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THE PUT UP OR SHUTUP ISSUE

With ban in sight, FAA makes offer

BY MELODY HANATANI | Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL — The City Council could have more than originally anticipated on its plate tonight when it considers banning the fastest jets at Santa Monica Airport, a decision that might be postponed after the Federal Aviation Administration made a proposal late last week to install buffers on the runway.

Just days before the council was expected to ratify an ordinance outlawing Class C and D jets, a move celebrated by neighboring residents who for years have warned against the dangers of aircraft accidentally bypassing runways and landing on homes, the FAA on Friday submitted an offer to install a series of hollow concrete blocks to act as buffers.

The FAA is proposing to install an Engineered Material Arresting System (EMAS) — a collection of concrete blocks that give way under the weight of an aircraft, slowing it down in case it overshoots the runway — that could accommodate planes traveling as fast as 70-knots, or roughly 80 miles per hour.

The 70-knot EMAS would be able to stop roughly 90 percent of aircraft for which it is designed to stop, which is 14,000 pounds or more and includes C and D class aircraft, according to FAA spokesman Ian Gregor.

The offer basically adds onto a previous proposal made by the FAA which suggested installing a 40-knot EMAS system that would've been smaller but would eat up less runway length.

Included in the new offer is an awareness program in which every pilot flying into or from the airport would receive information about runway safety and noise abatement issues that have been raised by residents in the Sunset Park neighborhood for years. The FAA is also proposing to reduce noise and pollution by changing the way the aircraft line up on runway 21, which is where the majority of flights take off, moving the alignment of the engines so that they no longer face the neighborhoods, Gregor said.

"The result is more aircraft noise staying into the airport than blowing into the residential areas," he said.



File photo

ON DECK: A Santa Monica family watches as planes land at the Santa Monica Airport last fall. The Federal Aviation Administration is looking to cut a deal with the City Council and enhance runway safety by adding collapsible concrete at the end of the runway.

The FAA is also testing a new departure procedure that would reduce the number of aircraft that would idle on the ground. Currently, plans at Santa Monica have to receive clearance from LAX before they can take off. Under the new procedure, the planes at both Santa Monica and Los Angeles could take off simultaneously, Gregor said.

"It would decrease noise and pollution around Santa

Monica and benefit the pilot because they wouldn't have to wait long to take off," he said.

City officials have been analyzing the proposal and will discuss it in closed session with the council tonight. A group of delegates from City Hall, including City Manager Lamont

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Kids teaching kids about the environment

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

OCEAN PARK A group of wide-eyed 8-year-olds stare intently at the lecturer standing before them, some on the edge of their seats, others with their mouths slightly open in a state of awe.

"Who knows what landfill is?" the educator, Aidan Nathanson, a freshman at Santa Monica High School, asks the young group of inquiring minds.

Instantly, a sea of hands shoot up in the air, the room filled with "ooh oohs" that come with third graders who are eager to

answer a question.

For the students at John Muir Elementary School, Monday morning brought a special treat in the form of approximately 20 Samohi students from a freshman biology course who were on their campus to teach about the importance of composting. For the 20 Samohi students acting as teachers, the same morning brought them more than 100 impressionable minds, all giving the 14-15 year olds their undivided attention — the youngsters just excited to have the "big kids" around.

All are participants of the Peer Partners in Environmental Education program,

which brings high schoolers together with middle and elementary school students in a teacher-pupil type relationship, instilling leadership skills and confidence in high school students and spreading the word about ecological and sustainability issues to a very young generation.

The program was developed in 1993 by Mary Edie, who in working at the Center for Environmental Education, piloted Peer Partners at Palisades High School. Edie, who has since left the center and has introduced the program in several different school districts, has worked with the Environmental Programs Division at Santa Monica City

Hall for more than 10 years in operating the Peer Partners at Samohi.

Peer Partners essentially aims to teach various environmental issues to high school students who in turn create a lesson plan and relay the concepts of those issues to elementary school students. Through the program, the high schoolers gain an appreciation for teaching and the elementary school students have the benefit of learning about environmentalism at a young age, program coordinators said.

"The younger kids look up to these

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Wednesday, March 12, 2008

Lights! Camera! Glamour!

The Photography of George Hurrell

2612 Main St., 11 a.m. — 4 p.m.

As studio photographer for MGM, Warner Brothers and Columbia, George Hurrell shot some of the world's most beautiful and intriguing personalities, creating the template for Hollywood glamour portrait. His flawless photography was instrumental in shaping the images of stars such as Joan Crawford, James Cagney and Rita Hayworth. The exhibition shows more than 80 iconic photographs ranging from Jean Harlow, and Clark Gable to Joan Collins and Arnold Schwarzenegger. The exhibition also features a replica of Hurrell's studio, with his camera, boom light and handpainted screen and a room of nude portraits, many of which are being shown for the first time.

Green Living Workshop

601 Santa Monica Blvd., 7 p.m. — 8:30 p.m.

Be part of the solution, educate and empower yourself with simple steps that save our environment and save money. This six-week workshop covers water, energy, waste, chemicals, transportation and travel, shopping and food. To register, contact Barent Roth at Sustainable Works and for more information call (310) 458-8716 or e-mail rothbarent@smc.edu.

Mystery Book Group

1704 Montana Ave., 7 p.m. — 8:30 p.m.

Discussion of Stephen White's "Cold Case." Psychologist Alan Gregory is summoned to assist in the solving of the murder of two teenagers, a case that has been reopened a decade after it occurred. For more information, please call (310) 829-7081.

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.



CORRECTION

In the March 10 issue of the Daily Press, a Community Profile on author Anna Sklar should have stated that her new book is "Brown Acres: An Intimate History of the Los Angeles Sewers." The book was published by Angel City Press.

COMMUNITY BRIEF

SACRAMENTO
Brownley selected chair of new education committee

Assemblymember Julia Brownley, D-Santa Monica, has been appointed chair of the newly created Select Committee on Higher Education in the 21st Century by Speaker Fabian Nuñez.

The committee will focus on the University of California and California State University systems with a focus on their budgets, student fees, enrollment projections, financial aid, long range planning and more.

"I am pleased that the Speaker recognized the need for this committee," Brownley said. "The future of higher education warrants extra attention. I'd like to explore budget transparency and the state's role and responsibility for oversight.

"In 2011, the compacts negotiated between the university systems and the governor will expire," Brownley added. "This committee will provide an excellent way for us to prepare for 2012."

In addition, the committee will look into public/private research projects, K-12 partnerships, career tech and graduation rates and other issues.

DAILY PRESS

Samohi makes history

BY JON HABER
Special to the Daily Press

DOWNTOWN — Ten minutes into overtime, Samohi senior defender Nico De La Rosa stepped behind the out-of-bounds line near the left corner flag, ready to launch the soccer ball high over his head and into the six yard box.

Senior forward Alessandro Canale was ready, waiting to nudge the Santa Monica High School boys' soccer team into the record books. De La Rosa threw the ball and Canale ran under it and jumped for the header, but he missed.

The ball ricocheted off his back and took a fateful bounce toward junior midfielder Juan Magana, a late substitute after junior midfielder Ricky Martinez left the contest with a hamstring injury.

Facing the stands, Magana swung his left foot around and made contact with the ball. It deflected off a Poway defender and soared passed a diving goal keeper.

Pandemonium ensued.

Santa Monica fans, players and coaches swarmed the field at Warren High School Saturday celebrating Samohi's CIF-SS State Division I championship against Poway (20-3-4)

"I saw the ball come in, and I wanted the goal," Magana said. "As soon as the ball popped out, I took the shot and it ended up going in."

The 2-1 overtime victory capped off an historical season for the Vikings — one in which the team didn't lose a single game (29-0-1), dominated the Ocean League (9-0), won the California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) division IV championship and captured the first ever CIF state division championship.

"For us, it was more than we expected," said Frank Gatell, Samohi head coach. "We knew we were a good team, but people were saying, 'It's just Division IV, and you're not playing against division I teams.'"

Division I schools have more students than Division IV and therefore have the ability to chose from a larger group of athletes, helping them to field superior teams.

"For us to go into this division I tournament and prove our soccer was successful, we earned the respect of a lot of others and showed from day one we were playing real soccer," Gatell said.

Some players couldn't even describe what they were feeling after the game.

"It was surreal, having our guys run out

and knowing we're the best team in the state and, in a way, the country," sophomore goal keeper Michael Freedman said. "All the glory is awesome,"

Samohi played without All-CIF injured goal keeper senior Alex Kovacs for the second straight game. Freedman once again filled the void.

"He stepped up ... in the finals," Martinez said. "I was proud of him."

While Freedman may get some recognition for performing well when needed most, he credits his his defenders for taking most of the pressure off the goal keeper.

"(Nick) Ferro, (Tyler) Horton and (Chris) De La Rosa are back there protecting me. I only had to make limited saves," he said. "These guys helped me out tremendously. In my opinion, they're the best defense in the nation."

After a scoreless first half, the Vikings jumped out in front in the game's 47th minute when Martinez headed the ball into the Titan's goal.

"I went one-on-one with the goalie, and I beat him for the header," Martinez said.

The 1-0 lead didn't last long though. Two minutes later Poway answered back on

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FUTURE'S NOT SET: This 55-year-old city-owned building could be transformed into affordable housing for long-term and low-income homeless individuals in Santa Monica. The council could ask its staff tonight to find a contractor who will rehabilitate or reconstruct the apartment building, located on the 1600 block of Ocean Avenue.

Homeless may get some new digs by the beach

(Editor's note: This story is part of an ongoing series that tracks the city's expenditures appearing on upcoming Santa Monica City Council consent agendas. Consent agenda items are routinely passed by the City Council with little or no discussion from elected officials or the public. However, many of the items have been part of public discussion in the past.)

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL Life near the beach is about to become more comfortable for Santa Monica's homeless population.

The City Council tonight is expected to look at rehabilitating or a city-owned apartment building on Ocean Avenue, transforming it into affordable housing for low-income and long-term homeless individuals

in Santa Monica.

Located off Colorado Avenue, the 55-year-old building was purchased in 1973 by City Hall to expand highway access to the Pacific Coast Highway, a project that eventually fell through.

OPCC's Daybreak Center currently leases five units on the ground floor to provide emergency assistance and counseling services for mentally-ill homeless women. Seven of the 19 total units are occupied by residents while the remaining seven have been vacant for rehabilitation, according to city staff.

Several options were considered for the site including demolishing the existing structure and replacing it with a new building, and selling it to a private developer.

"There is an urgent need for permanent affordable supportive housing for very low-

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A suggestion for Bill

Editor:

O' happy Monday! I no longer have to read Bill Bauer's column. He finally admitted that his Treesaver gripe was against its leader and the publicity he was getting. Has he not noticed that the publicity is always about the good ways in which the "leader" is trying to help his community? I suggest that Mr. Bauer should try to do a little good for the community for a change instead of promoting the destruction of our best source of oxygen. Then perhaps he too will get his name in the newspapers other than attached to destructive articles.

Cecilia Rosenthal

Santa Monica

Good-bye starry dynamo

Editor:

There will be no books? Has this become no country for old readers?

Dutton's is closing in Brentwood April 30 – No, No, No. Say it ain't so.

(Kurt) Vonnegut said, "A book is a practical joke or it doesn't work." Please say this is a practical joke and they must keep bringing on books.

How can this be true when the statistics at the LA Times Festival of Books last year said, "Southern California buys more books than New York by \$50 million?" We're the number one book market in the country. So, at the end of April, will the LA Times Festival be dedicated to Doug Dutton now?

Victor Frankl wrote, "What is to give light must endure burning!" Please keep them burning, burning, burning – like that starry dynamo they is! First school cuts and now this? What is to be done?

Henry Rosenfeld

Ocean Park

Overcrowding turns parents away

Editor:

My blood ran cold when I read that they were talking about closing a house at SAMOHI.

Has anyone been to the SAMOHI campus lately? It is a daily exercise in organizing chaos. There are so many Santa Monica parents with children in elementary and middle schools that are fearful to send their children there – so much so that many are willing to do anything to get their kids into the assortment of private high schools available in the area to avoid losing their kids to the melee.

That said, parents who do make the leap of faith and send their 9th graders to SAMOHI are usually pleasantly surprised to learn that, below the chaotic surface, there is a very effective system of support in place for children – and their parents – through the unique and very special 'House' system. Suddenly, SAMOHI doesn't feel so scary anymore, and the kids seem surprisingly happy. They may even thrive. The House system is what sets SAMOHI apart from big, warehouse-style high schools. It is a testament to Santa Monica that such a system exists, and it needs to be left intact in order to allow SAMOHI to continue to effectively manage its student body, enabling the students' growth and success at a crucial time in their lives.

If the district is genuinely concerned about declining enrollment, they need to recognize that no parent wants to expose their teenage children to unnecessary risk. The news is filled with really unconscionable stories that scare parents, and it is a community's challenge to keep those influences at bay. If the 'House' system is downsized, it will be the first step towards a warehouse-style high school here in Santa Monica, and all that comes with it.

This will virtually guarantee a continued decline in enrollment, because many Santa Monica parents will no longer feel comfortable taking that leap of faith.

Hannah Galloway

Santa Monica



What's the Point?

David Pizarra

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Parents should be free to teach

I LOVE THE MOVIE "AUNTIE MAME" – the Rosalind Russell version. It was a joyous romp through life that showed that education can come in many forms, and sometimes the best forms are those that "society" does not generally understand or accept.

In the movie, a young man loses his parents and is sent to live with his eccentric aunt. One of the more unusual places he is sent for his education is a school loosely based on an ancient Greek format. One of the activities the boys engage in is naked wrestling. In the movie, this is of course absolutely shocking to the stuffy lawyer who acts as the boy's financial guardian. Being a very traditionally trained lawyer, he arranges for the boy to go to a "proper" school.

The college I went to was not a proper college. At least not according to the mass production mentality that controls the educational programs in our country. It was a little liberal arts school on the banks of the Severn River in Maryland. We students were generally the bookish geeks and outcasts of the larger high school society. In this school students read books, and then engaged in conversation with between 15 and 25 other students over a table, all of which was moderated by a "tutor" who gently guided the conversation, but in no way had a set agenda.

In four years of school I had two tests, one in French and one in math. The rest of the time my grades were based on my participation in class, and an annual paper. At the end of each semester we went through Don Rags, this is a process where all of your tutors are gathered and they discuss you in the third person and your performance. It is all very British in that regard.

I have high school friends who went to more traditional schools, they would speak to me of their English classes of 400 people and their world history classes of 600 people. I couldn't relate.

My entire graduating class was 85 people. My tutors really knew me well, they knew my strengths and weaknesses.

The foundation I received was not in data that was memorized and spit back in some robotic fashion, but rather, it was in how to approach problems, how to have conversations, how to explore a difficult situation. In short, it was how to think critically.

Today, I have a very easy time learning new material, which is due to the way I was taught in college to absorb material, to make it have life.

This past week the California Court of Appeal issued a ruling which reaffirms that parents who homeschool their children must be credentialed teachers. The case confronted California's compulsory education statutes which require that students be enrolled in a public or private school or tutored by a teacher who holds a state cre-

dential for the child's grade level. Justice Croskey wrote "California courts have held ... that parents do not have a constitutional right to homeschool their children."

Parents who fail to properly educate their children can be prosecuted criminally under the state's statutes. The court's stated purpose for this is to train students in good citizenship, patriotism and loyalty to the state and the nation. Which sounds a lot more like indoctrination, than education to me.

I have no children, hence I have no dog in this fight. At least not directly. However, I feel that since we encourage people to have children, we should allow them to educate those children as they see fit. Granted there are certain basic skills like reading and writing and arithmetic, which should be a standard baseline. After that, if we truly want to encourage free thinking and the open exchange of ideas in a free society, we should not be dictating every data point that a student must learn.

THE OPTION TO TEACH MY CHILD HOMERIC GREEK OR GEOMETRY FROM EUCLID SHOULD BE MY RIGHT, AND I SHOULDN'T NEED A TEACHING CREDENTIAL TO DO SO.

We are lucky in Santa Monica to have an excellent school system, and access to many cultural and educational venues that are free or nearly free to the public. If I had a child, I would enroll them in the public schools here, but as good as our schools are, that would not be the end of my child's education.

I believe that it is a parent's duty to expand their child's mind, and the state should only demand that the very basics be taught for those who are choosing to go a different route. The option to teach my child Homeric Greek or geometry from Euclid should be my right, and I shouldn't need a teaching credential to do so.

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It's hard to trust City Hall on development

IN ITS FEB. 28 EDITORIAL ("FINDING THE right way to limit development," page 4) the Daily Press opined that the pace of growth in Santa Monica has become too frenetic and suggested we need to "better regulate development and put a stop to the madness we've all experienced."

It's curious then why the Press opposes the Residents' Initiative to Fight Traffic ("RIFT"), which would cut by half the annual rate of Santa Monica's traffic-generating commercial development. Instead, the Press believes the ongoing update of the city's Land Use and Circulation Element (LUCE) — the blueprint for land use and transportation management for the next 20 years — will suffice to slow growth.

I disagree. The Residents' Initiative to Fight Traffic (www.smrift.com) is the only effective way to slow down the continuing over-development of our city. Here's why:

It's important to understand that the LUCE revisions are just a plan, as in "I planned to be at the Lakers game for the tip-off, but traffic heading out of Santa Monica was so bad I didn't even get to the 405 until late in the second quarter."

Plans change. And judging from past City Hall actions, plans change to allow more development.

This is exactly what happened to our city since the last update of LUCE in 1984. Back then, the city's projected amount of commercial development for the next 16 years was surpassed in only six years. And did our city stop growing after it reached the projections it had planned for? Hardly. City Hall just changed the plan. It kept on allowing more commercial growth until our streets became immobilized with traffic. And the planned redevelopment of downtown was supposed to be less dense and include paseos and other public spaces in new buildings. But City Hall changed those plans, too, and away went the paseos.

Another problem with putting all our faith in the LUCE revisions is that while its goals may be wonderful, there is no guarantee many of them will ever be enacted. Here are some examples of those goals; judge for yourself if we can count on them being put into effect:

1. A bicycle network throughout the city: Great idea. Problem is City Hall spent a lot of time and money drafting a Bike

Paths Master Plan more than 10 years ago and hasn't done much to implement it.

2. Transportation Demand Management: A fancy name for expanding City Hall's program to reduce the impacts of workers commuting to jobs in Santa Monica. Another splendid notion, but when I asked a city staffer why it hadn't been expanded years ago, I was told there wasn't enough staff or time to do so. How can we count on that to change?

3. Developer Impact Fees: LUCE proposes to levy fees on new projects and to use the funds to increase mobility around town. The catch? The City Council passed an ordinance in 1996 establishing just such a fee, but City Hall never spent \$30,000 to develop a funding formula. The City's consultant tells me the market would have borne a fee of \$20 per square foot, so in 12 years City Hall has missed out on almost \$40 million in funds for traffic mitigations from commercial projects alone. If City Hall can negligently forfeit that much revenue for traffic mitigations, how can we expect them to offset the impacts of development in the future?

4. Measuring Success: The LUCE revisions call for regularly quantifying their "no net new auto trips" goal. Yet City Hall's own 2005 report states, "current methods do not collect the types of information that could help to identify and evaluate strategies that could create the kind of Santa Monica its residents envision." Despite pleas from neighborhood organizations, the Santa Monica Coalition for a Livable City and the Planning Commission, three years later our City Council hasn't budged on implementing new tools to measure traffic, so we have no baseline of existing conditions on which to gauge the success or failure of LUCE.

If the only lesson of history is that history will repeat itself, we clearly cannot count on city officials to aggressively slow the pace of development and to lessen its traffic impacts, no matter how visionary the LUCE revisions may be.

If one is truly concerned about run-away development, the only way to slow it down is to actually slow it down. By putting an annual cap on commercial growth, that is exactly what RIFT will do.

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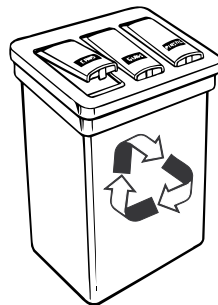
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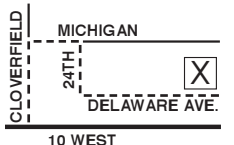
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Looking out for straight couples

BY STEVE LAWRENCE

Associated Press Writer

SACRAMENTO While same-sex couples battle for the right to marry, a lesbian lawmaker is proposing that the state allow heterosexuals to take a step short of going to the altar — registering as domestic partners.

State Sen. Carole Migden, a San Francisco Democrat whose legislation created the state's domestic partner registry in 1999, has introduced a bill that would allow straight couples over age 18 to become domestic partners.

The measure is scheduled to be considered today by the Senate Judiciary Committee. It

comes as the state Supreme Court weighs whether to strike down California's prohibitions against gay marriage.

The state's current domestic partner program covers only same-sex couples and older heterosexual couples who have at least one member who is age 62 or older. There are about 48,000 couples in the registry currently.

Older heterosexual couples were included in the program to enable them to gain some of the same rights as married couples but avoid losing pension and Social Security benefits they held as single adults.

Migden said she also wanted to include younger heterosexuals in the 1999 legislation, but then-Gov. Gray Davis balked.

Her current bill would allow a man and woman to register as domestic partners if they were at least 18, shared a residence and didn't have a blood relationship such as brother and sister that would prohibit them from marrying.

Registering as domestic partners provides couples with many of the rights of their married counterparts, including access to family health insurance plans, stepparent adoption rights, family leave programs and hospital and jail visitation rights.

Migden's proposal passed the Senate last year but died in the Assembly Appropriations Committee. Migden reintroduced it in January.

She says the measure would "create an

equal plain of choice and opportunity" for the growing number of opposite-sex couples who live together but don't get married for a variety of reasons.

Conservative groups that oppose gay marriage and domestic partnerships contend Migden's bill would severely weaken the institution of marriage, but Migden says she is merely responding to a trend away from traditional marriage that already is taking place.

"It's not for me to proselytize," Migden said. "These are social patterns. Families are changing. Young people are often having children and not rushing to marry."

"Straight couples and families should have the same rights as gay couples and families."

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High salaries take a hit

By Associated Press

LOS ANGELES Taxpayer advocates are condemning hefty salary hikes for Los Angeles County's new deputy chief executive officers and staff.

The Board of Supervisors had touted last year's restructuring at the top as a way to boost accountability and efficiency, but the executive office budget has swelled from \$27.7 million last year to \$41.2 million.

The Daily News also notes Monday that each of the five new deputy CEOs get more than \$200,000 each, and each deputy's executive secretary makes \$73,000 a year or more.

California Taxpayers' Association spokesman David Kline says the county will be haunted by the high salaries, noting there are long-term increases in the costs of benefits and pensions.

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NATIONAL BRIEFS

NEW YORK
Alleged link to prostitution forces Spitzer to apologize

Gov. Eliot Spitzer, the crusading politician who built his career on rooting out corruption, apologized Monday after allegations surfaced that he paid thousands of dollars for a high-end call girl. He did not elaborate on the scandal, which drew calls for his resignation.

At a hastily called news conference, Spitzer stood next to his stone-faced wife and bit his lips, telling reporters: "I have acted in a way that violates my obligations to my family." "I have disappointed and failed to live up to the standard I expected of myself," he said. "I must now dedicate some time to regain the trust of my family."

As he walked out, reporters shouted: "Will you resign?" He did not answer.

The New York Democrat's involvement in the ring was caught on a federal wiretap as part of an investigation opened in recent months, according to a law enforcement official who spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because of the ongoing inquiry.

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COLUMBUS, Miss.
Obama ridicules idea of second spot

Democrat Barack Obama ridiculed the idea of being Hillary Rodham Clinton's running mate Monday, saying voters must choose between the two for the top spot on the fall ticket. The Illinois senator used his first public appearance of the week to knock down the notion that he might accept the party's vice presidential nomination.

He noted that he has won more states, votes and delegates than Clinton so far.

"I don't know how somebody who is in second place is offering the vice presidency to the person who is first place," Obama said, drawing cheers and a long standing ovation from about 1,700 people in Columbus, Miss.

Saying he wanted to be "absolutely clear," he added: "I don't want anybody here thinking that somehow, 'Well, you know, maybe I can get both.' Don't think that way. You have to make a choice in this election."

"I am not running for vice president," Obama said. "I am running for president of the United States of America."

AP

WASHINGTON
Bush sending Cheney to Mideast to press for peace

President Bush, dispatching Vice President Dick Cheney to the Middle East, said the goal is to get Israelis and Palestinians to hold firm to the promises they've made toward peace.

Bush said Monday in the Oval Office that Cheney would "reassure people that the United States is committed to a vision of peace in the Middle East."

As Cheney tries to help hold together fragile negotiations between Israelis and Palestinians, Bush says he's still optimistic that a peace deal can happen before he leaves office.

Cheney departs Sunday for a trip to Oman, Saudi Arabia, Israel, the West Bank and Turkey. Oil is also on his agenda, as the White House – coping with high energy prices that have socked American consumers – continues to push for greater oil production in the Mideast.

The vice president's visit comes on the heels of a brief troubleshooting mission to the Mideast by Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice. She was able to pressure the moderate Palestinian leadership to resume peace talks with Israel, which broke off after a deadly Israeli military incursion into Gaza.

AP

PHOENIX
McCain aims to ignite campaign with three tours

Sen. John McCain is finding out what the Republican presidential nomination is worth this week. Then he plans to buff his foreign policy credentials, remind the nation of his long military history and try to frame the issues for the November election – in three separate tours while his two Democratic opponents continue to struggle for their party's nomination.

"Whenever you're the nominee of your party, I think people will want to re-examine the candidate," the senator said before leaving Arizona following a weekend at home. "I'd like to believe that all 300 million Americans know me, but unfortunately, that's not the case. I'll have to work hard to attract their votes."

But first, the 71-year-old McCain had a full medical screening on Monday.

While McCain has previously been treated for skin cancer, he said there was nothing that precipitated his visit, which included a full medical workup. He said his dermatologist also performed a cancer screening during the past few weeks. Results from all the exams will be released April 15, he said.

"Everything's fine," McCain told reporters during a news conference. "Like most Americans, I go see my doctor fairly frequently."

AP

CHICAGO
Alzheimer's study shows hereditary link

One parent with Alzheimer's disease is tough enough, but imagine the memory-robbing illness striking both parents – and knowing chances are high you'll get it, too. A study of more than 100 families for the first time gauges the size of that risk.

"I'm scared," said Jackie Lustig, 52, of Sudbury, Mass., whose father died of Alzheimer's and whose mother is living it. "I'm hoping to heck that the pharmaceutical companies come up with something better than there is now. It's not a nice way to go."

The study, appearing in March's Archives of Neurology, found more than 22 percent of the adult children of 111 couples with Alzheimer's had the disease themselves. Risk grew with age. Among offspring older than 60, more than 30 percent were affected. In those older than 70, nearly 42 percent had the disease. Prior studies have found a 6 to 13 percent prevalence of the disease in the U.S. population older than 65.

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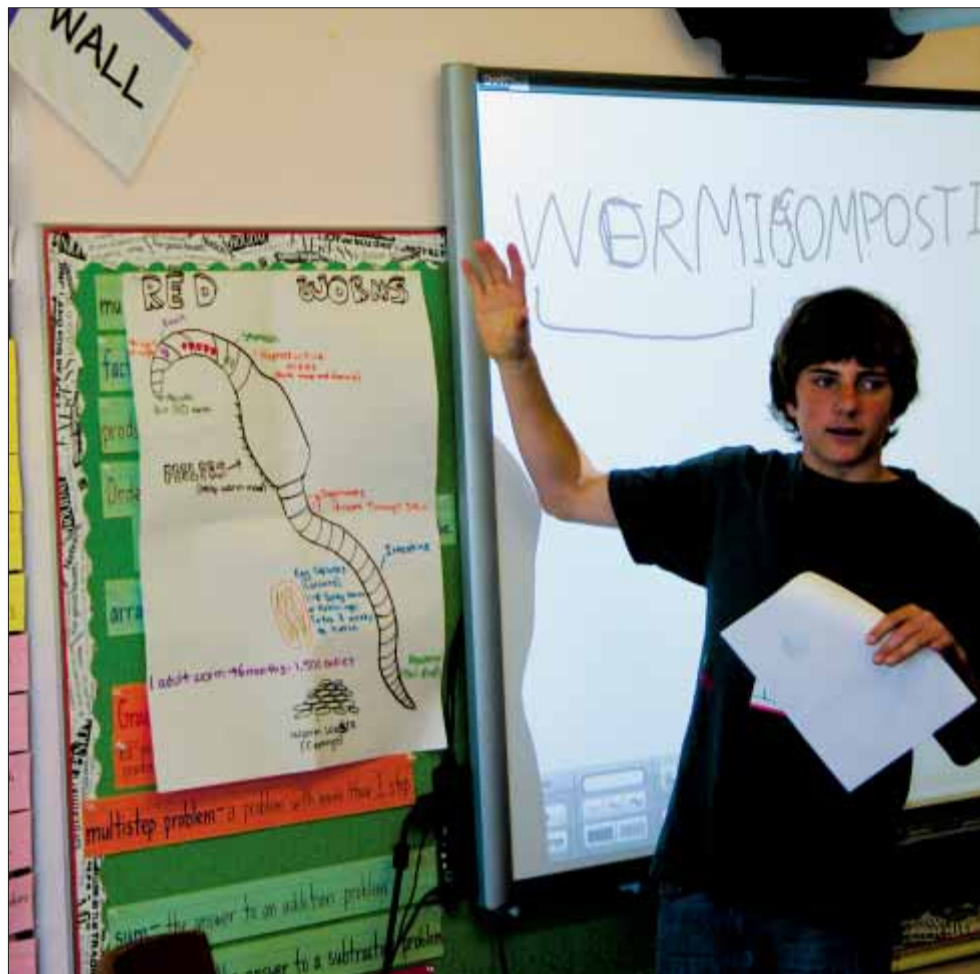


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Students learn what it takes to teach



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KIDS TEACH KIDS: Samohi student Ian Spencer teaches a third-grade class about worm composting — using worms to feed off food waste — on Monday at John Muir Elementary. The Samohi freshman is part of the Peer Partners program, which brings high school students into elementary classrooms to teach young kids about environmental issues.

FROM PEER PARTNERS PAGE 1

(Samohi) kids,” Edie said on Monday.

The program works with a different class at Samohi every year and Matt Mabrey’s freshmen honors biology section was selected this year, focusing on a different environmental topic each semester. The students have participated in a series of workshops since the beginning of the spring semester, learning about the topic — composting — from guest speakers and doing trial-run presentations after they finalized their lesson plans.

When Lauren Nadel and Lianna Cohen made their first presentation in the fall, they catered their lesson plan to the second-grade audience, but were surprised to learn just how knowledgeable the students were about the topic. With that experience in mind, the two freshmen decided to enhance the difficulty level of their instruction, coming back to that same second grade class on Monday.

“The kids are just the same as us, they just haven’t learned as much,” Nadel said.

Perhaps the biggest challenge in running a lesson is to keep the discussion on topic as some of the elementary school students tend to go off on tangents with their questions. In one of the classes, the elementary students were learning about worm composting when several of the kids started asking questions such as how long worms live.

Such challenges have given the students a newfound respect for their teachers.

“Now when I’m in class, I recognize what

the teachers do is what we’ve been taught to do, such as reading (a sentence) over and over,” Cohen said.

Mabrey, who is in his first year teaching at Samohi, said he has noticed a maturity in his students, a shot up in confidence level and dedication.

“The kids put in a lot of hours and I can tell they own the presentations and put in the maximum and not just the minimum,” Mabrey said. “The enthusiasm that I see is something that I can’t teach.”

The enthusiasm extends to the pupils in the program.

Lori Hanson, who teaches the third grade, said her students were excited when they were told that a group of high school students would be paying them a visit that morning. It is because of that enthusiasm that Hanson believes the elementary school students are grasping the lesson.

“You can see how closely they’re paying attention,” Hanson said, pointing to some kids who couldn’t seem to take their eyes off the Samohi students.

City Hall’s participation in the \$5,000 program, is part of its goals to educate the public about environmental issues, according to Andrew Basmajian, the environmental outreach coordinator for City Hall.

“It’s a function of our public mandate to inform the public and kids just have to be a part of that equation,” Basmajian said.

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FAA proposes adding larger buffer zones

FROM DEAL PAGE 1

Ewell and Mayor Pro Tem Richard Bloom, met with congressional members in late January about safety issues at the airport.

"We are very clear that we need a meaningful runway safety solution for both ends of the runway," Kate Vernez, assistant to the City Manager, said on Monday.

The outcome of closed session could determine the future of the ordinance.

"That will determine whether or not we pass that ordinance tomorrow night or wait," Mayor Herb Katz said on Monday.

The council introduced and passed the first reading of the ordinance late last year. The law, if passed, would ban the C and D class aircraft — the former which approaches the runway at 121-140 knots and the latter at 141-165 knots.

The FAA has indicated in the past that it

would challenge such an ordinance.

"We think this (proposal) is another excellent safety option for the city to consider," Gregor said.

Brian Bland, a member of Friends of Sunset Park and serves on the neighborhood group's airport committee, said he was hopeful that the council would push the ordinance forward, adding he doesn't want to have to wait another two weeks.

Bland, who learned the FAA had made a proposal over the weekend, said the residents have been trying to pressure the FAA to get the safety issue resolved.

"What we liked to remind the city and the FAA and the congressional staff is this has been going on for years already and it's time to move ahead," Bland said. "We've been waiting, waiting, waiting ever since the first reading."

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Samohi wins overtime thriller

FROM STATE CHAMPS PAGE 3

a cornerkick. Three Poway forwards came at Freedman, and he couldn't stop the ball, resulting in a 1-1 tie.

Gatell knew the momentum had swung to Poway, but he remained positive.

"The best thing is, even after you get scored on, you've already proven you can score," Gatell said. "So the question of scoring again is gone. You need to muster up and do it again."

The rest of the game was a battle, as both defenses sat back and waited for the other to blink. It didn't happen.

The Titans missed two shots wide of the goal, and Samohi couldn't piece together a solid attack.

Regulation ended in a 1-1 tie, forcing the game into overtime. Under new CIF rules, the state division championship game overtime is a 15 minute sudden death, meaning the first team to score wins the game. If no one scores at the end of 15 minutes, the game advances to penalty kicks.

"I just told my players, it comes down to

heart. It had to be bigger than Poways," Gatell said.

After Magana's game-winning shot, the players realized they reached their goal of a perfect season.

"It means everything. A perfect season, that's what we all wanted," Magana said. "We went undefeated, taking CIF and state. You can't ask for more."

The players were also excited Samohi was finally getting the recognition it deserved.

"Now, all the schools in California pretty much respect us," Martinez said. "They know who Santa Monica [High School] is now and won't think we're a little division IV team who can't do anything."

After all the celebrating, the team got together one last time on the bus ride home, and it finally sank in. The game was the last time they would ever play together on a soccer field.

"We have 13 seniors, and we wanted to make it special," Freedman said. "We wanted this to be the best year out of these seniors' careers. They deserved it."

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Council to consider redeveloping affordable housing for homeless

FROM CONSENT PAGE 3

income Santa Monica homeless persons," the staff report states.

There are an estimated 100 to 300 chronically homeless individuals on city streets on a given day, according to staff.

Part of the staff's recommendation is to retain a housing provider to operate the building as permanent supportive housing and keep Daybreak as one of the tenants.

Since parts of the building's systems have already been upgraded or replaced, the cost for rehabilitation is estimated to be between \$600,000 and \$800,000.

The council is also expected to pick up an option on its lease with the Ocean Park Restaurant Corporation (OPRC) for the use of a more than 50,000 square foot

space at 2640 Main St., known as "Heritage Square." The Santa Monica Farmers' Market also operates at the site every Sunday.

The OPRC entered a 30-year lease with City Hall in 1978, an agreement that includes five, five year-options. The OPRC plans to exercise the first option starting May 15 and is asking that rather than increasing the rent percentage payment from 5 percent to 7 percent of gross receipts — as outlined in the original lease — that the amount be kept at 5 percent. If council approves the request, City Hall could stand to lose about \$44,000 in rent. The rent percentage payment would be kept at 5 percent for as long as the farmers' market also operates at the site.

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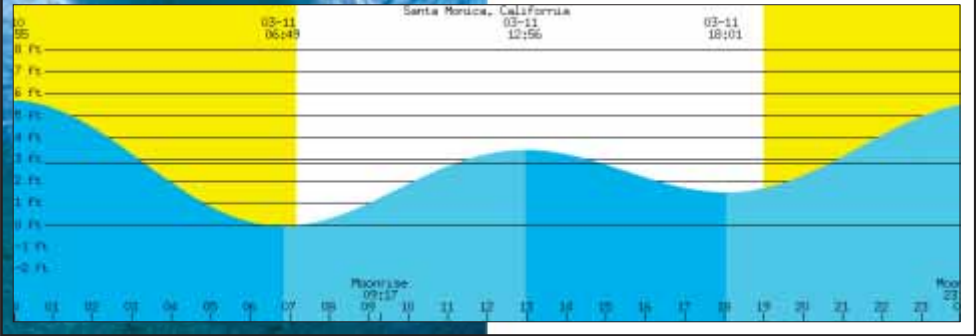


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Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth	A+	A	Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence	A+	F
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth	A+	A	Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain	A+	A+
El Pescador State Beach, between Lachusa and Los Aliso creeks	A+	A+	Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain	A+	F
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach	A+	A+	Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua)	F	F
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth	A+	F	Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain	A+	F
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth	A+	F	Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain	A+	F
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private)	A+	A+	Santa Monica Municipal Pier	D	F
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth	F	F	Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain	B	F
Escondido Canyon, just east of Escondido State Beach	A+	A	Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms)	A+	C
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth	A+	D	Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain	A+	A
Solstice Canyon at Dan Blocker County Beach	A+	A	Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain	A+	B
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth	F	F	Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain	D	F
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd.	A+	F	Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain	A	A+
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence	A+	F	Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south	A+	D
Surfrider Beach (beach location)- daily	F	B	Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St.	A+	D
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east	F	F	Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- lifeguard tower	B	C
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon	A+	A+	Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth	D	D
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero)	B	A+	Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain	A+	A+
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs	F	A	North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach	A+	A+
Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach	A+	A+	Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of D&W jetty)	A+	F
Tuna Canyon	A+	A+	Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain	A+	A+
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Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	F	F	Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain	A+	D
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	A+	F			
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NBA

Miami’s Wade shuts it down

By Associated Press

MIAMI Dwyane Wade's season with the Miami Heat is over.

Coach Pat Riley announced Monday that Wade, the All-Star guard and 2006 NBA finals MVP, will sit out Miami's final 21 games after battling left knee pain throughout the season.

"I thought it would eventually go away," Wade said. "Some days it feels great, and some days it doesn't. I just want to get to the point where it feels great."

The move was expected, although the timing — with so much of the season still to play — was mildly surprising.

"I think it's time," Riley said.

Wade missed Miami's game against the Golden State Warriors on Friday because of knee stiffness, telling Riley at the time that it pained him just to get out of bed.

The next day, Wade looked strong playing in Atlanta. But with all hope of the playoffs gone, the Heat — the NBA's worst team at 11-50 — and Wade decided Monday that the time was right to give the franchise's best player additional time to heal and rest.

As recently as last Thursday, Wade said that even though the knee is sore, he wanted to continue playing.

"I don't want to cut my minutes back," Wade said, when asked why he still wanted to play this season. "If it's going to happen, it's going to happen. And whenever that day is, if it comes, I'll just start preparing for the summer and rehabbing. But the day is not today."

The day came four days later.

"I'm just trying to stay positive right now," Heat forward Shawn Marion said. "All you can do, really."

Wade will turn to therapy in hopes of getting his knee back to top form.

Later this week, he'll undergo OssaTron treatment — a high-tech, high-powered form of shock wave therapy. The non-surgical procedure lasts about 30 minutes, and afterward, Wade will be limited to passive exercise (such as swimming and bicycle work) for the first 30 days. After that, he may return to basketball-related activity.

Riley, who consulted with team physician Dr. Harlan Selesnick about the treatment, said the Heat will have the OssaTron machine delivered "in the next day or two."

"The knee will be hit with shock waves, electrical shock waves," Riley said. "It's actually a pretty painful procedure."

NFL

Green to play backup for Rams

By Associated Press

ST. LOUIS Trent Green, who ended last season on injured reserve after his second concussion in 13 months, agreed to terms on a three-year contract with the St. Louis Rams on Monday.

In his second stint with the Rams, Green will be the backup behind Marc Bulger. He was supposed to be the starter in 1999 before a preseason knee surgery paved the way for Kurt Warner, who led the Rams to their first Super Bowl victory.

Green visited Rams Park last week and had

OssaTron has been used to treat injuries such as plantar fasciitis and tennis elbow when other more conventional treatments fail to bring as much relief as a patient would like. Heat center Alonzo Mourning has undergone the same procedure in the past to alleviate tendinitis, Riley said, and Heat guard Chris Quinn also used the machine in college.

"It's had a lot of great results," Riley said.

Wade, who had surgery on his left knee and left shoulder last May, will have a long summer.

I THOUGHT IT WOULD EVENTUALLY GO AWAY. SOME DAYS IT FEELS GREAT, AND SOME DAYS IT DOESN'T. I JUST WANT TO GET TO THE POINT WHERE IT FEELS GREAT."

Dwyane Wade
NBA ALL-STAR

He still intends to be part of USA Basketball's team that will compete in the Beijing Olympics in August, and the Heat will open training camp about four weeks after the games. So getting him time to rest and further rehabilitate the knee now, in Miami's eyes, seems paramount.

Wade finishes the season averaging 24.6 points, fifth-best in the NBA.

He becomes the third Heat player who's out for the season because of injuries, adding to a litany of roster woes in Miami. Mourning and forward Dorell Wright both suffered knee injuries and will not play the rest of the year.

A number of other Heat players are also nicked up right now, including forward Udonis Haslem (ankle), guard Marcus Banks (hamstring) and center Earl Barron (knee). Banks will miss at least a week and possibly more, Riley said.

A roster spot became open Monday when Miami waived guard Smush Parker, who has been inactive most of the season because of a legal matter. Riley has said he's considering signing a player or two to a 10-day contract.

been mulling a decision whether to keep playing. He replaces Gus Frerotte as Bulger's backup.

"We have now solidified our quarterback position," coach Scott Linehan said. "You will be hard-pressed to find the quality we have at that position."

Both Green and Bulger have played in two Pro Bowls.

Green was released by the Dolphins last month. He played for the Kansas City Chiefs from 2001-06, starting every game the first five seasons and the first game of 2006 for a franchise-record 81-game streak.

Free at last

The Game spends eight days in jail on gun charge

JAYCEON TAYLOR, the rapper known as "The Game," is free Monday after serving eight days in jail on a no contest plea to possession of a firearm in a school zone.

The 28-year-old musician was sentenced Feb. 11 to 60 days in jail – with credit for two days already served – immediately after his plea.

Taylor also was ordered to perform 150 hours of community service and spend three years on probation.

He was released from jail at 11:44 p.m. Sunday, according to the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Inmate Information Center Web site.

The case stemmed from a Feb. 24, 2007, run-in with a man on an opposing team during a basketball game in South Los Angeles. Two other charges – making criminal threats and exhibiting a



firearm on the grounds of a facility for minors – were dismissed as a result of the plea.

Taylor surrendered March 2 at the Inmate Reception Center to begin serving his term. Taylor, who grew up in Compton, was arrested last May by Los Angeles police officers executing a search warrant at his Glendale home.

Taylor's debut CD, "The Documentary," featuring the hit singles, "How We Do" and "Hate It or Love It," earned him two Grammy Award nominations.

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ONE BIG MISUNDERSTANDING

LISA MARIE PRESLEY has sued a British newspaper for alleging that she was piling on the pounds because of her unhealthy appetite, her lawyer said Monday.

Presley, who is pregnant, alleges in a suit filed at London's High Court on Friday that the story in Britain's Daily Mail was slanderous and degrading. The newspaper has since reported on the 40-year-old singer's pregnancy.

"Once they got a glimpse of my expanding physique a few days ago, they have been like a pack of coyotes circling their prey whilst eerily howling with delight," she said on her blog.

The daughter of the late singer Elvis Presley claims the pictures taken at a Hollywood restaurant last week forced her to go public about the baby she is having with her fourth husband, music producer Michael Lockwood.

AP

Relax tonight, Pisces

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ Others demonstrate recognition and understanding of what you are capable of. Tonight: Treat yourself to a new item for spring.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★★ You smile, and others warm up. Tonight: Ask, and you shall (probably) receive.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★ Know when to back off. Tonight: Yawn – get some sleep.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★★ Zero in on your desires. Tonight: Be with anyone; just don't be alone!

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ Stay on top of your game. Others might be watching, and you certainly don't want to trip under these circumstances. Tonight: Could be late.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ Reach out for others at a distance. Tonight: Take in new vistas.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ If someone seems stubborn and resist-

ant, don't be surprised. Tonight: Togetherness works.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ You might want to think a situation over while others are making a pronouncement about what will and won't work. Tonight: Weigh different options.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ It's all or nothing with your sign as you toss yourself into a project or two. Tonight: Have you heard of sleep?

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★★ Your creativity comes out no matter what you encounter. Tonight: Enjoy life, and worry little about what night of the week it is.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★ If you can check out an investment involving property, do. Tonight: Happy at home.

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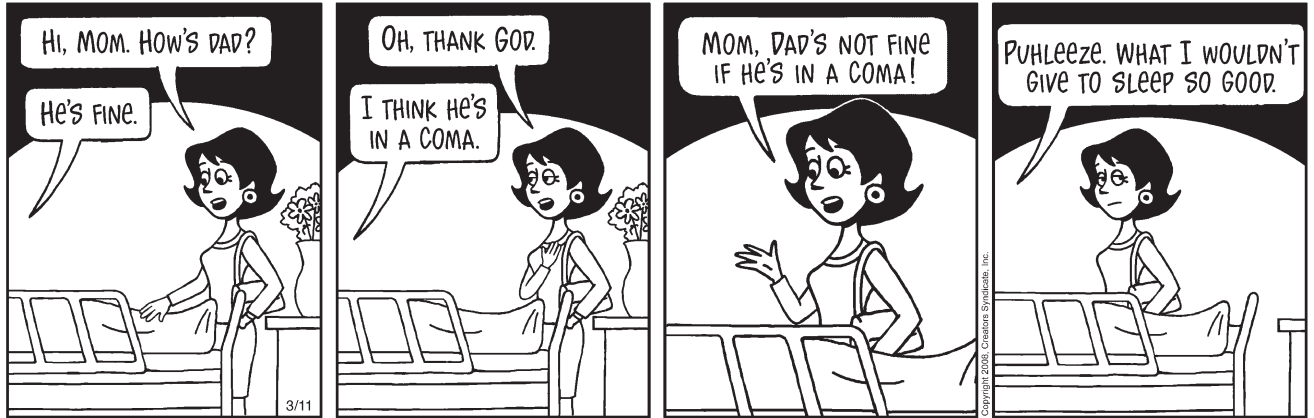
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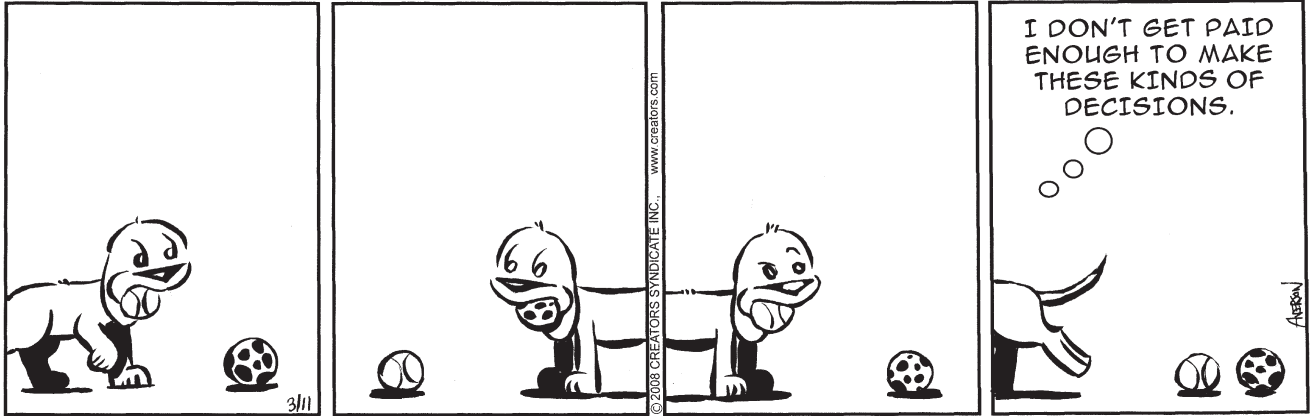
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Yesterday's answer

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- 2 Stage direction
- 3 Operative
- 4 Tyler of film
- 5 Female prophet
- 6 Tiffs
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- 8 Trattoria dish
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- 10 Cunning
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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ **Life's Necessities:** (1) In January, Taser International introduced the Taser MPH, a combination dart-firing weapon and MP3 music player (that holds 150 songs). (2) In November, Bergdorf Goodman in New York City revealed that it was offering showings of the Guerlain cosmetic house's "KissKiss Gold and Diamonds" lipstick, which retails for \$62,000 (housed in an 18-karat gold tube containing 2.2 carats of diamonds).

■ **Would "News of the Weird" Exist Without Alcohol?** (1) On Nov. 18, two inebriated men in separate cars, driving by the Carpet Classic Floor Studio in Highland Township, Mich., lost control at the same time, and both smashed into the store. (2) Christopher Dougherty, 22, the subject of a "drunk pedestrian" police call in Kingsport, Tenn., on Oct. 14, was tracked to a Hardee's restaurant, where he was face-down in a plate of gravy. (3) Tina Williams was arrested in St. Augustine, Fla., on Super Bowl Sunday, charged with DUI and failure to have her 1-year-old daughter seat-belted or in a car seat. However, a case of Busch beer was safely buckled up in the front seat.

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1845 British citizen Henry Jones invents self-raising flour.

1848 Louis-Hippolyte Lafontaine and Robert Baldwin become the first Prime Ministers of the Province of Canada to be democratically elected under a system of responsible government.

1861 American Civil War: The Constitution of the Confederate States of America is adopted.

1864 The Great Sheffield Flood: The largest man-made disaster ever to befall England kills over 250 people in Sheffield.

1867 The first performance of Don Carlos written by Verdi.

1872 Work began erecting Seven Sisters Colliery, South Wales; Located on one of the richest coal sources in Britain.

1872 The Meiji Japanese government officially annexes the Ryukyu Kingdom into what would become the Okinawa prefecture.

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Born in Cartago, Costa Rica on the 26th of June 1919, she emigrated to New Orleans, Louisiana in 1926 with her parents and seven siblings. As an honor student throughout her schooling, Haydée received full academic scholarships. First to St. Mary's Dominican College wher she received her B.A. "cum laude," then to L.S.U. for her M.A.
(WWII delayed her career in education, as she worked for the War Department, translating Spanish-language documents, targeted mail, & periodicals into English. She was awarded their Certificate of Merit for the discovery of a Nazi submarine refueling operation in the Gulf of Mexico, off the coast of Florida.)
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