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THE EPIC LENGTH ISSUE



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QUICK DRAW: **A group of Major League Baseball scouts clock Samohi pitcher Tyler Skaggs' velocity during a game earlier this season.**

All eyes on him

Tyler Skaggs has seen it all during his senior season

BY DANIEL ARCHULETA
Managing Editor

SAMOHI "Come on, Ty!"

The voice rises above the din of the crowd.

"Pick your spot, don't give this guy anything."

A cadre of professional baseball scouts raise their radar guns to clock the lanky lefthander's next pitch, a pitch that some say is worthy of a first round pick in the Major League Baseball draft in June.

The ball pops into the catcher's mitt, the umpire yells "strike!"

"That's how you do it, keep it at your pace, Tyler."

This has been a typical scene at Santa Monica High School baseball games this season as senior Tyler Skaggs prepares to make the jump from local hero to professional athlete.

His mother, Debbie Skaggs, who is also the school's head softball coach, is always the loudest cheerleader in the stands when her boy takes the field. She chirps it up with the best of them and she isn't afraid to let everybody in attendance know that she's there for her kid.

What mother wouldn't, but this season is unlike others in recent memory. It has been years since Samohi has produced a player of this caliber. Athletic Director Norm Lacy calls Tyler Skaggs the finest ballplayer to come from the school since former Dodger Tim Leary took the hill for the Vikings in the mid-1970s.

That praise has come from all directions. Opposing coaches are glad when

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City Hall wants to give cash to families losing homes

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL Santa Monica families who are about to lose their homes should think twice before returning their keys.

City officials are preparing to launch a new program that will give financial assistance to struggling local families on the brink of homelessness, using anticipated incoming funds from the federal stimulus package.

The Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program will be available to residents whose household income is at or below 50 percent of area median income, which is considered to be very low to low income level, receiving temporary aid for up to 18 months.

The money can be used to pay for rent, utility bills, housing relocation, stabilization and legal services. Other purposes, including mortgage, child care, food, travel and home furnishings is forbidden.

The City Council on Tuesday authorized its staff to submit plans for the program to the U.S. Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for review and approval. Once accepted, City Hall will receive the money from HUD and begin the program, which is expected in September.

The funds, estimated to be more than $553,000, will need to be spent in three years, Julie Rusk, the human services manager for City Hall, said.

The focus of the program will be on housing families who are close to being homeless.

"We want to keep them housed," she said.

In addition to financial assistance, the program will also include counseling and other support services.

The Santa Monica Housing Authority will process the applications for financial assistance and distribute payments to the landlords.

City officials have yet to finalize the

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OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA AND SURROUNDS



Lawns to lunches

Main Library, MLK Auditorium
601 Santa Monica Blvd., 7 p.m. — 9 p.m.

The City of Santa Monica will host a panel to assist residents in switching from boring grass yards to productive gardens. Presenters include Jimmy and Logan Williams from Hayground Organics, Russel Ackerman from the city's Office of Sustainability, and Nancy Cipes from Organic Edible Gardens. Seating is limited and available on a first come first serve basis. Call (310) 458-8600 for more information.

Yoga on the beach

SM Beach
6:15 — 7:45

Sunset Yoga is a weekly yoga retreat to nourish your mind, body and soul. Bring yourself, your mat and let's flow to the rhythm of the ocean and the warm sun setting on the horizon. Take Ashland all the way to the ocean and look right. $12 suggested donation. Call Grace at 310.985.8395 or visit www.graceyogala.com.

Poetry time

Novel Cafe
212 Pier Ave., 8 p.m. — 10 p.m.

Locals are invited to read, listen to and enjoy poetry and prose during weekly, free meetings at Novel Cafe. Meetings are open to the public and the group does not discriminate by genre, welcoming all who are interested. There is a 1,000-word limit for pieces read aloud. The readings and discussions are being hosted by Forth Magazine, a West Los Angeles literature and arts publication. Those interested can call (310) 396-8566 for more information.

Friday, May 15, 2009

Bead there or be square

Santa Monica Civic Auditorium
1855 Main St., Noon — 6 p.m.

A bead show, put on by International Gem & Jewelry Shows, will be on display at the Santa Monica Civic Auditorium on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. There visitors will find, among other things, thousands of beads and beading supplies boasting top quality goods from around the world at reasonable prices. Admission is $7 per person but a $2 discount is available online. No strollers or photography will be allowed. For more information call (301) 294-1640.

Saturday, May 16, 2009

'The True Story of the 3 Little Pigs'

Morgan-Wixson Theatre
2627 Pico Blvd., 11 a.m.

As part of it's Youth Education/Entertainment Series, the Morgan-Wixson Theater will be hosting performances of "The True Story of the 3 Little Pigs," giving the Big Bad Wolf the opportunity to explain his side of the story in a form the theater calls a "courtroom musical." The performances are part of the theater's celebration of Children's Book Week, a 90-year tradition in schools, libraries and the like. Tickets are $6 for children, $8 for adults, and can be purchased by calling the theater's box office at (310) 828-7519. Performances are at 11 a.m. on Saturdays and Sundays, and for school trips during the week. For more information please contact Jennifer Polhemus at (310) 600-1683.

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.

PREP SPORTS ROUNDUP

St. Monica baseball clinches league title

BY DANIEL ARCHULETA
Managing Editor

MARINE PARK The title drought is over for St. Monica's baseball team.

For the first time in six seasons the Mariners can call themselves league champs.

St. Monica clinched the Camino Real League title thanks to some late inning heroics against Bosco Tech at Marine Park on Tuesday during a 4-3 victory.

"I thought coming out of last year that we had a chance to have a good season," Head Coach Jack White said. "We hit some roadblocks, lost some players, it looked like it was going to be a grind, which it was.

"Somehow we have been able to put in a run and come out on top."

The game appeared to be St. Monica's for the taking early on as the team took a 3-0 lead into the fifth inning. Senior starting pitcher Conor Walsh, who had been cruising up to that point, allowed Bosco Tech to load the bases and ultimately allowed all three base runners to score.

Reliever Kyle Schwan, appearing in his third straight game in relief, was able to work out of the jam, buying the Mariners time to mount a rally of their own.

That rally came in the form of the ninth batter in the line up, Hector Santiesteban. He led off the fifth inning with what appeared to be a solid double to right center field. As a pair of Bosco Tech defenders struggled to scoop up the ball, Santiesteban decided to try to leg the double into a triple if not more. White, who was coaching third base, tried to give Santiesteban the stop sign, but he ran through it forcing Bosco Tech's cutoff man to hurry a throw to home that appeared to be on time, but was bobbled by the catcher allowing Santiesteban to score the go-ahead run, making it 4-3.

Schwan was able to maintain the lead and pick up his third victory in as many games.

"We're making a habit of these late inning heroics," said White, whose team won in extra innings on Friday against Cathedral.

While the Mariners have qualified for the playoffs they will have to wait until Monday to find out who and where they will be playing. White believes that his team should be granted a home game in the first round.

St. Monica will close the regular season on Thursday at Bosco Tech. The game will begin at 3:15 p.m.

Instead of taking the game off, White said

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READY FOR BUSINESS: **Surrounded by UCLA doctors, Renee and Meyer Luskin (center right) watch as children cut the ribbon at the grand opening ceremony for the Los Angeles Orthopaedic Hospital's Children's Clinic at 1530 Arizona Ave. on Wednesday morning.**

New clinic for kids opens

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

MID-CITY Children in Santa Monica and the Westside who suffer from cerebral palsy, scoliosis, spina bifida and other muscoskeletal disorders have a new facility to turn to.

The Los Angeles Orthopaedic Hospital, a leader in orthopaedic patient care, research and education for nearly a century, held the grand opening Wednesday of the Children's Clinic, an outpatient facility that will be open five days a week with eight exam rooms, a large cast room, state-of-the-art digital imaging equipment and a child-friendly waiting area.

The seed funding for the clinic — $250,000 — was provided by Renee and Meyer Luskin.

"With the severe shortage of pediatric orthopaedic care in Santa Monica and the Westside, the clinic will allow us to improve access to care in order to get children started with the type of … treatment they need," said Dr. Anthony Scaduto, chief of pediatric orthopaedics at Los Angeles Orthopaedic Hospital. "Compassionate care with internationally recognized and innovative orthopaedic treatments are the hallmarks of our institution."

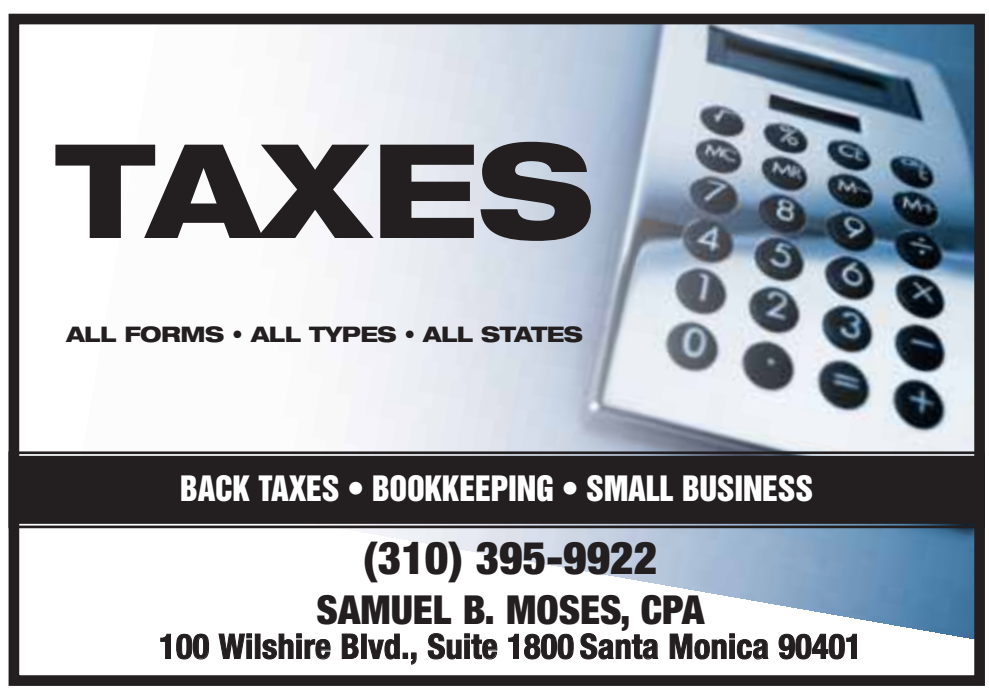
The clinic will be led by Scaduto and Dr. Richard Bowen, and supported with physicians from the hospital and UCLA Health System. The clinic is located at 1530 Arizona Ave.

Surgical and other inpatient services will be provided at the neighboring Santa Monica-UCLA Medical Center and Orthopaedic Hospital.

In early 2011, the new Santa Monica-UCLA Medical Center is scheduled to open, at which time both the children's clinic and inpatient services will be handled under the same roof.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Saving our city from light pollution

Editor:

Poor exterior lighting practices at Centinela Feed & Pet Supplies on Lincoln Boulevard underscores a serious issue in our community. Centinela's grossly over-sized floodlights are directed perpendicular to the wall of their building and stay illuminated well into the early hours of the morning.

Not only does the light penetrate our darkest curtains and interrupt my sleep, but more importantly, it is a disrespectful display of the wastefulness that Santa Monica residents should not accept.

Can we not find a more energy efficient … and community-oriented approach to lighting an exterior parking lot?

I have repeatedly contacted Centinela and they have been unresponsive to my concerns. Their poor management practices and utter disregard for our city exemplifies the need for us to address light pollution in our Santa Monica Sustainable City Plan.

The plan focuses on important areas such as water-use, energy consumption, greenhouse gas emissions, land-use, and economic development.

These are important issues and I strongly believe we should be addressing each one of these as a community. For us to become a truly sustainable city, though, we must also address the impact of light pollution and develop steps to eliminate it in our community.

Light pollution is often described as excessive, obtrusive, and non-useful light that humans emit. Distinguishing light pollution is an integral step in achieving the status of a sustainable city. Not only can light pollution be an annoyance, it has a greater impact on the environment than most are aware of. Consider these effects:

• Light pollution wastes energy: Buildings in our country consume 30 to 40 percent of our total energy consumption. Within those buildings, the Energy Information Administration estimates that lighting consumes 30 to 60 percent of most building electricity. Yes, we need to switch to more efficient bulbs and turn off the lights when they are not in use. As a first step, we need to distinguish light pollution and stop throwing away valuable energy.

• Light pollution wastes natural resources: Poorly designed lighting inefficiently uses more electricity than is required for the intended use. These practices force us to find, use, and often destroy our precious natural resources to generate more electricity.

• Light pollution indirectly emits greenhouse gases: Nearly a pound of CO2 is emitted for every kWh consumed in Santa Monica. It will be a long time before we produce 100 percent of our electricity with green sources, so let us only emit for things we actually want and use. Throwing light away unnecessarily expels pounds of CO2 into the air.

• Light pollution harms ecosystems: UCLA Today noted a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service study estimating that over 4 million birds attracted to the lights die by crashing into structures every year. Hatchling sea turtles also attracted to light end up dried or eaten near their natal beaches.

Some might wonder why we should care about light pollution when we're facing an economic crisis. But, now is exactly the time we should be re-examining our city in order to eliminate wastefulness.

I'm urging our city leaders and my fellow residents to stand up to businesses like Centinela Feed & Pet Supplies. We should not accept that they have a right to pollute, waste, and disrespect our way of life.

If we truly care about becoming a sustainable city, we need to explicitly address light pollution and make it tougher for citizens negligent of the environment to pollute our city and nation. Please write to the City Council urging it to take action.

Andrew Peterman
Santa Monica

Special Election recommendations

The Special Election on May 19 is about more than just filling financial gaps to get us through the tough times and on the road to recovery. What the election is really about is faith. Do voters believe that elected officials in Sacramento will be able to put aside partisan politics and seriously engage in real budget reform, or will business as usual rule once again, leaving voters with nothing to show for their support aside from higher taxes and deeper debt?

The central question seems to be, do voters trust the Legislature and the governor to do the right thing?

If the answer is yes (and surveys show that isn't the case), then voting in favor of the package of propositions will come easy to most voters. If the answer is no, then the decision becomes even more difficult as voters struggle with the possibility that their lack of support will mean cuts to education and services for those who are struggling. Those who believe in tough love and have plenty of cash on hand will probably sleep easy.

While the Daily Press is leery of governing by proposition (isn't that why we elect representatives in the first place, to govern), which is partly to blame for the fiscal mess in Sacramento, we feel that without some of the ballot measures (even though they were hammered out behind closed doors and in haste), the state's most vulnerable could be even more deeply impacted as lawmakers make Draconian cuts, hence our support for Propositions 1A and 1C.

These are by no means solutions, but they keep the state afloat long enough for a bipartisan committee to make recommendations for budget reform. If nothing is done, we say throw all the bums out of the capital and start fresh.

Prop.1A: (YES) This measure would do three things: It would increase the size of the state's "Rainy Day Fund" from 5 to 12.5 percent of the General Fund, helping the state recover in times of economic decline, such as now. It would also extend tax increases for one or two additional years, including the vehicle license fee and personal income tax. The measure would also expand the governor's authority to reduce some spending without approval from the Legislature, mainly capital outlay or operations expenditures and cost of living adjustments for programs. The Daily Press supports this measure because it offers some budget reform by forcing lawmakers to save, creating a more stable budget process. Putting more in the bank is worth the extra two years of tax increases. Giving more power to the governor seems a little risky, but it's worth the trade off.

Prop.1B: (NO) This measure would pay back $9.3 billion in cuts to education. While that may seem great on the surface (and who wants to be seen as being anti-education), the measure lacks clarity in how it will affect future spending under Proposition 98, which essentially commits 40 percent of the state budget to K-12 and community colleges. If approved, the measure could force lawmakers to spend even more money, which they don't have. This measure does nothing to reform the budget process or fill financial gaps and seems to be a gift to the powerful teachers' unions in exchange for their support of the proposition package.

Prop. 1C: (YES) This measure would allow lawmakers to borrow $5 billion from future lottery profits to help balance the current budget. The lottery would be modernized with increased payouts, new games and improved marketing in hopes of drawing more interest. Lottery money that would go to schools would be redirected. In exchange, more money from the General Fund would be funneled into education, making up the difference. We support this measure because it allows the state to borrow funds and pay them back over time with future lottery profits and not from the General Fund. We're talking $5 billion, which is critical at this time. It's a gamble (payment is based on future lottery profits, the amount of which is unknown) but it's worth the risk. This measure will fundamentally change the intent of the lottery as it was created, but desperate times call for desperate measures.

Prop.1D and 1E: (YES) These measures would take money away from two of the most vulnerable groups in California — low income children and the mentally ill — by redirecting the tobacco tax and a tax on millionaires, both of which were approved by voters. Those taxes fund early childhood programs and programs for the mentally ill. Billions of dollars from both measures have not yet been spent, which will help soften the blow. The redirect of future monies is temporary and while difficult to stomach, given the most needy will be hurt, it is a better option than cutting millions from schools, Medi-Cal, foster care or other vital programs. Once again, tough times call for tough decisions and this is one of them.

Prop 1F: (YES) This is an easy one, and probably the only measure of the bunch that will pass. It's all about pleasing the voters, who are pretty fed up with lawmakers. If approved, it would prevent lawmakers from receiving raises during times of fiscal crisis. It's a no-brainer. Those who created the budget mess shouldn't get a raise or bonus. This isn't AIG. While the measure won't bring much savings, it's a symbolic gesture to let elected officials know voters are fed up with the status quo. We only wish it went further, docking lawmakers' pay for every day a budget is not passed. Now that would get their butts in gear.

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Finding comfort in other people's reality

IT BECAME GLORIOUSLY APPARENT TO me earlier this month that my self-esteem has never been in better shape.

While staying with my family in New York, Mother Nature delivered either rain, humidity and/or gray skies the entire time (except the morning I left, of course). The bad news is that all photographic evidence of the visit reveals my hair's apparent urge to star in an 1980s Aqua Net commercial, only bigger and frizzier. The good news is that the foul weather forced me to stay indoors nearly all week and familiarize myself with a crop of reality TV shows I'd previously overlooked. As it turns out, I've been seriously missing out on allowing others to make me feel really good about myself by default.

I take a small amount of pride in being selective about the reality programs I watch. For instance, I only tune in to the season finale of "The Bachelor." It's a waste of time to watch the episodes leading up to the end because each is just a predictable parade of slutty women who do everything short of clawing each other's eyes out (although that will reportedly happen next season) in order to vie for a turn in bed with a guy so busy being in love with himself it's a wonder he can find the time to actually bed the aforementioned slutty women.

But the finale is completely worthwhile. After all, who doesn't enjoy seeing some poor girl get totally tricked into believing the guy she slept with the night before is about to get down on bended knee and propose with a 50K diamond ring that he didn't have to pay for, only to be dumped at the last possible second for the girl he slept with two nights before?

"The Celebrity Apprentice" is a show I tune into every week, for sure. I'm not sure if it's watching the D-list celebrities desperate to have Donald Trump make them relevant enough to inch up to the C-list or Donald Trump's desperation for any relevance whatsoever that keeps me coming back week after week. "The Real Housewives of New York City" — half of whom either don't live in Manhattan or aren't married and all of whom have boobs that would make the wait staff at Hooters envious — is a staple on my reality diet, too.

"The Hills" (so I can stay current with what the kids are into these days), "Keeping Up with the Kardashians" (so I can try to guess how many more plastic surgery procedures until Bruce Jenner is mistaken for Joan Rivers) and "Deadliest Catch" (so I can be reminded that it could always be worse) round out my reality menu, making my viewing plate seemingly full.

But now I feel compelled to make room for my new finds. Like "The Biggest Loser." The episode I saw showed a bunch of morbidly obese people who had only just finished losing serious amounts of weight (100-plus pounds, in some cases) being told they had a month to train for a marathon.

It wasn't so much the understandably horrified reactions from the contestants that was captivating, but imagining the ice water that ran in the veins of the producers who thought up the task and then must have had to negotiate big time with NBC's lawyers and insurance company to get approval for something that could easily kill some of those poor folks who already strained their hearts recently. "ER" wished it had the kind of drama that will surely ensue on "The Biggest Loser" marathon day.

I watched my first ever episode of "American Idol." Paula Abdul, of "Straight Up" and "Rush Rush" fame, lip-synched and danced like it was 1989, at which time she proudly boogied with a cartoon cat. Only this time the cat was definitely a hallucination, brought on by the pharmacy she obviously ate prior to show time.

As for "The Millionaire Matchmaker," I'm not sure what was more train wreck-o-licious — the androgynous woman who's likely charging upwards of six figures to do for people what any dating Web site or Jewish grandmother would do (although the Jewish grandmother would do it better and for no money so long as you guarantee to phone her every Sunday and promise to think about her every now and then, if it's not too much trouble) or the "men" who pay her to make fools of themselves with rejects from "The Bachelor."

And then there's HBO's "In Treatment." While not a reality show, the people on there sure re-affirmed for me that I am good enough, smart enough and not nearly as screwed up as so many, many others.

If there's such a thing as the Mental Health Olympics, sign me up, because the gold is as good as mine.

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The Q Line

Which kind of green?

A recent Daily Press article revealed that gaining a Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certificate could be a costly process, which is off-putting for some developers who want their projects to be "green."

So this week's Q-Line question asks:

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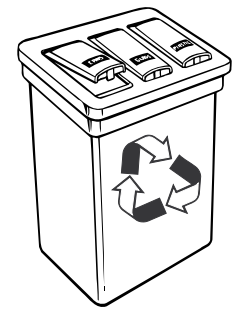


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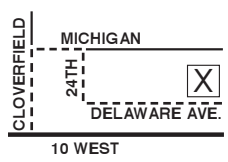
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Samohi boys volleyball to host playoff contest

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his squad owes a solid effort to the other teams competing for second and third place in the league. Mary Star of the Sea, Bosco Tech, Cathedral and Serra are all still battling for the remaining two playoff spots from the Camino Real League.

SAMOHI BOYS VOLLEYBALL HOST PLAYOFF GAME

Making a claim as one of the more successful programs at Santa Monica High School, the Vikings' boys volleyball team has not only won the Ocean League but will be hosting a playoff game at home, too.

After finishing the season 14-10 overall and 6-0 in league, Samohi has earned the right to host Bellflower on Friday at 7 p.m.

Head Coach Liane Sato said she doesn't know much about Bellflower, a team that finished fourth in the Suburban League, but is confident her squad is ready for all comers.

"I think we're on track," Sato said. "We have good ball handling skills, good ball control."

Sato will look to Eric Barber, Charles Levy and Julian Hess to lead the way not only against Bellflower but throughout the playoffs.

The team, which last won a California Interscholastic Federation Southern Section title in 2006, made it to the quarter finals last season and lost in the finals the year before. The team has made the playoffs in each of Sato's six seasons coaching the team.

Sato believes that this team has all the makings of a CIF champ.

"All we have to do is win to move on," Sato said. "The playoffs are always exciting, the kids are excited."

ST. MONICA'S BOYS TENNIS LOSES IN PLAYOFFS

After finishing 7-6 overall and 6-5 in Del Rey League play, the boys tennis team at St. Monica's lost in the first round of the CIF-SS playoffs on Tuesday.

St. Monica Athletic Director Rick Bruce said he was proud of his team's effort against Sante Fe High School, which has nearly 3,000 students.

"They may not have won, but it was a good season," Bruce said.

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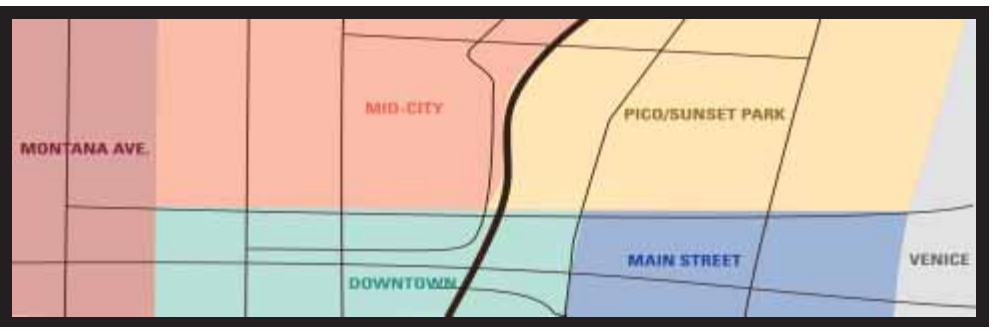
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Skaggs a projected early draft pick

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the games he faces them are over. Teammates admire his work ethic. And, most importantly, those in the know who have the power to make or break a player have universally proclaimed him a legitimate big league prospect.

"Our area scout likes him a great deal," said Kevin Towers, the general manager for the San Diego Padres, while attending Skaggs' start against Inglewood earlier this season. "I like his size, his arm strength.

"I like what I've seen."

Who hasn't?

Scouts from every big league team have come out to see him pitch. Even Tommy Lasorda and Leary have been spotted in the stands during his starts.

This kind of attention would seem overwhelming for the average 17-year-old, but Tyler Skaggs isn't an average kid.

"The attention has been pretty reasonable," Tyler Skaggs said. "[The scouts] go on your time.

"If you don't want to talk to them they are always willing to talk later."

The amount of time talent evaluators have spent following the talented hurler has given them ample opportunities to get face to face with both Tyler Skaggs and his family.

They have been willing to play the game on his terms, making what could be an intrusive process palatable for the Skaggs family.

Debbie Skaggs admits that the constant calls from scouts can be trying, but she understands that it comes with the territory.

"Everything is scrutinized," she said. "He has to work hard to know what his goal is.

"That goal is to play Major League Baseball."

While he can't control what the scouts think, he has been able to ignore those prying eyes and perform on the baseball field.

Matt Hattabaugh, an area scout for the Colorado Rockies, is impressed. His team owns the 11th, 32nd, 34th and 70th picks in June's draft and Hattabaugh believes Tyler Skaggs will be off the board by their fourth pick. In fact, Hattabaugh said he would be surprised if he made it to the 32nd pick.

"Somebody is going to give this guy a job and I hope it's us," he said. "This guy has the makings of a big league pitcher."

He compared him to former Angels pitcher Chuck Finley and sees Tyler Skaggs as a potential middle of the rotation option.

PUTTING IN WORK

Often pitted against the top teams on Samohi's schedule, Tyler Skaggs has gone 2-2 with 63 strike outs in 41 innings, a ratio that puts him head and shoulders above his peers. His stellar 1.37 earned run average was bolstered by a no-hitter against Lompoc in April.

He's pitched against the likes of Banning, Crespi and Royal — all of which are considered baseball powerhouses. He held Banning to just two runs, Royal to none.

Head Coach Rob Duron said that it was that Royal game that truly impressed him. Tyler Skaggs went five innings allowing just one hit and an unearned run. He also racked up 12 strike outs in the effort, but it was his control that caught his coach's attention.

"I think the Royal game was the most outstanding game I've seen a pitcher throw in a long time," Duron said. "He was just on.

"It seemed like the catcher didn't have to move his glove once."

Unluckily for Skaggs he was forced to take a no-decision in the game, but he was just happy to be facing a team of Royal's quality.

"I love facing teams like that," he said. "It gets me pumped up when I face better teams because I know I can dominate them."

He has certainly rewarded his coach's tendency to pitch him against elite teams.

A few games after the Royal start came a must-see matchup against a Crespi team that Duron jokingly said ranks up there with the Angels and Dodgers. With what Debbie Skaggs

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THE HARD STUFF: **Samohi's Tyler Skaggs makes a pitch during a home start against Inglewood earlier this season.**





Skaggs considered best Samohi player in years

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estimated to be 60 scouts at the ball park, Tyler Skaggs didn't fail to wow onlookers with a 12-strike out performance en route to another no-decision against a strong opponent.

His next start following the Crespi game proved to be the peak of his season, but it wasn't without its cost. While striking out 12 Lompoc hitters along the way to the no-hitter, Tyler Skaggs revealed that he is human after all.

Some time midway through the game he twisted his ankle. It didn't seem to be much at the time, just a minor sprain, but it would later cost him the rest of his senior season.

He recovered enough to make his next start against Ocean League rival Inglewood, but it was a slightly different player who took the mound. He shut out Inglewood through six innings, but his mechanics were diminished by the sprain. While he tallied just one walk, four hit batters were evidence that something might be wrong.

He was able to take his next turn in the rotation against Morningside, but he was limited to three innings.

Unfortunately for a team struggling to make the playoffs, the injury has proven to be quite costly. Tyler Skaggs has yet to make a start since the April 30 outing and his team's fortunes have suffered as a result.

The team was tied for first at that moment, but has lost four straight crucial games since his last start with three coming against Ocean League rivals. The Vikings have lost a pair to Beverly Hills and dropped a key game against first place Culver City on Tuesday.

Although the game would most likely be Tyler Skaggs' to pitch, Duron has decided to shut down the lefty for the rest of the regular season, which ends after the Culver City game today at Samohi. The Vikings must win the 3:15 p.m. game to keep their playoff hopes alive, which would give Tyler Skaggs a little more time to heal.

Despite the injury, Samohi backers and boosters may get one more chance to see him pitch this year, but it is little solace for the injured star.

"It sucks being helpless on the bench," he said on Tuesday following the loss to Culver City. "This is the first time I've ever been injured enough to miss playing time."

TROUBLE IN THE DUGOUT

It can be said that with success often comes drama.

For the Vikings drama has come in the form of intense criticism from parents toward the team's head coach, Duron.

A number of parents went as far as to complain to Athletic Director Lacy about what they termed "verbal abuse" against players. Lacy, who hired Duron two years ago, has gone on the record defending his coach, but this has done little to dissuade some parents from disparaging the coach even further.

Some have even accused the coach of giving Tyler Skaggs too many opportunities, especially at first base. Duron brushes off those allegations saying he starts players who give him the best chance to win. Tyler Skaggs' father, Darrell Skaggs, has been one of the coach's few proponents.

"[Duron] has had Ty's interest at heart," he said. "Rob is a good guy, he's not out to hurt any of his kids."

Darrell Skaggs added that some parents fail to realize that high school baseball is a far cry from little league where everybody plays as stated in the rule book.

"They don't understand these kids are trying to move on to the next level," Darrell Skaggs said. "That's a tough chore for the coach. You have to be able to read your talent."

Tyler Skaggs' step father, Dan Ramos, is one of the coach's most vocal critics.

Ramos, who is an assistant coach on another Samohi team, wrote a letter to the Daily Press earlier this season stating that "they should of got rid of this guy a long time ago!"

Duron feels that Ramos has the right to say what he likes, but was upset that the school's administration did little to address the situation.

"What can I do," Duron said. "I'm damned if I do and damned if I don't.

"All I can do is focus on my job and let the rest of that stuff play out."

The senior starter said that while the whole situation has gotten out of hand, he has been able to "block it out" and just focus on what he can control — a focus he will need if he plans to pitch in the big leagues.

"Duron hasn't been doing a terribly great job, but it is not all his fault," Tyler Skaggs said. "You can't point a finger at the coach or the players."

LIFE AFTER HIGH SCHOOL

Baseball bloggers and experts seem to agree on Tyler Skagg's potential as a big leaguer, but they may be forced to wait.

Aside from being a sought after pro prospect, there has been equal attention paid to him by college programs. Earlier this season he committed to attend Cal State Fullerton, but hasn't decided what to do. He looks to the draft as the ultimate decider.

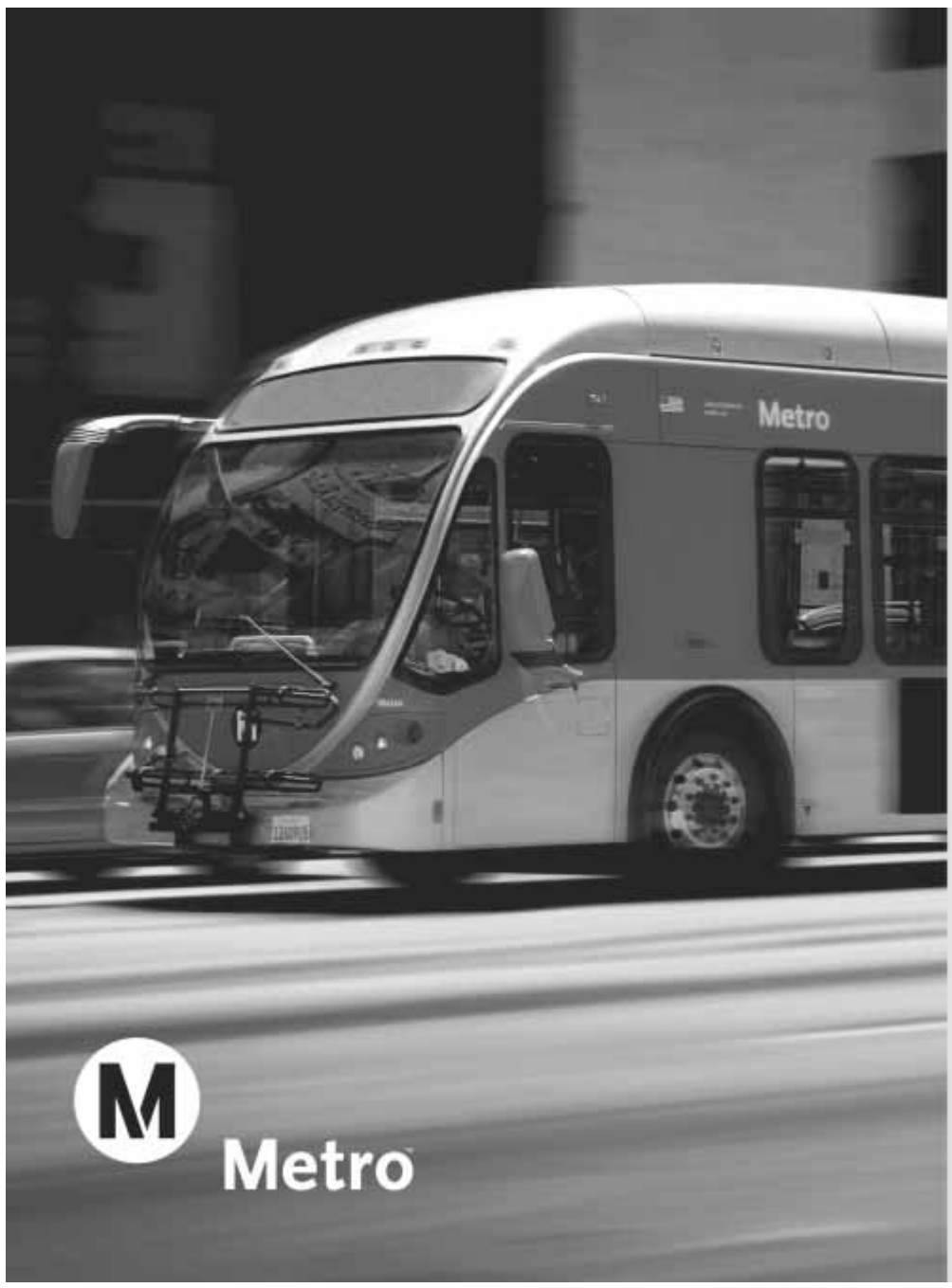
If for whatever reason he doesn't get taken in the first couple rounds of the draft, which most experts see as unlikely, he does have a solid fall back plan.

"Either way, he has good choices," Darrell Skaggs said. "He's done the work in the classroom to get into college and he's done what he needs to do on the field, so we as a family are happy with what he chooses."

Tyler Skaggs said that his parents haven't pushed him in either direction and the decision to turn pro would be his and his alone.

"We'll see how it works out," he said. "All I can do right now is wait until draft day to decide what is my next move."

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Homeless Court could continue another year

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details on the program, including how many families will be served.

"I think the goal is to do whatever we can to keep these families in their housing," Danielle Noble, the senior administrative analyst for homeless services, said. "We can't say for sure whether we will have 40 people or 200 people. It depends on what the need is."

Social service agencies around the area have reported an increase in demand for assistance over the past year as families lose their jobs and homes in the recession.

Councilman Kevin McKeown in February requested that city staff look into ways that City Hall could assist such families that are a check or two away from homelessness, temporarily covering the anticipated loss at the time from IOUs for state tax refunds. While the council decided to support his request, there were concerns among McKeown's colleagues about giving out aid considering City Hall's own troublesome economic situation.

Several representatives of locally-based Upward Bound House, which provides housing for homeless families with minor children and very-low income senior citizens, addressed the council, urging that the money from HUD be targeted for homeless families with children.

Booker Pearson, the president of the nonprofit organization, said the 2008-09 Winter Shelter Program for the Westside saw four families access services in Santa Monica last year. That number jumped to 83 this year.

"Santa Monica has a huge number of homeless families that you may not know about," he said.

COURT COULD SEE ANOTHER YEAR

The Santa Monica Homeless Community Court, which was facing the threat of cancellation because of a lack of funding, could continue next year after city officials identified $190,000 in available stimulus block grants.

The court was founded in 2007 to give individuals a chance to clear their records of petty crimes in exchange for entering treatment and working with a case manager to access services.

The program was initially funded by the county, which provided $458,000 to pay for the program for 16 months through December of last year before adding another $180,000 to extend it through June. With the economic crisis, city officials had to look elsewhere to keep the program alive.

Rusk said that most of the program will be funded through the stimulus block grant and in-kind donations for support services through various local nonprofit agencies.

She said an additional $60,000 is still needed and is hoping to work with the county to close the gap.

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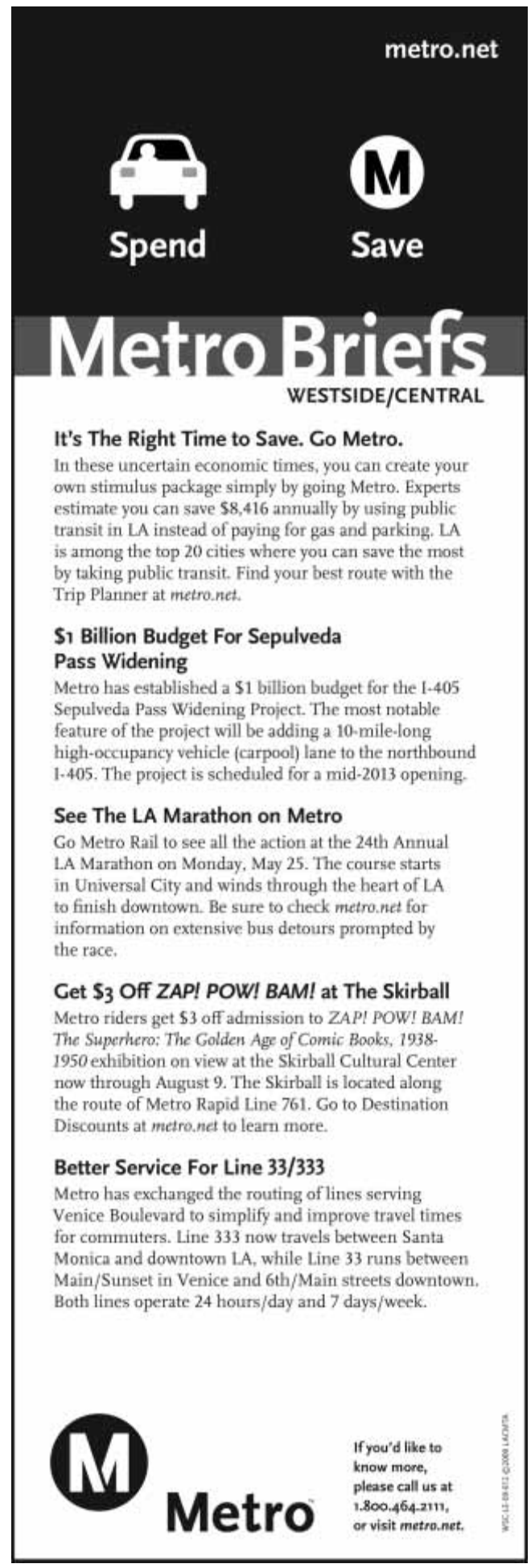






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Surf Conditions **Water Temp:** 62°

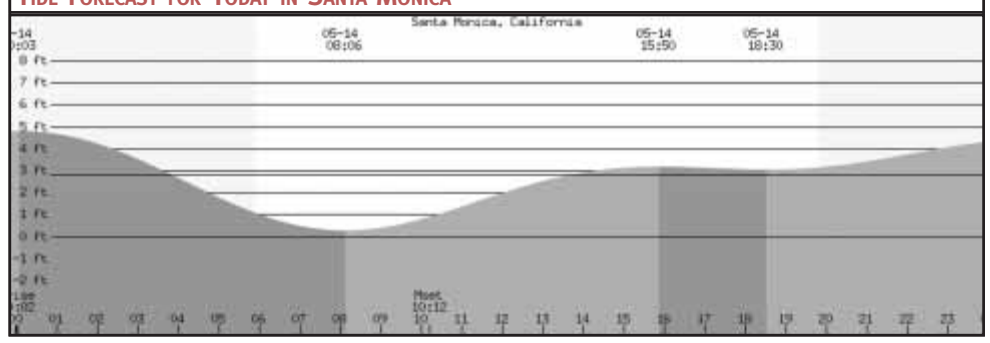
Swell Forecast (3-5 FT)

Chest+ at west facing breaks from the wind swell, waist high around south facing breaks from the southern hemi ground swell.

Long Range Synopsis

Friday the 15th the wind swell should continue to bring chest to shoulder high peaky stuff to west facing breaks. The southern hemi is expected to back off, so direct south facing breaks are looking at knee to waist high surf.

Tide Forecast for Today in Santa Monica



BEACH REPORT CARD

NORTH LOS ANGELES COUNTY

Grades for this report are based on monitoring data from the previous four weeks up to the ending date of: **May 5, 2009**

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QUICK STATS (for the last 28 days)

- Number of sewage spills -- 0
- Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0
- Number of wet days -- 8
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 42 / ns
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 6 / ns

The Beach Report Card is made possible by simplehuman, The Goldhirsh Foundation, the James Irvine Foundation, Ford

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

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

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain	A	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua)	A	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain	A+	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain	A	ns
Santa Monica Municipal Pier	F	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain	A	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms)	A+	ns
Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain	A+	ns
Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain	A+	ns
Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain	A+	ns
Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain	A+	ns
Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south	A+	ns
Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St.	A+	ns
Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- lifeguard tower	A	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth	A	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain	A+	ns
North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach	A+	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of D&W jetty)	A+	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain	A+	ns
Dockweiler Beach- opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant	A+	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain	A+	ns

LEGEND

DRY -- each location is graded on an A – F scale based on bacterial pollution levels present in the surf zone
WET -- grades for days of recorded rainfall and the following 3 days
ns -- no sample taken

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AMC Loews Broadway 4
1441 Third Street Promenade

Hannah Montana: The Movie (G) 1hr 42min
2:25, 4:50, 7:15, 9:40

I Love You, Man (R) 1hr 50min
2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00

Love 'N' Dancing (PG-13) 1hr 33min
2:45, 5:05, 7:25, 9:45

Star Trek (PG-13) 2hrs 6min
1:20, 4:10, 7:00, 9:55

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

Ghosts of Girlfriends Past (PG-13) 1hr 40min
1:30, 2:15, 4:00, 4:45, 6:30, 7:15, 9:00, 10:00

Earth (G) 1hr 30min
2:20, 4:40, 7:00, 9:20

Monsters vs. Aliens 3D (PG) 1hr 34min
1:50, 4:05, 6:20, 8:45

Obsessed (PG-13) 1hr 45min
2:40, 5:10, 7:40, 10:10

Star Trek (2009) (PG-13) 2hrs 06min
12:15, 1:30, 3:15, 4:30, 6:15, 7:30, 9:15, 10:30

Laemmle's Monica Fourplex
1332 Second St.
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Sin Nombre (R) 1hr 36min
4:30, 9:30

Tyson (R) 1hr 30min
1:00, 3:15, 5:30, 7:45, 10:00

The Merry Gentleman (R) 1hr 50min
1:50, 4:40, 7:20, 9:45

Little Ashes (R) 1hr 52min
1:30, 4:20, 7:10, 9:55

Lemon Tree (NR) 1hr 46min
1:40, 7:00

Ballerina: A Portrait of Five Exceptional Russian Ballerinas (NR) 1hr 20min
11:00 a.m.

The Dalai Lama Renaissance (NR) 1hr 36min
11:00 a.m.

The Devil's Tomb (R)
10:00

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17 Again (PG-13) 1hr 42min
1:40, 4:30, 7:00

X-Men Origins: Wolverine (PG-13) 1hr 47min
Noon, 2:40, 5:20, 8:00, 9:30

State of Play (PG-13) 1hr 58min
1:10, 4:20, 7:20, 10:10

The Soloist (PG-13) 1hr 49min
12:50, 3:50, 6:50, 9:50

X-Men Origins: Wolverine (PG-13) 1hr 47min
Digital Projection
1:30, 4:10, 7:10, 10:00

Next Day Air (R)1hr 24min
12:20, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 9:40

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Accept invitation, Scorpio

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Maintain your strong sense of direction, and everything else will fall into place. You could be stunned by what comes up. You might not understand all the crosscurrents, but that might not be important. Tonight: Don't count on an early bedtime.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ Continue opening up to different ideas and people. Just because you ask questions and grasp very different ideas doesn't mean you have to agree. Expanding your knowledge can never hurt you. Tonight: Continue the theme of different.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ A partner feeds you a lot of information. Though you might not agree 100 percent, make it OK. You can quietly go on your own fact-finding mission later. If a boss is acting surprisingly strange, just accept the behavior rather than question it — for now. Tonight: One-on-one relating.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Others listen well but also want to share. Information heads in your direction. A meeting proves to be quite dynamic, opening you up to new ideas. News could be surprising. Know that you can deal with it all. Tonight: Just don't be alone.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Ask more questions and demand more. You often let others get away with a slack attitude or performance. You are doing neither you nor them a favor. A trusted partner could kick up his or her heels as if there is no tomorrow. Tonight: Take it easy. Don't push too hard.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Your imagination knows no limits. How you deal with the many people in your life might need some adjustment. Try hard to touch base with different people. Tonight: Play as if there is no tomorrow.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★ Anchor in and stay in touch with key elements. A more exciting and dynamic approach to your daily life invigorates you. Changes are occurring where you least expect them. Relate to each person as individuals. Tonight: Relate individually.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Keep communication flowing. Worry less about a flub-up — yours or someone else's. How you handle a very different matter is being watched. Merge need with ingenuity, and delight many as well as yourself. Listen to a partner, even if you feel as if he or she is babbling. Tonight: Go with a spontaneous invitation.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★ Maintain your budget. You know how to finish a project and not get involved in anything else. Use that skill right now and complete rather than initiate. A surprising event or news could surround a domestic matter or investment. Tonight: Treat time!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★★ You smile, and others react. Knowing you have this type of magnetism going for you right now, focus on key issues and projects. You could be delighted by the end results. Tonight: Whatever makes you smile.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★ Take in information, and don't make a decision about what you are hearing. You, more than most signs, know how many different perspectives there can be. Tonight: Take some needed personal time.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ Unexpected reactions could toss the whole apple cart over. Is that what you really want to do? Stay focused on the majority, not just you. A meeting proves to be instrumental in knowing what works. Express your ideas and feelings. Tonight: Take a friend's lead.

Happy birthday

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

This year, focus on your goals, revising them with some frequency. You are transforming and growing, and with that process, some of what you believe and stand for could change too. If you are single, you could be attracted to someone very different from your normal type. Certainly, your type has not worked for you up till now — a variation just might work. If you are attached, the two of you could finally go on that special trip. In another setting, you'll see each other through new eyes. Enjoy the passion this new perspective could rekindle. CAPRICORN, though a conservative sign, can teach novel approaches.

Girls and Sports
By Justin Borus and Andrew Feinstein



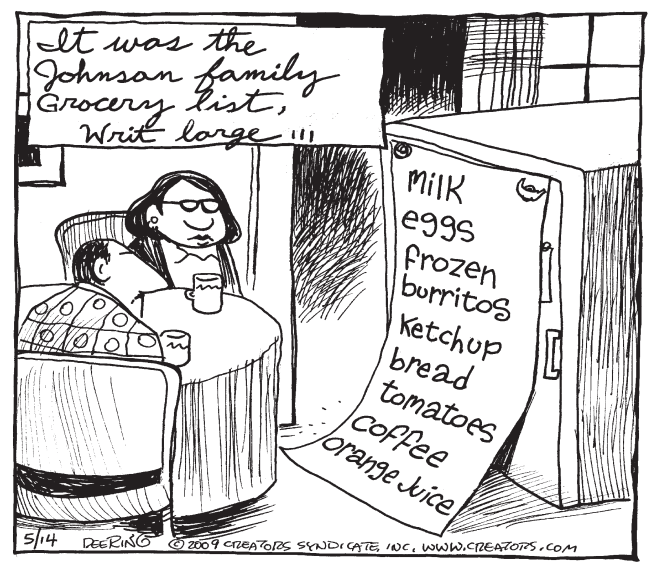
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Difficulty Level ★★★

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	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

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

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Ten topper
5 Aquarium fish
11 Grotto sound
12 Puff
13 Turn to slush
14 Hearing impairer
15 Parsing target
17 Role for George Burns
18 Bulletin board items
22 Masticates
24 Improvised
25 Brick carrier
26 "I'll take that as —"
27 Touches on
30 Shake accessory
32 Appear unexpectedly
33 Oinker
34 Infant confiners
38 Lurch
41 Pop star
42 Diner dish
43 In the buff
44 '70s First Family
45 Gush forth

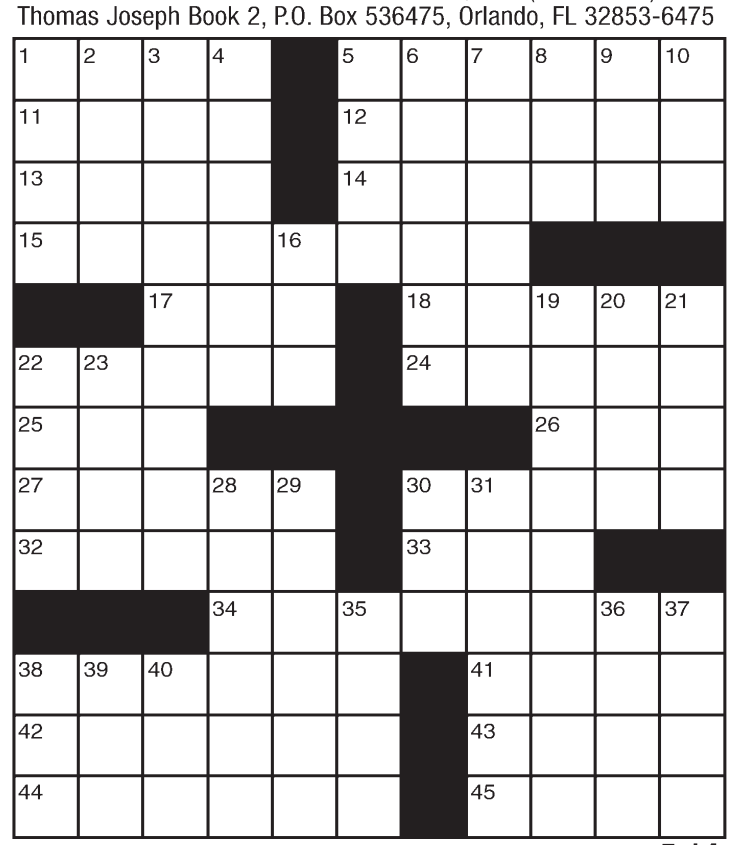
DOWN

1 "West Side Story" gang
2 Aspirin target
3 Threw a slower pitch than expected
4 Grovel
5 Freshman, usually
6 Track bet
7 Newsgroup topic
8 Unrefined
9 Imitating
10 Gender
16 Sullivan and Wynn
19 Excited
20 Hawaiian coffee
21 Flat-bottomed boat
22 Bloke
23 Vagabond
28 Elvis' birthplace
29 Ill humor
30 Bond, for one
31 Basketball scores
35 Kitchen pests
36 Network junction
37 Whole lot
38 Swindle
39 Paris pal
40 Writer Stout

P	A	S	S	■	A	B	R	O	A	D
I	O	W	A	■	T	R	O	U	P	E
A	N	E	W	■	S	E	A	T	E	R
F	E	E	■	Y	E	A	R	■	■	■
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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Safety First in Britain: (1) Recently, 118 local government councils conducted formal tests on their cemeteries' gravestones to see how susceptible they are to toppling over and hurting people, according to an April Daily Telegraph report. (2) In April, a circus clown performing in Liverpool was ordered not to wear his classic oversized shoes because he could trip and injure someone. (3) BBC producers, wielding a "telephone-book-size" set of safety precautions while making a recent adventure documentary, ordered Sir Robin Knox-Johnston (the first person to sail single-handedly and nonstop around the world) not to light a portable stove unless a "safety advisor" supervised.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1787 delegates were to gather in Philadelphia for a convention to draw up the U.S. Constitution. (However, only a few of the delegates had arrived by this time, and the convention did not get under way until May 25.)

1796 English physician Edward Jenner succeeded in inoculating 8-year-old James Phipps against smallpox by using cowpox matter.

1804 the Lewis and Clark expedition to explore the Louisiana Territory as well as the Pacific Northwest left camp near present-day Hartford, Ill.

1900 the Olympic Games opened in Paris, held as part of the 1900 World's Fair.

1942 Congress voted to establish the Women's Auxiliary Army Corps. Aaron Copland's "Lincoln Portrait" was first performed by the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra.

1973 the United States launched Skylab 1, its first manned space station.

1988 27 people, mostly teens, were killed when their church bus collided with a pickup truck going the wrong way on a highway near Carrollton, Ky. (Truck driver Larry Mahoney served 9† years in prison for manslaughter.)

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