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THE CUTE KIDS ISSUE



Paul Alvarez Jr. *editor@smdp.com*

WORKING IT: The intersection of Lincoln Boulevard and Colorado Avenue was closed last week.

Expo construction more than halfway done

BY DAVID MARK SIMPSON
Daily Press Staff Writer

COLORADO AVE The train is coming on time.

Construction is 60 percent complete for the second phase of the incoming Expo Light Rail, which could open to the public by late 2015.

The first half of the project has been hard to miss. Lincoln Boulevard just reopened after a week-long closure and sections of Fifth Street, including the Interstate 10 off-ramp, closed for 10 days back in January. The remaining work, said construction manager Robb Fonkalsrud, might be less noticeable.

"The 60 percent, all of that is real visual," he said. "The bridges are going up, the stations are going up, but behind that 40 percent that's remaining there's a lot of electri-

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Grad rates up again at Samohi

BY DAVID MARK SIMPSON
Daily Press Staff Writer

SAMOHI It's a good time to be a cap and gown salesman in Santa Monica.

In 2013, the Santa Monica High School graduation rate rose to 96.5 percent, up from 92.8 percent in 2012 and 85 percent in 2010, according to statistic released Tuesday from the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District.

The district's graduation rate is 13 percentage points higher than the state average and 16 higher than the county average. The district's rate has also improved at a faster pace than both the state and county.

"SMMUSD always outperforms the region and the state in graduation rates so it's not a surprise to see improvement in that area," said Board of Education member

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ARTISTIC KIDS

Matthew Hall *matt@smdp.com*

(Above) Kindergarten students at Roosevelt Elementary School have produced art work mirroring famous pieces for the school's annual art show. Parents are welcome to visit the gallery from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. through May 1 and from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on May 2. (Right) Pictured are several student artists with teachers Holly Scholder, Ann Carey, Catherine Handelman and Karen Mendelson.




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What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Wednesday, April 30, 2014

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Story time for babies
Montana Library
1704 Montana Ave., 10:15 a.m.
Story time series for babies 0-17 months. For more information, visit smpl.org.

Thinking ahead
Main Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd., 7 p.m.
Prepare for college early and get information on types of colleges, academic requirements, and much more. Presented by Diana Hanson of College Mentors. For students in Grades 6-8 and their parents.

Planning the city
City Hall
1685 Main St., 7 p.m.
The Planning Commission will discuss a liquor license for The Broad Stage and the Northeast Neighbors are appealing the design of a new bank for Wilshire Boulevard. For more information, visit smgov.net.

Thursday, May 1, 2014

National Day of Prayer
Tongva Park, 1615 Ocean Ave., 8 a.m.
The National Day of Prayer is an annual day of observance held on the first Thursday of May, designated by the United States Congress, when people are asked "to turn to God in prayer and meditation." The Lighthouse Church is sponsoring this event. For more information, call (310) 560-7793.

Yoga and giggles
Ocean Park Library, 2601 Main St., 7 p.m.
Get your endorphins flowing. Folks will be laughing, stretching gently, clapping, breathing and relaxing. Join the fun. Free class. No registration required. For more information, visit smpl.org.

Fruits of labor
Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 7 p.m.
Backyard gardening and food preservation are growing trends but, in the real world, what can these practices do for you individually, and for the community around you? Do we create a wider consciousness of community when we grow, preserve and share the products of our own labor and that of local producers? How does it impact the household bottom line and your overall quality of life? Join the conversation with local practitioners, professionals and community organizers about their experiences. For more information, visit smpl.org.

Friday, May 2, 2014

Hat trick
1450 Ocean Ave., 6 p.m.
Corina Haywood leads students through a workshop dedicated to making straw hats. Haywood studied at the Fashion Institute of Technology in New York, where she learned the foundation of her millinery skills. For the past 10 years she has been exploring the relationship between art and fashion through her unique approaches to contemporary millinery construction and design. Her pieces have been collected by individuals, retailers and private label clients, and have been featured in Elle and Women's Wear Daily among other publications. For more information, call (310) 458-2239.

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BIG WIN

Morgan Genser *editor@smdp.com*

(Above) Santa Monica High School senior Sara Garcia slides into home plate after hitting an inside-the-park home run against Ocean League rival Culver City on Tuesday at Memorial Park. Samohi went on to win 17-3.

With the victory, Samohi improved to 5-0 in Ocean League play and 11-6 overall.

(Left) Whitney Jones makes contact with the ball.

Judge sentences elderly gem thief to jail

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

RIVERSIDE, Calif. An 83-year-old woman authorities say has spent much of her life stealing stuff has been sentenced to two years in jail for taking a $22,500 diamond ring from a Palm Desert jewelry store.

The Los Angeles Times reports Doris Payne pleaded guilty Monday in Riverside Superior Court.

Judge William Lebov ordered Payne to serve two years under mandatory supervision after she is released and to stay away from jewelry stores.

Prosecutors sought a six-year sentence.

Riverside County district attorney spokesman John Hall says Payne's criminal record dates to 1952.

In 2011 she was sentenced to 16 months in prison for stealing a $16,000 ring from a Santa Monica store.

She had been out of prison a few months when she took the $22,500 ring from El Paseo Jewelers.

Proud residents can take a seat

City program allows for sponsorship of benches and other amenities

BY MATTHEW HALL
Editor in Chief

CIVIC CENTER Lorenzo De Maio and his daughter love Tongva Park. It's their preferred picnic spot, the site of their favorite walks and it has become so important to the family that they make stops there before school to take in the ocean views.

Thanks to the Give Santa Monica program, future generations of De Maios will always remember how much the park meant to their family as Lorenzo De Maio was one of the first residents to sponsor a bench, including a plaque that will remain on the bench for as long as it remains in the park.

"I feel a longing to contribute to my community and to participate in my community," he said. "I've participated in some charities and events but nothing that has taken over for us. I was really inspired when I saw on Seascape that they were doing this and I really got very excited about the fact that we could contribute specifically to a park that we got excited about and to a park to which we had been going."

Bench donations cost $3,100 and donors are able to customize a plaque that will be placed on the edge of the bench. The Tongva Park benches are the latest expansion of the Give Santa Monica program that allows residents to give money toward a wish list of items within city-owned parks.

Melissa Spagnuolo, senior administrative analyst at City Hall, said four benches have been sponsored by three groups. Private citizens have sponsored two and the Jonathan Club sponsored two.

Matthew Allnatt, COO of Jonathan Club, said the club participates in several kinds of community outreach programs but that Tongva Park's location gave donations there a special prominence.

"It's a fairly significant piece of property and a fairly significant statement in the city," he said. "Right at the top of the incline there are outlooks over the ocean and Santa Monica."

Like Allnat, De Maio said he has been involved with other kinds of community outreach efforts but said the park donations, and Tongva in specific, felt special.

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Hello, Santa Monica

I am the new Editor-in-Chief of the Santa Monica Daily Press and as readers, you have a right to know who I am, what I stand for and what you can expect from the paper moving forward.

I am a life-long journalist with undergraduate degrees in journalism and philosophy (I majored in reading and writing), a master's degree in international journalism and most recently worked as managing editor of a newspaper company in Sonoma County in Northern California. I have spent thousands of hours covering school boards, city councils, non-profit groups and community news.

I believe a newspaper has an obligation to bring you accurate information that improves the lives of residents. Sometimes that means ruffling a few feathers with hard questions for those in power; sometimes it means highlighting the good work of volunteers or just celebrating the experience of living here. It means covering the entire community in as comprehensive a way as possible and to do that, I need your help because I am merely the custodian of the paper.

As readers, you're the backbone of our success and while we have a great staff here at SMDP, we can't do our jobs without your support. Tell us what you want us to cover. If you think we're missing something, call me. If you have an idea for a story, call me. If you want us to speak to your group, participate in career day, or help promote a fundraiser, call me.

There's no story to small to tell us about. Certainly, we have physical restraints in the paper and we can't get to everything, however, it's impossible for us to cover something we don't know about. The only way to get coverage is through communication.

I want to know when your PTA is holding a fundraiser, when your club recognizes its volunteer of the year, when a new business opens on your block or when a beloved member of your community leaves. I want to know when the pothole opens on your street, when your child's teacher is pink slipped or when a new development breaks ground in your neighborhood. Whatever is important to you is worth telling us.

You can call, e-mail, use the website or stop by with whatever information you have and we'll do our best to make the paper an accurate reflection of this city.

We have a dedicated staff here at the SMDP and I am excited to be a part of this team as it continues to provide Santa Monica with the best source for local news.

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Walking, wrestling, votes and the net

I'VE BEEN THINKING.

I'm reluctant to announce that because I'm pretty sure it will be received less with interest and anticipation than with trepidation and pity. Perhaps even fear and loathing. Direct all complaints to my brain, then. It seems to have a mind of its own, and rarely consults me for whatever dash of common sense I might still possess.

I partly blame my walking regimen. After technical discussions, over a proper scotch at local, cool-dive-bar the Daily Pint, with my Ambulatory Advisor Mr. Blatz, of Santa Monica High School fame, I decided to almost immediately start up again to repeat my recently completed project to walk every street in Santa Monica. Why not? I might have missed something, you know, while lost in thought. Right, brain?

The first time I skipped around willy-nilly, often picking each small area for the day's walk based upon how I felt about driving to get there to get started. Sometimes I would give in to my inner wimp who was loudly complaining, I don't want to walk there! It's a boring neighborhood! Let's go where it's beautiful and peaceful and there are big trees and big homes with gardeners, and pretty, shiny cars.

Mr. Blatz's strolling strategy is to go methodically, up, down and across, from one corner of town to the next. He's done it several times! I've come to see the wisdom of that, because then you get more of a sense of the city, as it's laid out, than if you skip around. So I've started at the far east end of Sunset Park, near the airport, and will work my way toward the ocean, then progressively north. If you spot me, come up and introduce yourself. I can't give extra credit like Mr. Blatz does when his students spot him out walking, but I will mention you in my next column.

I love, love, love much more to play basketball, if you can call what I do that. (It does involve a basketball and running around in the proximity of a net.) One-on-one mostly, with a couple of good friends. (Um, one at a time.) But walking, besides being better for your heart than almost anything, according to my cardiac crew, also affords you that time to think. So thanks a lot, Mr. Blatz, I guess we can all blame you for this sorry situation.

In another sporting reference, Mark Black, truly the wrestling teacher of Samohi, is back where he belongs, in the classroom, and all is right with the world, yes? Not yet. I still say, as I did from the beginning, that some sort of investigation, determination and accountability should be made over school district Superintendent Sandra Lyon's rush to judgment and her damaging remarks, indicting the teacher and showering sympathy on the student (now charged with misdemeanor crimes), which she tried to take back the next day. We should expect more from our superintendent, and decide if we still have the right one for the job.

Speaking of Bergamot Transit Village, I may have to force myself to another City Council meeting (I know, that's a terrible attitude) on Tuesday, May 13 to find out who won't be on our council next fall. Because that should be when the vote is taken concerning the very successful recent referendum drive to force reconsideration of the Hines project there, and my sense of the city is that any council member who votes to give that same rejected overdevelopment another chance, through putting it on the ballot and giving big money another opportunity to prevail over popular sentiment, is committing political suicide.

The excuse of "letting the people decide" in an election won't fool anyone. In 28 days, with almost all volunteer effort, 30-some big boxes of petition signatures were collected, and more than 10,000 signatures were certified, all on only a week's notice.

"It's wonderful that 10,000 people signed it," Mayor Pam O'Connor declared, disingenuously, if not sarcastically. "That means there are 45,000 registered voters in Santa Monica who have not weighed in on it. So we will see where we go on this in the future."

Excuse my Italian but that sounds to me like a sandwich made of unmitigated baloney and gall, with too much mayonnaise. O'Connor is such an enthusiastic cheerleader for unbridled development and for finding excuses for ignoring the people's expressed wishes, that I'd lay money down that she's history anyway. But I predict that this vote will determine political careers, even of those not up for reelection for a couple of years.

And I still say we need a recall of the entire council, now. Our city's soul is at stake, and waiting could bring irreversible bad stuff, haunting us for decades.

I believe all these recent developments, as unwanted as they may be, have given many of us a sense that we can, and must, take charge of our city, and that there is so much that can be done on a local level that might even elude state or national solutions.

Take net neutrality, a very important issue. Basically it means everyone gets equal access to the fastest speeds online. The FCC has a new chairman, Tom Wheeler, a former industry lobbyist and by all accounts a tough guy, who runs committees like they're his personal fiefdoms. He is reversing FCC policy and will be giving the huge corporate players the chance to buy faster Internet speeds than the rest of us, the cost of which will of course be passed along to consumers. Pay, or be left in the dust.

Fortunately, here in Santa Monica, we have a good head start, to utilize our own fiber optic network, and not be affected by this corporate coup. But we may need to give higher priority now to its completion.

Maybe there will be a new People's Republic of Santa Monica, rising from the ashes of the Hines project debacle, with citizens discovering their power to shape their destinies, at least locally. Only it could be a true republic this time, not just a nose thumb to landlords, trendy graffiti on the freeway entrance and meet the new boss/same as the old boss.

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Apple versus Samsung case goes to California jury

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SAN JOSE, Calif. It was Apple versus Samsung but Google loomed large Tuesday during closing arguments at the monthlong federal trial involving claims of patent infringement exchanged by the world's two largest smartphone makers.

A lawyer for Apple accused Samsung of "slavishly" copying key features of its iPhone and iPad products and demanded $2.2 billion in damages.

An attorney for Samsung denied the allegations and argued that its Google-developed software differs from Apple's operating system.

In his closing argument, lawyer William Price referred to an email from Apple founder Steve Jobs indicating that he had ordered employees to wage a "holy war" against Google and its Android system, believing it was a rip-off of Apple's operating system.

Price said that was the sole reason Apple filed the lawsuit against Samsung.

"We don't think we owe Apple a nickel," added John Quinn, one of four Samsung lawyers involved in the company's closing argument.

Quinn also said Apple wants to monopolize the industry.

"They want to attack Google and Android by attacking the most successful Android maker," he said.

Apple lawyer Harold McElhinny told jurors that Samsung's "illegal strategy has been wildly successful" and insisted that Google had nothing to do with the case.

"Despite all the times Samsung mentioned it, you will not find a single question about Google in your jury form," McElhinny said. "Google is not a defendant in this case."

Google spokesman Matt Kallman declined comment on the proceedings.

The four men and four women on the jury began deliberating Tuesday but did not reach a verdict. They will resume Wednesday.

The case marks the latest legal fight between Samsung and Apple as each tries to dominate the $330 billion annual market for smartphones.

Samsung has captured about 31 percent of the smartphone market while Apple retains a 15 percent share.

A different jury in San Jose presiding over a previous trial regarding older technology ordered Samsung to pay Apple $930 million. Samsung has appealed that ruling.

Google may not be a defendant in the current trial, but evidence introduced by Apple attorneys showed the Internet search giant has agreed to reimburse Samsung if the South Korean company is ordered to pay damages on two of the five patents at issue.

In addition, Samsung lawyers called three Google engineers to the witness stand to testify.

The trial involves five Apple patents that the company accuses Samsung of using to create nine newer smartphones and a tablet. The features in question include slide-to-lock, universal searching, quick linking, background syncing and automatic word correction.

Samsung, meanwhile, has alleged that Apple infringed two of its patents related to camera use and video transmission. Samsung is seeking $6.2 million in damages.

Jobs, who died in 2011, is a Silicon Valley legend revered for launching Apple in his family's garage in 1976. The Cupertino headquarters of the tech giant is a 15-mile (25-kilometer) drive from the San Jose federal courthouse where the patent case is playing.

Prospective jurors were closely questioned before the trial about connections and views about Apple, which employs about 80,000 workers worldwide.

The Q Line

Change of direction

The Daily Press is ushering in a new era with a new editor.

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Committee passes California porn condom legislation

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SACRAMENTO, Calif. A bill that would require adult film actors to wear condoms during productions anywhere in California and to be tested regularly for sexually transmitted diseases passed a committee vote Tuesday.

AB1576 is the third attempt by Assemblyman Isadore Hall, D-Compton, to expand statewide a Los Angeles mandate approved by voters in 2012.

Public health advocates and some porn stars call the bill a basic workplace safety measure that will prevent the spread of disease.

"These are employees, and they have the right to be protected just like any other employee in any other job or business," said Joshua Rodgers, who performed in gay porn under the stage name Rod Daily. He said he stopped performing after routine testing showed he contracted HIV, though he does not blame a porn shoot for the diagnosis.

Deborah Gold, an official with the California Division of Occupational Safety and Health, said investigators already cite adult film makers who shoot scenes without condoms under broad safety rules. But unprotected sex continues to be rampant in the industry, in part because state investigations are based on complaints.

Supporters of the bill are turning to the Legislature after finding state regulators slow to adopt standards to require condom use in the adult film industry specifically.

Porn studio owners say they have their own protocols, including regular testing, to protect workers without a condom mandate. Several performers testified in support of their employers.

"Condoms are made for home environments, normal sex and normal time frames," actress Kayden Kross said in her testimony.

Stuart Waldman, president of the Valley Industry and Commerce Association, told lawmakers that the porn industry is worth $6 billion in the San Fernando Valley. He said that includes supporting businesses, such as catering crews.

The Free Speech Coalition, an adult entertainment trade group, says production has been leaving Los Angeles since voters approved Measure B in 2012. A federal appeals court is expected to rule on a lawsuit challenging the law later this year.

The coalition cites figures by Film LA, a nonprofit issuing licenses, showing a drop in adult film permits to 40 in 2013 from about 480 in 2012. But Hall's office and the AIDS Healthcare Foundation, a bill sponsor, say those numbers don't reflect a much larger, unpermitted industry.

Attorney Marc Randazza, who represents adult film clients, told lawmakers that California businesses are already being courted to Nevada with low fees and little regulation, and that this bill would be the "final move to push all the businesses here."

Michael Stabile, a spokesman for San Francisco-based Kink, says the group doesn't want to move to Las Vegas, but the bill and ongoing pressure from state regulators would prevent them from producing films locally.

Hall dismissed these arguments as typical exaggerations by businesses in the face of safety regulations.

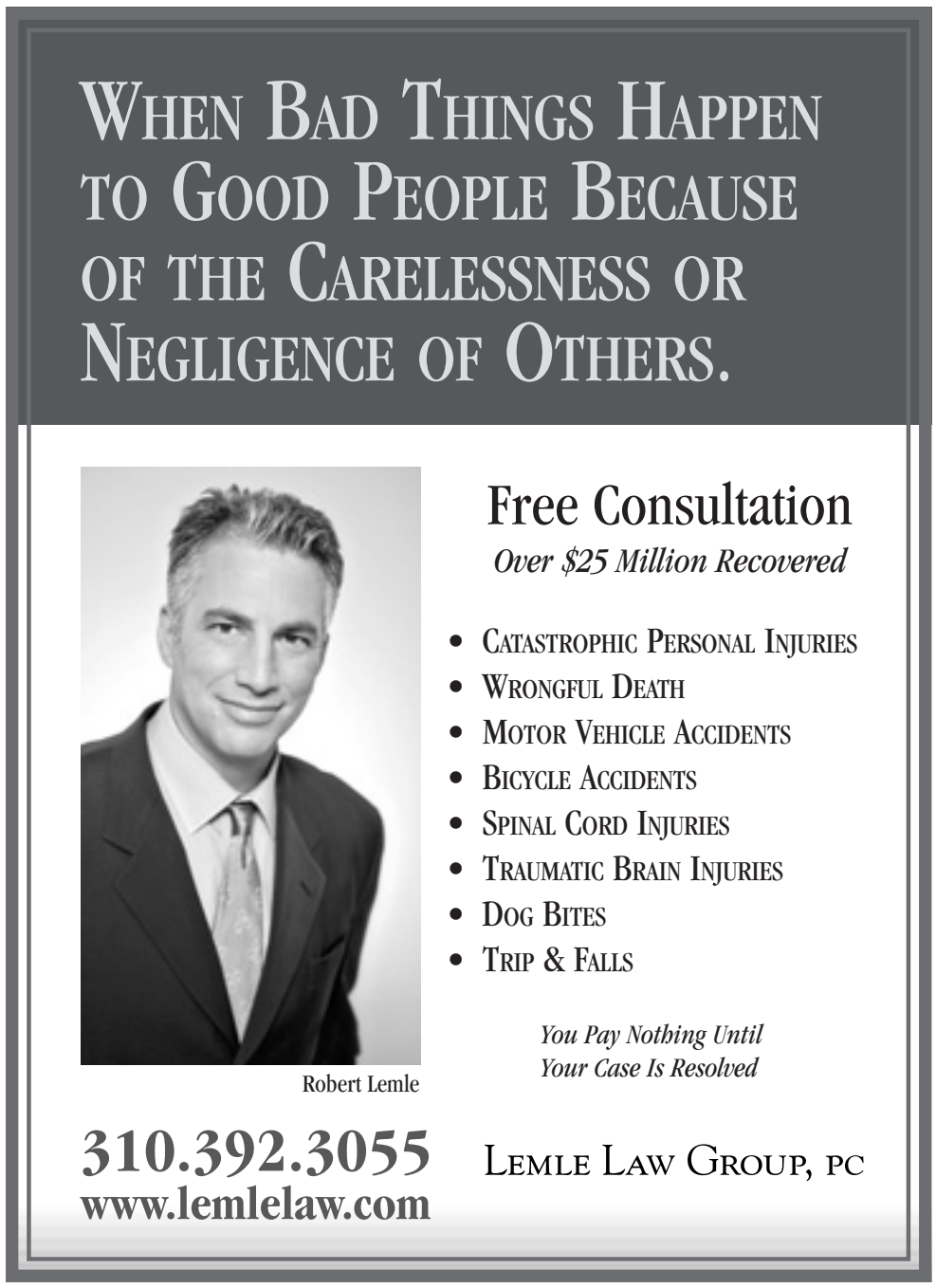
"Shame on this Legislature if we are now at a point where we are negotiating health and safety of our employees in California for green dollar bill," Hall said.

The AIDS Healthcare Foundation says it would pursue film producers who leave California, with a much-debated argument that porn shoots are technically illegal in most states. Last fall, the group filed a complaint about an adult film made in Florida, where California porn makers outsourced unprotected sex scenes.

"No one who goes to work should have to sacrifice their health," said Michael Weinstein, president of the AIDS Healthcare Foundation.

The bill now heads to the Assembly Appropriations Committee, where a similar one stalled last year.







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Oscar de la Torre. "We also have more than a hundred students in the continuation school. Many students fall through the cracks and Olympic High School is a great option for them."

The graduation rate at Olympic, the district's award-winning continuation high school, was not released.

"Since continuation high schools are designed specifically to serve students who are at risk of not completing high school graduation requirements, it would be inappropriate to hold them to the same accountability measures as comprehensive high schools," said Dr. Maureen Bradford, the district's Director of Assessment, Research and Evaluation.

Graduation rates rose among all recorded racial and ethnic groups at Samohi in the 2012-13 school year, the district said. Rates among white, black, Latino, and Asian students are all at 95 percent and higher.

The graduation rate also rose among socio-economically disadvantaged students and students with learning disabilities but flat-lined among those for whom English is a second language. Districtwide the graduation rate for these students fell to 80 percent.

"Seeing the disaggregated results is very encouraging," said Dr. Terry Deloria, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction. "The gains for nearly all groups are quite positive. We will have to do further analysis of our English learners in order to determine what may have contributed to the one-year decline for that particular group of students."

De la Torre said that the struggle is more complicated than a language barrier.

"The process of immigrating alone is a traumatic experience for young people," he said. "During the period of adjustment we can help the young people so they can succeed. Having this data, having the administrators that focus on this data helps. Maybe we could start doing surveys with students that have graduated, or even for those that dropped out."

The graduation rate among students with learning disabilities rose the most, from 79.2 percent in 2012 to 91.3 percent last school year.

To determine the graduation rate, officials tracked any student who entered one of the district high schools during ninth through 12th grade. There are a variety of reasons why a student might not be included in the graduation rate, one of which is if they drop out.

In 2010, 12 percent of the district's students dropped out but it was down to 1.1 percent last school year.

"Samohi students and staff commit themselves to excellence on a daily basis," said Principal Eva Mayoral. "It is phenomenal to see that investment pay off in such a profound way."

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EXPO
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cal systems that aren't visible. The guts of the train control system, with all the signaling, are going in."

You'll notice the canopies coming in over the stations, the street lights, and the concrete pours.

You'll definitely notice the seven remaining intersections that still need tracks laid over them. Four of the 11 intersections, including Fifth Street and Lincoln Boulevard, have already been taken care of. Most of the remaining closures will occur on the east side of town, including 26th and Stewart streets.

City Hall's Principal Transportation Engineer, Sam Morrissey, has said that the most impactful closure are behind us and Fonkalsrud concurred.

The relocation of all of Santa Monica's utilities has been one of the biggest challenges for the Expo construction team but it is nearly complete.

There are gas lines, sewer lines, the water lines — both for drinking and for public fountains and irrigation — and a giant tunnel-like storm drain underneath Colorado Avenue that needed to be moved to make room for the tracks.

"We have utility maps and they're only as good as the guy who installed them," Fonkalsrud said. "If he does a good job updating his drawings and saying this is actually where we placed it then there's no surprises. Obviously that never totally happens."

There have been a few surprise utility lines for construction workers but nothing they couldn't work around, he said.

This, Fonkalsrud said, is the beauty of the design-build process. Unlike a standard bid-build process, the designs for the Expo construction are flexible and altered as the process goes on.

"The designers work for us so if there is an obstacle in the ground then we run back to the office and ask them if can we move this pipe in a different location," he said. "They say, 'yeah that's fine,' and we get the blessing from (City Hall) and we move forward. It's real good, quick process."

Skanska-Rados Joint Venture, the company tasked with construction, promises to have the train "basically up and running" by July of 2015, Fonkalsrud said. From there, they'll turn the project over to Metro for about six months of testing.

"There's, of course, different issues they'll have to work through," Fonkalsrud said. "On our side we're on target to meet our goals."



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#4133 8:30 am
#4137 10:00 am
#4139 11:00 am
#4141 1:00 pm
#4142 2:00 pm
#4146 3:00 pm

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REMEMBERED: **The benches at Tongva Park are now part of the Give Santa Monica program that allows residents to make direct donations toward a wish list of items at local parks.**

DONATIONS
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"It just felt perfect in terms of how happy we are, how privileged we are to live in Santa Monica and we love the idea of the practical implementation of a green space right there because the city really needs that space," he said.

Spagnuolo said the youth of Tongva Park meant donations had only recently begun at the location but residents have been supporting parks in other areas of the city for a while.

"It's a big program and we have it for all of our parks, we do have a wish list of amenities that we need at certain parks and beach locations," she said.

She said residents interested donating to any of the municipal parks can find more information at www01.smgov.net/osm/give.

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U.S. home price gains slow for third straight month

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AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON U.S. home price gains cooled in February from the previous year for the third month in a row, as harsh winter weather and high buying costs have slowed sales.

The Standard & Poor's/Case-Shiller 20-city home price index rose 12.9 percent in February compared with 12 months earlier. While healthy, that is down from a 13.2 percent gain in January.

And home prices fell in 13 of the 20 cities in February compared with the previous month. The index is not adjusted for seasonal variations, so those declines partly reflect weaker sales in the winter.

In addition to bad weather, sales have been held back by a limited supply of available homes, which has forced potential buyers to bid up prices. That's caused prices to increase even as sales have slowed. Sales of existing homes fell to their lowest level in 20 months in March.

With sales slowing, many economists forecast that price gains will keep dropping this year into the mid-single digits.

Higher prices may also be discouraging investors from buying homes, contributing to slower sales. Investors accounted for 17 percent of sales in March, according to the National Association of Realtors, down from 21 percent in February.

"The housing market is showing signs of slowing, but this was expected and is part of a broader return to normal," said Stan Humphries, chief economist at real estate data provider Zillow.

Prices in Las Vegas dipped 0.1 percent in February from the previous month, the city's first monthly decline in nearly two years. And home prices fell 1.6 percent in Cleveland and 0.7 percent in Tampa, Florida. Both monthly drops were the largest for those two cities since January 2012.

Las Vegas still posted the biggest 12-month gain, with an increase of 23.1 percent. But that's down from 24.9 percent in January. Many investors had snapped up homes in Las Vegas after prices plunged in the housing bust, causing sharp price gains.

Home sales and construction started recovering about two years ago after being hammered by the housing bust and Great Recession. But a jump in mortgage rates last spring caused sales of existing homes to start falling in the summer.

Sales have now fallen in seven of the past eight months. But the sales decline in March was small and many economists said it showed that existing-home sales had likely bottomed out.

Contracts to buy homes posted a healthy gain last month, the Realtors' group said yesterday. Signed contracts typically result in sales one to two months later, so the increase points to higher sales in the coming months.

New home sales, meanwhile, plunged 14.5 percent in March to the slowest pace in eight months, according to a government report last week. A jump in prices contributed to the decline.

The Case-Shiller index covers roughly half of U.S. homes. The index measures prices compared with those in January 2000 and creates a three-month moving average. The February figures are the latest available.

Justices wary of unlimited cellphone searches

MARK SHERMAN
Associated Press

WASHINGTON The Supreme Court seemed wary Tuesday of allowing police unbridled freedom to search through cellphones of people they arrest, taking on a new issue of privacy in the face of rapidly changing technology.

The justices appeared ready to reject the Obama administration's argument that police should be able to make such searches without first getting warrants.

A key question in two cases argued Tuesday is whether Americans' cellphones, with vast quantities of sensitive records, photographs and communications, are a private realm much like their homes.

"People carry their entire lives on their cellphones," Justice Elena Kagan said.

The issue involving devices now carried by almost everyone is the latest in which the court is being asked to adapt old legal rules to 21st-century technological advances. "We are living in a new world," Justice Anthony Kennedy said.

The court heard arguments in cases involving a drug dealer and a gang member whose convictions turned in part on evidence found on their cellphones.

The justices suggested they might favor limiting warrantless cellphone searches to looking for evidence of the crime on which an arrest is based. Both defendants could lose in such an outcome.

More broadly, however, a decision imposing restrictions on the searches could avoid subjecting people arrested for minor crimes to having all the contents of their cellphones open to police inspection. And it might also prevent the police from using the phones to connect to the Internet and any information stored online.

If police were to arrest someone for driving without a seat belt, Justice Antonin Scalia said, "it seems absurd that they should be able to search that person's iPhone."

The Supreme Court has previously ruled that police can empty a suspect's pockets and examine whatever they find to ensure officers' safety and prevent the destruction of evidence. The Obama administration and the state of California, defending the searches, said cellphones should have no greater protection from a search than anything else police find.

But the defendants in these cases, backed by an array of civil libertarians, librarians and news media groups, argued that cellphones, especially smartphones, are increasingly powerful computers that can store troves of sensitive personal information.

Jeffrey Fisher, representing gang member David Leon Riley of San Diego, said even a limited ruling could have profound implications.

"I think you will fundamentally have changed the nature of privacy that Americans fought for at the founding of the republic and that we've enjoyed ever since," Fisher said.

The issue is of more than passing concern for many people. More than 90 percent of Americans own at least one cellphone, the Pew Research Center says, and the majority of those are smartphones. More than 12 million people were arrested in the U.S. in 2012, according to FBI statistics.

Under the Constitution's Fourth Amendment, police generally need a warrant before they can conduct a search. The warrant itself must be based on "probable cause," evidence that a crime has been committed. But in the early 1970s, the Supreme Court carved out exceptions for officers dealing with people they have arrested.

Several justices expressed concern about applying rules written 40 years ago to a rapidly evolving technology.

"How do we determine what the new expectation of privacy is?" Justice Samuel Alito asked.

Justice Department lawyer Michael Dreeben repeatedly warned the court about unduly restricting officers when they seize a phone, saying they might need to act quickly to evade encryption that could render the device impregnable. If officers are forced to get a warrant and the phone's protection is activated, Dreeben said, "It may be months or years or never before officers can break through that encryption."

He also argued that cellphones are important devices in the commission of crimes, a point picked up by Kennedy. People who are breaking the law are "more dangerous, more sophisticated, more elusive with cellphones," Kennedy said.

By contrast, Fisher urged the court to regard cellphones generally as extensions of the home, where privacy protections are greatest.

In the two cases, Riley carried a Samsung smartphone, while Brima Wurie of Boston had a less advanced flip phone.

Prosecutors used video and photographs found on Riley's smartphone to persuade a jury to convict him of attempted murder and other charges. Officers who arrested Wurie on suspicion of selling crack cocaine checked the call log on his flip phone and used that information to determine where he lived. When they searched Wurie's home, armed with a warrant, they found crack cocaine, marijuana, a gun and ammunition.

The justices expressed varying levels of sophistication about cellphones. Chief Justice John Roberts and Justices Sonia Sotomayor, Kagan and Alito seemed most comfortable talking about the technology. They are, perhaps not coincidentally, the four youngest justices.

On the other hand, 75-year-old Justice Stephen Breyer, who is given to self-deprecation on the bench, gamely tried to engage the Justice Department's Dreeben in a discussion about encryption technology. Dreeben said he didn't know what kind of cellphone Breyer has.

Breyer replied: "I don't either because I can never get into it because of the password."

Decisions in Riley v. California, 13-132, and U.S. v. Wurie, 13-212, are expected by late June.





Stocks gain on earnings; Cummins, Ameriprise rise

STEVE ROTHWELL
AP Markets Writer

NEW YORK Solid earnings from a broad swath of U.S. companies pushed the stock market higher on Tuesday.

Ameriprise Financial, a wealth management company, surged after posting earnings that exceeded Wall Street's expectations. The company also said it would buy back an additional $2.5 billion of its own stock and raise its dividend. Cummins, a maker of large diesel engines, jumped after the company said a surge in North American sales sent its earnings higher.

Just over half the companies in the Standard & Poor's 500 index have now released their earnings for the first quarter and, with the occasional exception, the reports have contained enough good news to drive stock prices higher. The S&P 500 has gained 2.1 percent since April 14, and the index is approaching its all-time high following a pullback at the start of the month prompted by a sell-off in formerly highflying Internet and biotechnology stocks.

"Corporate earnings are pretty good," said Randy Frederick, Managing Director of Trading and Derivatives at the Schwab Center for Financial Research. "Once the market got back on its feet after that dip that we had, it seems to be poised to hit a new record high very soon."

The Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 8.90 points, or 0.5 percent, to 1,878.33. The index is 12 points below its record high of 1,890.89 set April 2.

The Dow Jones industrial average climbed 86.63 points, or 0.5 percent, to 16,535.37. The Nasdaq composite gained 29.14 points, or 0.7 percent, to 4,103.54.

Analysts currently expect earnings for S&P 500 companies to grow by 1.4 percent in the first quarter, according to data from S&P Capital IQ. Although that is lower than the 5.2 percent earnings growth recorded in the same period a year ago, expectations for the period were low after an unusually harsh winter.

Two weeks ago, analysts were expecting an overall decline in earnings, but those expectations have risen as more companies have reported earnings.

"Companies have learned a new religion," said Chris Bertelsen, chief investment officer at Global Financial Private Capital, a wealth management company. "That is, underpromise and overdeliver."

Ameriprise rose $6.04, or 5.8 percent, to $109.55. Financial stocks rose almost 1 percent, the biggest gain of the 10 industry groups that make up the S&P 500.

Cummins rose $5.61, or 3.9 percent, to $150.81 after the company posted its results and raised its sales outlook due to improving demand in North America.

Coach, a maker of handbags and other luxury goods, was among the day's losers. The company's stock fell $4.71, or 9.3 percent, to $45.71 after Coach said its earnings declined in the first three months of the year. Sales in North America came under pressure from competitors like Michael Kors.

Investors get more information on the U.S. economy and the Federal Reserve's thinking on Wednesday.

The Commerce Department will issue the first of three estimates of how fast the U.S. economy grew in the January-March quarter. Economists say a slowdown last quarter, caused mainly by a severe winter, is likely giving way to stronger growth that should endure through the rest of the year.

The Fed will release a statement after the conclusion of their its two-day meeting. Most economists expect that the Fed will reduce its monthly bond purchases by another $10 billion, to $45 billion a month. The Fed's stimulus has helped underpin a five-year rally in stocks.

The yield on the 10-year Treasury note was unchanged from Monday at 2.70 percent. The price of oil rose 44 cents, or 0.4 percent, to $101.28 a barrel.

Among other stocks making big moves:

— MGM Resorts International rose $1.96, or 8.5 percent, to $24.98 after the company said its first-quarter earnings soared, bolstered by continued strength in Macau and improved room bookings on the Las Vegas Strip.

— Sprint, the third-largest U.S. wireless carrier, gained 84 cents, or 11.3 percent, to $8.27 after the company posted a loss that was smaller than Wall Street analysts' had expected.

— Consol Energy rose $1.98, or 4.7 percent, to $43.93 after it announced earnings of $116 million in the first quarter. The company's profit was helped by growth in its oil and gas business.

— Twitter fell $4.16, or 10 percent, to $38.46 in after-hours trading after the company booked a net loss in the first quarter.



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WEDNESDAY – **FAIR TO GOOD** – SURF: **3-4 ft** waist to shoulder high
Reinforcing S swell moves in; small NW swell easing;
light+ to locally moderate+ offshore NE morning winds

THURSDAY – **FAIR** – SURF: **2-4 ft** knee to shoulder high
Continued S swell; small NW swell fades; favorable AM wind looks likely

FRIDAY – **FAIR** – SURF: **2-3 ft** Knee to chest high occ. 4ft
Continued S swell; trace NW swell fades

SATURDAY – **FAIR** – SURF: **2-3 ft** thigh to chest high occ. 4ft
S swell continues; monitoring potential for a modest new WNW swell... stay tuned

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- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 3 / 8

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LOCATION	DRY	WET
Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	ns
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechusa and Los Alisos creeks.		
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	A+	A+
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	A+	A+
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	A+	B
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Solstice Canyon at Dan Blocker County Beach.	A	A+
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth.	A+	ns
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 21572 Malibu Rd..	C	A+
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	ns
Surfrider Beach (broach location)- daily.	B	C
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	A+	ns
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	A	A+
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero).	A+	A+
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs.	A+	ns
Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach.	A+	A+
Tuna Canyon.	A+	A+
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	A	A+
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	ns	ns
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	A	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence.	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain.	A+	A+
Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain.	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua).	A	F
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain.	A	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain.	A+	ns
Santa Monica Municipal Pier.	F	F
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain.	A	F
Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms).	A+	ns
Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain.	A	D
Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain.	A+	A+
Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain.	A+	ns
Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain.	A+	A+
Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south.	A+	ns
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Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- lifeguard tower.	F	F
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Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of DBW jetty).	A+	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain.	A+	F
Dockweiler Beach- opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant.	A+	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain.	A+	ns

LEGEND

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Sterling banned for life by the NBA

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK NBA Commissioner Adam Silver delivered the swiftest, strongest penalty he could, then called on NBA owners to force Los Angeles Clippers owner Donald Sterling to sell the team for making racist comments that hurt the league.

Almost unanimously, owners supported the commissioner Tuesday, as he handed down one of the harshest penalties in the history of U.S. sports.

"We stand together in condemning Mr. Sterling's views. They simply have no place in the NBA," Silver said at a news conference.

Sterling, 80, is banned for life from any association with the league or the Clippers, and fined $2.5 million — the maximum allowable under the NBA constitution. If three-fourths of the other 29 owners agree to Silver's recommendation, Sterling will be forced to sell the team he has owned since 1981.

Players and others cheered Silver's quick action, with union officials saying that if the league's punishment hadn't included a mandate for Sterling to sell the team, players were considering boycotting playoff games, including Tuesday's Golden State Warriors-Clippers matchup, the team's first home game since the scandal erupted.

"We wanted to be a part of this decision, and we wanted Adam Silver to know where we stood. And we were very clear that anything other than Sterling selling his team was not going to be enough for us," said Roger Mason Jr., the first vice president of the players' union.

Sterling's comments — which were recorded by his girlfriend and released by TMZ on Saturday — harmed the league, Silver said. Sponsors were threatening to abandon the NBA, and criticism was coming from fans on social media and even the White House.

Sterling criticized V. Stiviano — purportedly the female voice on the tapes — for posting pictures of her with black athletes Magic Johnson and Matt Kemp.

"It bothers me a lot that you want to broadcast that you're associating with black people. Do you have to?" Sterling asks the woman on the tape.

"Sentiments of this kind are contrary to the principles of inclusion and respect that form the foundation of our diverse, multicultural and multiethnic league," Silver said.

The NBA's longest-tenured owner keeps his team for now — and Silver said he didn't know if Sterling would fight to do so permanently.

But he can't attend games or practices, can't be involved in any personnel decisions or participate in board of governors meetings.

Just three days after the scandal broke, and hours before the Clippers hosted their biggest game of the season, Silver apologized to some of the league's black pioneers while meting out a punishment he believed would satisfy outraged players and fans.

Silver said the ban applied only to Sterling and there had been no discussions about whether he could sell to a family member.

Many owners supported Silver, and none of them publicly defended Sterling.

"We applaud the firm punishment handed out today by NBA Commissioner Adam Silver and appreciate the swiftness with which the NBA conducted its investigation," Warriors co-owner Joe Lacob said in a statement.

The fine will be donated to organizations dedicated to anti-discrimination and tolerance efforts, Silver said.

Sterling, with an estimated net worth of about $2 billion, did not comment, though Silver said he did not apologize for his remarks. Silver said Sterling confirmed that he was the person on the audiotapes.

Silver hasn't even been on the job three months and already had to face a crisis that threatened the league not only financially — with several companies ending or suspending their sponsorships of the Clippers — but more importantly, socially.

The NBA survived the Indiana Pacers' brawl with Detroit Pistons fans, and referee Tim Donaghy betting on games he officiated. But this brought a different level of outrage, particularly because the league could have done something sooner about Sterling, who has faced federal charges of civil rights violations and racial discrimination in his business dealings.

"This has all happened in three days, and so I am hopeful there will be no long-term damage to the league and to the Clippers organization," Silver said. "But as I said earlier, I'm outraged so I certainly understand other people's outrage."

After the announcement, the Clippers' website had a simple message: "We are one."

"We wholeheartedly support and embrace the decision by the NBA and Commissioner Adam Silver today. Now the healing process begins," the Clippers added in a statement.

Sterling's Clippers have been one of the most incompetent franchises in pro sports, and would have been home by now in most of their seasons. But this team is a title contender led by Doc Rivers, a black coach whom Sterling brought from Boston and paid $7 million a year.

Rivers canceled practice Monday and declined a meeting request from Sterling. He wouldn't address whether he would return next season if Sterling were still in control.

That might not be an issue if the owners vote to oust the owner.

Sterling is estranged from his wife and had been dating Stiviano, 31. In court documents, Stiviano describes him as a man "with a big toothy grin brandishing his sexual prowess in the faces of the Paparazzi and caring less what anyone else thought, the least of which, his own wife."

Silver said when he first heard the audio, he hoped it had been altered or was fake, but thought it was Sterling. And it doesn't matter if Sterling didn't realize he was being recorded, Silver said.

"Whether or not these remarks were initially shared in private, they're now public, and they represent his views."

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1:30pm, 3:40pm, 5:50pm, 8:00pm, 10:20pm

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4:20pm, 10:00pm

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1:50pm, 4:30pm, 7:20pm, 10:10pm

Grand Budapest Hotel (R)
2:00pm, 4:50pm, 7:40pm, 10:20pm

Draft Day (NR)
1:40pm, 7:00pm

AMC 7 Santa Monica
1310 Third St.
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1:30pm, 7:20pm

Rio 2 (NR)
11:00am, 4:45pm, 9:45pm

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Rio 2 in 3D (NR)
2:10pm, 8:00pm

Quiet Ones (PG-13)
11:10am, 1:40pm, 4:30pm, 7:10pm, 10:25pm

Heaven Is for Real (PG)
11:20am, 1:50pm, 4:30pm, 7:15pm, 10:00pm

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1:00pm, 3:20pm, 5:40pm, 8:00pm, 10:15pm

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HANG OUT WITH FRIENDS, ARIES

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Indulge a little, and decide on an item for the house that might enhance your well-being and perhaps provide a little luxury. You could be challenged by a dominant person. Tonight: Get together with your friends.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ You could be too tired to deal with everything that is on your plate. Make it your pleasure, and you will be delighted by someone else's reaction. You might be in the mood to indulge a little, later in the day. Tonight: Go off and compare prices on a special item.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Pressure builds, which might challenge you to head in a new direction; however, the smart move would be to stop and slow down. Talk to an adviser or dear friend before doing anything. You know that this person has good judgment and understands you well. Tonight: As you like it.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★★ Zero in on what is most important to clear out ASAP. News could filter in from someone at a distance that might trigger your imagination. Do not push too much to get a reaction; instead, be more open in a discussion. Tonight: Time for some reflection.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★ You could be overwhelmed by all of your responsibilities. You might worry about how to accomplish these tasks, or you could start eliminating one item or activity after another. Tonight: Get together with loved ones.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ You'll want to take a stand. Seek help from others, as you might not have the necessary knowledge to accomplish that task. A loved one could demonstrate his or her caring and understanding. Tonight: Go where there is great music.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ One-on-one relating will point you in an unseen direction. Understand what must happen if you are to take charge of a problem. You might need to make more changes than you would like. Tonight: As you like it.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Defer to someone else. This person will need to have the sense that you have confidence in his or her suggestions. A loved one seems unusually docile. At some time during the day, you might want to buy a token of affection for this person. Tonight: Happy at home.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ You might want to understand what is motivating a friend whom you see nearly every day. This person could be making an unusual effort to reach out to you, which might cause you to feel uncomfortable. Tonight: Accept an invitation.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Your imagination might take over, and you could have a difficult time settling in. Perhaps you need to take some time for yourself. Postpone whatever you can. You will get to it later -- probably at a better time. Allow greater access to a loved one. Tonight: Get some extra R and R.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★ Stay focused in a discussion with a family member; this person means what he or she says. You must decide if you are ready to put in an extra effort with a home project. Buy a card for a loved one on the way home. Tonight: Let off some steam with friends.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ Manage your time, and don't push yourself to the point of getting stressed out. You could be a little tired of having to do as much as you have to. Make it a point to stop and take a walk at lunchtime, or indulge in some other healthy habit! Tonight: Mosey on home.

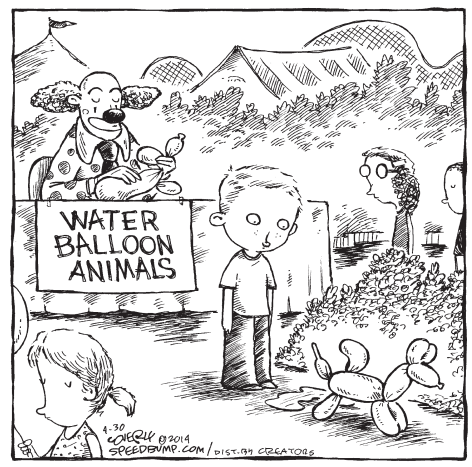
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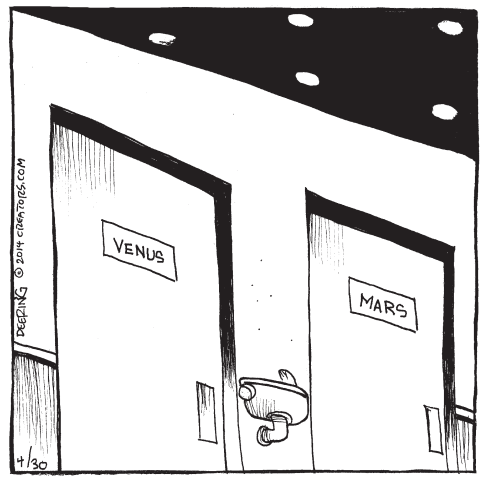
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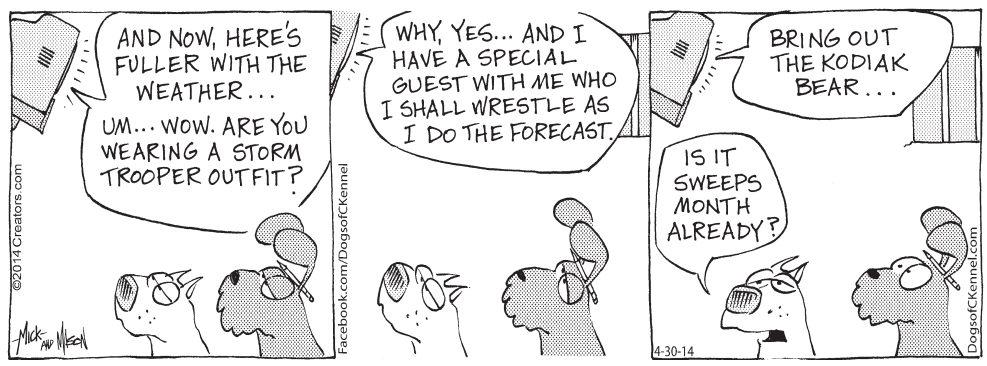
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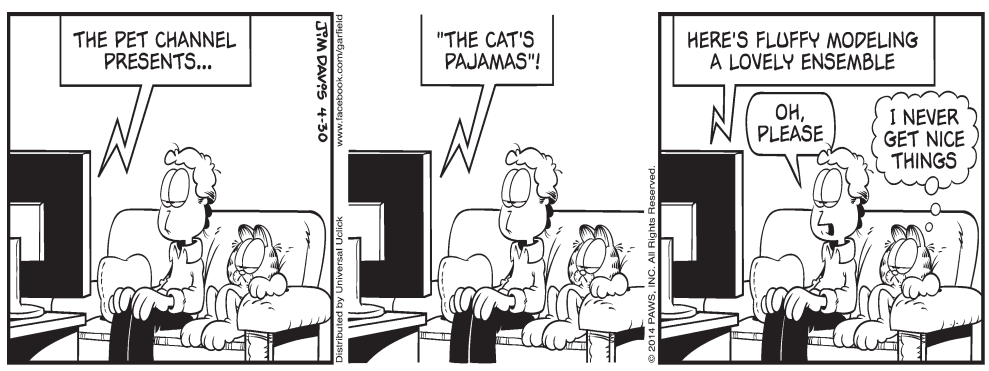
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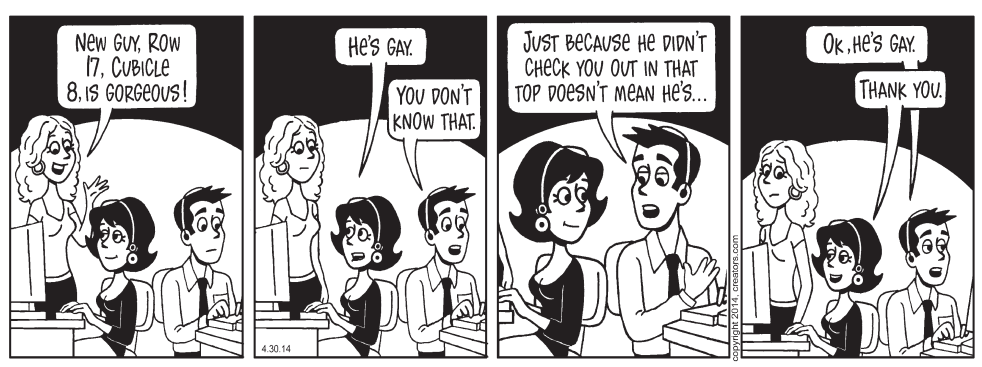
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Sudoku

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

Difficulty Level ★★★

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

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GETTING STARTED

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

9	1	4	6	2	5	7	3	8
5	6	7	3	8	4	1	9	2
3	2	8	7	9	1	6	4	5
6	8	3	5	1	9	4	2	7
2	7	9	4	6	3	5	8	1
4	5	1	8	7	2	9	6	3
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3 11 18 20 66
Mega#: 9
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SUPER LOTTO PLUS
Draw Date: 4/26
15 16 24 29 35
Mega#: 6
Jackpot: $56M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 4/29
14 23 24 26 27

DAILY 3
Draw Date: 4/29
MIDDAY: 4 2 5
EVENING: 0 5 7

DAILY DERBY
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3rd: 07 Eureka
RACE TIME: 1:42.04

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CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Gaiters
6 Morning time
10 Humidor item
11 Tenor Lanza
12 Guinness and Baldwin
13 Squashed circles
14 Take a breather
15 Clef type
16 Cool — cucumber
17 Small rug
18 Utter
19 Prison, in slang
22 Sentence subject, usually
23 Taj Mahal city
26 Wacko
29 Unrefined
32 Singer Tillis
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40 Calendar entry
41 Final, for one
42 Greek sorceress

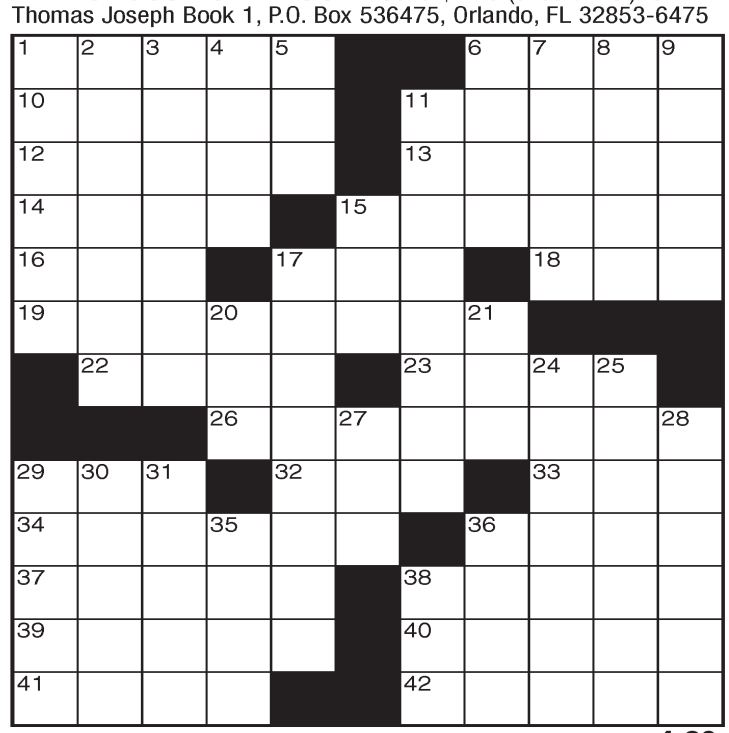
DOWN

1 Egyptian emblem
2 Enters en masse
3 Way back
4 Diplomatic skill
5 Fourth-yr. students
6 Humorist Barry
7 Saudi natives
8 Writer Cather
9 Like a snoop
11 Canadian-born comic
15 Letter after sigma
17 Commemorative statue
20 Center
21 Sense of self
24 Unconfirmed
25 Foolish
27 Salon stuff
28 Track bet
29 Gasp, say
30 Tennis star Agassi
31 Walks in water
35 Largest amount
36 Chess turn
38 Rep.'s rival

S	H	A	R	P	■	F	A	C	T	S
H	O	N	E	R	■	A	L	O	H	A
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Yesterday's answer

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4-30

NEWS OF THE WEIRD

BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Misunderstanding: Four Maine State Police troopers rushed to a home in the town of China in January, alarmed by 911 calls about an assault in progress (according to neighbors who reported raucous screaming). Trooper Thomas Bureau found that the suspected "crime scene" was the home of a pig farmer, who showed troopers the pen out back in which a male had been placed with five sows "in heat" and that the squealing (either by the sows or the beleaguered male) was not unusual.

■ Hard Times Ahead: (1) Ms. Terry Boyd, 52, was ordered to probation in Wausau, Wis., in February on charges of imprisoning two men in a second-story bedroom, leaving them screaming for help from a window. According to police, Boyd had refused to release the men until at least one agreed to have sex with her. (2) After Maria Montanez-Colon, 58, called 911 in February in Punta Gorda, Fla., the responding officer reported that she immediately began fondling him, describing herself as "horny," noting "I haven't been penetrated in years." The officer politely declined and warned her about frivolous 911 calls, but Montanez-Colon was arrested shortly afterward when she called again, asking the second responding officer, "How else am I going to get (to have sex)?"

TODAY IN HISTORY

2008 - Two skeletal remains found near Yekaterinburg, Russia, are confirmed by Russian scientists to be the remains of Alexei Nikolaevich, Tsarevich of Russia and Grand Duchess Anastasia Nikolaevna, one of his sisters.

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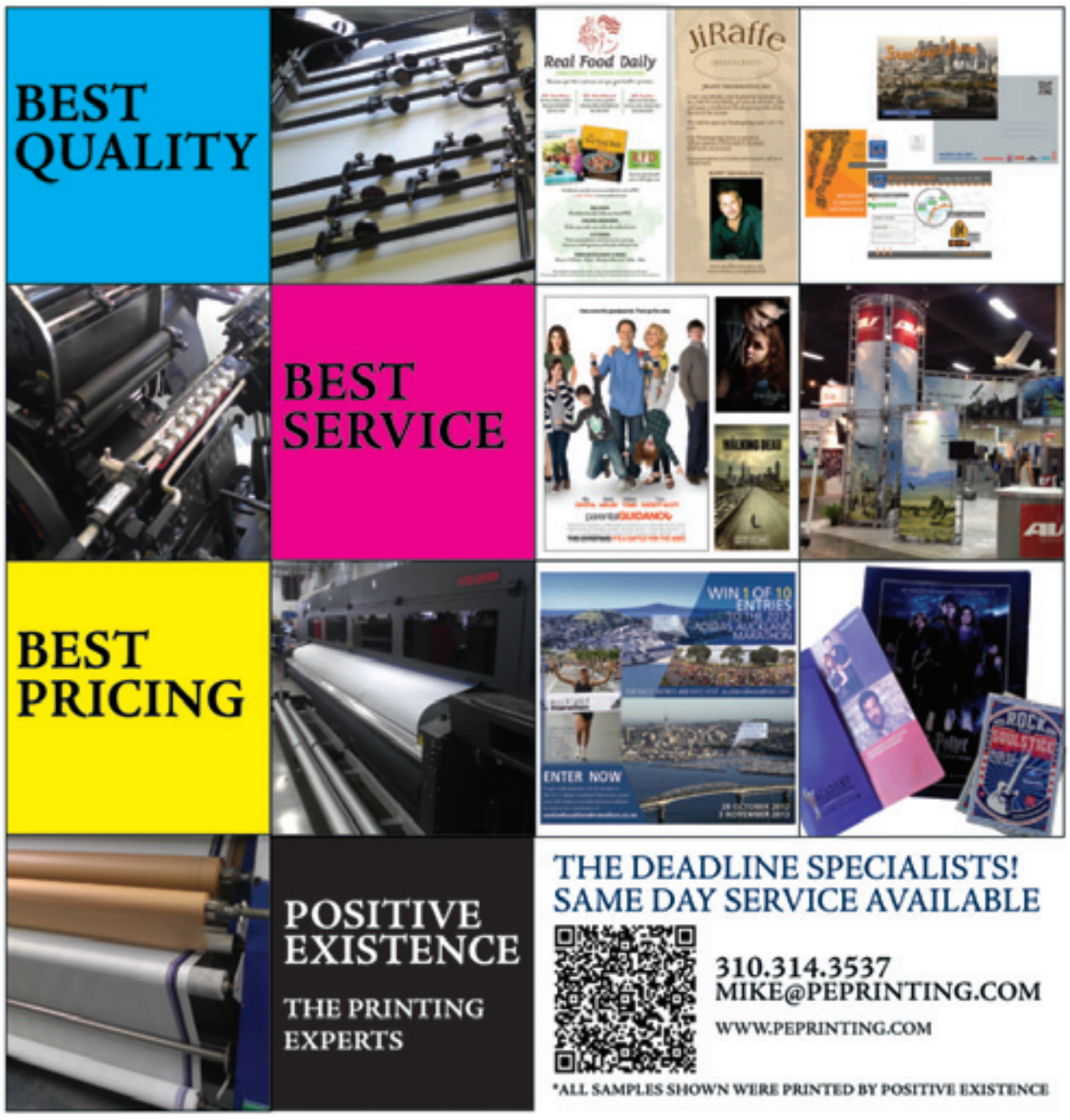
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