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THE LET'S GO LAKERS ISSUE

District crossing fingers for ballot measures to pass

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

SMMUSD HDQTRS If the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District is to avoid an extra $6.8 million revenue shortfall on top of the money it's already expected to lose, it will need a lot of help at the polls today.

That's the harsh reality facing the school district which is already preparing to say goodbye to more than $10 million over the next 18 months due to state funding cuts, forcing administrators to get creative about ways to save money after already proposing to reorganize Santa Monica High School's popular House System, layoff or reassign several staff members in the central office and reduce contracts.

Superintendent Tim Cuneo said last week that the district will need all six ballot measures on the special election to pass, but notes that the outlook is bleak considering recent polls that indicate voters will oppose the majority of the propositions.

The schools chief said he will present a set of recommendations on the first round of reductions at the Board of Education meeting on Thursday at City Hall, pointing out that the proposal will be based on the district's situation prior to the election and additional cuts could follow suit if Propositions 1A-1F fail.

"We will have to play out a variety of scenarios," he said.

Based on current projections, the district may also need to cut another $2 million for the 2010-11 budget.

District officials are exploring various options of saving money, including reconfiguring schools, evaluating the central office and its operations, and looking at agreements with all bargaining units for potential salary and benefits reductions. Furloughs have also been mentioned as another measure to explore.

The SMMUSD did get some good news on May 11 when state Superintendent of Public Instruction Jack O'Connell announced the preliminary allocations of approximately $2.56 billion in State Fiscal

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POTENTIAL: **The future home of The Village housing project and Palisades Garden Walk, two features of a rejuvenated Civic Center.**

Village project faces one-year delay

BY MELODY HANATANI
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MAIN STREET Amid all the buzz surrounding a series of future projects meant to reactivate the Civic Center comes news that construction for a major housing development could face delays for up to a year.

The ground breaking for the Civic Center Village has been pushed back to July 2010 as the developer, Related/Santa Monica Village LLC, has experienced challenges in securing financing for the project, causing uncertainty as to whether it could meet the original construction start date this summer, according to a recent staff report from City Hall's Housing and Economic Development Department.

Sitting just to the northwest of the Rand Corp. on Main Street, the Village is considered a key component to the overall vision for the Civic Center where a slew of new projects, including the Palisades Garden Walk and renovation of the Civic Auditorium, is expected to give the area a new identity.

The Civic Center has been in the spotlight since city officials recently unveiled several proposals that they were exploring for the area, including capping the I-10 Freeway to create more open space, constructing a roundabout in front of the Rand Corp. to improve circulation, and creating a gateway plaza near the Exposition Light Rail terminal at Fourth Street and Colorado Avenue. City officials also recently presented a list of priority projects that they suggested should be funded through the Redevelopment Agency, including shared public-use facilities at Santa Monica High School and the Civic Center Early Childhood Development Center.

The only residential development slated for the area, the Village will have approximately 10,000 square feet of retail space and 324 residences, including a mix of market-rate condominiums and affordable-housing apartments for low-income families and artists.

Several issues arose late last year when the California Multifamily Housing Program, which assists in the construction and preservation of housing for low-income households, announced it would preliminarily award $10 million in financing to the Village project, only to have state officials freeze the funds soon after because of budget issues.

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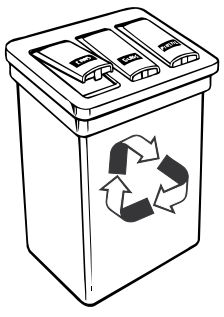
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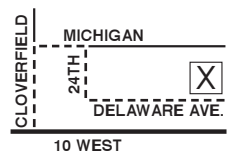


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1332 Sixth St., noon — 1 p.m.
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Pearl man
Fairview Branch Library
2101 Ocean Park Blvd., 7 p.m. — 8:30 p.m.
Come to the library to see "A Man Named Pearl," a documentary. It depicts the inspiring story of self-taught topiary artist Pearl Fryar. Cost is free. Call (310) 450-0443 for more information.

Wednesday, May 20, 2009

Ballroom by the bay
Santa Monica Bay Women's Club
1210 Fourth St., 7 p.m. — 11 p.m.
Come for a free lesson at 7 p.m., and stick around after for more dancing for $10. Learn how the waltz, fox-trot, swing, hustle and Latins by request. Partners are not required. Parking is available next door. Call (310) 487-0911 for more information.

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Thursday, May 21, 2009

Prose and poetry
Novel Cafe
212 Pier Ave., 8 p.m. — 10 p.m.
Come read, listen and enjoy free open prose and poetry readings every Thursday. Everyone and all genres are welcome, including poetry, fiction and non-fiction, as long as there is a 1000 word limit per reader. Visit forthmagazine.com/weeklyreadings.php or call (310) 396-8566 for more information.

Laughter club
Shakti's Elements
717 Broadway, 11 a.m. — noon
Laugh your socks off in this form of body-mind yoga exercise for all ages and fitness levels. Visit www.kimselbert.com for more information, or call (310) 849-4642. Cost in $10 per person.

Friday, May 22, 2009

Movies and more
WISE and Healthy Aging
1527 Fourth St., 12:30 p.m. — 4 p.m.
A movie and discussion will be held on the second and fourth Friday of each month followed by a lively discussion led by peer counselor Bert Dragin. Dragin has an extensive background in film having produced, written and directed three motion pictures. Each session is $3 per person and includes film, popcorn and discussion. Call (310) 394-9871 ext. 373 for more information.

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

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

CLOVERFIELD BLVD

DMV closes for renovation

The Santa Monica office of the Department of Motor Vehicles is undergoing a much-needed facelift. The office, located at 2235 Cloverfield Blvd., has been closed since May 1 for a major renovation project, which includes the installation of a new floor and a number of physical upgrades to bring the office up to current building codes. Customer seating will also be improved, DMV officials said. The office is scheduled to reopen for business on Monday, July 6 at 8 a.m. DMV officials said the 38-year old office has not had any substantial renovations since it opened in 1971. The Santa Monica facility is one of several offices slated for maintenance or repair projects during 2009. DMV usually schedules about a dozen office closures each year – for varying lengths of time – to make infrastructure improvements or for equipment installation. The Santa Monica office has 29 full-time and 12 part-time employees who handle some 227,000 transactions each year.

DMV officials say they will carefully monitor customer flow to the surrounding offices and move technicians as needed to provide the best customer service possible during the complicated renovation process. During the closure, Santa Monica DMV customers will be directed to neighboring offices in:

- Culver City, 11400 West Washington Blvd., 5 miles away;
- Inglewood, 621 La Brea Ave., 9 miles away;
- Hollywood, 803 Cole Ave., 11 miles away;
- West Hollywood (registration transactions only), 936 North Formosa Ave. ,12 miles away; and
- Los Angeles, 3615 South Hope St., 14 miles away.

In a continuing effort to shorten lines and wait times, the DMV wants customers to understand there are a number of service options currently available to them, which if properly utilized, can dramatically reduce the number of transactions handled in any field office on a face-to-face basis. That means shorter wait times. For example, most routine services the DMV provides can be done by mail; instructions for mailing license or registration renewals are included with the notifications sent out by the department. Customers can use checks or money orders to renew by mail. Or, simply go online. The DMV offers an array of services to customers 24 hours a day, 7 days a week through its Web site (www.dmv.ca.gov), including online appointments for written and drive tests, vehicle registration and driver license renewals, selection of personalized license plates, changes of address and payment of fees via secure debit transactions. The DMV licenses drivers; maintains driving records; registers and tracks official ownership of vehicles and vessels; investigates auto and identity-related fraud; and licenses car dealers, driving schools, and traffic violator schools.

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SAMOHI

Students wins Coca-Cola scholarship

A student at Santa Monica High School has been named one of the country's most outstanding seniors by the Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation and will receive a $10,000 scholarship for college. Sun Kim demonstrated academic and civic excellence in school and the community, said Sandy Williams, chairman of the board of the Foundation and president of Corinth Coca-Cola Bottling Works.

"This student is part of a diverse group of extraordinary high school seniors that have shown a steadfast commitment to educational excellence, leadership and service ... ," Williams said. "The Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation is proud to name Kim as a National 2009 Coca-Cola Scholars."

The foundation, a joint effort of Coca-Cola Bottlers across America and The Coca-Cola Co., is one of the largest corporate-sponsored, achievement-based scholarship programs of its kind in the U.S. Including the 2009 class of scholars, the foundation has awarded 4,276 students with a total of $38 million in scholarships. Samohi students joined 252 of America's most impressive seniors who competed for the 52 national scholarships of $20,000 and 200 Regional scholarships of $10,000 during the Coca-Cola Scholars Weekend, held April 2 to 5 in Atlanta. Scholars were chosen from an initial applicant pool of more than 74,000 representing approximately 23,000 high schools nationwide.

During the Scholars Weekend, the 2009 class of Coca-Cola Scholars interviewed with a national selection committee representing education, business, government and arts leaders from across the country. The Scholars were also recognized at a banquet held in their honor. Michelle Peluso, 1989 Coca-Cola Scholar and former CEO of Travelocity, gave the banquet keynote address. Scholars also participated in seminars, toured local landmarks and conducted a beautification project at the Chattahoochee River.

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Quake gives Southern California a 'serious jolt'

GILLIAN FLACCUS
Associated Press Writer

LONG BEACH Laid-back Southern California got a big jolt when a moderate earthquake swept across the region.

Fortunately, the Sunday night temblor shattered more nerves than windows, causing no major damage or injuries. Still, the mental aftershocks lingered Monday.

Carel McEachern, 58, of Long Beach told friends at a coffee shop it was one of the most powerful quakes she had felt during her four decades in the city.

"It didn't get me out of the house, but after it was over, we wandered out in the street and asked around, and we agreed it was the strongest one in a long time," McEachern said about her discussion with neighbors.

The magnitude-4.7 quake was felt by millions of people and sent at least one person to the hospital. It hit at 8:39 p.m. and was centered about 10 miles southwest of downtown Los Angeles and three miles east of Los Angeles International Airport, according to the U.S. Geological Survey.

There were no reports of any damage at LAX. At least 10 aftershocks had followed by early Monday, with the largest registering at magnitude-3.1.

The quake rattled the region for 10 to 15 seconds and was felt as far south as San Diego, said USGS seismologist Susan Hough.

"This was a serious jolt. It was probably felt within 100 miles," Hough said.

The shaking was most intense in the coastal communities south of LAX, including Long Beach.

Some residents said books and other items were knocked off shelves.

Glass broke at a Starbucks in Torrance, and one person there had minor injuries and was taken to Little Company of Mary Hospital, Torrance Fire Department dispatchers said.

There was no further information on the injury or the patient, they said. An emergency room supervisor reached by phone at the hospital Monday would not release any information.

Carolyn Gray of Long Beach was reading a book at home when her 2-year-old dog,

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STEPPING UP

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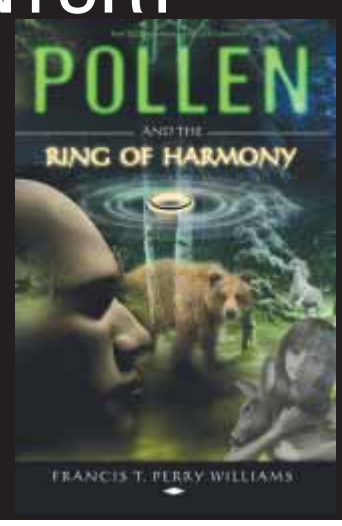
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Believe it when he sees it

Editor:

In regards to the article, "Promenade performer noise issue resurfaces," page 3, May 16-17, by Melody Hanatani.

First, let me say that The Third Street Promenade in Santa Monica is public property and should be treated similar to a park, whereas, everyone is entitled to quiet enjoyment of the environment.

As a "street performer" who has been working there for over eight years and temporarily on break due to the loud sound and cameras, which makes it extremely difficult to have conversation and some privacy, I fault the Bayside District Corp. for allowing this problem to be out of control for many years now. Every time I would complain about the noise issue to Bayside District Corp. I was mislead, believing that the problem would be solved, when in fact nothing seems to change and only seems to be getting worse.

When the cart program originally started I was informed it was for arts and crafts and rents would be at reasonable rates. But what we now see on the promenade is a commercial venue which generates income for the city of Santa Monica very similar to parking meters.

I support musical acts on the promenade who abide by the current laws concerning the decibel level. But as long as Bayside District Corp. continues their agenda and only care about profit at the expense of the public and its people, we will not see fairness govern the Third Street Promenade.

Vincentt Garofalo
Santa Monica

Questioning the attendance rate

Editor:

Dear Santa Monica/Malibu school board members,

My fourth-grader's teacher is out for two days this week to study for a test. The kids love it because they get to watch a movie. My seventh-grader's teacher was out a week in March for his wedding. Spring break was only a week away. I have to think that all these substitute teachers which we are hiring create a significant expense for the school district. Are there strict rules to taking days off in the middle of the school week when our student's academic performance is jeopardized? Now I find out that Santa Monica High School may lose a librarian due to budget cuts. This is all connected in our district budget. If we all made an attempt to save money at each and every school, then we would all win, and perhaps the budget would look a little better.

Dr. Lisette Gold
Santa Monica

LOL: laughing out loud
BRB: be right back
MUSM: miss you so much
A/S/L: age, sex, location
BF: boyfriend
OLL: online love
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Back to Nature

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Clever ravens winged masters of deception

THE COMMON RAVEN, THE WORLD'S largest crow, is one of the cleverest birds on the planet. One of 113 birds in a group called Corvids, its intelligent qualities are comparable to human beings and attributable to what ravens have learned from their parents.

Contrary to the cursory glance — which, at best, most people afford the raven — they aren't black. Rather, they have a greenish, blue or purple sheen. A full-grown raven can weigh almost 4.5 pounds (2 kilograms).

They are expressive, with a combination of voice patterns, feather erections and body positions. They communicate anger, affection, hunger, curiosity, playfulness, fright and incredible boldness.

How is it possible to achieve all these qualities?

In the 1960s, professor Stanley Cobb discovered that birds had developed a forebrain, called the hyperstriatum (which mammals lack), as their chief organ of intelligence. The larger the hyperstriatum, the higher the birds score on intelligence tests.

Ravens are at the top among birds for overall brain size. Their brain-to-body ratio equals that of a dolphin and nearly matches humans. Their large brains are packed with brain cells. They are capable of acquiring complex vocal and non-vocal behaviors, a prerequisite for communication. They appear to make complex decisions and exhibit every sign of enjoying awareness. In many ways, they have similar cognitive capacities to some primates.

Raven are meat eaters, yet lack the sharp claws of ospreys. They must rely on their wit to attain food. When they attack an animal, they usually peck its eyes out first. In general, the more protein consumed, the more water an animal requires. Ravens, however, are pre-adapted to get on with little water. The exception to this comes with high air temperatures, when water is need to cool body temperature.

Smart animals tend to be sociable, and ravens have quite a complex social network. Like most carnivorous animals, size matters. Alpha males are the only males allowed to display sexuality. They have up to 30 times more testosterone than subordinate males and their tongues are black as opposed to pink. Females are attracted to alpha males because they able to secure food and breeding territories.

Large nests are made of twigs, mud, grasses, feathers and fur, and are strictly for rearing chicks. They are constructed in large trees or on cliff ledges. Clutch sizes range from four to seven eggs. It takes about 40 days for the birds to attain their final size. Though they are born blind and naked, by the time they reach 2 1/2 weeks, they are able to snap up insects with their beaks and scratch behind their heads with their feet.

At the end of the day, ravens congregate sometimes by the thousands, at nightly roosts in trees. Scientists believe that information, such as food sources is passed along at these roost sites. Not only that, but young males are constantly challenging dominant males. They do this by performing walks that resemble a street-tough gang member strutting his stuff — head high, bill angled up, with a puffed-out neck and chest. If the challenge fails, the neck is tucked into the wing and the bill is pointed toward the ground.

RAVENS ARE AT THE TOP AMONG BIRDS FOR OVERALL BRAIN SIZE. THEIR BRAIN-TO-BODY RATIO EQUALS THAT OF A DOLPHIN AND NEARLY MATCHES HUMANS. THEIR LARGE BRAINS ARE PACKED WITH BRAIN CELLS.

There is safety in numbers, and rarely will a single raven be seen by big-game (like a moose or a caribou) carcass. They deem this a potential danger because a predator may be waiting in ambush. Alpha males eat first, but reserve the right to allow subordinates to test potentially tainted meat, not dissimilar to the knights having court jesters test food prior to banquets.

Ravens and other Corvids have been observed using sticks as tools and even inventing certain tools to achieve specific tasks. For instance, ravens will use sticks to scoop out ants from nests within trees.

Ravens are masters of deception and exhibit interesting behavior. They hang by their feet, slide in the snow, fly upside down, use rocks in their nests for defense, carry food in their feet as well as their bills, roll on the ground to escape predators and poke holes in the bottom of their nests for ventilation on hot days.

Ravens also like to play. I have seen them drop rocks in front of dogs, drop branches on people and drop from mid-air to catch a coyote's tail.

When they are young, like human children, they are curious. Their parents teach them, but only 50 percent survive the first winter. Those that live become very cautious thereafter. They become experts at mimicry and observe and learn new behavior.

Ravens can live in the wild for almost four decades.

It's not difficult to understand why Native Americans revered this awesome creature with its truly remarkable behavior and survival techniques.

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What's the Point?

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Brazilian bureaucracy

THE SURREALISTIC MOVIE "BRAZIL" HAS a scene where the main character, Sam Lowry, is looking for a piece of information. He is sent to an office and when he asks his question, the condescending and slightly exasperated government official looks at him and states, "Oh, you want Information RETRIEVAL, this is Information SERVICES."

That type of bureaucratic double-nonspeak, which is the source of so much confusion in the world of anyone who is attempting to navigate a maze of rules, regulations, and protocols, is the latest procedural cul-de-sac that has ensnared Paul Pearson, the embattled electric car conversion enthusiast who is currently a focus of the Santa Monica City Attorney's Office power. Mr. Pearson is the Santa Monica native who is being charged with the Illegal manufacturing of electric vehicles and operating a business in the city without a license.

The specifics of the alleged car manufacturing are beyond this column, but Mr. Pearson's latest foray into the dark arts of governmental rules is a story for the ages. The City Attorney's Office of Santa Monica wants Mr. Pearson to apply for a business license, pay the licensing fees, and maintain a valid license so long as he does business in the city. All quite fair and reasonable requests.

Until that is, he actually went down to apply for the license. Upon filing his application, it appears that the city has no category within which to put Mr. Pearson's business. They took his $547 for the application fee, but they couldn't tell him whether or not they would be issuing the license, because they don't know what an "Electric Car Converter" does.

Which is actually quite logical, since the concept of electric car conversion is really quite new.

This is in many ways a new frontier in business and in legislation, neither of which has caught up to the reality of the current needs.

The market is moving in fits and starts, based mostly on gas price fluctuations, and the legislature has made only the most rudimentary of rules, dealing primarily with Neighborhood Electric Vehicle exemptions so that modified golf carts can be used around town.

The Department of Motor Vehicles has almost no experience with regulating manufacturers of electric vehicles, and even less when it comes to converters. Mostly because up until a few years ago, no one did it as a business. It was a hobby, much like Mr. Pearson's.

And this is how we get into the frustrating situation that Mr. Pearson and the City Attorney are in.

They want him to be regulated, licensed and supervised, only there are no regulations that directly deal with converting gasoline powered cars to electric. The license that the City Attorney wants Mr. Pearson to get, appears to not even exist in the current Municipal Code.

If this is starting to remind you of that other fictional tale, "Catch-22," that's because the resemblance is strong. Mr. Pearson is being told to acquire a license, even if that license doesn't exist, which it appears, it doesn't.

But in true government fashion, they took his money, because they can't proceed with the application, without the fee, even if they decide to not issue the license.

What this really demonstrates, beyond being fodder for great mockery, is that electric cars are a cutting edge topic.

Electric vehicles, conversions, and the role of the various government agencies involved, are all in such new territory that there really are no clear-cut answers to any of this.

Which is why I believe that it would be much better for the City Attorney to be working with Mr. Pearson in a collaborative effort to develop comprehensive legislation and protocols, in conjunction with the Department of Motor Vehicles, the City Council, and all the other agencies that have their sticky little fingers in this new arena; rather than the pointless and costly prosecution of a case where no one was defrauded, hurt, damaged and no losses were suffered. The city has now had Mr. Pearson make five appearances on this matter, and spent an unknown amount of money in prosecuting this case.

The point is, for a city that wants to be proactive, and progressive, we need to be thinking about the bigger picture, which is more important than the prosecution of one man, who is trying to make the world a cleaner, greener place.

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The Q Line

Holding pattern over jet ban

A U.S. appellate judge upheld an injunction last week restricting City Hall from enforcing its ban on certain jets at Santa Monica Airport. An FAA hearing officer also ruled that the ban violated the city's agreement with the agency.

So this week's Q-Line question asks:

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The Quackers

Phyllis Chavez
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Getting rid of uninvited guests

Editor's Note: The Quackers are three awesome ducks from the canals of Venice who are on a mission to educate the community about the dangers of global warming and the importance of practicing sustainability, all while surfing the most gnarly waves possible.

WE NEEDED TO GET A JUMP ON OUR vacation. Soon our answering machine would be full. Relatives, friends, everyone from near and far would be looking for accommodations at the "Le Quac-Ker Bed and Breakfast of Santa Monica," aka, our house. Last year we had non-stop visitors from Memorial Day through Labor Day.

We needed a change of scenery, something different, but where? We were stumped until our cousin Juanita phoned inviting us for a spring visit to Albuquerque, N.M. She had barely finished speaking when I heard myself saying, "Of course! Absolutely! Dee-lighted!"

Nothing could keep me from a trip to Albuquerque for a bowl of my aunt's green chili stew, nothing. Wait, I take that back. If President Obama called and said, "Is this Sidney J. Quacker? We must meet immediately to discuss your strategies on global warming. I'll send the jet." You know I would say, "Yes, sir! Right away, sir! Absolutely, Mr. President!" However, as a chili gastronome, I would still try my best to convince him to do it over a bowl of green chili stew, in Albuquerque.

My brothers thought the trip was a perfect opportunity to reconnect with the southwest branch of the Quacker family tree.

It was a struggle keeping an innocent look on my face and the picture of a steaming bowl of green chili stew out of my mind when I said, "Funny, that was my first thought too!" They both burst out laughing and Rusty said, "Sidney, the only thing you thought about reconnecting with was a bowl of green chili stew."

Technically, Juanita doesn't live in Albuquerque.

Her home is actually in a small, quiet, rural community about seven miles from downtown Albuquerque, called the Village de Los Ranchos de Albuquerque. It is a beautiful city that runs along the Rio Grande Bosque and has awesome views of the Sandia Mountains.

Spanish lesson time, Juanita taught us that "Bosque" is Spanish for the riparian woodlands that run along the flood plains of streams and riverbanks in the Southwest.

There was not a wave in sight unless you count a wave of, "Hola!" from the Rail Runner train on the way to Santa Fe. At home we would never encounter horses, goats, llamas or peacocks in our neighborhood, but there they were welcome. Richard became fascinated with the irrigation system or acequias, as Juanita calls them, that run throughout the village. He wants to return for a swimming tour of the Village via acequias. We definitely found a total change of scenery.

On our last day, Juanita took us to her favorite place, the Rio Grande Bosque. With pride, she told us of the work she was doing to help restore the Bosque's ecosystem. The place was an oasis. We stood under the massive cottonwoods and among the wetland plants at the edge of the Rio Grande feeling as though we had entered another world.

The river was irresistible. We jumped in and floated leisurely while Juanita told of us of the troubles that had come to the Bosque.

MY BROTHERS THOUGHT THE TRIP WAS A PERFECT OPPORTUNITY TO RECONNECT WITH THE SOUTHWEST BRANCH OF THE QUACKER FAMILY TREE.

She said over the years, the river and the cottonwood trees had been seriously impacted by human activities. One of these activities, the planting of non-native trees, turned out to be an enormous threat to the health of the Bosque's ecosystem.

The tamarisk, Siberian elm and the Russian olive trees, all non-natives, were out-competing the cottonwoods for water and robbing them of necessary nutrients. They also obscured the sunlight cottonwood saplings needed to survive. The non-natives, sometimes referred to as "weed trees," reduced the water supplies, increased the fuel load and brought the risk of fire to the area.

Non-native trees, urbanization and drought were some of the factors responsible for degrading the Bosque ecosystem to a point so critical it caused two long time residents, the Rio Grande silvery minnow and the Southwestern willow flycatcher, to be placed on the endangered list.

When Juanita learned the fate of the minnow and the flycatcher and that a fire could actually wipe out the largest remaining Bosque in the Southwest, she flew into action.

She joined an eco group. In an effort to restore the riverside ecosystem, they began removing the non-natives and setting out cottonwood saplings. The best news, it seemed to be working.

Toward the end of the day I rounded everyone up. My aunt had promised enchiladas for dinner, red and green. I didn't want to miss a bite. We were still congratulating Juanita when her phone rang. It was our cousins Mimi and Antoine in Opelousas, La. They invited us to visit. How could we refuse?

For more info: Middle Rio Grande Endangered species Act Collaborative Program, Middle Rio Grande Bosque Initiative

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Tips for avoiding teen party disasters

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NEW YORK I don't know what teen parties are like where you live, but here's a sample of party horror stories from parents and kids I know:

A kid invites a few friends over while mom and dad are away. Dozens of strangers randomly show up and trash the block.

Kids smuggle booze into a bar mitzvah bash and adults (understandably) freak out.

The DJ arrives late to a sweet 16, bored boys start brawling on the dance floor, and the birthday girl ends up in tears.

Of course, for every problem party, there are many successful events. With the season on for proms, graduations and other end-of-school celebrations, not to mention beach parties, barbecues and outdoor gatherings, here are some tips for keeping teen parties safe and fun.

PLANNING:

"The key to a successful event is to be organized with a theme and set activities," said Steve Kemble of Steve Kemble Event Design in Dallas, which plans celebrity and corporate events. "You cannot simply just invite a bunch of teens over with no real focus to the gathering and expect them to remain well-behaved."

Involve kids in planning from the start.

MUSIC:

This generation loves to dance — including boys, who in past eras were often wallflowers or awkward dancers.

Depending on space, budget and the occasion, you may want a D.J. If not, an iPod with speakers will do.

Either way, music should be on from the moment the event starts.

THEMES AND ACTIVITIES:

Themes can transform spaces, inspire activities and make events unique. At The Garden School, kids have turned the cafeteria into a coffee house for a fun Friday night. Kemble, the Dallas-based planner, suggests a "Titanic" night with formal dress; a costume party with prizes, or for girls, a spa or salon night with stations for nails and hair.

Another option: casino themes.

In addition to poker, have tables for blackjack and roulette (mini-roulette wheels go for $25), with prizes for cashing chips.

Some teens enjoy hands-on projects: craft tables, jewelry or T-shirt design, or making gifts or baskets for local charities.

ELECTRONICS:

Karaoke, Wii and "Dance Dance Revolution" can be fun at parties. But "you need to be a little careful," said Richard Blau of Chezzam Event Group, a Syosset, N.Y.-based event planning company. "Electronic stuff is so addictive, and you don't want kids so focused on something that they're not dancing. A sweet 16 or graduation should not be hanging out in your den on a laptop."

FOOD:

Teenagers "might raid the fridge at home, but at parties they tend not to eat," said Blau. "Give them food that's fun that they can grab on the fly."

Think finger food: Chicken wings, sushi (including vegetarian cucumber and avocado rolls), mini-hot dogs, pizza, watermelon, pineapple chunks on a stick, chips, dips, popcorn.

Tweens and bar mitzvah-age kids "will have fun with mocktails," Blau said. But Shirley Temples are not so appealing to older kids. For high schoolers, Blau suggests a bar with 10 different gourmet sodas, or a juice bar with mango, papaya and other tropical options, perfect for a green-themed party.

SECURITY:

Adults must be present, and they need to make certain that they maintain control of the space.

Say no to party-crashers, and keep secluded spaces off-limits.

Require kids to check bags at the door to keep out drugs or alcohol. Even water bottles can be filled with vodka.

But Blau says security can "be done in a cool way. If you go to a hot nightclub, there are bouncers at the door with a red velvet rope. Have a parent or chaperone or hired security person at the door with a typed alphabetized guest list. If you're not on the VIP list, you don't get in."

To help teens do the right thing, "give your kid permission to badmouth you to other kids," said Dr. Liz Alderman, a mother of two teenagers and a pediatrician specializing in adolescent medicine at the Children's Hospital at Montefiore in New York. "If their friend says, 'Oh, can I invite someone else,' tell your kid to say no and blame it on you. They can say, "Oh, my mom would never let me do that.' Blaming the parent, they have nothing to lose."

DRIVING:

Car accidents are the number one cause of death for teenagers. "During prom and graduation party season, some of the most dangerous teen driving scenarios all play out — multiple teens in the car, late-night driving, distractions, and sometimes driving under the influence, although research shows that alcohol is a factor in less than 25 percent of all teen crashes in the 16- and 17-year-old group — the risk goes up as they get older," said Kate Hollcraft, a spokeswoman for Allstate Insurance, which offers a Parent-Teen Driving Contract to help families discuss rules and risks.

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SMMUSD gets some help from the state

FROM **FUNDING** PAGE 1

Stabilization Funds, which is part of the federal stimulus package.

The district could receive approximately $3.05 million in the first round.

The fund is specifically targeted for the schools and gives districts broad discretion on how to spend the money, whether its for preserving jobs or improving student achievement, according to Hilary McLean, the communications director for the California Department of Education.

The state received about $4.8 billion altogether, about $3.8 billion of which is available now for allocation. Approximately $537 million of the $3.8 billion will go to public institutions for higher education while the remainder will fund K-12 schools.

About $1.1 billion will be released in the fall.

Districts could also receive money for the categorical uses, which are targeted for specific programs, such as class-size reduction and English language learning.

The funds were allocated based on the amount of general purpose funding the school districts would have received from the state between the first budget in September and the revised version in February. State officials are working on another formula for the categorical money, which could be announced in the next several weeks, McLean said.

"This is a real hope that these funds will help preserve jobs in the educational field that we certainly need and will help keep students on track in learning," she said.

But the extra $3 million might not be used toward saving employment in Santa Monica-Malibu because they are one-time funds, forcing the district to make up the money next year.

The funds have not been built into next year's budget yet, Cuneo said.

Cuneo added that his recommendation will most likely be to use that money for one-time expenditures and invest in staff development programs.

"The reason we're investing in staff development is to make sure we have people trained in key strategies that are focused on math and literacy, that we focus on kids that are falling through the cracks so we can really make sure they get adequate support," he said.

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Quake activity in area picks up

FROM **QUAKE** PAGE 3

Rocket, jumped into her lap. It was his first earthquake.

"It was a good jolt. It wasn't really a roll," she said. "It was nice because there was nothing after it. It was a one-time thing."

Charlene Ebright said the quake reminded her of the need to be prepared in earthquake country. She hadn't updated her emergency supplies in eight years but planned to do so.

"I've cut out a million articles about what to do and what you need but I've never gotten around to it," she said. "It just reminds you, you've got to be ready."

Television images showed a Long Beach drapery business that had its storefront window knocked out.

Tiles fell from a movie theater ceiling during a screening of "Angels and Demons" at the South Bay Galleria in Redondo Beach, and moviegoers fled from the theater. No injuries were reported in either incident.

Mariella Freyre, 30, a waitress at Kafe Neo, a Greek restaurant in Long Beach, said she was surprised by the strength of the quake even though she had been through several before.

"I felt the floor start moving. There were tremors and glasses started shaking," she said Monday as she set up chairs on an outdoor patio before the restaurant opened. "I've been in many tremors but I've never felt the floor move like that."

Tom Oswalt, 46, said he was packing clothes for a business trip at his home in Long Beach when the shaking started.

"First thing I thought was 'Is this the big one?' It was pretty powerful," he said. "My first thought was to get out of the building, get my dog and get out of the building. Now we're just waiting for aftershocks."

Hough said there will likely be more aftershocks in the "threes, maybe a four," but only a five percent chance of a larger quake.

"People should be on their toes," she said.

The quake, which hit 8.4 miles below the surface, appears consistent with movement on the Newport-Inglewood fault, said USGS geophysicist Ken Hudnut.

The Newport-Inglewood fault was responsible for the magnitude-6.4 Long Beach earthquake in 1933 that caused 120 deaths and more than $50 million in property damage.

The 1994 magnitude-6.7 Northridge quake toppled bridges and buildings in Southern California.

Since Northridge, the region has been in a relative seismic lull. In the past year, however, activity has picked up.

Last summer, a 5.4-magnitude quake centered in Chino Hills, east of Los Angeles, rattled windows and made buildings sway but did not cause major damage. It was the strongest quake to hit since Northridge.

Earlier this year, scientists kept close watch on an earthquake swarm near the southern end of the San Andreas Fault that shook the desert but did not cause injuries.

"The activity that we've seen in the past year isn't the highest by a long shot, but I would no longer call Los Angeles quiet," said USGS seismologist Lucy Jones.

AP Science Writer Alicia Chang and Associated Press Writer Christopher Webber contributed to this report.



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The Village to begin construction next year

FROM VILLAGE PAGE 1

"It created uncertainty as to whether the $10 million would be forthcoming," Jim Kemper, the housing administrator for City Hall, said.

The economic downturn has also created challenges for the project in other financing mechanisms, including with bank loans and tax credit equity, which comes from private investors.

"The banks didn't even know if they would survive let alone lend money," Kemper said.

The project was expecting to receive about $22.3 million through private investors, $5.1 million from the bank, $1.3 through deferred developer fees, and $10 million from the state Multifamily Housing Program.

The total cost of developing the site as of last June when the City Council approved the development agreement is projected to be approximately $248 million.

There has been some good news that might help the Village move along, including the recent announcement that the state has received enough money to fund some projects.

The delay could work out in the developer's favor as construction costs continue to go down, Kemper said.

"A lot of folks are looking for work and as demand for materials decreases, the price for them will also decrease," Kemper said.

The new opening date of the Village, which is estimated to be under construction for about two years, will also bring it closer to the anticipated completion of Palisades Garden Walk in 2012. The park will be built directly to the north of the residential development.

"I think it will be a great amenity for the future residents there," Andy Agle, the director of Housing and Economic Development, said.

The one project that could be impacted by the delay is the extension of Olympic Drive to Ocean Avenue, which cannot be constructed until after the Village is completed.

As the only housing development in the Civic Center, Agle said the Village will play a critical role in keeping the area alive well after the various surrounding government facilities, such as City Hall and the Santa Monica Courthouse, close.

"It's a great way to create activity in the evenings and the weekends," he said. "It creates eyes on the street and eyes on the park."

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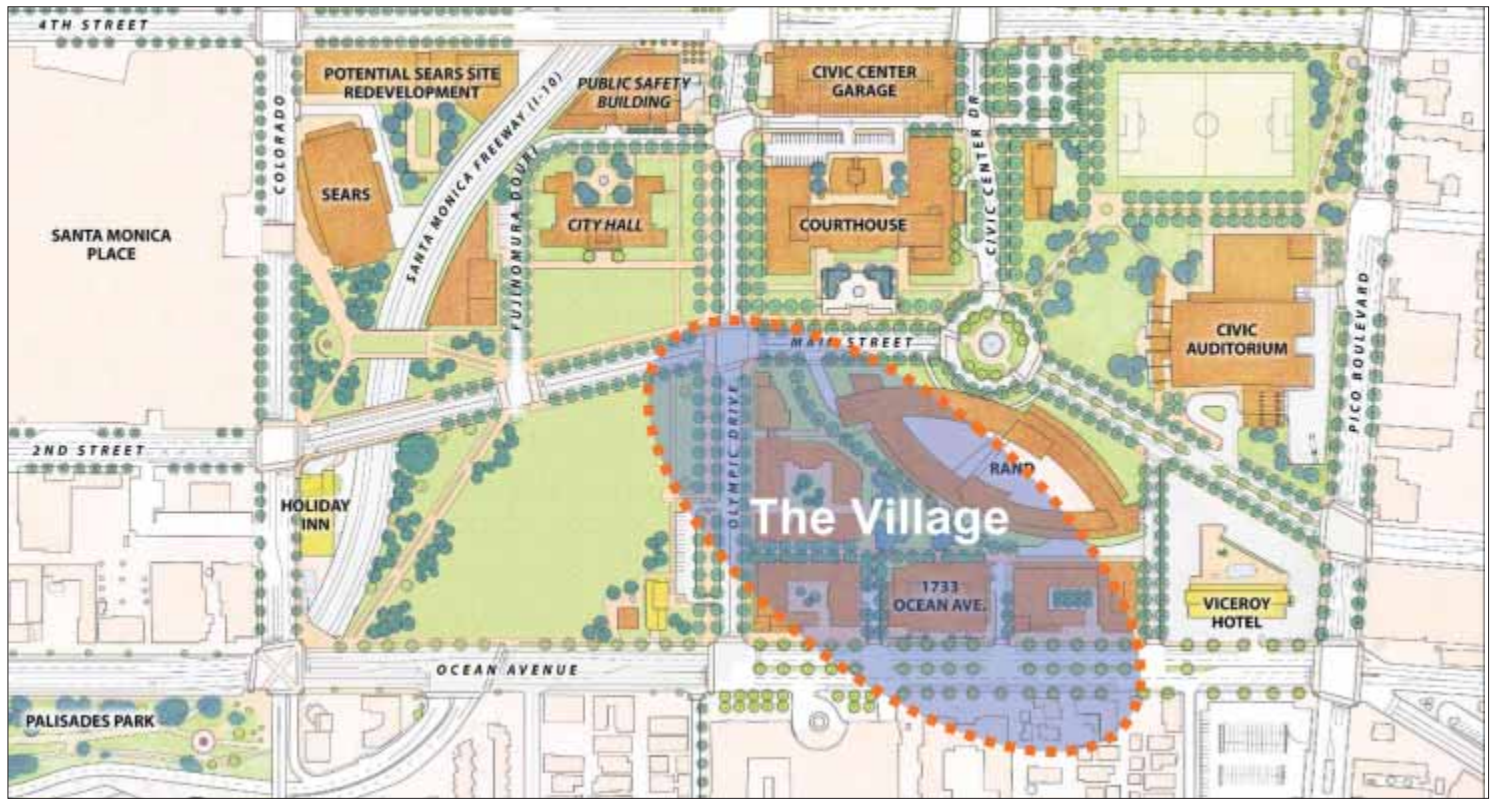


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BIRD'S EYE VIEW: **A drawing of the future Civic Center, featuring The Village housing development, which has been delayed because of financing.**





What to tax to pay for health care?

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WASHINGTON A federal soda pop tax. Higher levies on beer, wine and hard liquor. Taxing some health insurance benefits. Those are among the options the Senate is considering to pay for revamping health care.

How to pay for expanding coverage to nearly 50 million uninsured people is the toughest question in the health care debate. Cutting costs is a popular idea, but few experts think enough savings can be wrung from the system to expand coverage to so many — despite pledges from medical providers.

The Senate Finance Committee, tasked with finding a solution that can get Republican votes, acknowledged the dilemma Monday as it released 40 pages of revenue raising options. They include cuts to providers and new taxes. Senators will meet behind closed doors Wednesday to debate the options.

"Many proposals expected to reduce health spending in the long run may not produce sufficient savings in the short run to finance reform," said the Finance Committee report. "Other proposals to generate revenue for health care reform could include taxes that affect lifestyle choices and taxes that generally target loopholes."

No figures were included on how much the proposals would raise. All face determined opposition from the industries affected. Lawmakers haven't made any decisions yet, but the menu of options gives a peek at the hit list.

The soda pop tax would apply to drinks sweetened with sugar, high-fructose corn syrup or other high-calorie sweeteners. That includes iced tea and noncarbonated drinks like punch. But diet drinks would escape the tax man.

The tax increase on alcoholic drinks would hit beer and wine hardest. Per ounce of alcohol, hard liquor now faces the highest federal tax rate. The Senate option would raise the current tax rate, and then apply the same rate to all types of alcoholic drinks. Small wineries and breweries would get some consideration.

Health insurance provided by employers isn't taxable now, even though it's considered part of overall compensation. Senators are considering several options, including taxing health insurance benefits for individuals making more than $200,000 a year, or $400,000 for a couple. Another would limit the tax-free status of health insurance to the value of the standard plan available to federal employees.

Potential revenue raisers also include doing away with flexible spending accounts, limiting the income tax deduction for out-of-pocket medical costs, and charging upper income seniors more for their Medicare drug plans.

Congress is forging ahead on health care, with no consensus in sight on how to pay.

Few of President Barack Obama's proposed tax increases have been well received on Capitol Hill, and there aren't many popular ideas coming from lawmakers, either.

Democrats, who have been fighting the tax-and-spend label for decades, are very much aware of what happened the last time a Democrat won the White House and a Democratic-controlled Congress voted to raise taxes. It was l993, and Republicans won control of Congress the following year.

"Ever since then they've been especially scared to deal with these difficult issues," said Eugene Steuerle, a Treasury official under President Ronald Reagan.

Obama says his goals are to rein in costs, guarantee choice of health plans and doctors, and ensure that all Americans have access to affordable coverage. But guaranteeing coverage for all could cost $1.5 trillion over the next decade, which has some advocates concerned that Congress will pass a plan that falls short.

Medical providers have pledged to find $2 trillion in savings over the next decade, but much of that money will be needed to keep premiums from skyrocketing for those who already have coverage.

Rep. Charles Rangel, chairman of the tax-writing House Ways and Means Committee, said Congress "absolutely" has the will to raise taxes to pay for health care reform.

"Cut costs, raise revenue," the New York Democrat said. "Closing loopholes could be considered raising taxes, right?"

But Rangel is one of the few lawmakers to openly embrace tax increases. Today's Democratic Congress is, after all, very different from the one that helped President Bill Clinton raise taxes in 1993 to reduce federal budget deficits. Democrats retook Congress in 2006 and expanded their majority in 2008 in part by electing moderates in Republican-leaning districts.

Many of those newly elected Democrats are wary of voting to raise taxes, especially when they are unlikely to get any Republican support.

Obama's proposal targets high-income families by reducing their tax deductions, including those for mortgage interest and charitable donations, for individuals making more than $200,000 and couples making more than $250,000.

Finance Committee Chairman Max Baucus, D-Mont., has been working for months on a plan that would tax at least some health benefits provided by employers.

Obama, however, opposed a similar plan offered by his rival in the presidential election, Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz. Baucus' plan is getting no better reaction from fellow Democrats in the House.

In a broadcast interview, Clinton said that Congress should focus on containing costs rather than raising taxes. That would mean expanding coverage more slowly. Even after 10 years there might still be 15 million or more uninsured Americans.

Clinton, of course, remembers how hard it was to craft a massive health care overhaul when he was president. It went about as well as the 1994 elections did for the Democrats.

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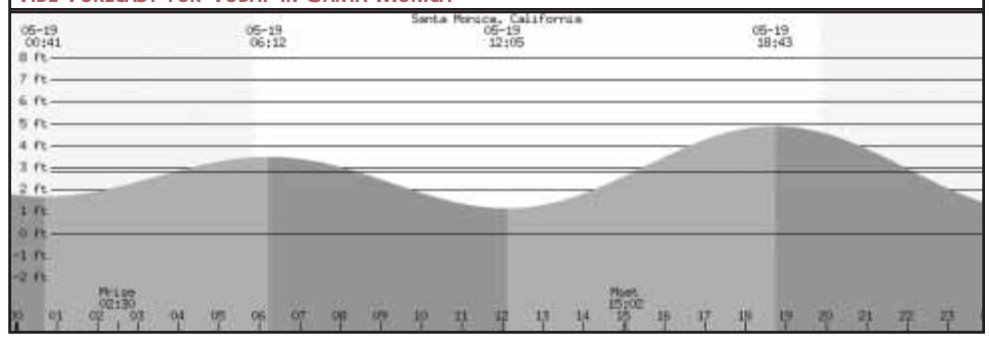
Swell Forecast (1-1 FT)

Tuesday the 19th looks small as well, perhaps ankle to knee high most everywhere. Winds should be light and variable in the AM with an onshore effect, pick up throughout the morning, and then onshore in the afternoon to 15 mph.

Long Range Synopsis

Wednesday the 20th looks small, perhaps knee high at best most everywhere.

Tide Forecast for Today in Santa Monica



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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 -- 0
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 41 / ns
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 4 / 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
Los Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Seguit Creek mouth	A+	ns
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth	A+	ns
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechusa and Las Arlos 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 Dan Blocker County Beach	B	ns
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth	A+	ns
Marie Canyon storm drain at Pierco Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd.	D	ns
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence	A+	ns
Surfrider Beach (breach location)- daily	B	ns
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east	D	ns
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon	A+	ns
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point 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	B	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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Aero Theatre
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AMC Loews Broadway 4
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Angels & Demons (PG-13) 2hrs 20min
12:30, 3:45, 6:50, 10:00

Brothers at War (R) 1hr 52min
1:10, 4:00, 7:00, 9:40

Obsessed (PG-13) 1hr 45min
2:00, 4:40, 7:20, 9:50

Star Trek (PG-13) 2hrs 6min
1:30, 4:20, 7:10, 10:10

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

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

Earth (G) 1hr 30min
12:15, 2:40, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00

Angels & Demons (PG-13) 2hrs 20min
12:50, 1:20, 4:00, 4:30, 7:10, 7:40, 10:10

Angels & Demons (Digital) (PG-13) 2hrs 20min
12:10, 3:30, 6:40, 9:50

Star Trek (2009) (PG-13) 2hrs 06min
1:10, 4:10, 7:20, 10:20

Star Trek (2009) (PG-13) 2hrs 06min (Closed caption & descriptive video)
12:20, 3:20, 6:20, 9:20

Laemmle's Monica Fourplex
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Jerichow (NR) 1hr 33min
1:00, 3:10, 5:20, 7:35, 9:50

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

Management (R) 1hr 33min
1:00, 3:20, 5:40, 8:00, 10:15

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

Mann's Criterion Theatre
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17 Again (PG-13) 1hr 42min
7:40, 10:20

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

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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You're all smiles, Pisces

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★ The unexpected occurs. Communication flourishes to an unprecedented level. A sense of what you need to do in the near future evolves. You smile and draw reactions. Don't allow others, especially a boss or parent, to pressure you too much. Tonight: All smiles.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ Zero in on what you think is impossible. Smile, and you'll draw others. The unexpected earmarks plans, people and/or meetings. Use the morning to make appointments, return calls and focus on what is key. Tonight: Vanish into the night.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Others look for answers. Take a strong action and help others make equally strong choices. Though normally 1 plus 1 equals 2, today could be the exception. Don't over-question things; accept. A meeting proves to be important. Tonight: Where people are.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Much lands on your plate, and quickly at that. You might wonder why you are doing what you are doing. Search for new answers, and question your choices and directions. Tonight: A must appearance.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ A partner or associate demands your attention. If you look the other way, an interesting reaction could ensue. Be smart, and handle a situation directly. Encourage yourself to look beyond the obvious. Tonight: Factor in fatigue.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Others continue to run the show. No matter what you do, you will not be a controlling factor in a discussion or decision. Relate individually, especially if an intense and highly vetted issue emerges. Go for more of what you want. Tonight: Togetherness works.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★ Dive into work, and get as much done as possible. Not everyone thinks the way you do, as you will discover later. Still, schedule meetings for the late afternoon, when you feel as if you have enough work under your belt. Tonight: Defer to another's wish.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Allow greater give-and-take with a child or loved one. You might be surprised by what comes up if you allow this person to reveal his or her imagination. Tonight: If you can, walk home or squeeze in some exercise.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ If you can, stay close to home. You have a lot to accomplish and will be most effective working from your pad. An unexpected surprise and news could cast another perspective on a relationship. Tonight: Act as if there is no tomorrow.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Speak your mind, especially if a situation or someone's opinion surprises, if not shocks, you. Deal with a problem head-on rather than back off. You will adapt only if necessary. A domestic matter provides more insight. Tonight: Share with a roommate or friend.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★ Be aware of the implications of surprising news. Take a risk with care, or you could have a problem. Lighten up and enjoy what is happening between you and another person. You might have to rethink an opinion or decision. Tonight: Out and about.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ You are full of fun and energy. Impulsiveness could actually trigger some exciting events. Consider options that surround you and your finances more carefully. A meeting or a friend could color your thinking. Tonight: All smiles.

Happy birthday

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

This year, much goes on involving your friends, long-term goals and your social life. You might even network professionally more. You could get involved with a community cause or a professional matter. Others see you as a force to be dealt with. Your sixth sense could easily help you make solid decisions financially and emotionally. Listen to your intuitive voice. If you are single, you certainly will meet a lot of people, and quite quickly at that. Choosing the right person might take time and talent. Ask yourself what type of relationship you would like. Count on PISCES.

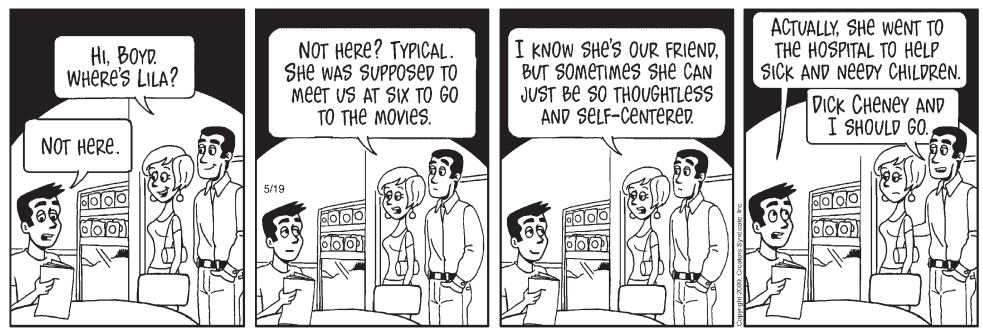
Girls and Sports

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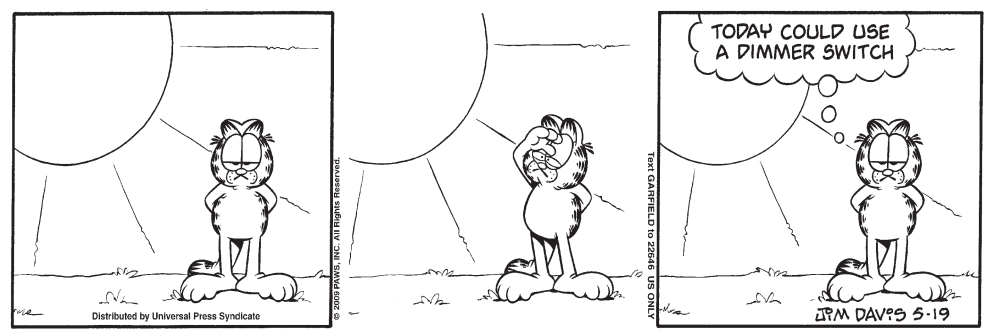
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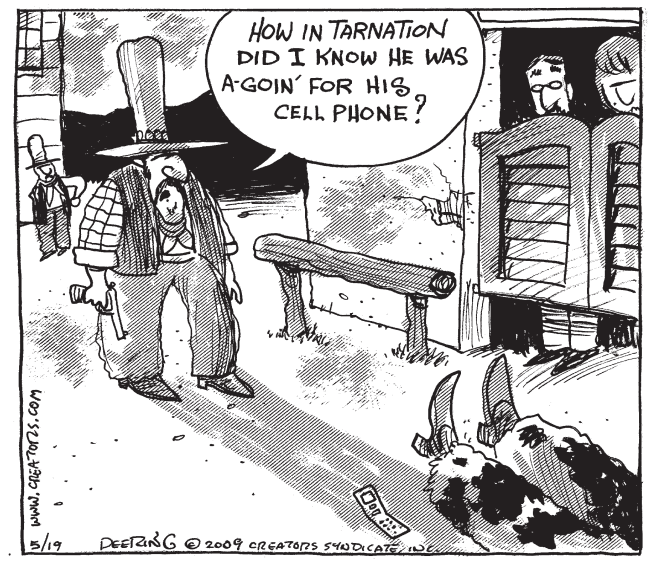
Garfield

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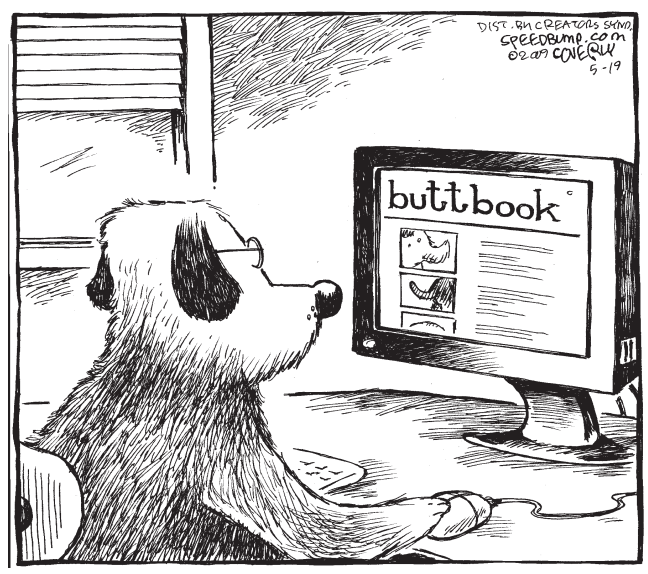
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Difficulty Level ★★

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GETTING STARTED

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

5	4	6	8	1	7	2	3	9
1	2	8	9	3	6	7	5	4
7	3	9	2	5	4	6	1	8
2	7	4	3	8	1	9	6	5
6	5	3	4	9	2	8	7	1
9	8	1	6	7	5	4	2	3
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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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7 Surrounded by
11 Exactly
12 Ninny
13 Orson Welles film
15 Diner lists
16 Conks out
18 Needs to
21 Bob's "Road" companion
22 Hit list
24 Mendes of movies
25 Roadster
26 Old roadster
27 TV role for James Van Der Beek
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32 Office notes
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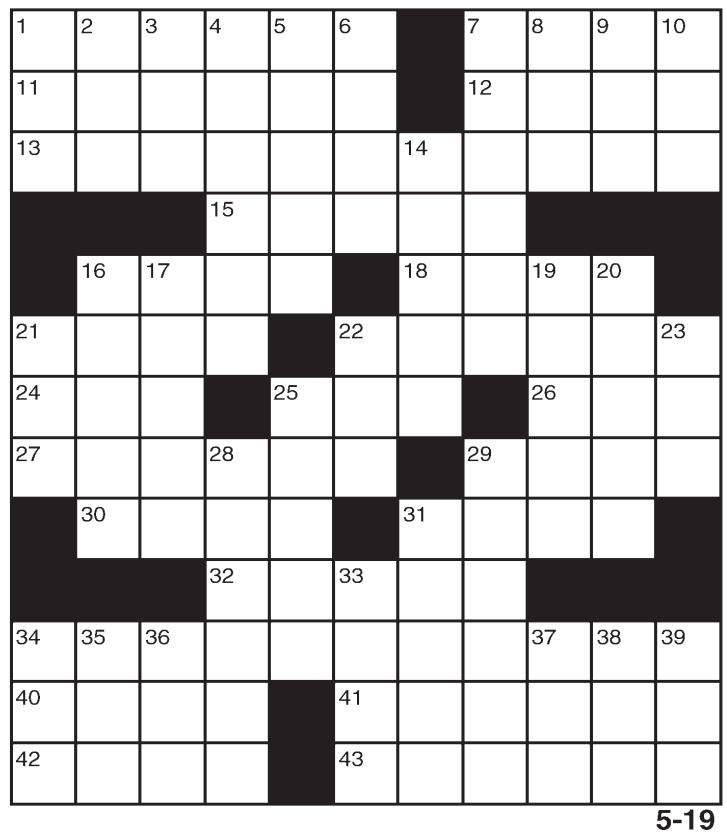
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2 Tough wood
3 Purpose
4 Baking spice
5 Massage targets
6 Tibia's place
7 Makes sense
8 Pop's wife
9 Hollywood's Lupino
10 Oxford bigwig
14 Bit of gossip
16 Opera stars
17 Really impressed
19 Bra part
20 Prom crowd
21 Sleep site
22 Light brown
23 Negating word
25 Telescope sight
28 Bible strongman
29 Church leader
31 Scout's rider
33 Tousle
34 Bar bill
35 Color
36 Greek vowel
37 Unruly group
38 Grow older
39 Butterfly catcher

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

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1967 the Soviet Union ratified a treaty with the United States and Britain banning nuclear weapons from outer space.

1992 the 27th Amendment to the Constitution, which prohibits Congress from giving itself pay raises until the next congressional term, went into effect. Mary Jo Buttafuoco of Massapequa, N.Y., was shot and seriously wounded by her husband Joey's teenage lover, Amy Fisher.

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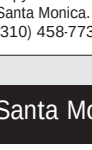
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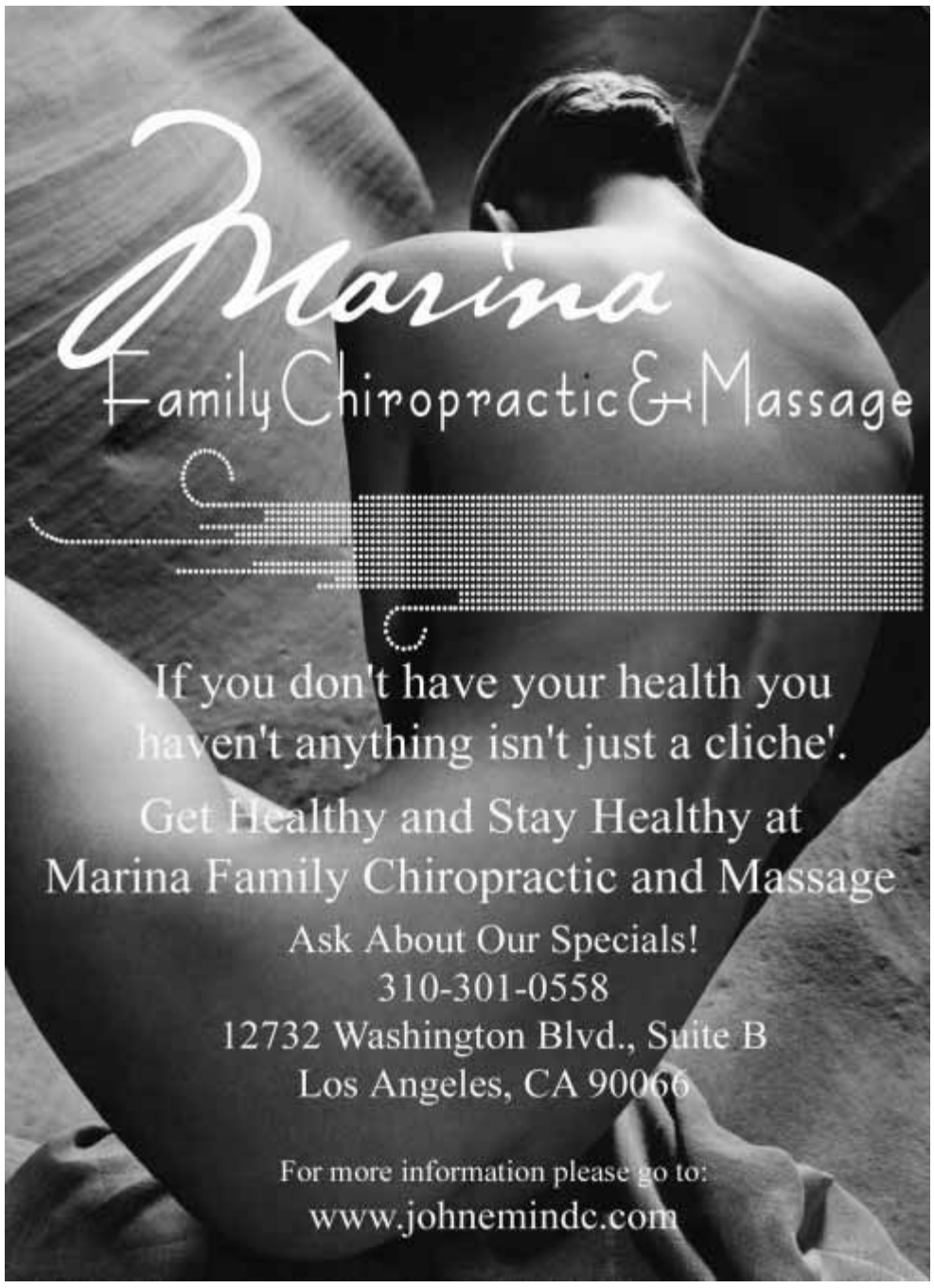
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