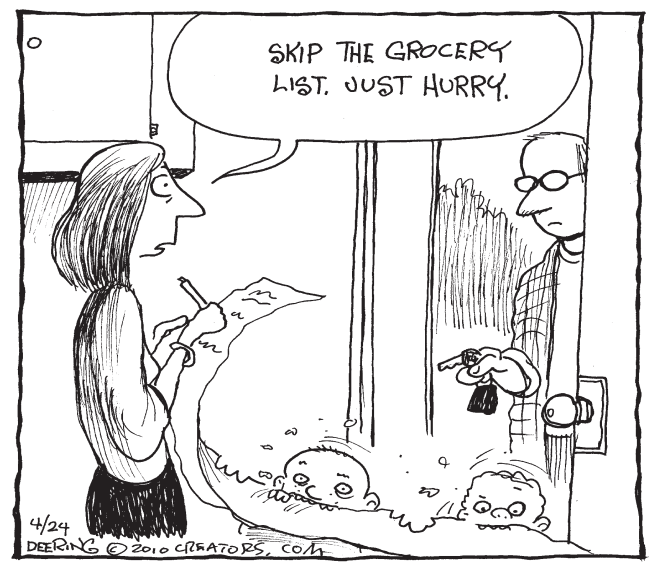
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There are many strategies to solving Sudoku. One way to begin is to examine each 3x3 grid and figure out which numbers are missing. Then, based on the other numbers in the row and column of each blank cell, find which of the missing numbers will work.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

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

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5 Knock off work
10 Soda-bottle size
12 Unaided
13 "You don't say!"
14 Old poets
15 Hamm of soccer
16 CEO's deg.
18 Acquire
19 Bistro worker
21 Itches
22 Spot for Hillary
24 Record company
25 Spot for Hera
29 Calico comment
30 Spring holiday
32 Muff
33 Next-to-last letter
34 Need to pay
35 Tea party guest
37 Neck parts
39 As of this time
40 Like some milk
41 Stashes
42 Allies

DOWN

1 Out on —
2 Eyelash
3 Finally
4 Ball girl
5 Rum cake
6 As done by
7 Ravines
8 Start a new paragraph
9 Tries out
11 Elimination
17 Farewells
20 Submerged
21 Puppy cries
23 Stays
25 Red wine
26 2006 Winter Games setting
27 Perfect place
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29 Abattoir offering
31 Takes five
33 Flock holders
36 Intimidate
38 Smartphone download

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ How much can a shoplifter stuff in his pants? A man seen on surveillance video at a Mobil on the Run convenience store in Bloomfield, Conn., in February fled after stuffing at least 17 cans of Red Bull energy drink down his pants. And in Cairns, Australia, a 51-year-old man was caught shoplifting in March, witnessed by security staff putting three limes and a package of beef tongue in his pants. When cornered, the man (like clowns exiting a clown car) pulled out an additional two onions, three trays of rump steaks and a packet of lamb forequarter chops.

■ (1) Schoolteacher Lucia Carico, who has been in good standing in Hawkins County, Tenn., schools since 1973, was fired in March over an incident in which she stabbed a 7th-grade student in the arm seven times with a pen (because, she said, he had been unruly, singing and passing gas). (2) Teacher Randolphe Forde was fired in January by the Clayton County, Ga., school board for an October incident in which he allegedly "put a hit" on an 11th-grade student (offering $50).

■ Sex for One: (1) In February, police in Upper Darby, Pa., said they had to delay processing accused molester Siri Pinnya, 36, because he would not stop masturbating. Said the police superintendent, "We only fingerprinted his left hand." (2) Martin Guerrero, 17, was eventually arrested in his W.T. White High School classroom in Dallas in December after the teacher noticed him staring off into space. When she approached his desk, he shouted, "Ay Mami," and continued masturbating. (3) Shanna Vonfeldt was fired from her job at KUSA Aviation in Beaumont, Texas, but claimed in a lawsuit filed in January that she left only because of boss Kyle Knupple's habit of masturbating in the office.

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1907 Hersheypark, founded by Milton S. Hershey for the exclusive use of his employees, is opened.

1913 The Woolworth Building skyscraper in New York City is opened.

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