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THE TOUGH DECISIONS ISSUE



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HOLD THAT POSE: **Yoga instructor Marsha Cooper (left) instructs her class of seniors at Emeritus College last week.**

Senior citizens feel the burn of budget cuts

BY REBECCA KHEEL
Special to the Daily Press

SMC Natalie Lewis can't believe that at 78 years old she is able to do a handstand.

She gained the strength and flexibility to accomplish the feat in a yoga class at Santa Monica's Emeritus College; a class she has taken for 10 years and said she could not have done it without her teacher, Marsha Cooper.

"There's alternatives, but I love that class because she teaches traditional poses, and some poses are stretches that are phenomenal for an older person," Lewis said.

But come Saturday, the last day of the summer session at Emeritus, Cooper's section of the yoga class will no longer be offered.

With public colleges across California scrambling to compensate for state budget cuts, an unlikely demographic in Santa Monica has been caught in the crossfire — senior citizens.

"A lot of people are really heartbroken," Lewis said.

As administrators at Santa Monica College, which runs Emeritus, planned its fall schedule earlier in June, it cut 3 percent of all offerings to account for decreases in state funding. Those cuts included four classes at its senior citizen program. Last fiscal year, SMC's budget was $341.4 million.

"The college doesn't want to make cuts at all," said Katharine Muller, dean of external affairs for SMC. "In tight budget times, everybody wants it to be something else. The cuts made are not an indictment of value. Making cuts is not easy, and the decision is not made lightly."

The ratio of cuts from Emeritus amounts to the same as SMC's credit program, Muller said. Two sections of yoga, one section of tai chi and one section of aerobics were cut from Emeritus' fall schedule.

Emeritus received a $1.038 million donation in March from the estate of Zelda Herman, a former student who died in May of 2009. Some who have been affected by the decrease in class offerings said they think the money should go toward paying salaries to avoid cuts, but Muller said the money has been put in the endowment, called the Santa Monica College Foundation.

"You can't subsidize salaries with foundation money," she said.

The professors at Emeritus are never guaranteed their class will be coming back, as they are part-time and adjunct faculty hired on a semester-to-semester

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School board brings back counselors

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Editor in Chief

SMMUSD HDQTRS Despite severe funding cuts at the state level, education officials last week decided it was more important to bring back counselors than to save money.

The school board chose to reinstate three counselors (one at Malibu High School, which previously lost two, one at Lincoln Middle School and one to be split between John Adams Middle School and Olympic High School) and bring back one college counselor at Santa Monica High.

Members of the board felt it was necessary to bring back the counselors because the student-to-counselor ratio was just too high at the school sites to be effective and provide proper guidance to students and their parents, said school board vice president Ralph Mechur, who pushed for the college counselor at Samohi, which would have had only two for an estimated 3,000 students.

"We felt it would be a real disservice to not have these counselors, who provide support to our students," Mechur said. "I was particularly concerned about Samohi because we didn't have the personnel in place to help those kids who may be the first in their family to go to college and may not know the process [of applying for schools and financial aid]."

The reinstatement of the counselors is expected to cost roughly $320,000.

The school board cut the counselors in May as part of a $7.1 million reduction in spending, the result of Measure A's inability to gain the two-thirds support of voters needed for passage. Measure A was an emergency parcel tax of $198 per parcel that would have generated roughly $5.7 million annually for five years. It failed mainly because of a lack of support from Malibu voters.

Malibu High was hit the hardest by the counseling cuts as it was going to have to share two counselors with the middle school. According to district officials, that would have meant a student-to-counselor ratio of 577 to 1.

Brian Kelly, principal at Malibu High, which serves students in grades six through 12, said he was grateful for the additional counselor.

"I think we will definitely be able to better serve our students," he said. "We will still feel the loss of one of our counselors."

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For a mix of enlightened analysis and innovative authorship, join Bill Robertson of Santa Monica Emeritus College and strengthen your poetry dedication, appreciation and creation. For more information, visit www.greenpoets.com.

Sculpting church
First Presbyterian
1220 Second St.
The works of painter/sculptor Laddie John Dill are on display outside at First Presbyterian. Dill's work is influenced by neo-dadaist Robert Rauschenberg, minimalist Keith Sonnier and environmental artists Robert Smithson, Dennis Oppenhein and Robert Irwin. Admission is free. For more information, call (310) 451-1303.

Wednesday, July 21, 2010

Freshen up
Downtown Santa Monica
Arizona Avenue & Second Street, 8:30 a.m. — 1:30 p.m.
Get the freshest fruit and produce available at this weekly Farmers' Market. There will be also a variety of prepared foods available.

Thursday, July 22, 2010

Art stroll
Montana Avenue
Between Seventh & 17th streets, 5 p.m. — 9 p.m.
Walk the longest art gallery in Santa Monica at the first annual Montana Avenue Artwalk for an evening of art, music and dining specials. Shops and restaurants along the 10-block shopping district will feature work by more than 50 visual artists and live musicians. For more information, visit www.montanaave.com.

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HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Xrds looking for on-court leader

BY DENNIS LIN
Special to the Daily Press

CROSSROADS After losing six players to graduation this past season, the Crossroads High School boys' basketball team has been spending the summer in search of a new floor general.

With six players moving up from the junior varsity squad, Head Coach Kevin Jackson is waiting for one of his more experienced players to step up.

"Right now we have no alpha dog, no one who's willing to be a coach on the floor," Jackson said. "If you don't have a vocal leader on the floor, it kind of hurts the team."

The void left by the departed seniors is considerable, especially with the exit of top scorer Aaron Irmas. Despite the team's 1-9 record in league play, Irmas was able to lead the Roadrunners to a 13-14 overall mark last season, including a second-round appearance in the California Interscholastic Federation Southern Section Division 5 playoffs.

It should help that Crossroads is moving from the Olympic League — where the Roadrunners, who had no players taller than 6-foot-4 on their roster, were often overmatched — to face more appropriate competition in the Alpha League next season. Still, finding someone to lead the team remains a concern.

"We have kids who are afraid to say what they have to say," Jackson said.

One candidate to reverse that trend is 6-foot-1 guard Luke Shmuger, who was second on the team in scoring behind Irmas last season.

"He's a definite scorer, but sometimes he gets lazy on defense," Jackson said of Shmuger, adding that his star player also needs to become more assertive at the ends of games.

Shmuger has been averaging close to 20 points and eight assists a game during summer tournament and league games, Jackson said.

The Roadrunners placed eighth out of 16 teams at a tournament at Santa Monica College last weekend and are playing in a summer league on Wednesday nights at Crossroads.

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BIG WINNER

Fabian Lewkowicz *FabianLewkowicz.com*

William Berkovitz (right) defeats last year's winner, Phyllis Alexander (left), and wins the Santa Monica Kiwanis Club's third annual Texas Hold'em Poker Tournament on Saturday, July 17. The annual fundraising event benefits the youth of the Westside community. Through Kiwanis Charities of Santa Monica, the proceeds help provide academic/music scholarships, grants and other community support through a variety of projects.

City Hall wants Supreme Court review

BY NICK TABOREK
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL Hoping to overturn a court ruling they say would hurt affordable housing in Santa Monica and throughout the state, City Hall lawyers plan to ask the California Supreme Court to review the Embassy Hotel Apartments case, which an appellate court decided against the city last month.

The move is the last available option for City Hall to fight the appellate ruling, which said the Embassy's owner could remove 19 units from the housing market despite having previously agreed to continue operating the units as rent-controlled apartments.

At issue is how the Ellis Act, the state law that bars jurisdictions from requiring landlords to stay in the rental business, applies to certain contracts.

In the Embassy case, the building's owner had agreed to offer half of its total units as affordable apartments to resolve a prior land use dispute with City Hall. The appellate court, though, said that provision of the settlement was "unenforceable" because it violated the landlord's rights under the Ellis Act.

Besides reducing Santa Monica's affordable housing stock, lawyers at City Hall said the appellate decision, handed down by a three-judge panel from the Second District, Division Five Court of Appeals, could "lead to unintended consequences to private agreements between tenants and landlords" statewide.

The decision, they said, could invalidate contracts in which landlords waived their Ellis rights in exchange for regulatory concessions, such as the right to build larger projects.

Stephen Lewis, public information manager for Santa Monica's Rent Control Agency, said it's rare but not unheard of for City Hall to ask the state's highest court for review.

"It's something that you would only do if you thought the legal issue was fairly momentous," he said.

The Rent Control Agency's general counsel, Michaelyn Jones, and lawyers in the City Attorney's Office, plan to file the petition for review on Friday, he said.

Getting the state Supreme Court to accept a case, though, can be a tall order.

Lynn Holton, public information officer for the court, said in the past 10 years the justices have agreed to hear between 2 and 7

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Voice of reason

Editor:

When I first read about the City Council's initiative to increase the sales tax I thought I had inadvertently picked up the Daily Press' April Fools' issue. I wonder who was polled and what questions were asked. I am quite sure a more accurate result would have been reached had the council members asked any 10 residents at random. It is hard to believe there is true support for this most regressive of taxes which will affect both individuals and businesses negatively. Has the council analyzed the potential effect of reduced net sales tax revenue from people deciding to shop elsewhere? Have they considered polling the voters on whether they would like better management or different direction of existing finances before considering increasing revenue through more taxes? Thank you, Mayor Shriver, for being the lone voice of reason thus far.

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Right to repair

Editor:

The Motorcycle Riders Foundation strongly believes that consumers are entitled to the freedom to choose how their motorcycle, car or other type of vehicle is maintained, serviced or upgraded. That's why we support the Motor Vehicle Owners' Right to Repair Act (S3181/HR2057) and urge Congress to swiftly pass the legislation in order to safeguard individual vehicle ownership rights today and in the future.

The Right to Repair Act is a bipartisan bill that protects the right of American consumers to choose how they take care of their vehicles, be it in their driveway or at a trusted repair facility. It simply ensures that they have access to all the information required to complete service and repairs. Vehicles, including motorcycles, are becoming increasingly complex with more and more computer technology, and that is only going to increase in the future. Complete access to accurate service and repair information from the manufacturers is essential to the safety and well being of the entire American motoring public.

We encourage all motorists to visit www.righttorepair.org to send a letter to each of their congressional representatives, urging them to support the Right to Repair Act by adding their names to the growing list of co-sponsors.

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Motorcycle Riders Foundation
Washington, DC

We should be green by now

Editor:

With all that's going on, it's obvious to anyone that the age of oil and coal is dead if not dying. The oil spill in the gulf is the most blatant example of how dangerous on so many levels this 19th century technology is. The latest coal mine disaster a few months ago demonstrates the danger of coal mining. So why are we continuing to do what is destructive to both humans and the environment as a whole? Greed. Plain and simple, even though time and time again it's been proven that "green" technologies can be very profitable. There's no reason that every rooftop in our cities cannot have solar panels. It's no more an eyesore than the industrial junk that sits on the roofs of businesses already. If the government backing that had started under Carter had not been dismantled by the fossil fuel loving B-movie actor Reagan, we would have been well beyond energy independence and totally green by now.

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Back to Nature

Reese Halter

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Majestic giants benefit all humankind

IMAGINE THE MOST PERFECT TREE ON Earth: one above all others in magnificence, size, height, productivity, architecture, ability to draw thousands of gallons of water, yet marvelously resist drought, fire, insects, disease, mudslides, flooding, wind; and they possess exquisite biodiversity in their crowns. Then, and only then, as John Muir put it, "you'd know the king of their race" — the immortal Sequoia sempervirens, otherwise know as the coastal redwood.

Coastal redwoods direct lineage can be traced back to 144 million years ago to the beginning of the Cretaceous period. At the time when Tyrannosaurus Rex was beginning to rule for over 40 million years as no reptile nor animal has ever achieved since. Redwoods belong to the plant group known as Taxodaciae and they were the most widespread of all conifers inhabiting planet Earth.

Redwoods are considered unique for many reasons. They are able to reproduce from both seed and a lignotuberous organ at the base of the tree just beneath the soil. No other conifer possesses this dual mechanism — shooting roots from its base; a trait that is widespread amongst the more advanced race of trees called angiosperms (broadleaf trees) evolving some 80 million years after redwoods were born. The angiospersms or broad-leaved trees owe their existence to pollinators — like bees, moths, bats and birds.

The tallest living tree on planet Earth is a coastal redwood at 379.3 feet, called Hyperion. That's twice the size of the Statue of Liberty or the equivalent of a 38-story skyscraper. That tree was probably born at the time Jesus Christ walked the Earth. It carries well over 1 billion needles, enough to cover an entire football field.

Redwoods store thousands of gallons of water, so in the dry summer months they never run out and consequently they probably grow at 11 months but probably 12 months of the year. The wood doesn't contain gooey pitch like pines, firs, spruces and larches and so it doesn't burn easily. The 20-inch or thicker bark is an excellent insulator — in the north of its range fire frequencies are in the order of 600 to 800 year events. The bark is high in tannic acid and the wood is filled with volatile essential oils which make it very rot resistant. Though insects do infest redwoods none can singularly kill mature trees.

Coastal redwoods have survived climate changes, geologic upheavals and ice ages. Today they exist only along a narrow strip of land of about 435 miles long reaching from southwest Oregon to Big Sur. There are three distinct populations: northern, central and southerly.

They have adaptations enabling them to live at least a couple thousand years. Redwoods have the ability to suck water out of fog so that during summer dry periods they can continue to grow. Their roots have — as all trees have — a partnership with a soil fungus called mycorrhizas whereby the fungus feeds on the sugars of the tree root and in return provides additional moisture and nutrients for the roots. The particular mycorrhizae that associates itself with redwoods also confers drought resistance to redwood roots, just in case an unforeseen prolonged dry spell sets in.

The real story occurs way up in the treetops. Redwoods can sprout a forest above a forest — scientists think that this is in response to mechanical damage and to seek more available light needed to be captured to make more food.

Branch to branch, branch to trunk and trunk-to-trunk fusions are common in many of the ancient northerly trees. These become sources to store and share water and nutrients and they stabilize the crown during winter storms. These forest's above forests promote biodiversity.

In the treetops, there are 500-year-old saturated fern mats (small lakes) the size of large mini-vans weighing over 551 pounds. Banff and Los Angeles-based conservation institute Global Forest Science have found aquatic copepods (miniature fresh-water critters) some 230 feet above the Earth living in the moss fern-mat lakes. Prior to their discovery these critters were only known to live in the stream beds on the forest floor. Scientists believe that they crawled some 230 feet up the rain-drenched trunks during the winter months — the human equivalent would be to crawl up Mt. Everest!

These ancient redwood forests and their treetops support myriad lichens, bryophytes and mosses as well as other vascular plants like salmonberry, huckleberry and Rhamnus trees growing some 240 feet above the earth.

These canopies or treetops are also home to endangered animals like spotted owls — each breeding pair requires at least 2,476 acres of undisturbed forest to successfully breed and they are being dislodged by baird owls. The endangered marbles murrelet, discovered in 1974, can fly at speeds in excess of 85 miles per hour and lives at sea for up to nine months, coming ashore only to breed on moss draped branches in the ancient redwood forests.

Redwoods are quite simply the most productive ecosystems on Earth, producing a staggering 4,500 cubic meters of wood per acre.

There are only .007 percent of huge ancient redwoods ecosystems remaining. The world is a very different place today from when the Taxodiacea were one of the most broadly distributed group of plants on earth. Tyrannosaurus is gone, but the redwoods remain — barely.

Although the extinction of the coast redwood species in the near future is doubtful, the sensitivity of the redwood ecosystem is undeniable. Climate change is beginning to bite into these forests, too; it's reducing the number of hours of fog by three hours a day, and in the hot, dry summer, missing fog is a significant factor impinging upon tree health and longevity.

Conservation biologists must be given the opportunity to study and understand these magnificent forests. Their health and longevity will undoubtedly benefit all humankind. Therefore, a moratorium on all logging in any ancient remaining redwoods is of paramount importance.

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What's the Point?

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Change for the bus, mister?

I'M SCARED.

It's been said that if you build it, they will come. But what wasn't said was where they were going to park.

In about three weeks, Bloomingdale's, Nordstrom and a host of other retail stores are opening at the Santa Monica Place.

Everyone I've spoken with is highly anticipating the opening of these new stores. It will do wonders for the area. I imagine that we are going to be pulling in day tourists from as far as Riverside, just to see the new stores and escape the heat of summer. Which is fantastic for the retailers that cater to this population. The restaurants are hopefully going to see a big mid-summer bump in their sales.

I truly want this to be a grand success, selfishly I'm hoping it will draw more of the gorgeous men from West Hollywood to Santa Monica, so that I can get turned down more easily. I hate that drive.

But my biggest concern, and what I've been confronting on an all too regular basis lately, like everyone else, is the lack of parking, and the new, higher rates. I realize that once the bulk of the construction is done, the many spaces that are currently occupied by the Fords, Chevrolet and Toyota trucks that make driving in the first three levels of the Santa Monica Place parking structure feel like I'm threading a needle with rope, will be open again.

Once the other parking structure opens up, hopefully it will relieve the pressure on the public parking that currently is overwhelming.

I am in Downtown up to five times a day for various reasons. I'm often banking, taking lunch with friends, at the gym, and I am amazed at how this summer the parking seems off the hook bad, and expensive.

The rates have gone up, for after 6 p.m. parking it is $5. Which really is not bad compared to the private extortionist rates, except that when you consider this is supposed to be public parking, which means the public owns it. We've contributed by way of taxes at some point to the building of these lots.

Maintaining them costs money, I know, but it still is annoying. Lately I've been spending between $3 and $7 a day on parking.

City Hall wants to push public transportation more. But public transportation is something that in my mind is reserved for kids without cars.

When I was a kid, I would take the No. 8 from our apartment to the beach or UCLA. The last time I was on the Big Blue Bus was about a decade ago, when my car was being worked on, and I couldn't get anyone to give me a ride.

The nightmare that has become Downtown has forced me to actually revisit the idea of the bus. I workout at Equinox and a friend of mine there, who works for the city planning department, told me that the bus is pretty convenient.

Setting aside all the skepticism a 43-year-old divorce attorney has, I looked at the Big Blue Bus website to check out the routes, times and fares. Based on where my office is, at Pico Boulevard and Euclid, and where I want to go, the Third Street Promenade, I see there is a bus stop out my front door, and it drops me just about exactly where I want to. Hmmm, very convenient.

Then there's the pricing, it's 75 cents a trip, so a roundtrip is $1.50. But compare that to the price of gas at $3.50 a gallon, and parking, and the occasional parking ticket, and I'm way ahead.

Lastly there are the issues of timing and ease of use. It looks like there are lots of buses running where I want to go, when I want to get there, but for this I'll have to actually get on the bus.

I'm so frustrated with the parking situation, the cost, the time lost in searching for a parking spot, the wear and tear on my car, that I'm going to try it. I'm going to commit to three trips on the Big Blue Bus, one to Downtown Santa Monica, one to the Westside Pavilion and one on Friday night. That way I have good cross section of experiences to report on. Perhaps the city planners had this in mind all along. Humans generally don't change our behavior until it becomes to painful not to change. And let's face it, Downtown is pretty painful these days with a car.

So this week I'm singing a new song, "Get on the bus, Gus. Make a new plan, Stan. And head on out the door."

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The Q Line

The future of Expo

Santa Monica city officials recently have been debating what shape stations for the Expo Light Rail line should take. Some feel they shouldn't be grand statements, while others feel that the stations should closely reflect the city's unique vibe.

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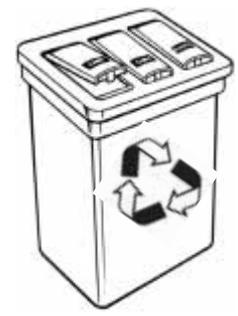
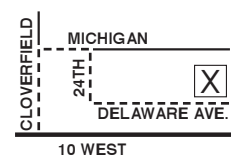
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CUTS
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basis, Muller said. They have not technically been laid-off, as that term does not apply to part-time or adjunct faculty.

Still, Cooper, the yoga instructor, said she does not understand why part-time and adjunct faculty are not protected from cuts when they are members of the SMC union, Santa Monica College Faculty Association.

With 60 students, Cooper said her class is one of the most popular at Emeritus. When her students found out her class was cut, they wanted to "create havoc" and went to talk the dean of Emeritus, Ron Furuyama, out of the cuts, but were not able to meet with him. The students also created a petition, but Cooper said she does not think anything will come of it.

Cooper said with the class' popularity and its health benefits to senior citizens, she does not think the cut is fair.

"Why not be fair and cut everyone a little bit," she said. "They're cutting all the exercise classes. How about cutting reading classes? They can do that in the library. Half of them fall asleep in class, anyway."

While Cooper said she is frustrated by what little explanation she has received regarding why her class was cut, others who have been cut said they have not had that experience.

Kathy Cass, who has been teaching the 40-student "Feeling Fit" aerobics class for a year and a half, said when she received a call two weeks ago saying her class was cut, she was told little more than its was due to budget constraints. But she said the dean and his staff were very apologetic.

"They were very sympathetic and thanked me for understanding their difficult decision in an awful situation," she said in an e-mail to the Daily Press. "I did not see it coming, but I was not surprised, either. I know there are instructors who have a lot more seniority than me, and I am well aware of the budget crisis in California."

THEY'RE CUTTING ALL THE EXERCISE CLASSES. HOW ABOUT CUTTING READING CLASSES? THEY CAN DO THAT IN THE LIBRARY. HALF OF THEM FALL ASLEEP IN CLASS, ANYWAY."

Marsha Cooper,
yoga instructor at Emeritus College

Currently, there are no plans to cut additional classes at Emeritus in the future, as SMC decides on cuts on a semester-by-semester basis, Muller said.

Still, senior citizens in the classes that were cut remain upset at what has already been done.

"This class is too beneficial to lose," said Mary McGuirk, who is also in Cooper's yoga class. "It keeps us alive."

TAYLOR D'ANDREA contributed to this report.

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COURT
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percent of the civil cases submitted each year for their review.

The court has received an average of about 3,500 petitions for review each of the past four years, she said.

The Supreme Court will have 90 days, including an optional 30-day extension period, to make a decision about whether to review the Embassy case.

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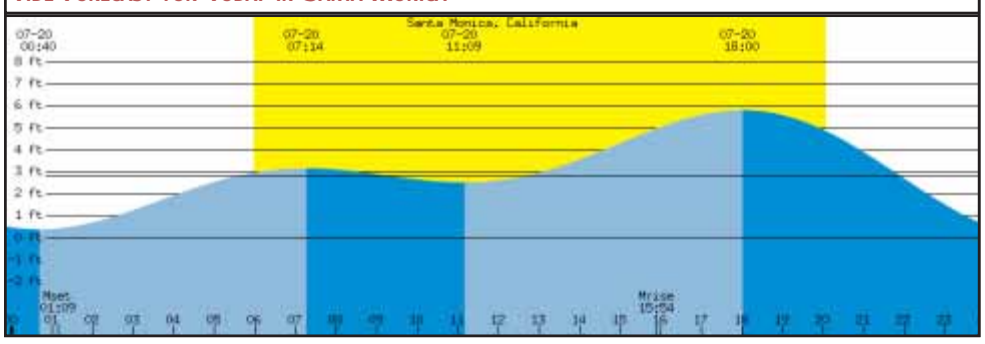
Swell Forecast

SW swell should increase to head high on the average set around south facing breaks, and 1-2 feet overhead on the better sets. Periods will be long and strong at 18 seconds, angled from around 200°.

Long Range Synopsis

Looks similar: head high+ at south facing breaks, 1-2' overhead on the bigger sets.

Tide Forecast for Today in Santa Monica



BEACH REPORT CARD

NORTH LOS ANGELES COUNTY

Grades for this report are based on monitoring data from the previous 30 days up to the ending date of **July 15, 2010**

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QUICK STATS (for the last 30 days)

- Number of sewage spills -- 0
- Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0
- Number of wet days -- 0
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 38 / ns
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 3 / ns

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

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	B	ns
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechusa and Las Alina 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.	C	ns
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	A+	ns
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Solstice Canyon at Don Blocker County Beach.	D	ns
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth.	A	ns
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd..	A+	ns
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	ns
Surfrider Beach (breach location)- daily.	A	ns
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	A+	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 Los Tunos County Beach.	A+	ns
Tuna Canyon.	A+	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	B	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.	F	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain.	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain.	B	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua).	A+	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain.	B	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain.	A	ns
Santa Monica Municipal Pier.	A	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain.	A	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms).	A+	ns
Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain.	A	ns
Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain.	A+	ns
Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain.	A	ns
Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain.	B	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.	B	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain.	B	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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NFL

Raiders sign WR Jacoby Ford

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ALAMEDA The Oakland Raiders have signed receiver Jacoby Ford, their fourth-round pick in the draft.

The Raiders announced a deal Monday for Ford, the sixth of Oakland's nine draft picks to agree to terms.

Ford starred in football and track at Clemson. He was the fastest receiver at the most recent NFL Combine, clocking a 4.28-second 40-yard dash.

The Raiders have always loved speedy receivers under Al Davis' ownership. They traded veteran linebacker Kirk Morrison to acquire an extra fourth-round pick from Jacksonville to draft Ford, who is expected to return kicks in Oakland.

Ford caught 56 passes for 779 yards and six touchdowns last season at Clemson. He also ran for two touchdowns and averaged 14.3 yards per punt return.



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The Kids Are All Right (AMC INDEPENDENT; Digital Presentation) (R) 1hr 44min
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Inception (PG-13) 2hrs 28min
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The Sorcerer's Apprentice (PG) 1hr 51min
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9:40pm

Restrepo (R) 1hr 49min
1:40pm, 4:30pm, 7:20pm, 9:50pm

Winter's Bone (R) 1hr 55min
1:50pm, 4:20pm, 7:10pm

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Inception (PG-13) 2hrs 28min
11:00am, 2:30pm, 6:00pm, 9:30pm

Knight and Day (PG-13) 1hr 50min
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The Last Airbender 3D (RealD 3D) (PG) 1hr 43min
11:00am, 1:30pm, 4:15pm, 7:00pm, 9:35pm

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Nap, Sagittarius

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Focus on a partnership. This person remains a resource no matter what. A brainstorming session provides a lot of important information. Handle one project or issue at a time. Keep reaching out for more information. Tonight: News weaves its way to you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 21)
★★★★★ Allow greater give-and-take between you and others. Confusion often stems from an older person. For some, it could be a boss. Ingenuity seems to be your strong suit. Tonight: Spend time with a special friend.

GEMINI (May 22-June 20)
★★★ Focus on work and getting the job done. Completion is exceptionally important. By tomorrow, you will be more inclined to network or take on some of the opportunities that head your way. Tonight: Nap, then decide.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★★ Tap into your imagination when you encounter a difficult person. Try to imagine what this person is feeling and what is going on. A partner often inspires you to take action and do something special. Tonight: Last-minute demands could mess up plans.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★ Listen to your instincts on a security-related matter. Others might not intend to delude you; they have on rose-colored glasses. They see people in a more positive vein than many. Tonight: Head home early. A child or a new friend could be a source of delight.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Keep conversations flowing. You might be spending extra time in your mind going over what you are hearing. Don't stop the flow of a discussion; you could prevent an open exchange, which also is important. Observe a co-worker. He or she might not have your best interests in mind. Tonight: Share news over dinner.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★ Curb an innate insecurity. Tooting your own horn pushes many away. You have been sitting on some anger that needs to be released. A discussion is much more important than you realize. Be sensible with spending. Tonight: Relax, then make a decision.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★★ Don't stall any longer. Handle a key project. Move a new interest along. A friend could be in a somber mood; feedback from this person could be off. Weigh that fact in your mind before completely accepting his or her feedback. Tonight: Clear out a misunderstanding.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★ Maintain your current low profile. You might not be comfortable with everything that you see and hear. Confusion surrounds a message. It is either more vague than you realize or incomplete. Don't take any comments personally. Tonight: Nap, then decide.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ A meeting could prove to be very important in furthering your desires. Not only do you get the support you need, but many ideas and comments emerge. Incorporate some of these ideas into what you are working on. Tonight: Meet friends immediately after work.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Stay on top of your responsibilities, even though you feel as if someone or something is always hitting you from out of left field. A partner could be on a rampage. Listen and help this person evaluate whether he or she is grounded. In the long run, your caring will be appreciated. Tonight: Working late. Meet another friend for a late dinner who also is working.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★★ Keep reaching out for more information, especially if you sense that something important is being left out. A partner or associate appears to be playing devil's advocate. Avoid an argument, and appreciate that he or she is playing this role. Tonight: Surf the web.

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

Happy birthday

This year, you often present a strong front. You want action rather than words. You will sort through confusion, which could surround joint finances and/or matters dealing with the outside world. You might decide that a key associate isn't sufficiently knowledgeable. If you are single, an unusual magnetism emanates from you this year. You might have quite a few suitors to sort through. Enjoy the process. If you are attached, the two of you enjoy your special time together more than ever. You act like newfound lovers! SCORPIO brings out your creativity.

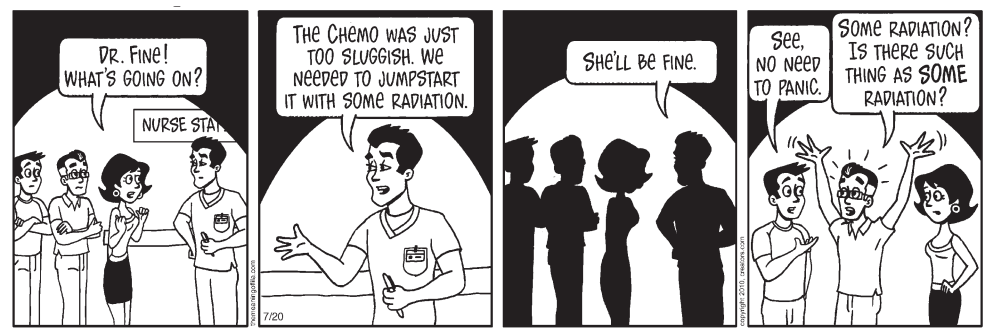
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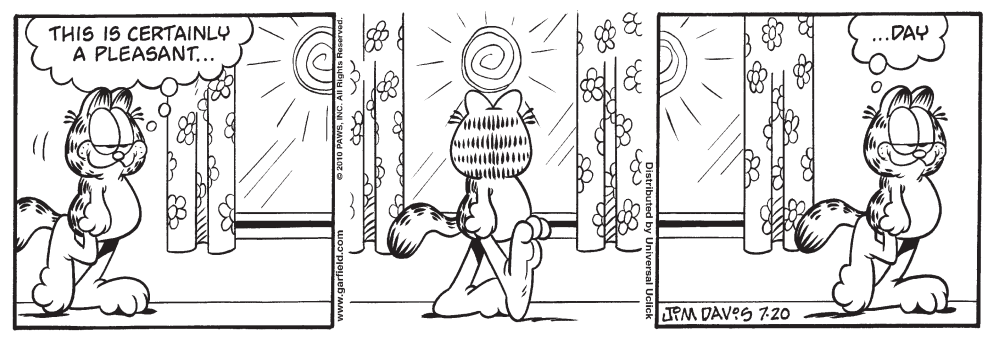
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Difficulty Level ★★

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GETTING STARTED

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

5	2	8	6	7	9	1	4	3
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ACROSS

1 Sulks
6 Go bad
11 Musical drama
12 Hooded snake
13 "West Side Story" star
15 Bullfight cry
16 Great weight
17 Finish
18 Nice guys
20 Run, as color
23 Personnel
27 Tiny bit
28 Pennsylvania port
29 Sleepy or Sneezy
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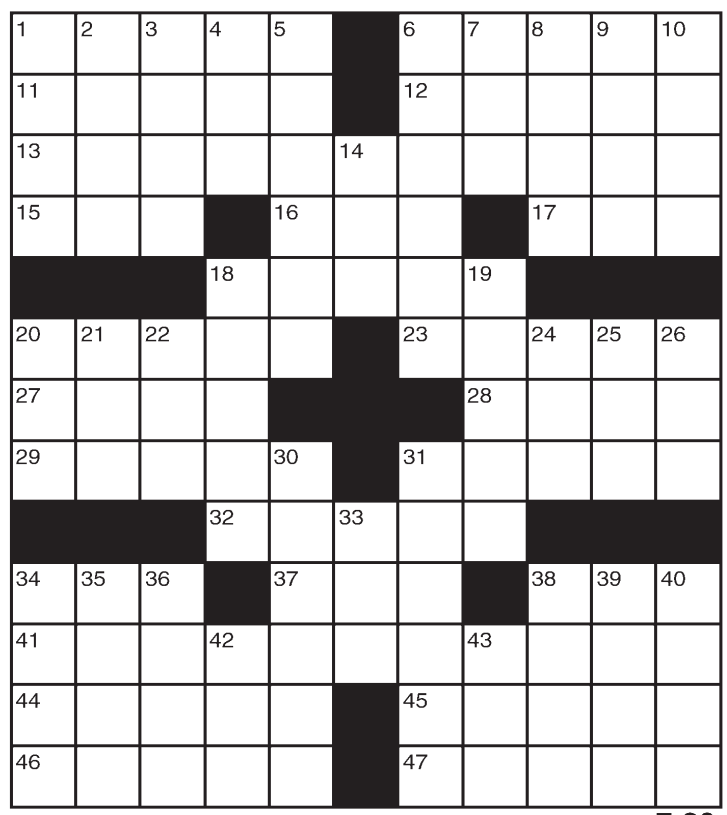
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5 Like some peanuts
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8 Bassoon's kin
9 Wrinkle remover
10 "Shane" star Alan
14 Charged atom
18 Wheels with teeth
19 Teakettle output
20 Bridge act
21 Despondent
22 Seventh Greek letter
24 "Entourage" agent
25 Shark feature
26 Fixed charge
30 Aesop's output
31 Gauges
33 Maui souvenir
34 Tiny workers
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36 Jazz's Getz
38 U2's lead singer
39 Choir voice
40 Office sight
42 Sum
43 Beanie or beret

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ An intense lightning storm on June 14 around Monroe, Ohio, destroyed the iconic 62-foot-high statue of Jesus (the "King of Kings" structure of the Solid Rock Church) alongside Interstate 75. While townspeople mourned, it was also noteworthy what the lightning bolts completely missed: the large billboard, on the other side of the road, advertising the nearby Hustler Hollywood pornography store.

■ Despite a scary moment in May, Massachusetts state Rep. Mike Moran said he still supports "comprehensive" immigration reform (taken to mean that restrictions on illegal immigrants be tempered with a special "path to citizenship" for those already here). Rep. Moran's car was rear-ended (though he was not seriously hurt) by illegal immigrant Isaias Naranjo, who was charged with DUI and speeding. According to police, Naranjo, 27, who was dressed in a Mexican party costume, laughed when told of the charges, informing officers that they could do nothing to him since he had already made plans to return to Mexico. (Furthermore, Massachusetts is forbidden by state law from even notifying U.S. Immigration officials of Naranjo's case.)

TODAY IN HISTORY

1810 Citizens of Bogotá, New Granada declare independence from Spain.

1864 American Civil War: Battle of Peachtree Creek – Near Atlanta, Georgia, Confederate forces led by General John Bell Hood unsuccessfully attack Union troops under General William T. Sherman.

1866 Austro-Prussian War: Battle of Lissa – The Austrian Navy , led by Admiral Wilhelm von Tegetthoff, defeats the Italian Navy near the island of Vis in the Adriatic Sea.

1871 British Columbia joins the confederation of Canada.

1877 Rioting in Baltimore, Maryland by Baltimore and Ohio Railroad workers is put down by the state militia, resulting in nine deaths.

1881 Indian Wars:Sioux Chief Sitting Bull leads the last of his fugitive people in surrender to United States troops at Fort Buford, North Dakota

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