

## Star report

### Sir Mix-a-Lot defends Blake Lively's post

Sir Mix-a-Lot has Blake Lively's back.

The man who brought us "Baby Got Back" has spoken on the controversy generated earlier this week when Lively posted a picture of her front and rear ends, captioned "L.A. face with an Oakland booty."

Lively has since faced a barrage of criticism, much of it inferring her post was racist.

The man who she partially quoted and a universally recognized authority on women's posteriors, told the Hollywood Reporter said he was "a little surprised at the criticism."

— Tony Hicks, Bay Area News Group

## LOTTERY

### WINNING NUMBERS

**Daily 3 Afternoon:** 4, 6, 0

**Daily 3 Evening:** 6, 2, 3

**Daily 4:** 1, 1, 6, 5

**Fantasy 5:** 7, 11, 21, 22, 27

### Daily Derby

**1st:** 4, Big Ben

**2nd:** 9, Winning Spirit

**3rd:** 8, Gorgeous George

**Race Time:** 1:48.32

### SUPER LOTTO PLUS

**Wednesday's drawing:** 4, 19, 37, 40, 42

the University of Illinois in 1989.

Dillon said the film loosely imitates his family's life, as it centers on a young girl's decision between pursuing dance, her mother's passion, and softball, her father's.

## Books

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at-risk children. But challenges arose: Children weren't able to reach the tutoring locations. Volunteers could only tutor twice a week, but the children needed more.

Last year, Harten-Kroeber pivoted, deciding instead to give books to low-income children. Her model is premised on research showing that the more books in the home, the better the educational outcomes for children, regardless of the parents' education level.

Harten-Kroeber is an educational specialist who has worked with at-risk youth for decades. With the company's shift, she wanted to reach more children.

Volunteer-run, Launch Pad is headquartered in Harten-Kroeber's home. The books come from donations and a national clearinghouse, sometimes for

use of a helicopter to film the coastline and the Santa Cruz Ballet Theatre has donated costumes.

The film is also supported by the Santa Cruz Warriors, which is helping Dillon fundraise toward his \$50,000 goal to finish the film. A

## LAUNCH PAD

**What:** Nonprofit giving books to low-income, foster and homeless children.

**Details:** Visit launchpad-santacruz.org, email launchpadsantacruz@gmail.com or call 831-252-3285.

just the cost of shipping. This spring, the company received its first 3,000-book delivery. The books arrived on pallets.

"They're in my garage. They're in my house. They're in my husband's workspace. They're in my shed. They're everywhere," Harten-Kroeber said.

Bobby Pelz, a Launch Pad volunteer, keeps another thousand donated books at his house.

Alex Hubner, another volunteer, said the company's shift last year resonated with him. The Santa Cruz resident and landscaper said when he was in school, he loved the book "I remember the Scholas-

## Recall

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"Unquestionably, this is a lot of product. ... It reflects the severity of listeria as an illness, the long duration of illnesses and the outbreak and the long shelf life of the products," said Matthew Wise, who leads the outbreak response team at the federal Centers for Dis-

He's been working toward this project his entire career, and what's more, he gets to do it with his family.

"Even though I'm a dad, I want to make a movie about girls. It allows me to express my love for my daughters," Dillon said.

tic catalog and circling the books I wanted," said Hubner, who said he learned how to read with "Calvin and Hobbes" books.

"I was a terrible student, but I learned a lot from the books I enjoyed reading," he said.

Second-grader Ricky Perez sat cross-legged on the library floor, admiring his two selections: "Star Wars: A New Hope" and "Marvels: The Avengers."

"This is so interesting," Ricky mused to himself. "I just don't know which one to read first."

He settled on the Avengers book, and traced the text with his finger as he read aloud.

"Captain America ... Thor ... Black Widow," he read. "Hey look, Black Widow!" he yelled, showing the book to a girl who had joined him.

She was already engrossed in her choice, "Cinderella," and pointed to a drawing of the king's ball. "Look at how pretty!" she replied.

aged for sale as individual products and repackaged by places like Piggly Wiggly, Kroger and ConAgra foods as ingredients in a host of other store-brand and private-label products for stores like Trader Joe's and Costco.

Also, retailers including Target and regional distributors such as Midwest grocery chain Hy-Vee Foods have recently recalled products made by Tokyo-based Ajinomoto Windsor due to

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