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We have you covered

THE HERE AND THERE ISSUE

City recognized for its dealings with bicycles

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Editor in Chief

CITYWIDE Boasting nearly 16 miles of bike lanes and a popular valet program catering to those who use pedal power, Santa Monica was recently recognized for being a bicycle friendly community by a national organization advocating on behalf of cyclists.

The League of American Bicyclists, which represents the interests of the nation's 57 million cyclists, awarded City Hall with a bronze level distinction for its "remarkable commitments to bicycling," placing an emphasis on bike lanes, the valet program and future plans to build bicycle parking facilities Downtown.

"We are trying to create a supportive environment for biking in Santa Monica and we feel we need to help people make different choices when planning a trip," said Beth Rolandson, a principal transportation planner for City Hall and an avid cyclist.

"It's a challenge," Rolandson added. "It's really about education for everyone, both bicyclists and pedestrians, as well as drivers, so we can all co-exist safely."

Santa Monica is the first city on the Westside to be honored with the award, and is joined by Long Beach, which represents the southern portion, among this year's honorees. The previous recipients from the county are Claremont and Santa Clarita.

The news came as a shock to some riders

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NICE SPOT TO RIDE: **Cyclists ride their bikes along the beach bike path on Thursday afternoon. City Hall received a bronze recognition from a national bicycle advocacy group for being bike friendly, despite complaints about pedestrians on the bike path.**

Congressman encourages FAA, City Hall to play nice

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

WASHINGTON While the Federal Aviation Administration's legal battle continues with City Hall over its controversial jet ban at Santa Monica Airport, one local congressman hasn't given up hope that the two parties can work out their differences outside of court.

Congressman Henry Waxman, D-Los Angeles, on Thursday added an amendment to the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2009, which oversees all aspects of the agency, to encourage the new administrator to enter good faith discussions with City Hall, finding solutions to the long-standing concerns over what many local officials believe is the absence of adequate runway safety measures at the airport.

Waxman's district includes Santa Monica.

The non-binding amendment, which was accepted by voice vote, comes just a week after an FAA hearing officer ruled that a 2008 ordinance prohibiting categories C and D jets from Santa Monica Airport (SMO) put City Hall in violation of its federal obligations. The ban was adopted in response to concerns that a jet could one day overshoot the runway and crash into homes, which sit just 300 feet away from the airport.

"For nearly a decade, I have joined the community, the city of Santa Monica and the Airport Administration to push the FAA to address this serious safety gap," Waxman said in a statement to congress on Thursday. "While the FAA has had discussions with the city, its response has at times been marked by delay and unfortunate acts of bad faith."

The FAA has presented several safety options, including installing a series of concrete beds meant to give way under the weight of an aircraft. The proposals were rejected by city officials as inadequately addressing their concerns, leading to the adoption of the ban in March 2008.

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Schools continue to perform well

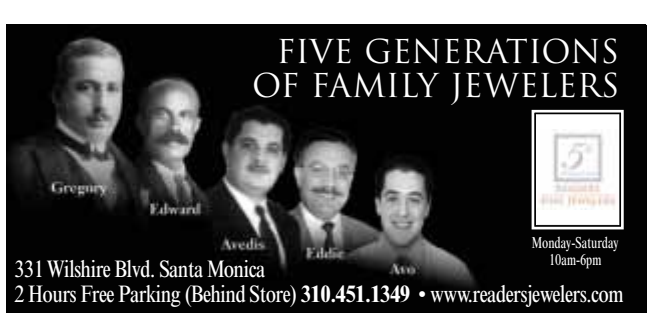
BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL Students in Santa Monica and Malibu public schools continue to perform well compared to their peers across the state, according to a report on 2008 test scores released by the California Department of Education on Thursday.

Based on the 2007-08 state test scores, nearly all schools in the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District are in the upper echelon for academic achievement as opposed to similar schools throughout California with a handful even climbing the ladder this year.

The report includes the 2008 Base Academic Performance Index, which reflects the level of student achievement using results from the California High School Exit Exam and Standardized Testing and Reporting program (STAR) from the

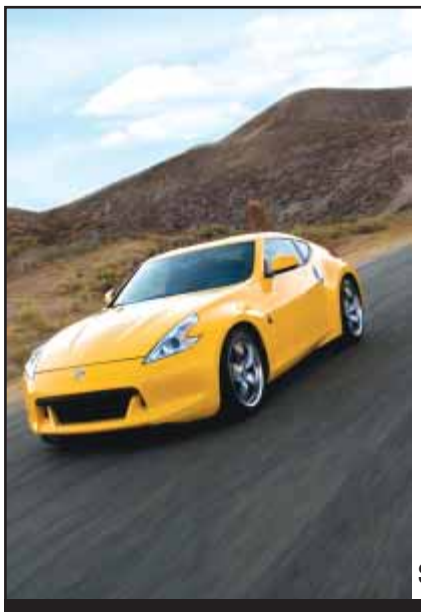
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Movie night by the bay
SM Pier
8 p.m.
Catch the world premiere of Dana Brown's latest release "Highwater." The movie is a story of paradise found and later lost. Tickets can be purchased on the pier's Web site, www.santamonicapier.org. Tickets will also be available at the door, but on a first come, first served basis.

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.

Taking 'Gremlins'
Aero Theatre
1328 Montana Ave., 7:30 p.m.
For fans of 1980s horror films, the Aero Theatre has a special treat scheduled this Friday. The theater will be showing back-to-back screenings of "Gremlins" and "Gremlins 2: The New Batch." The films' director, Joe Dante, will be present for a discussion with the audience between films, as will "Gremlins" actor Glynn Turman. Tickets can be purchased at the door the night of the event.

Saturday, May 23, 2009

Yoga in the park
Palisades Park
Ocean Ave. and Palisades Ave., 10 a.m. — 11:30 a.m.
Start your weekend off right with an energizing and rejuvenating yoga class in Palisades Park overlooking the ocean. Beginners and all levels are welcome. All you need is your yoga mat. If you have always wanted to try yoga, this class is for you. All classes are paid for by donation. Call (310) 560-4317 for more information.

'Cinderella: The Musical'
Santa Monica Playhouse Main Stage
1211 Fourth St., 12:30 p.m. and 3:00 p.m.
Audiences of all ages will love this Rudie-DeCarlo adaptation of the classic fairy tale including colorful versions of all the traditional characters. Tea parties and birthday arrangements are available with every performance. Admission cost is $10.50-12.50. Those seeking more information can call (310) 394-9779 ext. 2.

Sunday, May 24, 2009

Sound of music
Santa Monica Pier
3 p.m.
Members of the UC Berkeley Men's and Women's Chorale will be performing at the west end of the pier. Admission is free and those interested can call (310) 458-8900 for more information.

Time for the symphony
Santa Monica Civic Auditorium
1855 Main St., 7:30 p.m.
Conducted by Allen Robert Gross, the Santa Monica Symphony will be performing a free concert at the civic auditorium on Sunday evening. Featuring violinist Michael Emery, bassoonist David Riddles, cellist Ernest Ehrhardt and Catherine Del Russo on the oboe, the performance will also offer a pre-concert talk with Raymond Knapp, chair of the UCLA Department of Musicology. Those interested can obtain more information by calling (310) 395-6330.

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.



HOMEBOYS

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Crossroads' Garrett Baer slides into home plate while Academy for Academic Excellence's Devon Cholly tries to make the tag Thursday at Clover Park. Crossroads won the first round playoff game, 12-2. With the win the Roadrunners move on to the second round.

Schwarzenegger hopes to avoid borrowing money

JUDY LIN
Associated Press Writer

SACRAMENTO Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger on Thursday revised the budget proposal he released before Tuesday's special election, ending plans to ease the deficit with borrowed money.

He called instead for greater cuts to children's health care, college loan assistance, state parks and other programs.

The move was a direct reaction to Tuesday's special election, when voters rejected five budget-related measures that relied on borrowing, funding shifts and higher taxes.

Schwarzenegger said the voters were telling lawmakers to live within the state's means without resorting to borrowing and gimmicks that shift money from one fund to another.

"There's one thing for sure, there will be no revenue increase," Schwarzenegger told reporters during a news conference following his appearance at a capital prayer breakfast. "It means cuts, cuts, cuts and living within our means. That is the message of the people."

California also faces a practical problem if lawmakers were to consider more borrowing to deal with the state's $21.3 billion deficit: Its credit rating is the worst of any state, leading to high borrowing costs.

The state treasurer's office estimates that California would pay an extra $500 million to $1 billion in lender fees on a $15 billion short-term loan.

To get fees and interest rate down, Schwarzenegger and Democratic state lawmakers have floated the idea of having the federal government back California's loans.

Schwarzenegger has received no assurance so far that the Obama administration or Congress would support such an arrangement.

The governor issued a statement Friday saying he had directed his Department of Finance to find more ways to cut spending "so that we can eliminate the need to seek borrowing."

Borrowing still remains an option for California later in the year, even if Schwarzenegger has removed it from current discussions over closing the state's deficit in the fiscal year that starts in July.

In a typical year, California borrows

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HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL

Walker powers Samohi to first round victory

BY DANIEL ARCHULETA
Managing Editor

SAMOHI Celisha Walker knows a thing or two about helping her own cause.

The junior pitcher threw a two-hit shutout with 12 strikeouts, but it was her bat that helped ice a 4-0 win over South Torrance in the first round of the California Interscholastic Federation Southern Section Division IV playoffs on Thursday.

"It helps to do both," Walker said of her overall performance. "My approach at the plate has changed, it's working."

With her team up 2-0 in the second inning, Walker came to the plate with a pair of runners on base. She battled South Torrance starting pitcher Jessica Cherness through a long at-bat that saw her foul off a number of pitches before stroking a double to left field bringing home Hayley Condon and Meghan Bradley making the score 4-0, a lead Samohi would preserve.

With a lead firmly in hand, Walker cruised through the rest of the game until the seventh inning. Leading off the away half of the inning, South's Julie Martin wasted little time slapping a double to left field giving the Spartans their first credible scoring opportunity of the game. With a runner in scoring position, Leanna Flores tapped a grounder back to Walker who attempted to get the lead runner at third, but the ball was bobbled putting South runners at the corners with no outs.

"I wasn't too worried," Walker said of the situation. "As long as I kept my head in the game I knew I would be OK."

She struck out the next batter she faced, Tina Yeghiayan, and forced pinch hitter Jeanette Finley to fly out to center field. With two down up stepped Alex Kossoff who hit a harmless grounder back to Walker who recorded the game's final out at first.

"(Walker) was probably the toughest pitcher we've faced all year," South Head Coach Dana Kuwahara said. "She just kept throwing that changeup and my girls didn't figure it out until late in the game, which was too late."

Samohi Head Coach Debbie Skaggs praised South's effort in the loss and said

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What change?

Editor:

As we approach Memorial Day weekend, we remember and mourn the dead: 4,296 U.S. troops dead in Iraq; 685 dead in Afghanistan. Let us also protect the living from unnecessary occupation and trauma by drawing down and ending, not escalating, these two wars. Disapproval ratings for military efforts in Afghanistan are rapidly rising. In a March USA TODAY/Gallup Poll, 42 percent of respondents said the United States made "a mistake" in sending military forces to Afghanistan, up from 30 percent in February. Many thousands of calls poured into the House of Representative's switchboard last week, as citizens urged Congress to vote no on the war supplemental of over $94 billion.

The Congressional Progressive Caucus, in hearings over the past several weeks with U.S., Afghan, and Pakistan military advisers, concluded that the supplemental "exacerbates" failed strategies by funding predominately military ($84 billion) with only $10 billion for economic development, institution building, local community funding and skills training.

The House of Representative's vote for the war supplemental, 368-60, was cowardly, demonstrating a lack of fresh thinking and resolve. Jim McGovern, (D-MA), who voted against the war supplemental, said, "I'm tired of wars with no deadlines, no exits and no ends."

So am I. So are the veterans and military families who bear the brunt of sped-up redeployments, stop-loss, chronic anxiety and bereavement. There is no right way to fight a wrong war. The escalation of war in Afghanistan is not the change that Americans voted for.

Jodie Evans
Venice

A pain in the …

Editor:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Santa Monica Daily Press for Kenny Mack's "Word in Edgewise" column. The column "Keep your beliefs to yourself" is a lesson in tolerance the hate mongers could and, hopefully will, learn from. I totally agree that the ones against gay marriage are trotting out all the same old sick stuff they trotted out about interracial marriage. They were wrong then and are wrong now. Get over it and keep your bias to yourself. What I find most disingenuous is that the most hateful ones I've heard call themselves "Christians," and think no one notices that they're preaching hate instead of love and tolerance and acceptance.

Mr. Mack is the voice of reason and acceptance and a perfect column to offset the obnoxious Mr. Breen. I am so very tired of the Republican rants – they act like spoiled babies. As in Rush Limbaugh's hoping President Obama fails! Whatever happened to the "America First" they used to spout? If Obama fails, we fail. If John McCain had been elected, we'd be hoping against hope he'd be capable of leading us out of the mess the last administration left, but not the cry-baby Republicans. All they want to do is tear things down without offering any solutions. And if you are not part of the solution you are part of the problem – and a pain in the you-know-what.

Marilyn Brennan
Santa Monica





The Rand Stand

Alex Epstein — Send comments to editor@smdp.com

What we owe our soldiers

EVERY MEMORIAL DAY, WE PAY TRIBUTE to the American men and women who have died in combat. With speeches and solemn ceremonies, we recognize their courage and valor. But one fact goes unacknowledged in our Memorial Day tributes: all too many of our soldiers have died unnecessarily because they were sent to fight for a purpose other than America's freedom.

The proper purpose of a government is to protect its citizens' lives and freedom against the initiation of force by criminals at home and aggressors abroad. The American government has a sacred responsibility to recognize the individual value of every one of its citizens' lives, and thus to do everything possible to protect the rights of each to life, liberty, property, and the pursuit of happiness. This absolutely includes our soldiers.

Soldiers are not sacrificial objects; they are full-fledged Americans with the same moral right as the rest of us to the pursuit of their own goals, their own dreams, their own happiness.

Rational soldiers enjoy much of the work of military service, take pride in their ability to do it superlatively, and gain profound satisfaction in protecting the freedom of every American, including their own freedom.

Soldiers know that in entering the military, they are risking their lives in the event of war. But this risk is not, as it is often described, a "sacrifice" for a "higher cause." When there is a true threat to America, it is a threat to all of our lives and loved ones, soldiers included. Many become soldiers for precisely this reason; it was, for instance, the realization of the threat of Islamic terrorism after September 11 — when nearly 3,000 innocent Americans were slaughtered in cold blood on a random Tuesday morning — that prompted so many to join the military.

For an American soldier, to fight for freedom is not to fight for a "higher cause," separate from or superior to his own life. It is to fight for his own life and happiness. He is willing to risk his life in time of war because he is unwilling to live as anything other than a free man. He does not want or expect to die, but he would rather die than live in slavery or perpetual fear. His attitude is epitomized by the words of John Stark, New Hampshire's most famous soldier in the Revolutionary War: "Live free or die."

What we owe these men who fight so bravely for their and our freedom is to send them to war only when that freedom is truly threatened, and to make every effort to protect their lives during war by providing them with the most advantageous weapons, training, strategy, and tactics possible.

Shamefully, America has repeatedly failed to meet this obligation. It has repeatedly placed soldiers in harm's way when no threat to America existed — e.g., to quell tribal conflicts in Somalia, Bosnia, and Kosovo. America entered World War I, in which 115,000 soldiers died, with no clear self-defense purpose but rather on the vague, self-sacrificial grounds that "The world must be made safe for democracy." America's involvement in Vietnam, in which 56,000 Americans died in a fiasco that American officials openly declared a "no-win" war, was justified primarily in the name of service to the South Vietnamese. And the current war in Iraq — which could have had a valid purpose as a first step in ousting the terrorist-sponsoring, anti-American regimes of the Middle East — is responsible for thousands of unnecessary American deaths in pursuit of the sacrificial goal of "civilizing" Iraq by enabling Iraqis to select any government they wish, no matter how anti-American.

IN ADDITION TO BEING SENT ON ILL-CONCEIVED, 'HUMANITARIAN' MISSIONS, OUR SOLDIERS HAVE BEEN COMPROMISED WITH CRIPPLING RULES OF ENGAGEMENT THAT PLACE THE LIVES OF CIVILIANS IN ENEMY TERRITORY ABOVE THEIR OWN.

In addition to being sent on ill-conceived, "humanitarian" missions, our soldiers have been compromised with crippling rules of engagement that place the lives of civilians in enemy territory above their own. In Afghanistan, we refused to bomb many top leaders out of their hideouts for fear of civilian casualties; these men continue to kill American soldiers. In Iraq, our hamstrung soldiers for years were prevented from smashing a militarily puny insurgency — and to this day, the much-heralded "surge" notwithstanding, are being murdered unnecessarily at the hands of an undefeated enemy, with no end in sight.

To send soldiers into war without a clear self-defense purpose, and without providing them every possible protection, is a betrayal of their valor and a violation of their rights.

This Memorial Day, we must call for a stop to the sacrifice of our soldiers and condemn all those who demand it. It is only by doing so that we can truly honor not only our dead, but also our living: American soldiers who have the courage to defend their freedom and ours.

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Laughing Matters

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Something about nothing

FANS OF "SEINFELD" WILL LIKELY remember when Jerry and George planned to get rich by writing a sitcom. There was one slight problem. Racking their brains, they couldn't think of a premise. Normally that might be a deal killer, but Jerry came up with a novel idea. Their show would be different because it would be about "nothing."

Ironically, or perhaps fittingly in modern Hollywood, Jerry and George managed to get pitch meetings with top network brass who were totally puzzled. But soon the idea intrigued the pompous execs, and it appeared that Jerry and George were headed for stardom. It was reminiscent of "The Emperor Has No Clothes." (Actually, we just had eight years of an "Emperor" with no clothes, which reminds me of a title for Bush's upcoming book, "It Took a Village Idiot.")

I mention all of this because the event I was going to write about today got canceled only hours before my deadline.

So this column, as opposed to the other 150 or so, will be spur of the moment. Uh oh. I have an uneasy feeling some readers are already moving to the crossword puzzle.

The event in question was to have been an art class between 4 p.m. — 5 p.m. this past Wednesday, for the kids at PAL (Police Activity League) at the newly opened Paint Lab at 2912 Main St. Paint Lab is a walk-in art studio, which supplies its customers, eager to explore their artistic potential, with an inspiring space, easels, paint, brushes and a creative atmosphere, all for a surprisingly reasonable fee. At least to my eye.

The founder, Oana Bodgan, an accomplished artist herself, longs to bring art to as many neighborhoods as possible, including minority and less fortunate areas. For the kids at PAL, many of whom have little or no exposure to art, a class where they'd get to create their own paintings to take home at the end of the day, well, the idea seemed like one of those wonderful but rare "win-win" scenarios.

Unfortunately, because the drivers for the kids' van didn't show up, it turned into one of those embarrassing, and all too common, "egg on the face" scenarios.

So there were 12 disappointed kids and volunteer art instructors, including my friend Hillary Kaye. I had also arranged for Police Chief Tim Jackman and a photographer to be there.

The good news is that the art class for the PAL kids is going to be rescheduled for summer. To learn more about Paint Lab go to their Web site, www.paintlab.net, and my guess is you'll be fascinated by what you find.

The bad news is something altogether different, an event that is scheduled for June 8. Longtime Santa Monica resident, and former champion bodybuilder, Tommy Lamparski, ("Mr. L.A."1982) may be thrown out on the street from the apartment he's been living in for the past 25 years. (Other than that, it's no big deal?)

Since 1982 Tommy has gone from glory to agony due to steroids, which he began using at age 14. Now, he's a hobbling, anti-steroids poster boy as he's on crutches and in pain constantly. That's no excuse for not paying your April rent. But is kicking Tommy to the curb within the spirit of the law?

When word of Tommy's debilitating decline became public, a friend of 30 years, businessman David Glean, came forward with an offer to Tommy's landlady. He'd pay the back rent and a year's worth of rent in advance. The landlady declined. She wants Tommy out but said he could stay if he'd "pay fair market rent." How magnanimous.

So, after 25 years of paying over $100,000 in rent, Tommy's history. Ironically, the landlady, whose company owns 30 buildings on the Westside, admitted that she "doesn't need the money," not exactly something I'd brag about under the circumstances.

A month ago in court, Tommy lost his unlawful detainer case, as expected.

The hearing on June 8 is a last ditch effort seeking mercy from the judge. Given Tommy's physical and emotional condition and David Glean's willingness and ability to pay the back rent, and a year's future rent, a reprieve doesn't seem unreasonable.

I know there's always two sides to a story, though Tommy's landlady has yet to return my phone calls.

In the meantime, I hope that on June 8, justice can be equitable to Tommy's landlady and merciful to him. If this column has any effect, then maybe it wasn't about nothing after all.

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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:

Should City Hall press its case further and perhaps take it all the way to federal court?

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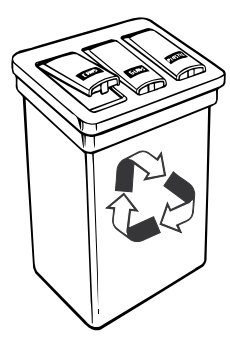
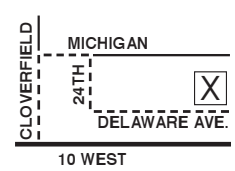
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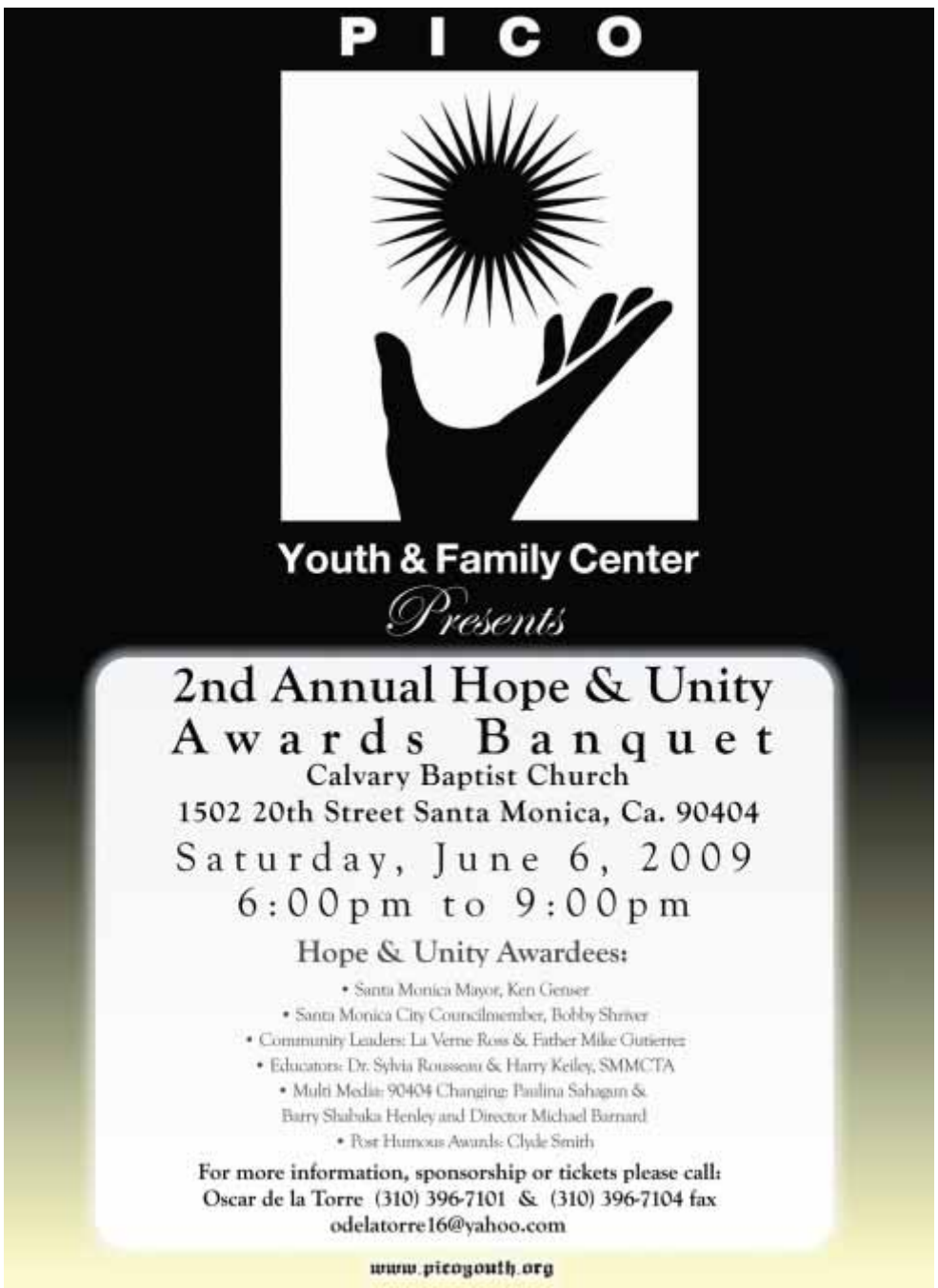
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CRIME WATCH
BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

Food fight for roommates

Crime Watch is a weekly series culled from reports provided by the Santa Monica Police Department. These are arrests only. All parties are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

SUNDAY, MAY 17, AT 5:30 P.M.,
Santa Monica police officers responded to the 2400 block of Ocean Park Boulevard regarding an assault with a deadly weapon. When officers arrived, they made contact with the alleged victim, who told officers that he came home and saw that the suspect, a roommate, had taken some food without permission. When the victim confronted the suspect about allegedly taking food, the suspect struck the victim on the side of the head with a ceramic mug. The suspect then allegedly attempted to stab the victim with a broken portion of the mug. The suspect fled, but was located a short distance away. The victim was not treated for injuries. The suspect was identified as William Czahor, 35, from Santa Monica. He was booked for assault with a deadly weapon and warrants. His bail was set at $32,874.

SATURDAY, MAY 16, AT 11:30 A.M.,
Officers responded to the 1600 block of Wilshire Boulevard – Staples – regarding a suspicious person trying to open an account with fraudulent information. Officers were able to determine that the suspect was attempting to open a commercial account for a business without authorization from the owner of the company. The suspect, Thomas Hogan, 37, of North Hollywood, was booked for unauthorized use of information to obtain credit. His bail was set at $50,000.

SATURDAY, MAY 16, AT 10:50 A.M.,
Officers on routine patrol near the Third Street Promenade were flagged down by someone concerned about an individual pulling down strings of lights from trees in the 1300 block of Third Street. As officers attempted to stop the suspect, he allegedly continued to pull down the lights. The suspect then fled the location. He was stopped a short distance away and placed under arrest for vandalism and warrants. The suspect was identified as Donald Utz, 52, of Los Angeles. His bail was set at $40,000.

SATURDAY, MAY 16, AT 6:16 P.M.,
Officers responded to the 300 block of Pico Boulevard regarding a robbery that just occurred. Upon arrival, officers made contact with the victim, who said he was attempting to pay for gasoline, about to put money into a kiosk, when the suspect allegedly approached the victim and grabbed a $20 bill out of the victim's hand. The bill ripped in half. The victim demanded his money back. The suspect, with a closed fist, proceeded to punch the victim in the face numerous times, police said. As the victim fell to the ground, he pulled off the shirt of the suspect. The suspect then fled from the location. The suspect was located in the 200 block of Bay Street hiding in a dog run. The suspect, Ryan Jackson, 31, a transient, was booked for strong-arm robbery. He was not eligible for bail.

SATURDAY, MAY 16, AT 10:52 P.M.,
Officers were patrolling the 1500 block of the beach near the waterline. The officers observed several individuals in possession of alcohol in glass bottles. Officers approached the suspects regarding the violations of alcohol and glass on the beach. As they talked to one of the individuals, they could smell a strong odor of marijuana emitting from his body. Officers asked if the suspect had any marijuana. The suspect allegedly said he had some in his pockets. Officers searched the suspect and located the marijuana and some methamphetamine. The suspect, Luis Iturbe,19, of Mission Hills, was booked for possession of a controlled substance. His bail was set at $10,000.

THURSDAY, MAY 14, AT 12:44 A.M.,
Officers responded to the 900 block of Third Street regarding a bicycle theft. A witness told officers that they saw the suspect enter a carport and leave riding a bicycle. Armed with a description of the suspect, officers located the suspect in the 1400 block of Fourth Street. Officers were able to locate the owner of the bicycle. The suspect, Guillermo Manjarrez, 29, of Los Angeles, was booked for burglary. He was not eligible for bail.

THURSDAY, MAY 14, AT 1:45 A.M.,
Officers allegedly observed a vehicle being driven the wrong way in the 3100 block of Second Street. The vehicle stopped in the 2900 block of Second Street. Officers said the driver exhibited signs of impairment. Officers administered a series of field sobriety tests. The officers believed that the driver had been driving while impaired. The driver, Jessica Strickland, 24, of Sherman Oaks, was booked for DUI. Her bail was set at $5,000.

MONDAY, MAY 11, AT 11:25 P.M.,
Officers responded to the 2500 block of Pico Boulevard regarding individuals spray painting graffiti on a wall. Officers arrived and saw seven individuals spray painting a wall. As officers approached, all seven individuals attempted to flee. Six of the seven individuals were stopped. The suspects were booked for felony vandalism. One suspect was a 17-year-old juvenile who was released to a guardian. The other suspects were identified as Isias Lopez, 18; Rafael Ramos, 19; Christopher Diaz, 18; and Ryan Lara, 18; all from Santa Monica, and Javiar Martinez, 19, of Los Angeles. Bail was set at $50,000.

MONDAY, MAY 11, AT 1:50 P.M.,
Officers responded to the 2200 block of Ashland Avenue regarding a trespassing. Upon arrival, officers made contact with the victim who said the suspect entered the residence and removed items without permission. Police said the items stolen included jewelry valued at $13,000. The suspect, Chaya Corzine, 23, of Century City, was booked for burglary and possession of a controlled substance. Her bail was set at $40,000.

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One step forward, two steps back

HE GIVETH, AND HE TAKETH AWAY.

President Barack Obama has rightfully received positive reviews for his proposal this past week to raise vehicle mile per gallon standards for cars to 39 mpg and light trucks to 30 mpg by 2016, for a combined "corporate average fuel economy," or CAFÉ, of 35 miles per gallon. Harmful emissions will also be lowered dramatically by the rise in fuel mileage.

But his administration also just gutted $100 million worth of federal research into hydrogen fuel cell EV technology for cars and trucks. Is there a White House technology double-standard, is it more Obama-ish realism or are oil companies lobbying as they must to keep their black gold from turning into clean, abundant hydrogen?

Some of the people gathered at the White House with Obama to cheer the mpg increase are angry that hydrogen is not only apparently taking a back seat to plug-in EVs and hybrids, clean diesels and conventional gasoline engines as far as Washington is concerned, but is now practically off the table, without the important implied endorsement of the U.S. government which comes from the research project.

Why can't we do it all? This is for our planet's future, after all. What's $100 million these days for such a promising — and proven — technology?

Now, rather than spend $168 million in ongoing automotive hydrogen fuel cell research in 2010, new Secretary of Energy Steven Chu cut $100 million from that total and said the remainder would be spent on development of stationary fuel cells, not for cars, but which are used as backup power systems in factories and as primary electricity providers in remote areas where traditional energy sources might not be the best solution (large industrial fuel cells are already fairly common in Asia and Europe, and they're being developed for home use, too).

Chu has a background in biofuels and has received heavy criticism for this move. Detractors say he hasn't had enough hands-on experience with hydrogen fuel cells to make an informed decision.

The concept of fuel cells has existed for almost 200 years; they were first put into practical use for the U.S. space program, beginning with the first manned Mercury space shots in the 1960s. To this day, fuel cells are used onboard space ships and satellites to help provide power, oxygen and water.

Fuel cells use an electrolytic process to strip hydrogen from whatever is being used as a fuel and remake that hydrogen into electricity and pure water. In fuel cell-powered cars, apart from electricity, the only other product is H2O.

Hydrogen is the most common element in the universe, so using it as a fuel for fuel cell EV cars and trucks makes a lot of sense; we won't run out of hydrogen anytime soon. Or, scientists say, anytime.

But the technology has a host of long-term and expensive problems. Just delivering hydrogen to filling stations and storing it safely on-board a car or truck is a big challenge.

Also, many say that no matter how much electricity a fuel cell may make, the entire process requires more energy than the result to produce it.

Ask most people "in the know" about hydrogen fuel cell automotive technology and they'll usually say, "It's 20 years down the road."

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But they've been saying that for 20 years.

In the meantime, Honda and General Motors have put hundreds of their Segue and FCX Clarity hydrogen fuel cell vehicles into the hands of real drivers and they're on American roadways every day, racking up miles and real-world experience. Those companies have spent hundreds of millions on these projects, while seeing that Washington was supportive, and have budgeted for more; they're not happy with Energy Secretary Chu's decision (I'll be driving Honda's FCX Clarity next week and the Chevy Volt and BMW's Mini E plug-in electric car two weeks after that and will report on those experiences in this space).

Overseas, the Japanese government leases fuel cell cars from some of their domestic car-makers for the astounding sum of $7,000 a month to encourage research into the technology; "priming the pump" of their manufacturing industry and protecting car-makers from unforeseen losses. And several companies and governments in Europe are involved in similar programs.

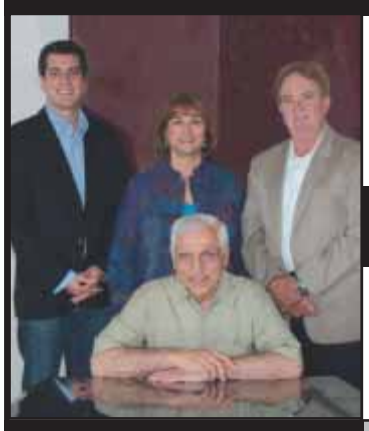
While "20 years to viability" might be true, why cut this $100 million now, when the rest of the world looks to the U.S. for leadership in this technology? It only moves mass-production of these cars back more and more.

The move puts a chill on hydrogen fuel cell research worldwide; if car-makers think they won't be able to sell a product in America, if the hydrogen delivery infrastructure is not built here for another 20, 50 or 100 years, they won't spend the time, money and brain-power in creating these pure, non-polluting, non-plug-in and off-the-grid EVs of the future.

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NYC terror case latest of many homegrown plots

JIM FITZGERALD
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NEWBURGH, N.Y. The four men were ex-convicts who envisioned themselves as holy warriors, ambitious enough to concoct a plot to blow up synagogues and military planes, authorities said.

But they were amateurs every step of the way. They had trouble finding guns and bought cameras at Wal-Mart to photograph their targets. One was a convicted purse snatcher, another smoked marijuana the day the plot was to be carried out.

Muslims fueled by hatred of America and Jews, they spent months scouting targets and securing what they thought was a surface-to-air missile system and powerful explosives — all under the watch of an FBI informant.

The four were arrested late Wednesday outside a synagogue in the Bronx, following a long line of homegrown, headline-making terror plots since Sept. 11 that never came close to reality because the FBI inserted itself in the earliest stages.

The bombs they planted outside two synagogues Wednesday were useless, packed with inert explosives supplied by the FBI instead of the Pakistani terrorist group they had pledged to support, according to a criminal complaint.

Still, officials see the case as a vivid reminder of risks the U.S. faces from homegrown terrorists.

"It's hard to envision a more chilling plot," assistant U.S. attorney Eric Snyder said. "These are extremely violent men."

James Cromitie, David Williams, Onta Williams and Laguerre Payen were calm as they appeared in court Thursday with their hands shackled, to answer charges of conspiracy to use weapons of mass destruction within the United States and conspiracy to acquire and use anti-aircraft missiles. They did not enter pleas and were held without bail; they face life in prison if convicted.

Besides destroying the two synagogues in the heavily Jewish Riverdale section of the Bronx, they intended to shoot down planes at the Air National Guard base in Newburgh, about 50 miles north of New York City, prosecutors said.

Relatives said the defendants were down-on-their-luck men who worked at places like Wal-Mart, a landscaping company and a warehouse when they weren't behind bars. Payen's lawyer said he was "intellectually challenged" and on medication for schizophrenia. Marilyn Reader said he has "a very low borderline" IQ.

David Williams' relatives were floored by the allegations against a man they knew as a good father to his 7-year-old daughter and newborn son.

"You don't raise your children to be terrorists," said Aahkiyaah Cummings, his aunt. "I don't know that guy that was arrested."

Just four years ago, Williams, now 28, told a parole board that prison was a wake-up call after his conviction on drug and weapons charges — drugs he said he sold because was making only $150 a week in his job.

Onta Williams, 32, and Cromitie have also served prison sentences for drug convictions — Cromitie said in court he had used marijuana as recently as Wednesday. He said he was 55, though law enforcement records give his age as 44.

Payen, 27, did time for attempted assault — in 2002, he and others fired a BB gun out an SUV window, hitting two people in the head. He snatched purses from two women later the same day, said state Division of Parole spokeswoman Heather Groll.

Payen appears to be a Haitian citizen, while the other three are Americans. The Williamses are not related.

New York City Police Commissioner Raymond Kelly said he believed the defendants knew each other from their time behind bars. Relatives said Payen, David Williams and Onta (pronounced ON-tay) Williams were introduced to Islam in prison — a phenomenon present in prisons around the country in recent years.

"The Onta I know wouldn't do something like this, but the new Onta, yeah," said Richard Williams, an uncle. "He wasn't raised this way. All this happened when he became a Muslim in prison."

He said his nephew, who loaded tractor-trailer trucks at a warehouse, had been shaken by his mother's death in 2006 and a separation from his wife. She has custody of his three children.

Payen was apparently staying in a run-down house that neighbors say was known as a home for parolees. Penniless and jobless, he had been fighting deportation and seeking custody of his 3-year-old son, said Hamin Rashada, an assistant imam at the Masjid al-Iklahs mosque, where authorities say the informant first met Cromitie in June 2008.

Cromitie was burning with anger about the U.S. war in Afghanistan, where his parents had lived before he was born, according to the criminal complaint. He told the informant he was interested in jihad and "doing something to America" and was crestfallen that "the best target (the World Trade Center) was hit already," the complaint said.

In the same conversation, Cromitie said: "I hate those mother-------, those f------ Jewish b------ .... I would like to get (destroy) a synagogue," according to the complaint.

In one conversation, Cromitie said how he longed to shoot Jews in the head as they walked on the street near a synagogue, the informant said. In another conversation with the informant, Onta Williams said that the U.S. military is killing Muslims "so if we kill them here with IEDs and Stingers, it is equal," according to court papers.

A woman who answered the phone at a Bronx listing for several of Cromitie's relatives said she didn't want to speak about him and hung up. No one answered the door at his Newburgh address, but neighbor Luis Pena said Cromitie was a real nice guy.

The complaint portrays Cromitie as the instigator of the conspiracy, telling the informant last July that he wanted to join Jaish-e-Mohammed, a Pakistani terrorist group with which the informant claimed to be involved. Authorities say Jaish set up training camps in Afghanistan under the Taliban, and several senior operatives were close to Osama bin Laden.

By December, Cromitie was asking the informant to supply explosives and surface-to-air missiles, in one of many discussions secretly recorded in a Newburgh home the FBI had outfitted with video and audio equipment, the complaint said.

The suspects obtained the weapons — not knowing they were disabled — earlier this month, according to the complaint.

But much of their scheme was more pedestrian, according to the complaint. The alleged plot fit a pattern of schemes involving ragtag groups of aspiring terrorists infiltrated and brought down before they could do any harm.

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Congressman Waxman adds amendment to act

FROM **FAA** PAGE 1

Ian Gregor, spokesman with the FAA, said the agency has always acted in good faith with city officials.

"Although we were under no legal obligations to negotiate with Santa Monica, we spent nearly six years trying to come to an agreement with the city," Gregor said. "We made a number of proposals that addressed the city's safety concerns but the city rejected all of those proposals."

The legal issue with the FAA is expected to end up in federal appeals court after hearing officer Anthony Palladino ruled on the side of the FAA last week on several major points, including that the jet ban discriminates against certain classes of aeronautical activities and the operation of the airport. City Hall is expected to appeal the decision to the agency's associate administrator for policy, planning and the environment, whom they expect will make the same judgment. The next step would be filing an appeal with the U.S. Court of Appeals.

The amendment by Waxman was a bright spot for City Hall, which lost an appeal with the U.S. Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals earlier this month over an injunction on the jet ban. The FAA filed the injunction shortly before the ordinance was set to go into effect.

"Congressman Waxman has continuously supported the city in securing meaningful safety improvements for Santa Monica Airport," Mayor Ken Genser said. "It is important to know that he is in this with the community for the long run."

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Vikings oust South from playoffs

FROM **SOFTBALL** PAGE 3

she was just happy to get the win against a formidable opponent that her team was playing for the third time this season, beating the Spartans for a second time. Cherness led South to victory against Samohi earlier this season.

The second time around wasn't as successful for Cherness, but Walker said she benefited from being familiar with South. While she missed the previous two meetings with an injury, Walker said she used the time on the bench wisely by closely watching the Spartans' hitters at the plate.

"I just kept the ball away and down," Walker said of her approach. "It stunk watching from the bench [earlier this season], but it gave me an advantage."

With the win Samohi advances to the second round of the CIF-SS playoffs. The team will face the winner of the Buena-Bishop Montgomery game. The Vikings must wait for the result of that matchup to determine where the next game will be played. Second round games will take place Tuesday, May 26.

"As long as we keep hitting the ball we'll be fine," Skaggs said of the rest of the playoffs.

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CRUISING: **People ride their bicycles down Santa Monica Beach on Thursday afternoon.**

Cyclists want better enforcement

FROM **BIKES** PAGE 1

who have complaints about City Hall's failure to keep pedestrians off the beach bike path and aggressive police officers harassing those participating in monthly, organized rides such as Critical Mass.

"Santa Monica is a great place with the infrastructure in place and fun rides … but until we focus on equality and that becomes the foundation, we are never going to get that level playing field," said Stephen Box, co-founder of the Bike Writers Collective, which has created a "Cyclists' Bill of Rights" that has been adopted by the city of Los Angeles, but not Santa Monica.

"If you focus on equality, then you can design streets that are good for everybody," Box added. "It's the basic principal that our streets are public spaces and [cyclists] should be equal partners in that space."

Cities are recognized by the league for their role in actively supporting cycling for fun, fitness and transportation and are judged by their record in promoting bicycling in five key areas: education, engineering, enforcement, encouragement, and evaluation.

Box said equality should be number six.

Nationally, 108 of the 274 communities that have applied have been honored, representing some 37 states, according to the league.

The bronze designation is one with real meaning since it is difficult to earn, and all applications are carefully evaluated by a team of local cyclists, national experts, and League of American Bicyclists staff, representatives form the league said.

Platinum, gold, silver, and bronze awards are given twice each year.

In addition to the bike lanes and the bike valet program, which parked over 20,000 bikes in 2008 at Farmers' Markets and city-sponsored events, City Hall was honored for 19 miles of bike routes and a 3-mile beach bike path. Bicycling, Rolandson said, also plays a key role in the city's Land Use and Circulation Element, a document which will dictate development in Santa Monica for the next 20 years or more.

"Plus, Santa Monica is pretty well laid out for bicycling," Rolandson said. "The climate is fairly moderate year round and the city is relative flat and laid out on a grid."

City Hall will continue to install more bike racks in commercial areas, with a focus on Downtown.

"One of the greatest things about riding a bike is that you can get really close to the front door of whatever your destination," Rolandson said.

The "next frontier" in biking will be the construction of secured bike parking and limited service facilities which will allow people to purchase materials and perform maintenance on bikes. City Hall has received $1.6 million in grant funding to do build a more full-service facility on Second Street in a parking structure that will be staffed part time, Rolandson said.

Bicycle parking is also being required at all new commercial buildings, and City Hall is conducting a pilot project at three intersections, using censors that detect when a bicyclist is waiting for a light to change.

That said, creating harmony between cyclists, motorists and pedestrians is difficult given the nature of Southern California, where car is king and roads are becoming increasingly congested with drivers, bicycle riders and pedestrians competing for the same space.

Jennifer Klausner, executive director of the Los Angeles County Bicycle Coalition, which was founded in 1998 and is a leading advocacy organization for cyclists in Los Angeles, is very familiar with Santa Monica and the Westside, having living and worked in the area, and understands the challenges city planners face in a city that is dense and built out.

"Cities like Santa Clarita and Claremont have less development than we do in central L.A. and Santa Monica, so they have more space to build paths that are completely separate bikeways. They are fortunate," Klausner said. "For Long Beach and Santa Monica, two built-out, very dense and populated cities, to achieve this bronze level status is an honor."

Klausner said more people will chose to ride if they felt it was safe. A major challenge is to create space for riders so that they feel comfortable. Santa Monica has done that with the creation of bike lanes, she said.

Riders should also plan ahead, selecting routes that do not rely solely on major boulevards with heavy traffic flow.

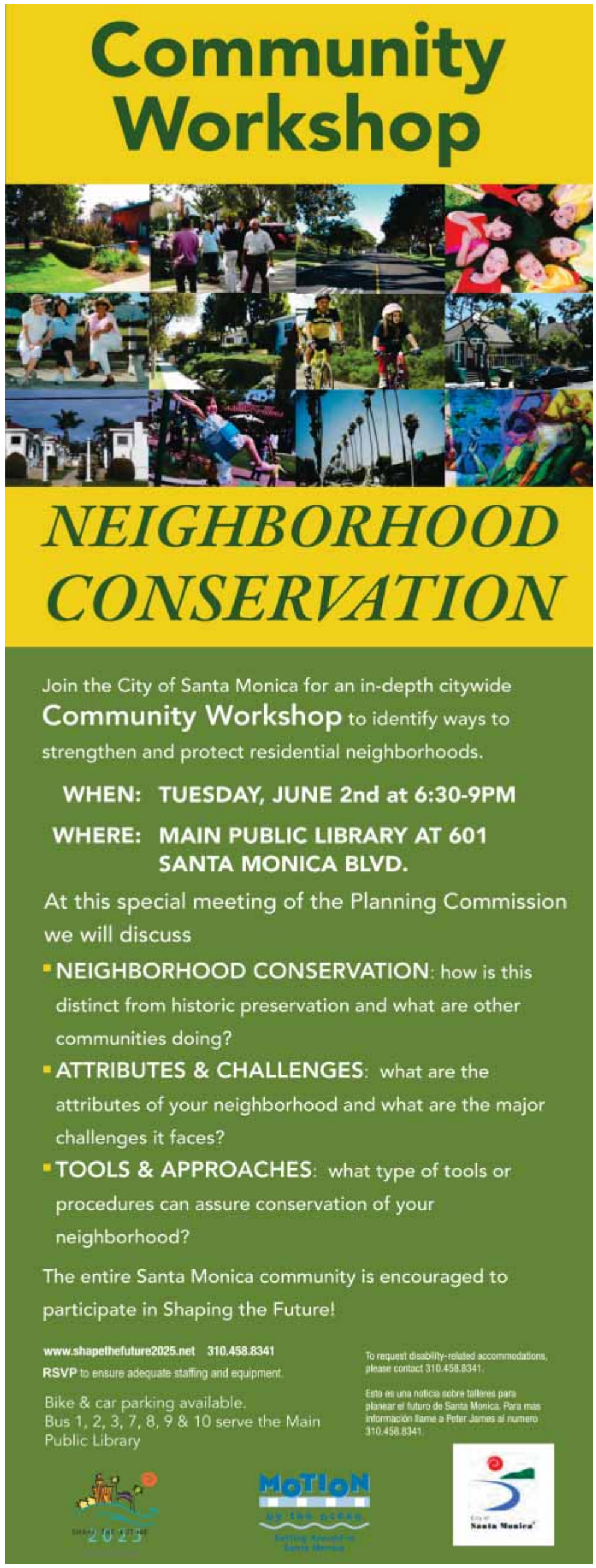
"Major boulevards don't accommodate us, but if you know the city and know your route, [Santa Monica] is very bikeable," Klausner said.

Better enforcement on the bike path would also help, Klausner said, along with education for residents and city employees, including police officers.

The key is to address a bias that enforces a car's dominance on the road, she said, and part of that responsibility lies with organizations like the coalition and other bike groups.

"Our mission is to help create that awareness and that cultural shift where there is greater respect for non-motorized transportation," Klausner said.

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Schools move up in state ranking

FROM SCORES PAGE 1

previous school year. The Base API, which is scored on a scale of 1,000 points, marks the beginning of the annual reporting cycle and serves as a benchmark from which growth will be measured in this year's round of tests, which students are currently taking.

The Base API will be compared to the Growth API — the actual test results for this year — when they are released in August.

Maureen Bradford, who heads educational services for the district, pointed out that the Base API is not necessarily new data, just a recalibration of last year's test scores with a few adjustments to changes in the tests this year, including the elimination of the CAT/6 in grades three and seven.

Released with the base scores were schools' ranking compared to the performance of other institutions in the same class, such as elementary schools. The ranking is based on a scale of 1-10, with 10 being the highest. Several schools rose in the state rank this year, including Edison Language Academy, which went from a 7 to an 8, Juan Cabrillo Elementary, which went from an 8 to a 9, and John Adams Middle School, which jumped from a 6 to an 8.

The report also showed schools' ranking compared to other schools that have similar demographics. The majority of schools in the district saw their rankings change this year, some seeing their place slip down a few notches.

"It's very pleasing that we had three schools that moved up in the statewide ranking," Bradford said. "We don't have any schools below a 7 in the statewide rank."

The majority of the schools have also met the target score of 800, which is considered to be proficient, the lone exception being Santa Monica High School where the API is 772.

Statewide, the Base API showed general improvement in academic achievement, with more schools meeting the target score of 800.

State Superintendent Jack O'Connell said during a press teleconference on Thursday that while the improvement in scores deserve acknowledgment, there is a deep concern with the impact that the budget crisis will have on public education and the achievement gap.

He pointed out that the majority of students in the public schools are from minority and socio-economically disadvantaged groups.

"California simply cannot afford to leave a majority of our students behind," he said. "In fact, I don't believe we can afford to leave any of our kids behind."

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Health insurance, children's welfare may be cut

FROM BUDGET PAGE 3

money over the summer and fall to pay its day-to-day bills. It repays the loans once tax revenue begins arriving in the winter and spring.

This summer, California's cash-flow shortage is expected to be so severe that it may need to borrow as much as $23 billion just to pay for the government's basic operations.

Schwarzenegger spokesman Aaron McLear said the administration and state treasurer's office would continue pursuing the state's request to have the federal government guarantee those short-term loans later this year.

In testimony Thursday in Washington, U.S. Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner told lawmakers that he was working with Congress to make it easier for state and municipal governments to borrow money. He also did not rule out the use of taxpayer money to help California or other states.

California's controller and treasurer are expected to brief lawmakers Friday on the state's options.

However the state handles its cash-flow needs in the coming months, the governor wasted no time making lawmakers aware of the severity of the cuts the state must make. Under the state Constitution, the Legislature has to pass a balanced budget by June 15.

Schwarzenegger's deputy finance director, Ana Matosantos, told lawmakers Thursday during a budget committee hearing that the administration is seeking to eliminate or heavily reduce programs not required by the federal government.

The state's low-cost health insurance program for children known as Healthy Families, the CalWORKS welfare-to-work program, mental health services and children's welfare programs all face elimination, she said.

The administration also will look to reduce financial aid for college students, known as Cal Grants, along with funding for state parks.

The Republican governor said Friday that voters sent state leaders a clear message during Tuesday's special election: Live within your means.

Schwarzenegger said he took that as a sign voters want more cuts to state programs. He also has proposed selling state assets such as San Quentin State Prison, the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum and CalExpo, the state fairgrounds in Sacramento.

"All of us have to do the same what ordinary people do out there," Schwarzenegger said. "The reality is the world out there is one-third less in value. And so as soon as everyone can adjust to that, I think everyone is going to be fine."

Voters this week resoundingly rejected a slate of measures that included higher taxes, funding shifts and borrowing against the assumed value of future state lottery revenues. Two-thirds of those who cast ballots rejected each of the five budget-related measures.

The governor and lawmakers placed the measures on the ballot in February as part of a deal to close a $42 billion budget deficit through June 2010. That deal included $15 billion in spending cuts, $11 billion in borrowing and more than $12 billion in temporary increases to the sales, income and vehicle taxes.

But falling tax revenue and overly optimistic projections about how much money the tax increases would generate caused the state to fall back into a deficit within weeks.

Even if voters had approved the measures on Tuesday's ballot, Schwarzenegger and lawmakers would have faced a $15.4 billion deficit in the fiscal year that begins in July. The gap is now $6 billion larger, according to projections by the governor's office.

On Thursday, the nonpartisan Legislative Analyst's Office said continuing weakness in the economy could deflate tax revenue even further, pushing the total deficit to $24 billion in the coming fiscal year.

Legislative Analyst Mac Taylor endorsed the governor's proposals, released last week, to sell state assets, reorganize government boards and change retiree health benefits for future state employees.

Taylor recommended cutting state employee salaries by another 4.6 percent for some immediate savings. Schwarzenegger has ordered the state to reduce general fund payroll by 10 percent.

"The state cannot continue current levels of service in all state programs," the report stated.

Voters approved just one ballot measure in Tuesday's election, Proposition 1F, which will prohibit lawmakers from receiving pay raises during deficit years.

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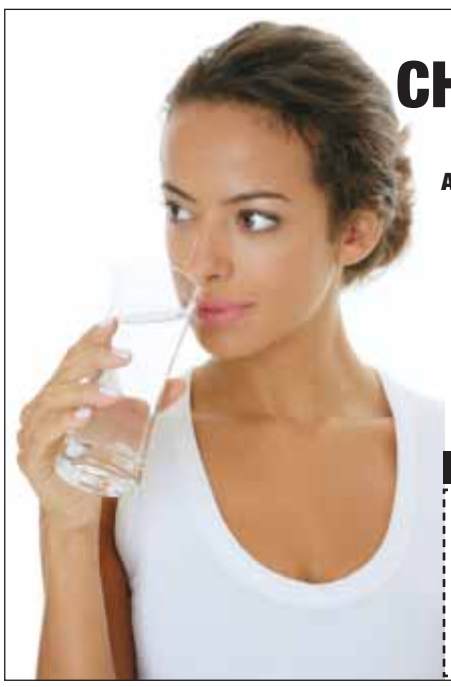
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Unlocking the true meaning of keys

TIFFANY & CO. HAS COME OUT WITH A collection of vintage-inspired, key charm necklaces. The keys are gold, silver, and platinum, with heads shaped like ovals, squares, trefoils, quatrefoils, and hearts. With motifs like flower petals and fleur de lis, kaleidoscopic patterns, and designs reminiscent of rose windows, the keys look like snowflakes, especially the ones glistening with $17,000 worth of diamonds.

Keys carry so many meanings. Elementary school children who show up at home before their parents get off work are latchkey kids, and to them, keys are safety. A teenager with a learner's permit sees a key as the promise of freedom. For someone who has just purchased his or her first home, a key is a dream realized.

Tiffany describes their key charm necklaces as, "An intriguing invitation. A revealing discovery. A promise of adventure. A whispered romance. A question answered. A secret kept."

For the little girl with a diary, a key is seclusion. She doesn't realize how useless that little key really is. She doesn't think about how someone could easily learn her private thoughts with nothing more than a pair of scissors. She's trusting. That won't last.

Maybe the reason keys now make the perfect charms is that real keys have become passé. Why keep a diary hidden between your mattress and box springs when you can blog? Hotel rooms are accessed with plastic cards, and you can get into and start a car without ever taking the "key" out of your pocket.

A couple of years ago, I was in a costume jewelry shop and got to talking with the owner. Soon, he was giving me the complete history of costume jewelry. The thing that stuck with me the most was what he said about keys. He told me that at the turn of the 20th century, it was fashionable for a woman to wear necklaces with multiple keys.

The more keys a woman had, the more rooms in her home. The more rooms in her home, the more money her husband had. Keys were status.

I'm wearing four keys right now. Not from Tiffany. As a sixth grade teacher, I have a key to my classroom, a key to the teacher workroom (where the photocopier is), and two keys to my classroom cabinets. Sometimes I think that I'm being ridiculous locking up my paperclips and Post-It notes, but these are targets of opportunity. By not having padlocks on my cabinets, I'm practically inviting someone to filch my stuff. Keys are suspicion.

As a little girl, I locked my diary not because I wanted to prevent people from finding out my thoughts, but because I felt apart. Locking up my thoughts was just the physical expression of that feeling.

As a teenager, I wrote about how my stepmother called me "the b word" at lunch one Sunday at my grandmother's house. I wrote about how shocked I was that no one came to my defense.

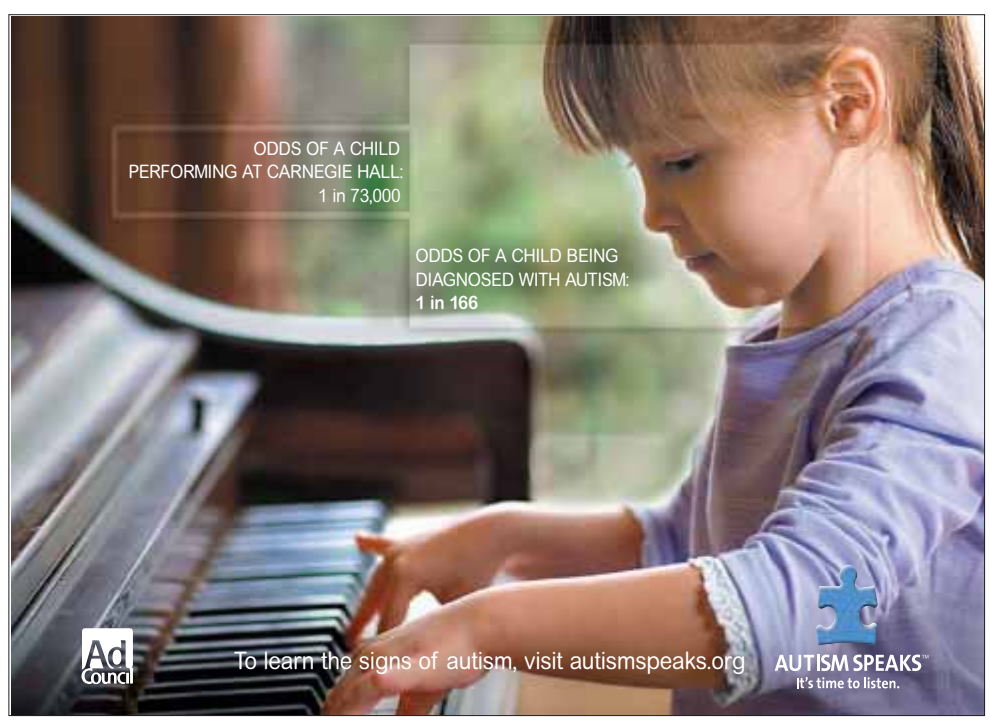
Now, I can see things differently. Teenage girls, thinking themselves innocent, occasionally say things that are completely selfish and out of line. While I still don't think what my stepmother did was right, I do think she was justified. Keys are clarity.

The video on Tiffany's Web site, "Through The Keyhole," is hypnotic, simultaneously romantic and eerie. It's as if you've unlocked a music box you shouldn't have. What secret is inside?

QUICK TIP

■ You can buy repro antique keys online for $3.99 to $5.99 each. No, they're not platinum (you have your choice between solid brass or iron).

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MLB

Padres ace Peavy nixes trade

ANDREW SELIGMAN
AP Sports Writer

CHICAGO Jake Peavy is staying with the San Diego Padres.

The ace pitcher turned down a trade to the Chicago White Sox, choosing Thursday to remain with his longtime team.

The Padres and White Sox had reached an agreement, but needed the 2007 Cy Young Award winner to waive his no-trade clause.

"As of right now, this is the best place for us to be. We made that decision for the time being," Peavy said before Thursday night's game against San Francisco.

"It's been a crazy 24 hours," he said. "I don't want to be any kind of distraction to the team. We're playing as well as we possibly can, winning five in a row and I've got a big game tomorrow night vs. the Chicago Cubs."

Peavy said he would answer additional questions about his decision after Friday night's start.

White Sox general manager Ken Williams said in a statement the organization still has "championship aspirations for this season" and will keep looking to improve.

Several hours before Peavy spoke, his agent, Barry Axelrod, said "my suspicion is he still has a strong preference to stay in the National League."

"There was a question posed to us as to whether Jake's position on going to the American League was still cast in stone or whether he'd consent to going to an AL team, specifically, the White Sox," Axelrod said.

Peavy, who turns 28 later this month, is 3-5 with a 3.82 ERA. He made his major league debut with San Diego in 2002.

Peavy and his wife have three sons, all under the age of 8.

"I understand where Jake is coming from given the unusually early timing of this type of event," Williams said. "It's understandable that he was caught a bit off guard, as most people in his position would be. He has a wife and three young boys to consider, and Jake has earned the right to thoroughly think through this move."

The Padres talked to the Cubs and Atlanta Braves during the offseason about a deal for the pitcher. Several reports said the White Sox would've sent top pitching prospect Aaron Poreda and young left-hander Clayton Richard to San Diego as part of the package for Peavy.

While they were waiting for Peavy's decision, the White Sox lost 20-1 to the Minnesota Twins.

"I hope he don't watch the scoreboard because he might say no," White Sox manager Ozzie Guillen said.

Outside the players' garage at Petco Park in San Diego, someone hung a sign on a lamp post that read: "5/21/09, the day Padre baseball died. Don't take the trade Jake."

Peavy didn't, and will stick around. For a while, anyway.

Peavy made his announcement in the Padres dugout. Sitting next to him was 14-year-old Rory Wagner, a thyroid cancer patient who had wanted to spend time with Peavy and play catch with him.

San Diego did complete one trade Thursday, getting outfielder Tony Gwynn Jr. from Milwaukee for outfielder Jody Gerut. Peavy hugged Gerut before he left for the Brewers.

The Padres, who lost 99 games last season and aren't expected to contend this year, have been cutting payroll. Peavy is to earn $11 million this season, $15 million in 2010, $16 million in 2011 and $17 million in 2012. The Padres have a $22 million option for 2013 with a $4 million buyout.



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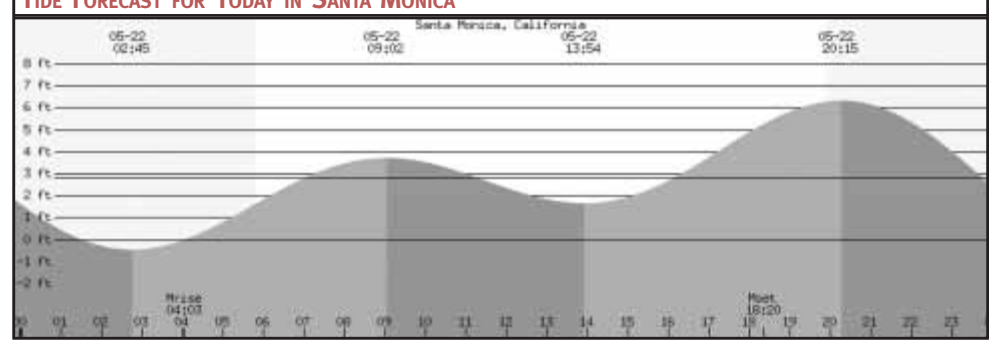
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Friday the 22nd looks small, knee high at best most everywhere, perhaps waist high at times at west facing breaks from the wind swell. Winds should be light and variable in the AM, and onshore in the afternoon 9-14 mph.

Long Range Synopsis

Saturday the 23rd is when our next SW swell is due from that Antarctic/Easter system mentioned in the synopsis above.

Tide Forecast for Today in Santa Monica









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LOCATION	DRY	WET
Los Cerrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth	A+	ns
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth	A+	ns
El Pescador State Beach, between Lachusa and Las Alisos 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	B	ns
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth	A+	ns
Marie Canyon storm drain at Pierce 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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MOVIE TIMES

Aero Theatre
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Gremlins (1984) (NR) 1hr 46min Discussion with Director Joe Dante
7:30

Gremlins 2: The New Batch (NR) 1hr 46min
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AMC Loews Broadway 4
1441 Third Street Promenade

Angels & Demons (PG-13) 2hrs 20min
Noon, 3:05, 6:15, 9:25

Earth (G) 1hr 30min
10:10 a.m., 12:20, 2:40, 5:05, 7:30, 9:55

Night at the Museum: Battle of the Smithsonian (PG) 1hr 45min
11:00 a.m., 1:40, 4:20, 7:00, 9:40

Star Trek (PG-13) 2hrs 6min
10:00 a.m., 12:50, 3:45, 6:45, 9:50

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

Ghosts of Girlfriends Past (PG-13) 1hr 40min
11:00 a.m., 1:40, 4:10, 6:45, 9:20

Night at the Museum: Battle of the Smithsonian (PG) 1hr 45min
10:20 a.m., 11:40 a.m., 1:00, 2:20, 3:40, 5:00, 6:20, 7:40, 9:00, 10:20

Angels & Demons (PG-13) 2hrs 20min
10:15 a.m., 1:20, 4:45, 8:00, 11:10

Angels & Demons (Digital) (PG-13) 2hrs 20min
12:30, 3:45, 7:00, 10:15

Star Trek (2009) (PG-13) 2hrs 06min
10:30 a.m., 11:15 a.m., 1:30, 2:15, 4:30, 5:15, 7:30, 8:15, 10:30, 11:15

Laemmle's Monica Fourplex
1332 Second St.
(310) 394-9741

The Brothers Bloom (PG-13) 1hr 49min
1:30, 4:20, 7:10, 9:55

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

Management (R) 1hr 33min
1:40, 4:10, 7:10, 9:40

Easy Virtue (PG-13) 1hr 33min
1:00, 3:20, 5:40, 8:00, 10:15

Mann's Criterion Theatre
1313 Third St.
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Terminator Salvation (Digital) (PG-13) 1hr 54min
1:20, 4:10, 7:00, 9:50, 12:30 a.m.

X-Men Origins: Wolverine (PG-13) 1hr 47min
1:30, 4:20, 7:10, 10:00

Dance Flick (PG-13)
12:40, 2:50, 5:00, 7:20, 9:30, 12:00 a.m.

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

Terminator Salvation (PG-13) 1hr 54min
11:40 a.m., 12:20, 2:20, 3:10, 5:10, 6:00, 8:00, 9:00, 10:40, 11:40

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Where friends are, Cancer

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Update your opinion about a boss. Give this person space. Be clear about what you will tolerate and what you will not. Others will respond to your boundaries. Tonight: Treat a friend to munchies and a drink.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ Look for a better idea, where you can avoid a problem rather than have one occur. Tension builds with a child or loved one. Perhaps stopping and buying a little gift will help loosen up the vibes. Tonight: Only what you want to do.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★ Don't feel pressured by a partner. You could be somewhat out of sync or not sure of yourself. You know, as well as others, that this attitude isn't really you. A domestic or personal matter is out of whack. Tonight: Do for you.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★★ Be sensitive to your potential when deciding what can happen or work for you. If you keep your focus but don't push, you will find that others will waver and adjust their stance, perhaps not immediately. Don't forget an important meeting. Tonight: Where your friends are.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★ You might want to rethink a stance. How you might be guiding a project could need some revision. Your willingness to greet new and different technology separates you from others. Say no to impulsive spending. Tonight: A must appearance.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Keep seeking out ideas and attempting to root out a problem. You could be overwhelmed by everything that you are hearing. Step back or take a walk to clear your mind. Ideas come as a result of brainstorming or chatting. Tonight: Take off ASAP.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Be a team with a key associate or partner. This person depends on you more than you realize. Consider your options more carefully, and don't just nix a situation because of the people involved. Make needed adjustments on the home front. Tonight: Chat over munchies with friends.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★★ Others dominate. You need not feel challenged, as you are so much stronger than many realize. Let others discover the end result of their actions. A friend could disappoint you in an odd way. Tonight: Sort through options, then decide.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★ Making this a total workday shouldn't be a hassle. Some of you might even want to put in overtime. Strengthening your position and finances is smart. Others challenge you, making you feel as if somehow you missed the boat. Tonight: Get some exercise.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★★ You are changing — consciously or unconsciously. Allow your creative juices to flow. Share ideas with others. News from a distance could cause a change of plans. Relax. Don't worry. Tonight: Now let that naughty side out.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Do as much from home as possible. At work, you could feel as if someone is tormenting you on some level. No one can torment you unless you let them. Perhaps relaxing and taking a few days off could help revise your opinion. Tonight: Nap and then decide.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★★ Think about your words before they leave your mouth, or you could be quite upset with someone's reaction. Others are out of sorts, but they don't need to be encouraged to go on a rant. Tonight: Talk through a problem.

Happy birthday

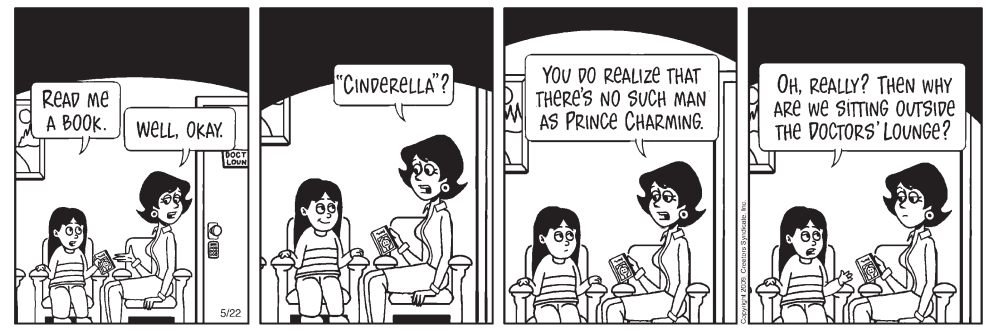
JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS
The stars show the kind of day you'll have:
★★★★★Dynamic ★★ So-So
★★★★ Positive ★ Difficult
★★★ Average

You could change directions this year, as you realize in some ways you have been self-destructive. A partnership transforms, allowing you to update your views, if not your daily life. A change might come up in your home life, or you might decide to remodel or paint a room a new color. If you are single, you might move into a relationship slightly too fast. Slow down, for your sake as well as the other person. Tension seems to walk with you. If you are attached, you often feel out of sync. Let it go. TAURUS makes a great confidant.

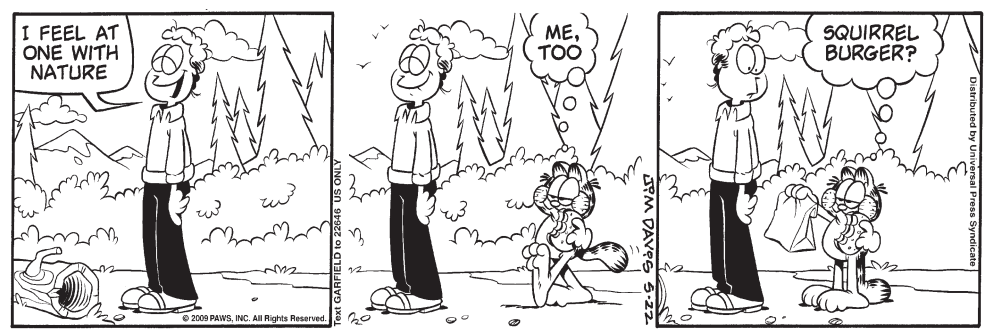
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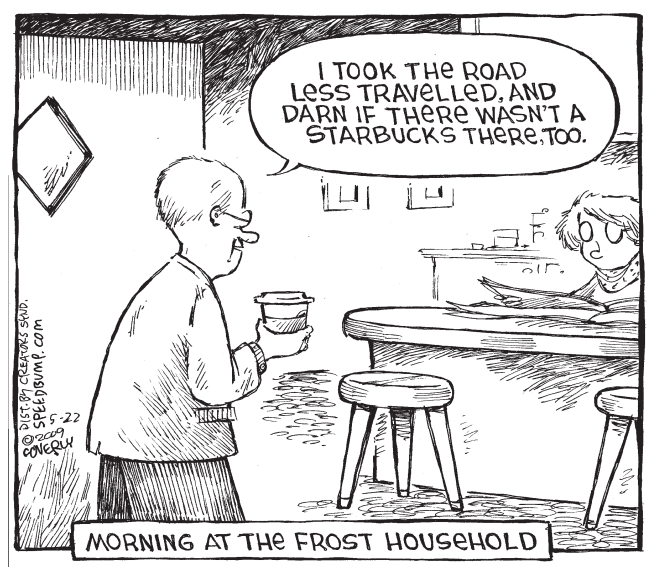
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Difficulty Level ★★★★

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

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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.

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

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1 Trout homes
6 Bleating beasts
11 Pol's concern
12 Cove
13 "Sweet Dreams" star
14 Dixie damsel
15 Kin of calc.
16 Silo item
18 Espionage org.
19 Punk-rock offshoot
20 Salon stuff
21 Lowly worker
23 Egypt's Sadat
25 "... man — mouse?"
27 Drunk
28 Alex Haley book
30 Designer Michael
33 Pod item
34 — Palmas
36 Agent, briefly
37 Paving stuff
39 Links org.
40 Shows surprise
41 Provinces
43 J.R.'s mother
44 Kingdom
45 Clairvoyants
46 Tender spots

DOWN

1 Fragrant flowers
2 Charlotte —
3 New Zealand shrub
4 Easter find
5 Message from the boss
6 Martini cousins
7 Wallet bills
8 Avocado
9 Bank worker
10 Girder material
17 "— Believer"
22 To's opposite
24 Chinese pan
26 Map collections
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31 Entertain
32 Throes
33 Book makeup
35 Flag features
38 He gets what's coming to him
42 Antique auto

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Recently the Washington Supreme Court ruled that Seattle had for two years improperly charged water customers for servicing hydrants when the city should have covered the service from general tax funds, and it ordered customer refunds averaging $45. However, Seattle then discovered it had insufficient general funds to pay for hydrant service and thus imposed a water surcharge of $59 per customer, according to a February KOMO-TV report. The most likely reason the surcharge was higher is that the city had to pay $4.2 million to the attorneys who filed the account-shuffling lawsuit.

■ After three years of providing worker-training grants to a San Francisco-area multimedia coalition that includes a maker of sexualized torture videos, the California Employment Training Panel cut off funding in April, claiming that it had not realized the nature of what an outfit called "Kink.com" does. The coalition protested the panel's decision, pointing out that Kink is a law-abiding, tax-paying entity that employs 100 local people and keeps California adult video "competitive in the international marketplace" by training employees in video editing, Photoshop and other multimedia skills. A typical Kink.com production may feature paid, consenting women bound, gagged and supposedly electrically shocked.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1947 the Truman Doctrine was enacted as Congress appropriated military and economic aid for Greece and Turkey.

1972 President Richard Nixon began a visit to the Soviet Union, during which he and Kremlin leaders signed the Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty. The island nation of Ceylon became the republic of Sri Lanka.

1992 after a reign lasting nearly 30 years, Johnny Carson hosted NBC's "Tonight Show" for the last time.

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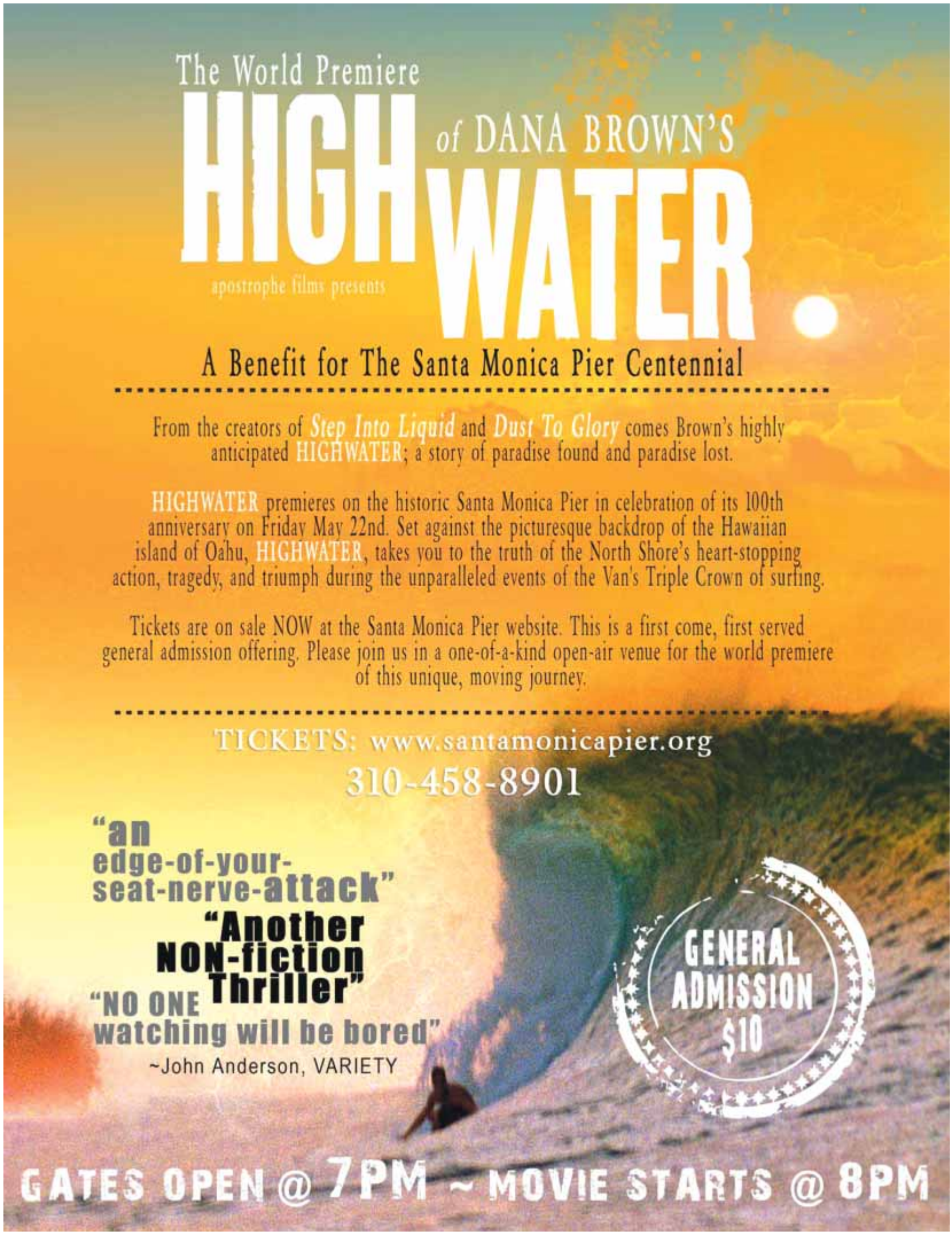
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