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Starting 'em young on sustainability

Local students commute by bike, eat eco-friendly lunches



Courtesy Photo

RIDERS: McKinley is encouraging students to think about alternate transit options on their commute.

BY JEFFREY I. GOODMAN
Daily Press Staff Writer

At McKinley Elementary School, the site of students hopping out of minivan sliding doors in the morning isn't as common as it used to be.

Some ride bikes to the Mid-City campus, often with their parents cycling close behind. Others ride scooters and skateboards. Still others arrive on foot.

Earlier this month the school community put its commitment to alternative transportation in overdrive, earning recognition from the City of Santa Monica for its high levels of participation during the annual Bike It Walk It campaign.

McKinley principal Susan Yakich and teacher Therese Treuenfels led cohorts of bikers as part of the three-day event. Assistant principal Debbie Stern spearheaded a "walking school bus," wherein a line of children held a 20-foot-long poster that members of the student council had decorated to look like a bus with windows.

"Our students were so enthusiastic to participate and had been waiting for weeks for this event," said Stephan Corbel, chair of the school's sustainability and beautification committee. "Our McKinley community and the students definitely want to participate and demonstrate to the entire city that we can live in Santa Monica with alternative, sustainable transportation."

The event was held amid a transportation transformation in Santa Monica, where City officials are encouraging people to get out of their cars and promoting alternative modes of getting around.

The extension of the Expo Line from Culver City to Santa Monica opened earlier this month, connecting local residents with a transit system that serves the region. Big Blue Bus routes have been tweaked to align with the new light-rail line, which cuts east-west across the

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Local SMC grad pays education forward



Photo courtesy Mathieu Young

GIVING BACK: Santa Monica native Monica Delia is now working with kids.

BY JACQUELINE MCLEAN-JONES
Special to the Daily Press

Born, raised and educated in Santa Monica, early childhood educator Monica Delia is now helping to educate her home community's youngest learners.

"How and what children learn during their pre-school years sets the foundation for how well they will learn and flourish in their later years," said Delia, explaining why the work she does is so critical.

"The early years in a child's life are so important. This is the time where they are not only learning how to walk and talk; children are learning how to be around others and developing who they are as a person. The skills they learn will carry on into their adulthood. If there are any concerns regarding a child's development whether it is a

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Santa Monica Pier lands on 'Beach Bummer' list

Heal the Bay assigns grades to beaches along California coast

BY JENNIFER MAAS
Daily Press Staff Writer

Heal the Bay released its 26th annual beach report card last week, and along with it came the environmental group's top-10 "Beach Bummer" list.

Heal the Bay analysts assigned A-to-F letter grades to 456 beaches along the California coast for three reporting periods in 2015-2016, based on levels of weekly bacterial pollution. Some 95 percent of beaches received A or B grades during the high-traffic summer season (April-October 2015), slightly above the statewide five-year average.

But not all beaches scored so well on the grading scale.

According to Heal the Bay, of

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What's Up Westside

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Tuesday, May 31

Teen Time @ Pico

A space just for Teens. Stop by and play board games, make some crafts, play music, do homework or just talk to your friends. Refreshments will be provided. Pico Branch Library, 2201 Pico Blvd., 3:30 - 5 p.m.

"In Case You Missed It:" Star Wars Episode VII: The Force Awakens (2015)

In this thrilling continuation of the epic space opera, ex-stormtrooper Finn, scrappy desert dweller Rey, and droid companion BB-8 get caught up in a galactic war when they come across a map containing the whereabouts of the vanished Luke Skywalker. Run time 136 min. Montana Avenue Branch, 1704 Montana Ave., 6 - 8:15 p.m.

Airport Commission Meeting

Special meeting of the Airport Commission. City Hall, 1685 Main St., 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, June 1

Annenberg Community Beach House Gallery

On View: "Space, Scape and Scope." Hours are subject to change; please call 310-458-4904 to confirm. 415 PCH, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Mindfulness Meditation

Enjoy a pause in the day in which to refresh yourself by simply sitting and paying attention to your senses, feelings, and thoughts. You are welcome to stay for 5 minutes or for the entire 30 minutes. Natalie Bell, Mindful Wellness consultant, will guide the session, 1st and 3rd Wednesdays each month. Montana Avenue Branch Library, 1704 Montana Ave., 5:30 - 6 p.m.

Planning Commission Meeting

Regular meeting of the Planning Commission. City Hall, 1685 Main St., 7 p.m.

SCBWI Westside Writer's Mingle

A monthly gathering for anyone interested in writing for children and young adults. Ocean Park Branch Library, 2601 Main St., 7 - 8:45 p.m.

Thursday, June 2

NOMA meeting

North of Montana Association (NOMA) holds its monthly meeting Thursday, June 2, at Montana Branch Library, 1704 Montana Avenue, at 7 pm. Meet and greet at 6:30 pm. What Expo Means So Far for The Neighborhood, the Downtown Community Plan, Bergamot Arts Station, and the return of "'monster mansions" will be among topics discussed. All welcome. For further information, see www.smnoma.org.

SMC Percussion Ensemble Recital

Ensemble conducted by Megumi Smith presents a creative, unique performance of percussion music, covering a variety of styles. Free. Complimentary tickets are available at the SMC Music Office in Room 211 of the SMC Performing Arts Center. The Edye, 1310 11th St., 11:30 a.m.

Solar for Business

Solar can help businesses reduce operating costs and build their brand. Now there are many ways to finance solar and energy storage systems for business. Get the latest updates from solar industry experts and learn how you can go solar. Local solar contractor meet-and-greet. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 11 - 12 p.m.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

SMC

SMC scholar-athletes honored

Santa Monica College students JJ Castillo and Virginia Gustafson have been named the top 2015-16 student-athletes of the year. Both will receive $1,000 scholarships from the Associated Students of SMC.

Castillo and Gustafson are two of 17 outstanding SMC students selected as 2015-16 student-athletes of the year in their individual sports. All the student-athletes were chosen as much for their academic achievement as their athletic talent and perseverance.

The awards to the diverse group of students were presented May 12 at the annual awards ceremony sponsored by the SMC General Advisory Board (a community support group), the Associated Students of SMC, Sonki Hong, Nat Trives, and Kathleen Benjamin. The awards luncheon also honored SMC alumnus Gary Avrech, who will be completing his two-year term as advisory board president.

The 17 students are:

Erron Vaughn, men's basketball: Erron Vaughn was always told by his mom, "If you're going to be a student athlete, being a student always comes first." He came to SMC to focus on academics, while continuing to play the sport he loves on the SMC Men's Basketball team. He enjoys facing challenges and overcoming obstacles in the classroom and on the court, and has always looked out for his peers, lending a hand when help was needed. Erron considers SMC the start of where he wants to be: working as a scientist in the field of Environmental Science, and playing basketball in his free time.

Oshaela Gray, women's basketball: Oshaela Gray, from Los Angeles, has been playing basketball since she was 5 years old, started taking the sport seriously when she was 8, and has played competitively ever since. She has been a member of the SMC Women's Basketball team for two years, and has made the all-conference team twice. Oshaela's goal is to earn a Master's degree in Kinesiology and begin a career as a physical therapist.

David Berry, men's cross-country: David Berry, raised by his parents and grandparents, was introduced by his cousin to cross country running, and decided to join the team at Venice High School. After making the varsity team, David went on to help his school finish 5th at the city finals. On the SMC Men's Cross Country team, he has qualified twice for state finals as an individual, and worked with his team to qualify in Fresno as a team. After college, David hopes to make animated films.

Sandra Ignacio, women's cross-country: Sandra Ignacio, born in Mexico and raised in Los Angeles, began running competitively in high school, and hopes to qualify for the Boston Marathon. At SMC, she made it to state finals both cross country seasons, won 2nd place for the relay team in track, became captain of the SMC Women's Cross Country team, and was twice named MVP. She plans to earn her Bachelor's degree in Psychology from UC Santa Cruz and focus her work on athletes.

Max Lyons, football: Max Lyons, one of six children raised by his mother in a single-parent home, grew up playing basketball and football, but decided to focus on football after high school. He joined the SMC Football team, was named Defensive Player of the Year in the conference, and helped SMC to an 11-0 record, the only undefeated team in the state. Max also coaches basketball and football at the Baldwin Hills Recreational Center. His goal is to transfer to a university and go on to play in the NFL.

JJ Castillo, men's soccer: Men's athlete of the year JJ Castillo moved from the Palm Springs area to attend SMC because of its soccer team and incredible transfer rate. A volunteer for the nonprofit mentoring program Generations of the Future, JJ has proved himself both on the field and in the classroom. He became captain of the SMC Men's Soccer team, and led the team to the most wins in school history, the fewest losses in school history, and a trip to the playoffs. JJ was awarded a scholarship to play soccer at CSU San Marcos, and plans to earn a degree in business.

Brittney Chow, women's soccer: Brittney Chow began playing soccer when she was 5 years old. She is an active member of the SMC Women's Soccer team, which made it to the playoffs both seasons, and she received an Honorable Mention in the Fall 2015 season. Brittney's goal is to transfer to a university and continue to play soccer while earning a degree. She plans to become a physical therapist, work with athletes to help them fulfill their dreams of playing collegiate sports, and eventually own a physical therapy clinic.

Savannah Swan, softball: Savannah Swan, born and raised in Texas, began playing softball at the age of 7. Softball motivated her throughout high school, and she came to SMC for the great transfer rate and the opportunity to better her game. She joined the SMC Women's Softball team, where she has been a starter for 2 years, became team captain, and played first base, pitcher, and outfield positions. Savannah plans to transfer to UCLA or UC San Diego, earn a Bachelor's and possibly higher degree, and work in the field of psychology.



Courtesy photo

AWARDS: 17 scholar athletes were recognized for excellence in their respective sports at the annual SMC General Advisory Board Athletic Awards held May 12 on the college's main campus.

Zhen Ren Teo, men's swimming: Zhen Ren Teo, who began swimming competitively at 7, came from Singapore last fall to attend SMC and major in economics. He has posted the fastest times in the state for multiple freestyle events, been the 2016 WSC Pentathlon overall champion, and broken four meet records in the 50y fly and 100y freestyle. He is also Commissioner for the Vice President of the Associated Students of SMC, a member of the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, and a UNICEF volunteer. Zhen's goals are to maintain a perfect GPA, transfer to UC Berkley or UCLA, earn his MBA, and become an entrepreneur.

Nancy Rivera, women's swimming: Nancy Rivera is an international student from Mexico, currently majoring in Dance. She came to SMC for the great education and competitive dance program, and was named Most Improved Swimmer last season. Nancy is a member of the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, involved in the SMC Latino Center's Adelante program, and participated in the Student International Forum Club. Nancy's goal is to own a dance complex in Mexico to serve professionally trained dancers, help connect them to jobs, and offer classes to newcomers in the field.

Lauren Voiers, women's tennis: Lauren Voiers, originally from Cleveland, Ohio, relocated to California, and decided to go back to school. She chose SMC because it came highly recommended and offered her the chance to participate in collegiate athletics. She was the 3rd seed on the SMC Women's Tennis team in 2015, and 2nd seed on the SMC team in 2016. Lauren's goal is to transfer to the Rhode Island School of Design and earn a BFA with a focus in painting. She plans to become a production designer or art director while working as a professional artist.

Gabriel Berkovich, men's track and field: Gabriel Berkovich, who was often his high school's "Athlete of the Week" and placed 8th in the Washington State High School Championships 400 meter race, came to SMC for its transfer reputation and top-notch athletic program. He joined the SMC Men's Track and Field team, and has placed First in almost every 400 meter race this year. A full-time student who works full time, he also volunteers as a Big Brother and at a homeless shelter. Gabriel has passed the California Real Estate Exam, and plans to earn a Bachelor's degree and start a career in real estate.

Amanda Yager, women's track and field: Amanda Yager, who moved to California last August from Austin, Texas, began running track competitively in the 9th grade and continued throughout high school, ran AAU summer track for 7 years, was a regional qualifier in women's high jump, and finished in 4th place at Nationals in

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the 4x8. During her first year running track at the college level, she qualified for the SMC Women's Track and Field team. Her goal is to continue running professionally, and to own a Pilates/Yoga workout studio to help others have fun while having a healthy lifestyle.

Joseph Mayer, men's volleyball: Joseph Mayer, of Thousand Oaks, joined the SMC Men's Volleyball team, was a member of the 2015 State Championship team, and was the starting setter and captain of the 2016 team. He won the Western State Conference and the CCCAA State Championship, and is currently the state's leader in assists. Joseph hopes to transfer, win a championship for his new school's volleyball team, and earn a degree. He plans to work in a sports-related field, possibly coaching volleyball, in Santa Monica.

Daniela Alvarez, women's volleyball: Daniela Alvarez began playing volleyball in middle school. She came to SMC for the academic excellence and the transfer rate. Daniela joined the SMC Latino Center's Adelante program, and found herself connected with motivated people in pursuit of the same dream. She plans to transfer to a university and earn a graduate degree, and credits SMC with providing her the teachers, coaches, and staff all working to help her achieve her athletic and academic goals.

Gabriel Dordoni, men's water polo: Gabriel Dordoni began playing water polo in high school. He joined the SMC Men's Water Polo team and was named Second Team All Conference Player in fall 2014, and Most Improved Player in fall 2015. Gabriel plans to transfer and earn a degree in Business Administration, along with his National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) certifications. He hopes to work at a prestigious auto company to gain experience, and someday open his own performance auto shop.

Virginia Gustafson, women's water polo: Women's athlete of the year Virginia Gustafson, born and raised in Hawaii – and with two SMC alums as siblings – was introduced to water polo through the Girl Scouts, became captain of her high school's team, and in 2015, made the Hawaii All-Star Water Polo Team. Virginia joined the SMC Women's Water Polo team and received the Coaches Award for the fall 2015 season. She plans to transfer to a Division 1 or 2 university, earn a Bachelor's degree in Education, and help children in other countries gain access to education.

- SUBMITTED BY GRACE SMITH, SMC PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER

Citywide

Residential burglary suspect arrested

On April 21, a series of residential burglaries occurred in the City of Santa Monica. Following a complex investigation, on May 12, detectives from the Santa Monica Police Department (SMPD) presented evidence to the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office identifying Schfuncell Whitley in connection with the residential burglaries.

Prior to the evidence being presented to the District Attorney's Office, Whitley was taken into custody on April 22, by the Beverly Hills Police Department as he attempted to flee from uniformed officers while driving a stolen vehicle. Subsequent to Whitley's arrest, a firearm was recovered during a search.

Detectives from the Los Angeles Police Department have also identified Whitley as the primary suspect in a series of residential burglaries and sexual assaults in the Hollywood and West Los Angeles areas.

In collaboration with the Los Angeles Police Department and Beverly Hills Police Department, SMPD Detectives developed information that led to the filing of additional felony counts for the Santa Monica residential burglaries. Whitley is being held on a $2.25 million dollar bail.

If anyone has any additional information regarding these crimes, please contact Detective HeeSeok Ahn at (310) 458-8452; Detective Nicole Sierra at (310) 458-8941 or LAPD Officer Catherine Banting (213) 972-2928.

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Sacramento

Lifesaving organ transplant legislation signed by Governor

Urgency legislation authored by Senator Ben Allen (D – Santa Monica) passed the legislature and was signed into law by Governor Jerry Brown last week decriminalizing organ donations by HIV-positive persons to HIV-positive persons in need of an organ transplant. The bill, SB 1408, will improve the life expectancies of people with HIV who need organ transplants by removing California's prohibition on donating organs while HIV positive.

"I am proud that Governor Brown signed this bipartisan bill into law today," Senator Allen said. "Updating our state laws will save lives and fulfill the promise that science has provided."

Currently more than 120,000 men, women and children are awaiting organ trans-

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plants to save their lives in the United States. While roughly 30,000 transplantations were performed in 2015, it is estimated that 22 people die while waiting for organs each day.

New, effective treatments are giving a normal life expectancy to HIV-positive persons. With that, other chronic conditions such as kidney and liver failure have emerged, for which organ transplants are often the required treatment.

A 2011 study predicted there would be an additional 500 to 600 potential organ donors annually who are HIV positive, which would allow for more than 1,000 additional organs to be donated. However, the law currently criminalizes the act of donating organs if you are HIV positive.

Research conducted in South Africa and in the United States has illustrated that organ transplants between HIV-positive persons can be safe.

"It should not be a crime to save someone's life, yet current law criminalizes the donation of HIV-positive organs to HIV-positive recipients," said Rick Zbur, executive director of Equality California, a sponsor of the legislation.

In 2013, the federal HIV Organ Policy Equity (HOPE) Act was signed into law by President Obama. The HOPE Act authorized transplants between HIV-positive persons, and directed the Department of Health and Human Services to develop standards for HIV-positive organ transplantation. The Act also amended federal criminal law regarding HIV transmission to clarify that such organ donations are legal. In March of this year, doctors at Johns Hopkins University performed the first kidney and liver transplants between an HIV-positive donor and HIV-positive patients.

"These lifesaving surgeries have been proven safe and are now allowable under federal law. There is no reason for state law to maintain an antiquated prohibition on organ donation by HIV-positive persons. By expanding the pool of organ donors, we will shorten the time for all persons on the organ donor waiting lists, and save lives in the process," Senator Allen said.

The new law takes effect immediately.

- SUBMITTED BY COLLEEN BEAMISH, SENATOR ALLEN'S OFFICE

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city.

And the recently implemented Breeze bikeshare program, which includes a pod near McKinley's gate, has encouraged cycling around Santa Monica.

With the help of Corbel's committee, McKinley organized Bike It Walk It starting points at three intersections near the Santa Monica Boulevard school. Local police officers participated as well, riding with students and cheering for participants as they arrived on campus. Organizers and volunteers handed out granola bars and other prizes. Raffles facilitated other giveaways.

"This year we encountered some very interesting participants, like some families coming to school with a mix of Breeze bikes, scooters and skateboards," Corbel said. "What is also great is that parents also participated and joined their children in walking or biking."

Parents played key roles in another sustainability initiative at Will Rogers Learning Community, which won $750 in a competition to reduce trash at lunch, with many sending their kids to school with reusable containers.

For the regional contest, organized by environmental education group Grades of Green, Will Rogers students separated trash from recyclable waste and compostable waste. They also eschewed the traditional spork/napkin packages, instead picking individual items from dispensers.

"Students were thrilled at the chance to work with each other to reduce the amount of trash we produce at Will Rogers so that we can do our part in reducing our carbon footprint," principal Liz Cochran said in a press release. "Many student council members have reported that it's their favorite activity of the year because every student plays a part and every student makes a difference."

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KEEP CLEAR: **Experts say beach visitors should stay about 100 yards away from the pier.**

BEACH

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the state's 10 most polluted beaches, split among beaches in Southern and Northern California, Cowell Beach in Santa Cruz topped the list for the third year in a row. New entrants this year include Shoreline Park at Shelter Island in San Diego and Monarch Beach near Salt Creek in Dana Point. The Santa Monica Pier hit the middle of the list at number 5, moving up two spots from where it stood on last year's report.

Leslie Griffin, Heal the Bay's chief water quality scientist and co-author of the report who delivered the findings in a speech Thursday, said it is tough for the Santa Monica-based organization to be so close to one of the "bummer" locations.

"It's just really difficult with an area with so much infrastructure and so many people visiting the beach every year," Griffin said. "There are so many different factors that affect it. And really our big thing is that people can come here and they can use the beach, it's great. But you just want to stay at least 100 yards away from the pier. So go on the pier, enjoy the pier, but when you go in the water walk about a football field away and you'll be fine."

According to this year's report, from 2011 to 2012, Heal the Bay partnered with the City of Santa Monica and the University of California at Los Angeles to

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CLEAN

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conduct a Bacterial Source study. "The study results indicated that (1) conditions under the pier (moisture and lack of sunlight) promote bacterial persistence, (2) bird specific bacteria were detected, (3) human specific bacteria were undetected. The City continues to implement best management practices to improve beach water quality," the report stated.

"Following past efforts to keep the beach water around Santa Monica Pier safe for swimming, the City was approved for a Clean Beaches Initiative (CBI) grant to build a regional, multi-benefit project that will capture the wet weather runoff from the subwatershed that drains to the Santa Monica Pier storm drain," the report continues. "The runoff will be stored in a tank to supply water to the nearby Santa Monica Urban Runoff Recycling Facility (SMURRF) during dry weather periods when there is greater capacity. Any runoff overflow will be directed to the sanitary sewer system. Once implemented, the project will treat both dry and wet weather runoff flows, which will greatly reduce the amount of stormwater that enters Santa Monica Bay from city streets and hopefully improve water quality at the pier."

The full "Beach Bummer" rankings, beginning with the worst-ranked beach, are as follows: Cowell Beach, west of the wharf (Santa Cruz County); Clam Beach, near Strawberry Creek (Humboldt County); Shoreline Beach Park at Shelter Island (San Diego County); Monarch Beach, north at Salt Creek (Orange County); Santa Monica Pier (Los Angeles County); Marina del Rey Mother's Beach (Los Angeles County); Redondo Municipal Pier (Los Angeles County); Candlestick Point/Sunnydale Cove (San Francisco County); Pillar Point, end of West Point Ave. (San Mateo County); Pismo Beach Pier, 40 feet south (San Luis Obispo County).



WARNING: There are signs posted on the pier reminding visitors to keep clear.

For more information on the report, go to beachreportcard.org.

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CRIME WATCH
BY DAILY PRESS STAFF



Crime Watch is 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.

ON MAY 17 AT ABOUT 8:46 P.M.

Officers responded to the 300 block of Santa Monica Boulevard for a subject possibly disrobing in public. Officers spoke with subject, fully clothed, and determined he was in violation of a "stay away" court order for being in that area and had an active warrant. Decarez Rashawn Barry-King, 24, homeless, was arrested on a charge of violating a court order. Bail was set at $35,000.

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speech delay, cognitive delay, or even behavioral concerns, this is the time where it can be caught early and addressed. The earlier the better. All children deserve every opportunity to be as successful as possible," she said. "This is why I am passionate about the work I have been doing with Connections For Children for the past three years."

Delia graduated from Santa Monica High School and then Santa Monica College, earning an associate's degree in early childhood education.

"The instructors at SMC were very knowledgeable and experienced in the Child Development field," she said. "I loved the courses, and my time spent in a preschool classroom completing my practicum hours solidified my passion for child development.

Delia transferred to Cal State Northridge to earn a bachelor's degree in child and adolescent development. She will be returning to CSUN in the fall to begin a master's program focusing on early education.

As a professional development Coach, Delia works with preschool and child care teachers helping them to improve the quality of their teaching program. She also shares her expertise with early childhood education students, providing free one-on-one coaching.

"We want child care to be viewed as a profession, so quality and standards are important," she said. "They are not just babysitters. They have expertise and knowledge of child development and know how to provide age-appropriate and goal-oriented learning activities to the children in their programs."

In 1976, Connections For Children was founded in Santa Monica as one of the first child care resource and referral agencies in California. Now, 40 years later, CFC has helped tens of thousands of families meet their needs for child care and early education. Today, CFC helps more than 3,000 families annually of all income levels obtain quality child care arrangements, including free referrals, parent education and family development resources.

Delia is recently engaged and still lives in Santa Monica. In her leisure time she enjoys hiking, movies and reading.

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ACROSS

1 Graceful bird
5 Deep ravine
10 Short putt
12 Brother of Groucho and Chico
13 Magellan's specialty
15 Twisty fish
16 Dine late
17 Take to court
18 Early round, for short
20 Witty remark
21 Take the wheel
22 Small bills
23 Hiker's path
25 Mexican coin
28 Cove
31 Singer Jackson
32 Space station of the 1970s
34 Brink
35 Sassy talk
36 Historic time
37 Excuse, for example
40 Frasier's brother
41 Cruller's kin
42 Grove makeup
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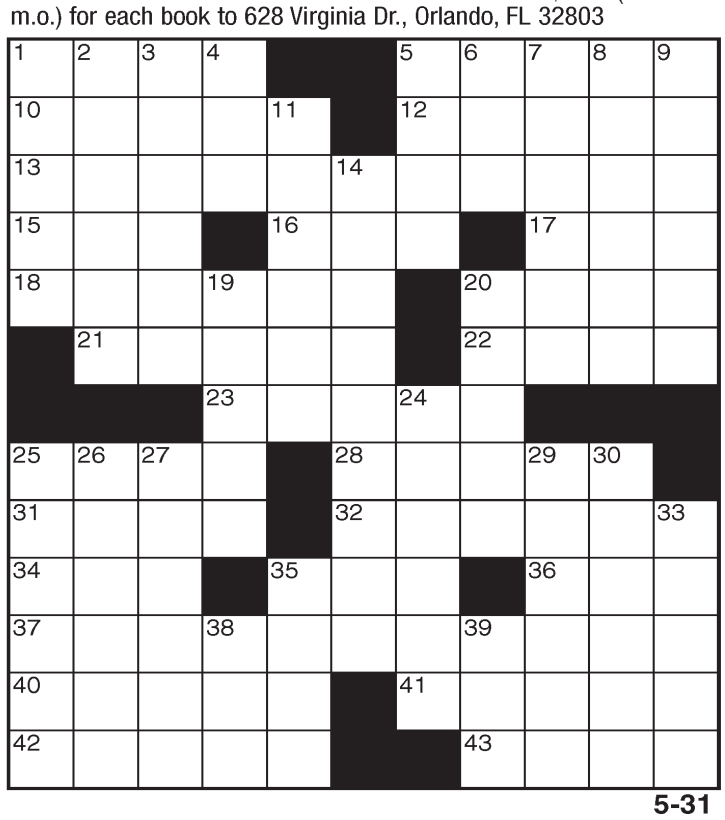
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1 Costly
2 Furniture workers
3 Online program
4 Goose egg
5 Fellow
6 Bowler, for one
7 Out of bed
8 Husband or wife
9 Some Impressionist paintings
11 More inquisitive
14 Ice cream choice
19 Pretend
20 Full of mirth
24 Stamping need
25 Mom or dad
26 Magic potion
27 Try out
29 Galahad's mother
30 Touch, as a runner
33 Natural gifts
35 Highlands girl
38 Golfer Trevino
39 Huck's friend

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Sudoku

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

Difficulty Level ★★

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

4	5	2	6	3	7	8	9	1
3	7	6	1	8	9	5	4	2
1	8	9	4	5	2	6	7	3
7	6	5	9	2	1	4	3	8
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TODAY IN HISTORY

1961 - In Moscow City Court, the Rokotov–Faibishenko show trial begins, despite the Khrushchev Thaw to reverse Stalinist elements in Soviet society.

1962 - The West Indies Federation dissolves.

1970 - The 7.9 Mw Ancash earthquake shakes Peru with a maximum Mercalli intensity of VIII (Severe) and a landslide buries the town of Yungay, Peru. Between 66,794–70,000 were killed and 50,000 were injured.

1971 - In accordance with the Uniform Monday Holiday Act passed by the U.S. Congress in 1968, observation of Memorial Day occurs on the last Monday in May for the first time, rather than on the traditional Memorial Day of May 30.

1973 - The United States Senate votes to cut off funding for the bombing of Khmer Rouge targets within Cambodia, hastening the end of the Cambodian Civil War.

1989 - A group of six members of the guerrilla group Túpac Amaru Revolutionary Movement (MRTA) of Peru, shoot dead eight transsexuals, in the city of Tarapoto.

1991 - Bicesse Accords in Angola lay out a transition to multi-party democracy under the supervision of the United Nations' UNAVEM II mission.

NEWS OF THE WEIRD BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Shannon Egeland, 41, already convicted in 2014 of running a mortgage-fraud operation during the 2004-2008 real-estate boom, pleaded guilty in May 2016 to the subsequent crime of deliberately having himself shot to gain his judge's sympathy (and to collect on disability insurance he had purchased the week before). Egeland, scheduled to start a 10-year sentence for the 2014 conviction, told the judge he had been assaulted by gunfire when he stopped in traffic to help a pregnant woman, but in reality he had ordered his teenage son to shoot him in the legs with a 20-gauge shotgun.

■ (1) German soldiers participating in a four-week NATO exercise in Norway earlier this year apparently had to abort their efforts days earlier than other countries -- because Germany's defense minister, Ursula von der Leyen, had imposed strict rules on overtime pay. Soldiers are to work no more than 41 hours a week, she said, according to revelations by London's Daily Telegraph. (2) Britain's venerable Oxford University issued a formal suggestion to law lecturers recently that they give "trigger warnings" (and allow classroom absences) if the class subject matter might be unpleasant to some students. Complained one frustrated lecturer, "We can't remove sexual offences from the criminal law syllabus -- obviously."

Late night, Scorpio

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ People are opening up right in front of you. You will gain a new perspective just by understanding where others are coming from. Sometimes you find their thinking to be quite off beat; finally you will see where they are coming from. Tonight: Nap, then decide.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ Zero in on what you want. A friend will play a key role in the events that unfold today. You might need to rethink what stance you are coming from after a seemingly difficult conversation. You know what works and what doesn't. Tonight: Make it an early one.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ You are energized and focused. You know where you are going and why. A meeting with a co-worker could provide direction. Do whatever is needed to get past a blockage. Once you take care of this hassle, you'll have a clearer vision of what can happen. Tonight: Don't be alone.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★ You might feel as if someone tends to put you on the spot. You will have your hands full, so ask for help if need be. If you can, try to delegate some of your work and responsibilities. Sometimes you need to lighten up about certain obligations. Tonight: A must appearance.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Reach out to someone who has more knowledge and/or experience than you do in a similar situation. You recognize the need to hear others' opinions in helping you make a decision. Call a loved one at a distance; he or she will appreciate hearing from you. Tonight: Be entertained.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Relate closely to someone whom you care a lot about. Don't feel as if you have to follow any type of ceremonial procedures around this person. Bypass all the frivolities, and be authentic as well. A family member could rain on your parade. Tonight: Opt for togetherness.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Others seek you out for various reasons. Stay open, and be willing to interact with key people in your life. You'll be getting a lot of practice saying "no" while still managing not to hurt anyone's feelings. You are more together than you realize. Tonight: Let the party go on.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★ You have a lot of ground to cover, and you'll manage to do it effectively in the near future. A softer approach will draw stronger results than you initially had thought possible. A key person is more than willing to work with you as a result. Tonight: As late as you want.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ You might be feeling down and out. How you handle a personal matter could be disparaging at best. Loosen up and relax with a child or new friend. Once you do, you will see the more positive angle of your life. Tonight: The only answer is "yes."

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ You might want to understand what is going on with a family member. You could try various approaches, from being charming to demanding, and everything in between. Recognize that you can't force anyone to speak if he or she doesn't want to. Tonight: Happiest at home.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ You might want to consider a new process for getting what you most desire. If you hit a wall one way or another, know that you have not yet found the right path. Refuse to give up, and ask for help from more creative minds than yours. Tonight: Catch up on some gossip!

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ You could be amazed by everything that is occurring in your life. Some of you might find that your dreams have become realities. Take a strict approach with any money risks. You will be a lot happier, even if what is being offered sounds very tempting. Tonight: Run errands.

Tuesday, May 31, 2016

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

This year you will work more closely with a serious partner or business associate. At times, you might want to throw in the towel. Learning how to interact with this person will be important. The more relaxed and easygoing you are, the better the flow will be between you and others. Your focus remains on success and expanding your circle of friends. If you are single, you could attract someone who is very different in spirit, but who holds many of the same beliefs as you. Accept this person as he or she is. If you are attached, the two of you enjoy a lot of give-and-take, which sometimes will seem combative. Try to be more expressive and kinder in your sharing. ARIES is your loyal friend.

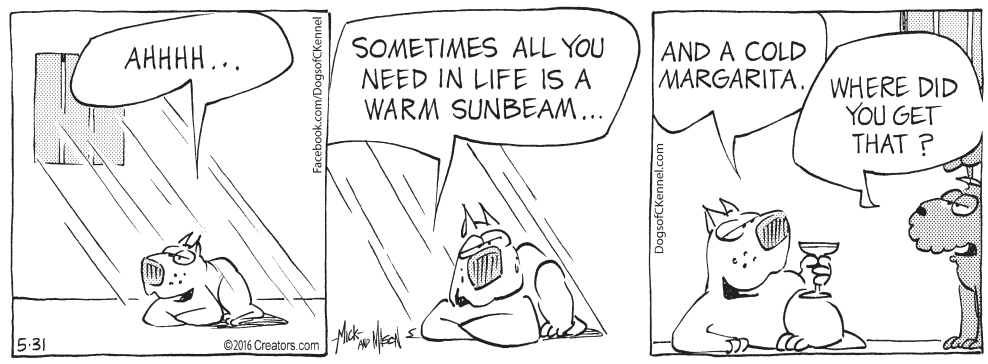
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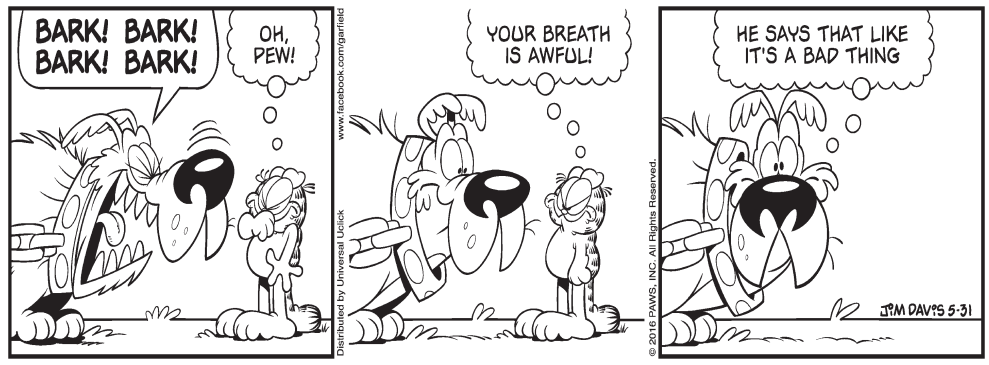
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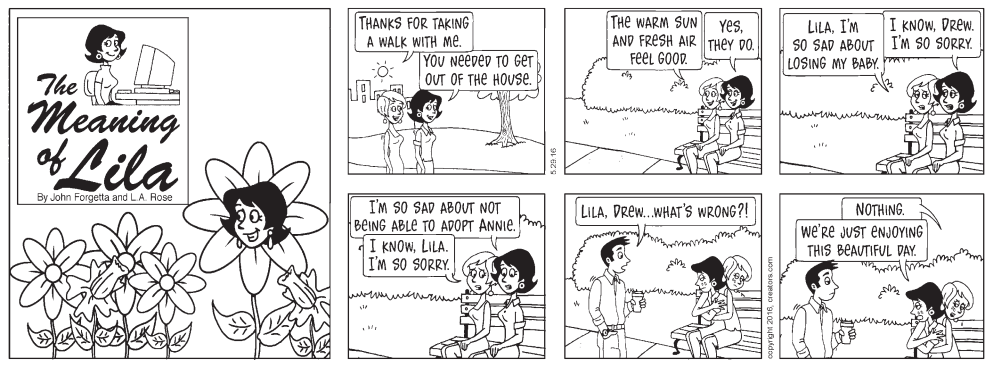
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