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Santa Monica rallies to support Japan

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITYWIDE As news stations play and replay the catastrophic damage caused by the earthquake and tsunami that struck an unsuspecting Japan, the Santa Monica community has banded together to support those affected by the disaster both abroad and closer to home.

As of Thursday, nearly 10,000 people are thought to have died in the earthquake and tsunami, and the threat of nuclear melt down and contamination reached a high point with a surge in radiation levels from the power plants in the Fukushima Dai-ichi complex, the Associated Press reported.

In Santa Monica, charitable organizations and private enterprises have begun collecting money to aid in the rescue effort.

Santa Monica's Red Cross chapter has seen a flood of donations, said volunteer Jade Balfour.

Balfour, who works at the office on 11th Street, said that over 100 people have donated to the effort so far, with more coming in.

The organization will also be holding a "drive-through" event on Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. in the office's parking lot, and the national group encourages donors to

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Feds deploy more radiation monitors along West Coast

ASSOCIATED PRESS

SAN FRANCISCO More radiation monitors are being deployed in the western United States and Pacific territories, as officials seek to mollify public concern over exposure from damaged nuclear plants in Japan, federal environmental regulators said.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency already monitors radiation throughout the area as part of its RadNet system, which measures levels in air, drinking water, milk and rain.

The additional monitors are being deployed in response to the ongoing nuclear crisis in Japan, where emergency workers are attempting to cool overheated reactors damaged by last week's magnitude-9.0 earthquake and tsunami.

Officials with the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission said they do not expect harmful radiation levels to reach the U.S. from Japan.

"The agency decided out of an abundance of caution to send these deployable monitors in order to get some monitors on the ground closer to Japan," said Jonathan Edwards, director of EPA's radiation protection division.

California already has 12 monitoring stations scattered throughout the state that test the air for radiation levels. EPA also has 40 so-called "deployable" monitors that can be moved around in cases of emergency.

EPA told The Associated Press it is adding two more stations in Hawaii and two in Guam. In Alaska, officials are setting up three new monitors in Dutch Harbor, Nome and Juneau.

The idea is to get a better geographic spread of monitoring equipment than cur-

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NICE WORK: **Art lovers admire the works of artists Zafer Sari at last year's Airport Artwalk. This year's event is part of the Buy Local Expo.**

Creativity flies high at Airport Artwalk

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

SMO Sixty artists will demonstrate their wares at the fifth annual Airport Artwalk, a festival celebrating local products, food and fun in conjunction with the Buy Local Expo taking place on Saturday.

Visitors will get the opportunity to peruse works of art and take in theater, courtesy of the Ruskin Theater group, and tunes from the Mad Alsacians, an accordion-driven ensemble that performs early 20th century French music.

Galleries are also putting on workshops for children, including 30-minute painting

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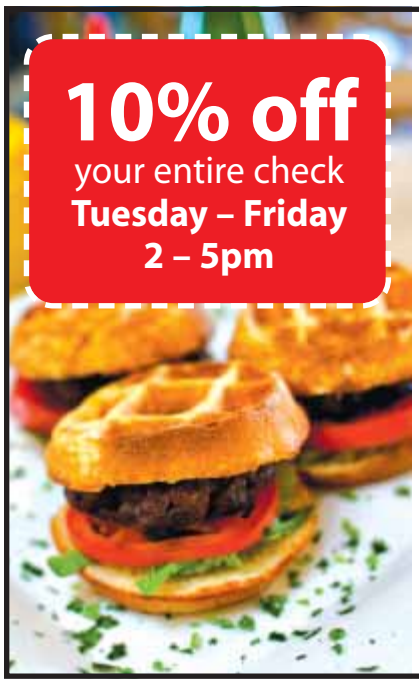
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Peripheral neuropathy talk
Santa Monica Family YMCA
1332 Sixth St., 12 p.m.
UCLA neurologist, William Buxton, MD, will discuss causes, symptoms and treatment options of peripheral neuropathy. Registration in advance is required. Picture ID is required for non-members. Free underground parking is available. For more information and registration, contact Lidia Magarian, Senior Program Director at the YMCA at (310) 393-2721 Ext. 129 or e-mail at lidiam@ymcasm.org.

Data transfer 101
MacMall
1505 Wilshire Blvd., 6:30 p.m.
Experts teach you the latest in sharing data across multiple platforms including the iPhone, iPad and iTouch. This is a free event. For more information, call (310) 394-7779.

Friday, March 18, 2011

Build green
Annenberg Community Beach House
415 PCH, 9 a.m.
There is no doubt that green building mandates constitute a growing trend among state and local jurisdictions. Nothing evidences this more than California's new CAL Green building code, which requires that all new construction in California conform to strict environmental standards never before imposed on the real estate industry. Experts in the field help guide you through some of the finer points of this new movement. For more information, call (800) 574-4852.

Hug a tree
Palisades Park
Corner of Colorado and Ocean avenues, 6 p.m.
The "Hug a Tree and a Tree Hugger" event celebrates the role trees play in our community. The event will be held at the Children's Tree of Life. This is part of the "Tree Hugging Weekend."

Art of the Matter
Herb Alpert Educational Village
3131 Olympic Blvd.
New Roads School hosts the Art of the Matter, an exhibition and one-night auction showcasing a varied and vibrant array of works by leading contemporary artists from Los Angeles and beyond. The Friday evening auction is open to the art-collecting community, and all proceeds from the event benefit the unique financial aid program at New Roads School which provides need-based financial assistance to over 50 percent of New Roads families each year. For more info, visit www.newroads.org.

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ANOTHER DAY IN PARADISE

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People relax on the sand at Santa Monica Beach on Wednesday afternoon. Thursday's temps are expected to reach the mid 60s.

Some divorced families vacation together

KAREN SCHWARTZ
For The Associated Press

Actor Bruce Willis has done it. So has Britain's Prince Andrew and media mogul Arianna Huffington.

They've all vacationed with their ex-spouses and kids.

While such post-marital closeness is inconceivable to some divorced couples, others say it's a great way to save money and to foster good memories, for the children — and even the parents.

"If you get along with your ex it can be very easy to do," said Mike Geoffrion, 39, who has vacationed with his ex-wife, Janna, and kids, including a trip to Disneyland.

Geoffrion, who manages a bike store in Fort Collins, Colo., divorced in 2006 after six years of marriage but thinks the joint vacations have been nice for the kids as well as the adults. Supervising and entertaining children is less stressful with two parents, he said, and he enjoyed the adult interaction. "You get tired of talking to an 8-year-old over nice, expensive dinners," he said.

Vacationing together has also worked well for Meredith Morton, 39, an actress in Los Angeles, and her ex-husband, Shane Edelman. When they first divorced in 2004, they took vacations with their infant son, Ace, because they both wanted to enjoy his "firsts." Since then they have each remarried, yet continue to vacation en masse with their new spouses, Ace, and his three half-siblings.

Most recently, they rented a large house in Palm Springs, Calif., and spent three days relaxing by the pool, playing with the children and making fun of golfers.

"It wasn't just like we were just sharing rent. We went to be with them," Morton explained.

It helps that her husband, Scott Cutler, a music producer, gets along with Edelman. For one thing, Cutler likes to eat, and Edelman likes to cook.

"Die Hard" actor Willis has vacationed with his former wife, Demi Moore, their three daughters, and her current husband, Ashton Kutcher. "It's hard to understand, but we go on holidays together," he told Vanity Fair in a 2007 interview. "We still raise our kids together — we still have that bond."

Fran Walfish, a psychologist in Beverly Hills, Calif., and author of "The Self-Aware Parent," said divorced couples vacationing amicably with their kids "gets my complete endorsement."

But she cautioned, children of divorce often fantasize that their parents will reunite, and vacationing together might feed that. Parents need to be clear that the trip is a special event, like a Disney visit or a birthday trip, "and say, 'We really just wanted to both be with you.' "

Prince Andrew and Sarah Ferguson, both 51, have made a ski trip with their two daughters a nearly annual event since their divorce in 1996.

Huffington, 60, waited 12 years after her divorce to vacation with her ex-husband, former Republican Congressman Michael Huffington, and their teen daughters.

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Anti-hunger campaign aims to feed more kids

ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES More than half of Los Angeles County youths eligible for school breakfasts don't take advantage of the free meals, while almost half who qualify for free or low cost school lunches don't sign up for them.

A coalition of celebrities, government leaders, corporations and nonprofits say that has to change. They launched a drive dubbed "No Kid Hungry" on Wednesday to get more children to sign up for federally funded nutrition programs, which also include free meals during the summer and in child-care centers.

The drive's initial goal is to sign up 10 percent more kids for the breakfast program over the next year.

"This is a mission we shouldn't be fighting, a mission that should be solved," said chef Guy Fieri, who hosts a Food Network TV show. "We have the resources."

Fieri will be one of the campaign's celebrity faces. Actor Jeff Bridges, who founded the End Hunger Network in 1983, is serving as the campaign's national spokesman.

Bridges noted the problem isn't a lack of programs. "The problem is to have these programs used," he said.

The reasons behind low enrollment in the programs are myriad, ranging from kids embarrassed about low-income family circumstances to illegal immigrants afraid that signing up for a government program will lead to deportation.

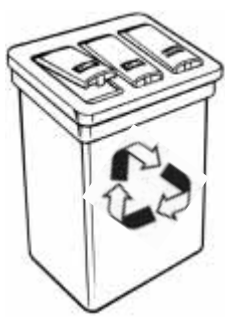
Red tape and low federal reimbursement for food costs have been other trouble spots.

U.S. Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack, who attended the launch at a Watts elementary school, said the three-month-old Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act boosts reimbursement and greatly simplifies rules, both of which should serve as incentives for schools and child-care centers to increase enrollment.

Anti-hunger nonprofit Share Our Strength has been looking at solutions to other obstacles, such as kids having to get to school early to eat the breakfast, said Executive Director Billy Shore.

A school in Compton, for example, serves breakfasts on a cart wheeled around to classrooms during homeroom, he said, noting $1 billion in federal funding for food programs is not used every year.

Bridges, who has taped a radio public service announcement urging participation, said he wants to make a documentary that would focus on innovative programs to combat hunger, including gardening, and also advocates a "universal breakfast" program that would be available to all school kids if they want it, to erase the stigma.

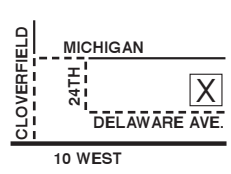


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Be prepared for tsunamis

Editor:

I read Mr. David Pisarra's latest column ("Some things can't be prepared for," What's the point, March 15) with great dismay. Several years ago I participated in producing a book of planning and design guidelines for tsunami hazards for the federal government. Mr. Pisarra's assertion that "no amount of preparation could prevent the damage that happened" could not be further from the truth. In fact there is a great deal that can be done to prepare for just such an eventuality.

Many things can be done on a regional level, from designing sites better and even changing land uses, to making more protective buildings that provide elevated shelters. More importantly, warning programs can alert residents to the danger of a tsunami, and direct people to safe areas in time. All of these are clearly explained in the guidelines book, which can be downloaded at no charge from the California Emergency Management Agency here: tinyurl.com/6fey3gl.

More immediately, residents should pay attention to the news and be alert to help from the police. If you're on the beach and find a police helicopter hovering above with loudspeakers warning of a tsunami, do what they say and get off the beach. A national newspaper quoted a bicycle vendor on the Santa Monica beach scoffing at such warnings. He survived the 1983 storms, he said, and had no fear of large waves. That fellow was lucky, not smart. Even a four-foot wave arriving at three hundred miles an hour would have made short thrift of both his bicycles and his noggin.

Although not all coastal areas are vulnerable, several locations in town are, and those have tsunami warning signs pointing to evacuation routes. It is worth heeding them. If Mr. Pisarra and others wish to make an impact on tsunami preparedness, they should contact their congressional representatives. Last month, in a moment of I-can-see-Russia-from-here lunacy, the House proposed to chop funding for NOAA, the agency that tracks and provides tornado and tsunami warnings. Having to deal with unexpected disasters is bad enough. Coping with deliberately-made ones is even worse.

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Life Matters

JoAnne Barge & Katrina Davy Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Workplace bully doesn't just take your lunch money

DEAR NEW SHRINK,

I have been in my current job for a little over three months now. I have really enjoyed my work and I'm doing well at my job. However, there is another woman in my department who has been extremely negative toward me. She will challenge me in meetings and often criticizes me in front of others. On several occasions she has invited everyone but me to lunch. Do bullies really exist in the workplace or am I just overly sensitive or paranoid? Do you have any thoughts on why she might be targeting me?

Signed,
Bullied at Work

DEAR BULLIED,

I am very sorry to hear about your situation. Yes, unfortunately bullies do exist in the workplace — they exist virtually everywhere. A bully is simply someone who uses words, physical actions, or threats to intimidate others. You are also not alone; estimates suggest that nearly 54 percent of Americans experience some sort of bully in their workplace.

Bullies often have a variety of reasons for their actions. In some cases bullies are actually intimidated or feel threatened by others and instead of dealing with those feelings they project them onto someone else. If a bully sees that you have great ideas, he or she may feel threatened about their own performance and attempt to find ways to threaten or scare you from bringing up additional ideas. Take for instance the fact that this woman in your office challenges you during meetings. It is likely that she feels intimidated by you and wants to challenge or threaten your credibility with the rest of the staff. If she can use her words or actions to keep you from sharing good ideas, she can remain in control. Similarly she may find that you are making strong friendships with your colleagues, which may threaten her power over others in the office. For this reason she may be excluding you from lunch to keep her sense of control and to show you "who's boss."

Dealing with a workplace bully takes careful planning and commitment. Start by talking with a mentor or trusted colleague. You may be able to start by asking a trusted associate if they notice anything unique about the way this person interacts with you. This colleague may also be able to share with you the techniques they use for effectively communicating or dealing with your troublesome co-worker. If you have a mentor you might want to call upon this person for advice as well. Gaining advice from an industry professional can help you to create and action plan and gauge the appropriate next steps.

Make sure your supervisor is aware of your work. If the bully is challenging your work or criticizing you in front of others she may also be sharing her thoughts with the management team. Keep focused on your work and keep performing at your best, your actions will speak much louder than her negative words.

Sometimes the best approach is to acknowledge the bully's actions and establish limits. Start by talking with the bully in a neutral space. Acknowledge the actions you have seen her take from an objective tone — avoid adding in your subjective experience. Try something like, "I have noticed during the last two meetings that you have criticized me in front of the team by stating ..." Then expand on how this affects your work or the team by saying, "I have found that when you criticize me it keeps other members of the team from sharing their ideas as well."

Finally, establish limits or actions for future situations: "In the future, I would appreciate it if you could share your issues with me after the meeting." Once you state your parameters, it's important that you stick to your word. Bullies like having control but if they find that you are strong in your convictions they often reduce or eliminate their aggressive acts toward you.

You may find that if you are strong in your response to your co-worker that you may be able to establish a better working relationship. Perhaps the next time that she challenges or criticizes you during a meeting, rather than taking her complaints, you could ask her to provide an alternative solution. This may put the bully on the spot and prevent them from highlighting their lack of ideas in the future.

Finally, it is important for you to document your interactions with your co-worker. If you ever decide to seek support from your human resource department you will need to be prepared to share details on the date and time of the incident along with relevant details including whether other colleagues were witness to this act and if there were any follow-up actions.

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Lunch with Gov. Jerry

SUPPOSE AN ACQUAINTANCE INVITES you to lunch. You meet him in front of the restaurant where he announces that he is a little strapped for cash. Turns out he can't host lunch, but he will split the bill with you. You feel uncomfortable because you are on a brown bag budget, but nevertheless agree.

During lunch, he does most of the talking. It is clear he is trying to impress you. When the bill arrives it amounts to $26. Your companion takes out his wallet and stares intently at its contents for a few moments, before mumbling he has only $8. This is unsettling because you barely have enough money for half the bill. At this point he excuses himself to use the restroom. As you observe him, he crosses the room passes the restroom door and darts out an exit. That's when the realization hits you that you will be spending the afternoon washing dishes.

You've just had lunch with Jerry Brown.

In announcing his budget, the governor emphasized he will close a $26 billion shortfall through "shared sacrifice," half tax hikes and half spending cuts. He has followed this up with a public relations campaign telling anyone who will listen that it is up to the Republicans in the Legislature to match his proposed cuts by agreeing to place increases in the income, sales and car taxes on the ballot for voter approval. At the same time, he has made some symbolic gestures at economizing, like cutting the number of cell phones provided state workers, but no cuts of real consequence. Still this has been enough to convince editorial writers at some of the state's largest newspapers to join him in criticizing Republican lawmakers who see increasing taxes in an already high-tax state as bad policy for both taxpayers and the economy.

But let's look at the governor's end of this proposed "deal." The actual cuts turn out to be much less than half the deficit. After removing some items the governor places in the "cuts" column that are actually transfers between accounts — like taking money from the First Five program funded by the tobacco tax — the actual spending reductions start looking like $8 billion, which clearly is much less than half the total "bill." As further evidence that the proposed spending reductions are a charade, Brown's allies in the Legislature, the Democratic majority, have made no move to approve even modest cuts. Worse yet, if he were to spur them to action, special interests are lining up to file suit to restore cuts to their programs. (All one has to do is look back to 2009 at the twenty lawsuits that were filed in response to Gov. Schwarzenegger's furloughing of state employees, to understand the scope of the problem.)

Brown wants to end enterprise zones as a budget savings and already a lawyer representing an enterprise zone coalition has stated that not only will they litigate but they will make sure the state will not see a penny of this money. Backers of other programs are no less determined. The League of California Cities, a certain litigant if Brown follows through on pledge to close down redevelopment agencies that soak up money that would otherwise go to schools, has already begun an expensive statewide media campaign in defense of these programs that are a favorite of local officials.

If new taxes were to be approved, most of the promised cuts could be held up on the courts for years. So while the tax increases would be real, the spending cuts would be illusory.

Taxpayers should be grateful that Republican lawmakers continue to hold the line against higher taxes, because, as the saying goes, "There is no such thing as a free lunch," and the governor's wallet is empty.

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The Q Line

Building bridges in Malibu

For years some parents in Malibu have said they feel like second-class citizens and have complained about a lack of inclusion in the school district. Some have tried to break away from Santa Monica, and recently parents tried to make Point Dume Elementary a charter school. School board members and district officials are trying to heal old wounds and build bridges by meeting with parents, some of whom want to change the charter so there is always a school board member elected from Malibu.

So, this week's Q-Line question asks:

Do you think Malibu parents have a legitimate beef? Should at least one school board seat be reserved for a Malibu resident? Is the school board sincere this time around?

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'Trio' a 19th century passion play

IF JANE AUSTEN HAD WRITTEN PLAYS AS well as novels and had lived later in the 19th century, she might have written "Trio." This beautiful play has many of the ingredients of an Austen novel: a brilliant heroine, a narcissistic, self-destructive husband, and a delicate romance. The only thing missing is Colin Firth.

"Trio" is the triangular love story inspired by the lives of composer Robert Schumann, his concert pianist wife Clara, and their young protégé, Johannes Brahms, as imagined by playwright Israela Margalit. Margalit, whose other career was as a celebrated concert pianist appearing with some 50 of the world's most distinguished orchestras, accompanies her story by playing the music of Schumann and Brahms with brio and gusto.

Happily, the actors match her playing with spirited acting of their own. Bjorn Johnson, who plays a tormented, malicious Schumann, is nevertheless a sympathetic character as he wrestles with his feelings of failure ("I am not Beethoven!" he shouts) and his encroaching madness. Meghan Maureen McDonough, as Clara, remains subdued under her husband's disparaging treatment, but relieves the pressure by playing the piano resoundingly and gloriously. And Jeremy Shranko, as the youthful Brahms, is a gallant and passionate lover that any woman would find hard to resist.

In reality, Robert and Clara had felt that passion once. Theirs was a strong connection that survived her father's disapproval, that waited years for her to come of age, and endured the death of a child. "Trio," however, is set later in their lives, when love seems, for her at least, to have settled into resignation. She has produced eight children in 13 years and given up what had been a sparkling career. As she notes, with both humor and reproach, "Men are like pianos: robust on the outside, but with the slightest movement they go out of tune."

When Brahms enters the picture he is an eager acolyte being introduced to Schumann by a mutual friend, the successful violinist Joseph Joachim (Brian Normoyle). Brahms, who comes from an undistinguished background, has just completed a minor concert tour and is anxious to play one of his compositions for the man he considers "The Master."

Schumann, impressed, tells him, "Concert tours are meant for those who can't create. You should compose." And he jump-starts the young man's career by praising him extravagantly in a magazine piece.

As Brahms becomes a continuing presence in the Schumann household, he becomes something of a loving "older brother" to the children as well as a delightful diversion for their parents. This relationship reaches its zenith in a wildly exuberant dance that the four (the Schumanns, Brahms, and Joachim) indulge in in an outburst of high spirits. The music that accompanies this moment is Brahms' "Hungarian Dance No. 1 for four hands," played by Israela Margalit and her concert pianist son Ilann Margalit.

But as Brahms becomes more deeply involved with Clara, Joachim offers him a word of advice. "The artistic temperament can't survive unless it consumes everything in its path," he cautions. And Clara's artistic temperament has been stoked since childhood by her demanding father, master piano teacher Friedrich Wieck, played magisterially by Peter Colburn.

Margalit has written a wise and powerful drama, filled with pithy comments and starchy 19th century speechifying. (Clara might be speaking for the playwright when she says, "Passion is the key to interpretation.") Moreover, Margalit has recruited some of the best in the business to bring her tale to life: Rick Sparks, who directs with vigor, Joel Daavid, who has designed a pluperfect setting for the action, Sharell Martin, who has put together a stunning panoply of costumes, Jeremy Pivnick, who does his usual expert job with lighting, and sound designer Robert Arturo Ramirez, who intersperses Margalit's magnificent piano renditions into the action.

"Trio" is a must-see for those who like romantic drama. For those who like immortal music. And for those who like Jane Austen.

Now having its U.S. premiere after a 5-year sold-out run in Russia and the Ukraine, "Trio" is produced here by Racquel Lehrman's Theatre Planners, and will continue at the Lounge Theater, 6201 Santa Monica Blvd. in Hollywood, Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 7 p.m. through April 10. Call (323) 960-4412 for tickets.

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LONG BEACH

5 dead in plane crash at SoCal airport

A twin-engine plane crashed in a fireball shortly after takeoff Wednesday, killing five people and critically injuring a sixth, authorities said.

A privately-owned Beechcraft King Air turboprop had taken off but was circling back when it went down at about 10:30 a.m., Long Beach Airport Director Mario Rodriguez said.

He did not immediately know why the plane turned around. The aircraft exploded in a fireball, he said.

Five people were pronounced dead at the scene and a man was taken to the hospital in critical condition, Rodriguez said.

The victims' identities were not immediately released.

The burning plane sparked a small ground fire that was quickly extinguished, Deputy Fire Chief Jeff Reeb said.

The front half of the plane and its wings came to rest on a grass median between two taxiways, which are used by planes to enter and leave runways. The plane left a scorched trail dozens of feet long as it apparently plowed through the grass.

Rodriguez said the crash closed the two taxiways and one of the airport's five runways. Commercial flights were not affected, he said.

It was the first crash at the airport in more than 30 years, Rodriguez said.

The plane was departing for Salt Lake City when it went down, said Ian Gregor, a spokesman for the Federal Aviation Administration. An FAA website said the plane was registered to a Los Angeles company called Carde Equipment Sales LLC. There was no public phone listing for the company.

The cause of the crash was under investigation.

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Schools turn over more campuses to charters

The Los Angeles school district has turned 13 underperforming and new schools to outside operators, including charter organizations and teacher-led groups, starting with the next academic year.

In a tense meeting that lasted more than five hours Tuesday, the school board voted to hand over seven schools to well-established charter groups, including Green Dot Public Schools, El Camino Nuevo, Alliance College-Ready Public Schools and Aspire.

The board had been under pressure to award more schools to charter organizations this year after rejecting many applications in favor of union-supported, teacher-led groups in 2010.

In choosing more charters this year, the board ignored the recommendations of Superintendent Ramon Cortines in several cases.

Cortines said in a statement that although the process has grown very competitive, students must emerge the winners.

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LOS ANGELES

California man freed after 20 years behind bars

A man who spent 20 years behind bars for a drive-by killing has been freed after witnesses recanted their identification.

Francisco Carrillo was embraced by friends and family members after his release Wednesday. He later told The Associated Press that his first desire was to take a shower.

The 37-year-old Carrillo always denied he killed 41-year-old Donald Sarpy in a 1991 Lynwood shooting. His murder conviction was overturned Monday after five of the six witnesses at his trial recanted.

Carrillo says he'll live with friends while readjusting to the society he left when he was 16.

Carrillo says he isn't angry but wouldn't mind if his story makes others angry enough to help prevent future miscarriages of justice.

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Judge admonished for Ku Klux Klan comment

A Superior Court judge in Los Angeles has been admonished for a comment referring to the Ku Klux Klan in a case involving two African-American defendants.

The California Commission on Judicial Performance admonished Judge Harvey Giss on Wednesday for saying the only way he could convince the defendants to plead guilty would be to come out in a white sheet with a pointy hat.

When the defense protested and requested his removal from the case, the judge conceded it was a bad statement but also remarked that people don't have a sense of humor anymore.

The commission said the comments by the judge were inappropriate and offensive and issued the public admonishment as punishment for violating the Code of Judicial Ethics.

A call to the judge was not immediately returned.

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TORRANCE

Woman pleads no contest in Lady Gaga ticket scam

A Southern California woman has pleaded no contest to grand theft for selling fake Lady Gaga concert tickets.

Hermosa Beach police Detective Mike Gaglia says 28-year-old Debra Louise Brass bought legitimate tickets for the August concert at the Los Angeles Staples Center and she used them to make up to 50 duplicates that she sold on the popular Craigslist website.

The Torrance Daily Breeze says the Hermosa Beach woman pleaded no contest on March 8 to a grand theft charge as part of a plea deal that calls for her to pay $7,000 restitution and complete 58 days in a work service program. She also got three years' probation.

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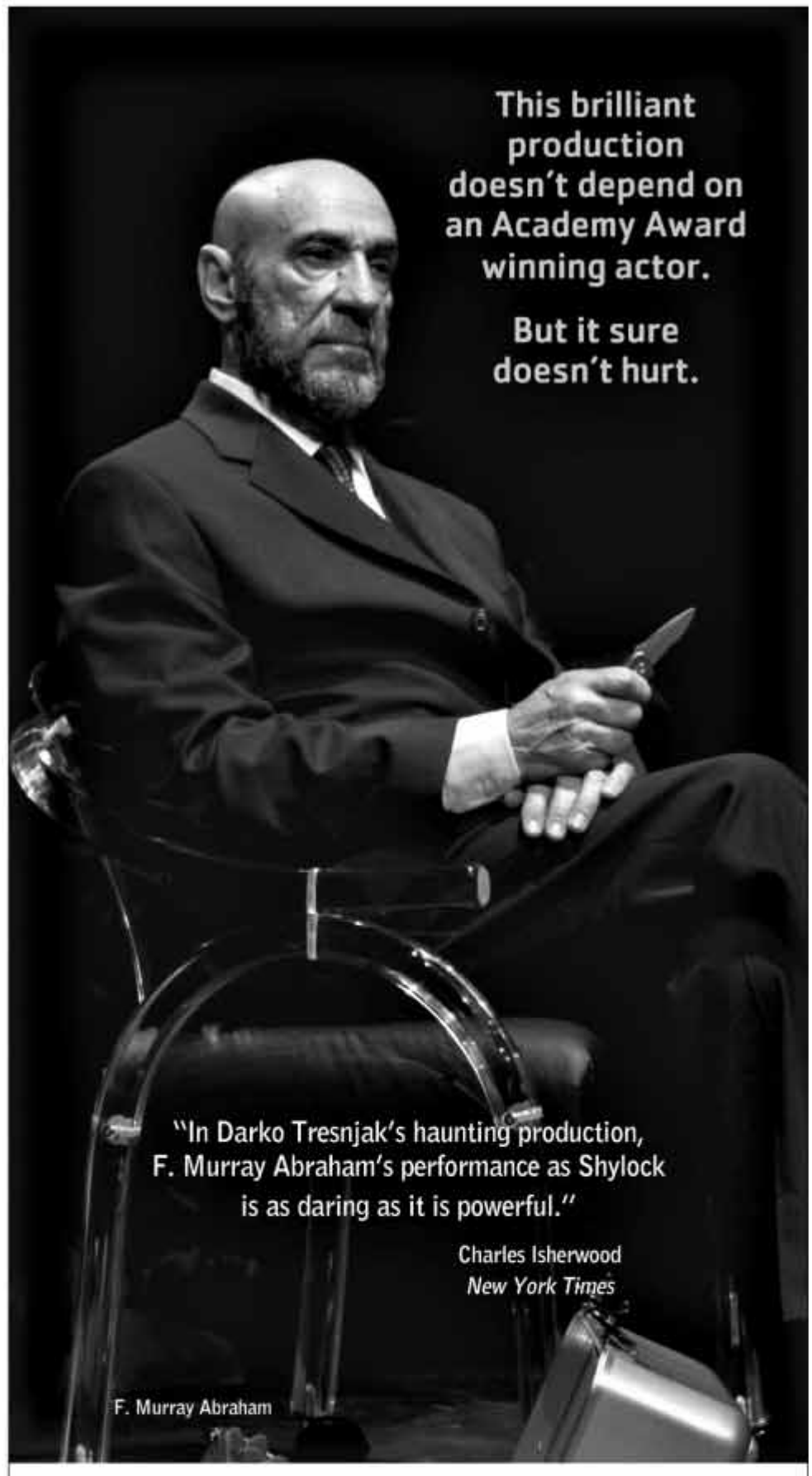
Proposed law would bill banks for foreclosures

A California state assemblyman is introducing legislation that would bill banks $20,000 for every home foreclosure they execute in the state.

San Fernando Valley-based Assemblyman Bob Blumenfield's office said in a fact sheet released Wednesday that the bill would help make up for costs associated with foreclosures, such as property tax losses.

The money collected would be used for school districts, police and fire departments, small-business loans and other applications.

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Expungements: Burying Those Skeletons In Your Closet

Have you ever applied for a job, professional license, and/or school application where they asked if you have ever been convicted of a crime? If so, did you get nervous and distraught at the thought of having to circle "yes" and then explaining the circumstances of what happened years and years ago with your minor run in with the law? If this is a likely scenario for you or someone you know, help make those skeletons in the closet disappear by filing an expungement/dismissal motion. California Penal Code Sections 1203.3 and 1203.4 set forth the basic rules for expungements. This article focuses on some need to know legal rules and consequences with regard to expunging your record in California. Please note that this article examines the basic elements and procedures of expungements. If you or someone you know is filling out an application or reporting a past conviction to anyone in an official capacity it is advisable to speak with a criminal attorney about whether you must report the past conviction, even after the expungement process.

In terms of filing an expungement and clearing up your record, there are a couple preliminary questions that must be answered. First, was your past conviction for a felony or misdemeanor crime? Second, was probation granted and if so have you successfully completed probation? And lastly, once you have determined that you are eligible for expungement, what do you do?

If the answer to the first question is a misdemeanor, then you're on the right path! If the answer to the first question is felony, then there is another step that must be completed prior to filing an expungement. In order to expunge a felony conviction or have it dismissed from your record, a motion must be made pursuant to Penal Code Section 17(b) to first have the conviction reduced to a misdemeanor. Certain felony crimes, however, are never capable of being reduced to a misdemeanor and can never be expunged. Convictions that cannot be expunged or dismissed by law include any misdemeanor listed in Vehicle Code section 42001(b), any violation of P.C. 286(c), 288, 288a(c), 288.5, or 289(j), a felony under P.C. 261.5(d), and any infraction. Moreover, if you were never granted probation and instead went to State Prison, although there are options for clearing your record, the basics of expungements as explained in this article will not apply to your given scenario.

Once you have determined that your past conviction was a misdemeanor or capable of being reduced to a misdemeanor, move on to question number two: Was probation granted and have you successfully completed all the terms and orders of your probation? Typically, in misdemeanor cases, courts order that a defendant be placed on 1-3 years of probation and to follow all rules and regulations. If the court does not order probation, you're ready to file the motion! If probation was granted, the time period is over and done with, and you have fulfilled all the terms of the probation (including completing any classes, service work, and/or paid all fines) then you are also ready to file the motion! If probation is still open and has not been completed, a separate motion for early termination of probation must first be filed. If granted, and probation terminated early, then you are ready to file the motion! In sum, before a motion for expungement/dismissal is filed, probation must typically be successfully completed either by the passage of time or by early termination from the court.

Now that the motion is ready for filing, what do you do and how do you do it? California courts vary in terms of requirements for expungement/dismissal motions. For instance, some courts require a filing fee (usually around $60) and attached declaration (preferably by an attorney). All courts, however, require that a P.C. 1203.4/1203.4(a) Petition For Dismissal be completed and filed. In order to fill out this form correctly, a petitioner needs to obtain the case number, date of conviction, conviction charges, date of birth, driver's license number, last four digits of social security, and if possible the Criminal Identification and Information (CII) number. After entering the requisite information simply check the applicable boxes and sign/date the form. Additionally, along with the Petition, you should also attach a Court Order. The same information must be filled out on the Court Order; however, this form is for the judge to review and then sign/date. The signed Court Order is then stamped and recorded by the clerk certifying that a judge has ordered the case dismissed/expunged. Expungement/Dismissal Petitions typically take anywhere from one to three months for the court to review and complete.

Avoid the headaches and problems associated with explaining away your past minor run-ins with the law and get rid of skeletons in your closet today by filing an expungement! Call the Legal Grind to schedule an appointment to meet with a skilled and experienced attorney to help you navigate through this tricky process and answer any questions that you might have.

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Nation's nuclear plants located near geologic faults

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LOS ANGELES Two years before an immense coastal earthquake plunged Japan into a nuclear crisis, a geologic fault was discovered about a half-mile from a California seaside reactor — alarming regulators who say not enough has been done to gauge the threat to the nation's most populous state.

The situation of the Diablo Canyon plant is not unique. Across the country, a spider's web of faults in the Earth's crust raises questions about earthquakes and safety at aging nuclear plants, amplified by horrific images from Japan, where nuclear reactors were crippled by a tsunami caused by a 9-magnitude quake.

The Indian Point Energy Center, for example, lies near a fault line 35 miles north of Manhattan; on Wednesday, New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo ordered a safety review at the plant.

But none of the questions are more pressing than in quake-prone California, where about 10 powerful shakers — stronger than magnitude 7 — have hit since 1900.

At issue at Diablo Canyon is not what is known, but what is not.

Preliminary research at the site, which sits on a wave-washed bluff above the Pacific, found its twin reactors could withstand a potential earthquake generated by the recently identified Shoreline Fault, just off the coast.

But that hasn't satisfied California regulators. Since late 2008, when the undersea crack was identified, they have pressed plant owner Pacific Gas & Electric Co. to conduct sophisticated, independently reviewed studies that they say are needed to fully assess the danger at a site within 200 miles of Los Angeles.

The recently discovered fault is close to, and might intersect with, another bigger crack three miles offshore, and the fear is the two faults could begin shaking in tandem, creating a larger quake than either fault would be capable of producing on its own.

"We don't yet have a firm idea of the hazard posed by the Shoreline Fault," says Thomas Brocher, director of the Earthquake Science Center at the U.S. Geological Survey in Menlo Park, Calif., who led the team that discovered the fault.

State Sen. Sam Blakeslee, a Republican who holds a doctorate in earthquake studies, wants PG&E to pull back an application to extend the plant's operating license for 20 years until more is known.

"Aging nuclear power plants and large, active fault systems should not be in close proximity. This isn't exactly rocket science," Blakeslee says. Because the Shoreline Fault is so close to the Diablo Canyon plant it "can produce shaking far in excess of what's expected."

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission and PG&E say the plant is safe and built to withstand a magnitude 7.5 earthquake, the maximum considered possible for the site. Damage from a Japan-like tsunami is unlikely, because the reactors sit on an 85-foot cliff above the ocean and fault structure in the area differs from the Pacific Rim.

Critics around the United States say the government has moved too slowly to assess possible threats from earthquakes.

NRC spokeswoman Lara Uselding said she did not know of a single case in which a U.S. reactor was damaged by a quake. But this does not dispel concerns that may be unavoidable because the study of earthquakes remains an imprecise science. They cannot be predicted, and the damage — as witnessed in Japan — can be catastrophic.

The dangers of earthquakes have been raised repeatedly by opponents of nuclear energy. The Perry nuclear plant, east of Cleveland, lies within 40 miles of two faults; in 1986, a year before the plant opened, a 5.0 earthquake shook the area, but didn't damage the plant, said Todd Schneider, a FirstEnergy spokesman. There have since been less severe quakes.

A citizens group filed suit after the quake, trying to block the plant from opening. They argued that an earthquake greater than the plant was built to withstand was likely to occur in the future; U.S. Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia turned down their request.

The plant's design includes piping with shock absorbers intended to prevent breakage in a quake. "Before the plants are even built, there's research done by seismologists and geologists to determine what the maximum earthquake could be," Schneider said. "The plants are designed beyond that."

Indian Point, too, is safe and built to withstand earthquakes, says a spokesman for owner Entergy Nuclear. But earlier this week, Rep. Nita Lowey, D-N.Y., urged the NRC to look closely at the earthquake preparedness there. A 2008 analysis of earthquake activity around New York City found that many small faults that were believed to be inactive could contribute to a major temblor, and that a line of seismic activity comes within two miles of the plant on the Hudson River.

Another fault line near Indian Point was already known, so the findings suggest Indian Point is at an intersection of faults. The environmental group Riverkeeper says seismic studies used to assess safety are decades out of date.

Major earthquakes are rare in the southeast United States, although the region is crossed by the New Madrid fault in the west and a fault near Charleston, S.C. in the east. University of Georgia geologist Jim Wright said although the plate sitting under the southeast is stable it's also rigid, meaning the jolt from an earthquake would carry farther than in a region where the earth's crust has been fragmented by seismic activity.

The Atlanta-based Southern Electric Co. has reviewed seismic activity in the area that could impact the Wayneboro, Ga., site where it has two operating reactors and hopes to build two more. Among the largest known regional earthquakes was an 1886 earthquake that struck Charleston, S.C., about 85 miles from the Plant Vogtle site, according to the company's regulatory filings.

To this day, geologists are divided on exactly which faults caused the earthquake. Southern Co. spokesman Beth Thomas said the company's reactors comply with federal requirements that they be able to safely withstand the strongest earthquake that could be expected in a 10,000-year period. Thomas said the company has not seen anything in Japan to make it alter its current operations.

The Tennessee Valley Authority's Browns Ferry plant, which is located near Athens, Ala., has boiling water reactors similar in design to the malfunctioning reactors in Japan. That plant was designed to withstand a 6.0-magnitude earthquake based on its proximity to the New Madrid fault, TVA spokesman Duncan Mansfield said.

The TVA's Watts Bar nuclear plant at Spring City, Tenn., and its Sequoyah plant at Soddy-Daisy, Tenn., are designed to withstand a 5.8-magnitude quake based on an 1897 tremor at Giles County, Va., Mansfield said. None of the TVA's reactors are seen as being vulnerable to tsunamis since they are so far inland.

Blue Shield of California nixes proposed rate hike

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SAN FRANCISCO Blue Shield of California said Wednesday it was withdrawing its plan to increase health insurance rates for individual policyholders in what would have been the third such rate hike since October.

The three hikes combined would have raised rates by as much as 87 percent for some of its 200,000 policyholders, according to the California Department of Insurance.

Blue Shield decided to nix the planned May 1 increase to help keep coverage affordable, chief executive Bruce Bodaken said in a statement.

Blue Shield has said rising health care costs forced the previous rate hikes. The San Francisco-based nonprofit said it lost $27 million on individual policies last year and expects more such losses this year.

Members will be spared a total $35 million to $40 million in added premiums because of the cancelled increase, the insurer said.

"By agreeing not to raise rates this year, we are helping to make coverage more affordable for our members during tough economic times," Bodaken said. "It's a financial risk for us, but a risk that's worth taking."

The insurer said individual policyholders would not see any more rate hikes for the rest of the year.

In a conference call with reporters, California Insurance Commissioner Dave Jones said the Blue Shield decision highlighted the need to give the commissioner the power to reject health insurance rate increases.

Under state law, a regulator cannot reject premium increases for health insurance. But Blue Shield last month pushed back its planned March 1 implementation of the rate hike at the request of Jones, who had said he planned to review the increases for compliance with federal and state laws.

Three other insurers — Aetna, Anthem Blue Cross and PacifiCare — had already agreed to a similar delay.

Singer Nate Dogg, whose hooks graced rap hits, dies

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LOS ANGELES Singer Nate Dogg, whose near monotone crooning anchored some of rap's most seminal songs and helped define the sound of West Coast hip-hop, has died at age 41.

Nate Dogg, whose real name was Nathaniel D. Hale, died Tuesday of complications from multiple strokes, said Attorney Mark Geragos.

Nate Dogg wasn't a rapper, but he was an integral figure in the genre: His deep voice wasn't particularly melodic, but its tone — at times menacing, at times playful, yet always charming — provided just the right touch on hits including Warren G's "Regulate," 50 Cent's "21 Questions," Dr. Dre's "The Next Episode" and countless others.

While Nate Dogg provided hooks for rappers from coast to coast, the Long Beach, Calif., native is best known for his contributions to the West Coast soundtrack provided by the likes of Snoop Dogg, Dr. Dre, Tha Dogg Pound and more. Nate Dogg was even part of a "supergroup" featuring Snoop Dogg and Warren G, called 213.

Nate Dogg, who had suffered at least two strokes since 2008, also put out his own solo projects but was best known for his collaborations with others.

Last year, Warren G said Nate Dogg was in therapy but needed help.

"Everybody just gotta keep him in their prayers, 'cause he had two strokes and that's real dangerous. And a lot of people don't come back from that," he said in an interview to HipHollywood. "'Cause the game needs him, I need him."

After word of his death spread, tributes poured in on Twitter.

"We lost a true legend n hip hop n rnb. One of my best friends n a brother to me since 1986 when I was a sophomore at poly high where we met," Snoop Dogg tweeted Tuesday night.

Like Snoop Dogg, Nate Dogg got his start on Death Row when he was signed to the groundbreaking label by Dr. Dre. Nate Dogg got his start singing in the local church choir. He dropped out of high school to join the Marines but after three years was dishonorably discharged.

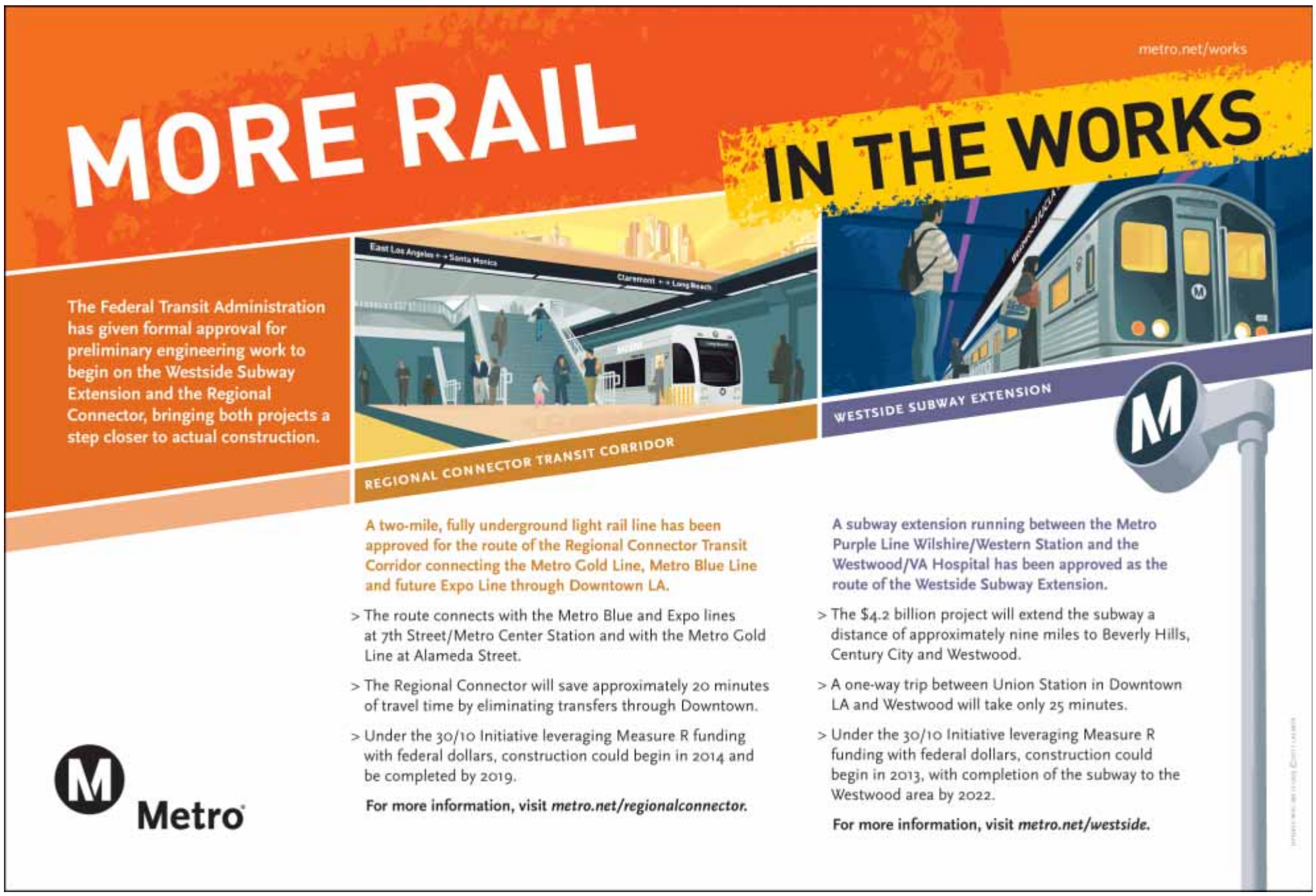
He briefly got involved with the drug trade before forming a musical group with Snoop and Warren G. It was Warren G who was credited with giving their music to Dr. Dre.

Nate Dogg made his debut on Dr. Dre's classic album "The Chronic," and immediately distinguished himself with a trademarked sound: a low, steady croon that came across as intimidating as the rap verses.

His vocals made him one of the most sought after collaborators for rap songs. 50 Cent, who tapped Nate Dogg for his 2003 love song "21 Questions," tweeted Tuesday: "I wrote the chorus to 21 questions I needed nate to sing it for me. He had a way of making everything feel hard."

Nate Dogg could be heard on songs ranging from Ludacris' "Area Codes" to Tupac Shakur's "All About U" to Eminem's "Shake That." Even as times changed, and rappers came and went, he didn't fall out of fashion.

He faced several legal problems. In 1996, he was acquitted of an armed robbery charge; a jury deadlocked on another and he was not retried. In 2000, Nate Dogg was accused of trying to kidnap an ex-girlfriend, but those charges were dismissed. He pleaded no contest to gun possession and was sentenced to probation.



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The Red Cross has volunteers on the ground distributing relief supplies, getting hot meals to displaced survivors, clearing debris and providing medical transportation.

Joffe Emergency Services, a disaster preparedness company based in Santa Monica, is also collecting donations to send relief supplies to disaster victims.

The company is working with Los Angeles County and Los Angeles city firefighters who have been deployed to Japan to ensure that the right supplies reach the beleaguered nation.

"We're getting ready to ship supplies, and are currently deciding what the most needed products will be," said Chris Joffe.

Initial response materials would involve food, potable water and blankets to help those stranded without basic sustenance in freezing temperatures.

Follow-up materials would be supplies that would help the search and rescue effort, which usually gets underway in the days after a disaster strikes, Joffe said.

Those items include food and water as well as tools to begin the reconstruction efforts and refuse containers called honeybuckets to prevent further contamination of water through human waste.

"One of the biggest problems is contamination because people are, understandably, not thinking of the follow through on their actions," Joffe said.

When they get word on what rescuers need, the company will begin raising money and requesting volunteers to help pack and ship the items to Japan.

Donations can be made by calling (310) 525-6333, ext. 1.

Even the arts are getting involved in the relief effort.

Ron Zheng, an artist of Chinese heritage born in Japan and educated in America, was with his family safely outside of Osaka when the disaster struck.

His show "First Time in Your Hometown: A Poetography Exhibit" will end on Sunday, March 20 at the James Gray Gallery in Bergamot Station, and Zheng has pledged to donate 20 percent of the sales of his artwork and books to help with relief efforts in Japan.

"I have been in Japan throughout this entire time and, although my family and I are fine, we have never before seen such misery in this country," Zheng wrote in an e-mail. "As an artist, I would like to help, in some small way, those who are in this awful situation."

As aid pours into Japan, many Japanese in America, or others with family in the country, find themselves in need of a different kind of support.

The constant barrage of images and information about the disaster has been difficult on many who find themselves unable to help, said Denise Kinsella, associate dean of international education at Santa Monica College.

"We're seeing two real reactions," Kinsella said. "One is despair, and the other is frustration that they're here and family and friends are back home."

The college has set up support groups, one this week with counselors and another next week with staff psychologists, to support students through the difficult time.

Another outlet has been another push toward fundraising, Kinsella said. Students will be on the Third Street Promenade on Saturday raising money to send to organizations helping in Japan.

"They're desperate to do something right now," Kinsella said. "It's overwhelming for all of us to see the magnitude of what's happening over there, we feel helpless."

Soka Gakkai International, a Buddhist association with a major presence in Santa Monica, is encouraging its members to send donations even as it reaches out to offer support to those separated from family and friends in Japan.

"It's tough, wearing on people spiritually and emotionally," said Bill Aitken, a spokesperson for the East Coast office.

The overwhelming feeling is one captured by a single Japanese phrase, Aitken said: gambaro, which means hang in there.

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NICE SPACE: **ARENA 1 Gallery is one of the galleries taking part in this year's Airport Artwalk.**

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sessions and build-your-own planters with real seeds that kids can tend long after the event ends.

The majority of the artists on display own studio space at the airport, with 15 outsiders showing their work in the hangar gallery of the Santa Monica Art Studio.

Works include painting, sculpture, ceramics and mixed media.

The event gives the airport's community an opportunity to showcase the unique arts culture built in an unconventional space, said Deena Mecham, property administrator at the airport.

"Once a year we just open it up, turn it into a community event and it took off," Mecham said. "I really wanted to show neighbors of the airport how many wonderful things happen here. It's inspiring."

Airport Artwalk is a program almost 30 years in the making, when low-budget artists began congregating in the cheap studio space.

The real push to turn the upper section of the airport into a miniature artist colony came in 2000, when other art facilities got priced out of the area, Mecham said.

The City Council designated three of the buildings "artist only," and set about attracting up-and-comers.

Artists find a real home at the airport, where the smell of paint goes unnoticed and the community of creative people inject the place a lively atmosphere, Mecham said.

Greg Gioiosa has held a studio space at the airport for 18 years. He's currently working overtime trying to get his eight mixed media pieces completed before the show.

"It's been a wonderful place to work," Gioiosa said. "The city has been very generous with the artists, giving them the opportunity to have nice studio space for a reasonable rate. In essence, they've encouraged the creative endeavor."

Gioiosa's works, which range in size from 4-foot-by-5-foot canvases to twice that, employ acrylics, oils, collage and other mediums to create layered looks that express ideas ranging from the perception of physical change to time itself.

"I get the ability to explore a lot of different materials, and the interaction of those materials with each other," he said.

Other exhibits include Evolution Revolution, a collaborative art exhibit that brings together a number of artists to create a socially conscious exhibit focusing on animal welfare and the environment.

Visitors will also get a sneak preview of the Museum of Flying, which officially opens in summer 2011.

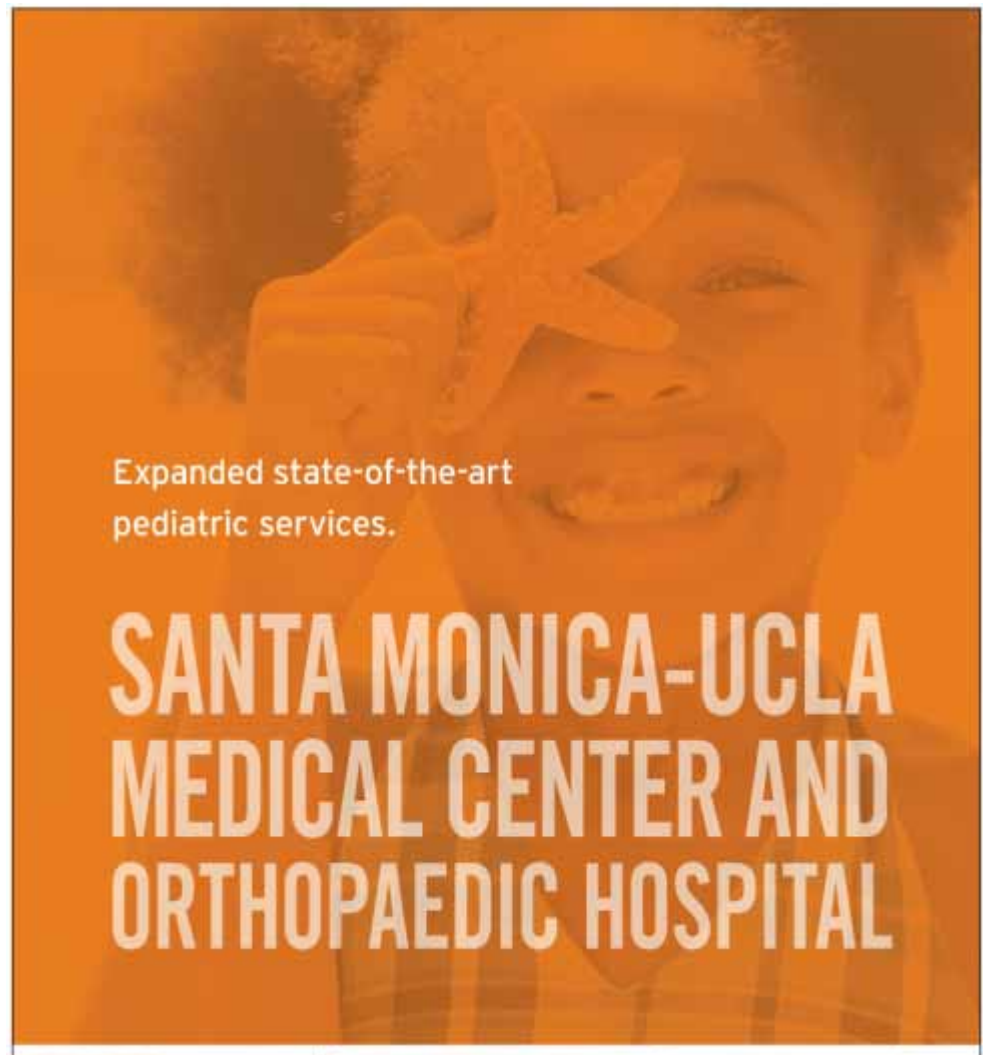
This year's show departs from previous years by including food trucks and live music, said Allison Ostrovsky, cultural affairs supervisor with City Hall.

"We started working on this in November," Ostrovksy said. "We have different partners, making sure everyone's on board, working with artists and employees."

The Artwalk will also have a first-ever bicycle valet, part of an ongoing effort to encourage sustainable modes of transportation to city events.

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But the 2009 trip to Greece was so successful that she blogged: "I only hope that, for the sake of the over one million children a year whose parents get divorced, it's a journey more and more families take."

Warren Gardner, 24, of Vancouver, British Columbia, offers the child's perspective. He and his two younger sisters have vacationed with both their parents since their separation three years ago. They've taken several trips around British Columbia and Alberta, most recently to Calgary for Christmas and to mark his grandmother's 90th birthday.

"To be honest, vacations all together since they split are less stressful than when they were together," he said. "The mood is a lot lighter."

What advice do divorced travel veterans have for those who might consider giving it a try?

Geoffrion said it has only worked for him when neither he nor his ex-wife were in a serious relationship. And, he said, although he paid for the previous trips, he's at a point where he'd expect to split the expenses.

Karen Stewart, founder and chief executive of Fairway Divorce Solutions, a Calgary-based divorce mediation company with franchises throughout North America, recommends exes vacationing together negotiate the ground rules before the trip.

Differences in parenting style become even more apparent when couples live apart, says Stewart, author of the book, "How to Divorce with Dignity and Move on with Your Life." Pre-trip agreement needs to be reached about finances, chores and sleeping arrangements.

She recommends parents consider planning some separate time during the trip, though Geoffrion said he and his ex-wife tried to behave like a family and did activities only as a group. They even stayed in the same hotel room, though different beds.

Morton said the biggest factor for her when she's with Edelman is watching her behavior.

"When I want to be short or get irritated or whatever I can't because Ace is standing right there," she said.

"It's not like it's a huge sacrifice," she added. "Honestly, the gift that I give Ace by having us both in the same place" is worth it.

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rently exists, Edwards said.

Once up and running, the stations will send real time data via satellite to EPA officials, who will make the data available to the public online. The monitors also contain two types of air filters that are collected and mailed to EPA's data center in Alabama.

The new stations are expected to be operational by the end of the week, Edwards said.

The agency said it does not expect to see any spike in readings on the monitors, which Edwards said measure all forms of radiation that might exist after a nuclear event like the one in Japan.

Officials in Oregon — which has two monitoring stations — held a news conference on Wednesday to reassure the public they were monitoring developments and prepared to respond.

Officials in all western states have said they do not expect to see any harmful levels of radiation reach the mainland, which is about 5,000 miles from Japan.



Worsening nuclear crisis rattles financial markets

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NEW YORK Financial markets were jolted for a third day Wednesday by fears that a partial meltdown may have occurred at a nuclear plant in Japan. Stocks erased nearly all of their gains for the year.

The losses were broad. Each of the 30 stocks that make up the Dow Jones industrial average fell, with IBM Corp. and General Electric Co. losing the most. All 10 company groups in the Standard & Poor's 500 index, the basis for most U.S. mutual funds, lost ground.

Stocks dropped sharply in midmorning trading after the European Union's energy chief was quoted as saying that Japan's nuclear crisis could get worse. Japan's economy, the third-largest in the world after the U.S. and China, accounts for about 10 percent of U.S. exports.

Treasury prices jumped, sending yields to their lowest levels this year as investors piled into investments seen as being more stable. One measure of stock market volatility, the CBOE Market Volatility Index, jumped 18 percent in a sign that investors expect more wild swings.

"Investors are moving away from anything that has an element of risk with it because they don't know what's happening in Japan," said Bill Stone, chief investment strategist at PNC Wealth Management.

The Dow Jones industrial average fell 242.12, or 2 percent, to 11,613.30. It was the worst drop since Aug. 11. The Dow has now lost 3.6 percent over the past three days, its worst three-day loss since last July.

The S&P index fell 24.99, or 1.9 percent, to 1,256.88. The S&P is now down 0.1 percent for the year, having been up as much as 6.8 percent in February. When dividends are included, however, the index has had a total return of 2.4 percent for the year, according to FactSet.

The Nasdaq composite index fell 50.51 or 1.9 percent, to 2,610. It is now down 1.4 percent for the year.

The yield on the 10-year Treasury note fell as low as 3.15 percent, the lowest level this year. In late trading the yield edged up to 3.21 percent.

Japan temporarily suspended work at a stricken nuclear plant after a surge in radiation made it too dangerous for workers to remain there. That came a day after Japan's prime minister said four crippled reactors at a nuclear power plant were leaking dangerous amounts of radiation.

In the U.S., homebuilders tumbled after the Commerce Department reported that new home construction fell to the second-lowest level on record in February, reflecting weak demand. Homebuilders Lennar Corp. and D.R. Horton Inc. each fell more than 2 percent.

Wholesale prices rose last month by the most in nearly two years due to higher energy costs and the biggest increase in food prices in 36 years. Shares of companies affected by higher food costs fell.

Three stocks fell for every one that rose on the New York Stock Exchange. Consolidated volume came to 5.8 billion shares.

Stem cell researchers awarded $500K prize

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ALBANY, N.Y. Three stem cell researchers have been awarded the annual Albany Medical Center Prize in Medicine and Biomedical Research for their pioneering work in human stem cells.

The winners announced Wednesday are Elaine Fuchs of Rockefeller University in New York City; James A. Thomson of the private, nonprofit Morgridge Institute for Research and the University of Wisconsin-Madison School of Medicine and Public Health; and Shinya Yamanaka of Kyoto University in Japan and Gladstone Institute of Cardiovascular Disease in San Francisco.

They will share $500,000, the largest award in medicine and science in the United States. The prize was established in 2000 by the late Morris "Marty" Silverman.

James Barba, president and CEO of the medical center, said their discoveries move medical researchers closer to new treatments for diseases such as diabetes, Parkinson's, spinal cord injury and cancer.

"The solutions to these debilitating diseases and many, many others that plague humans might very well be found through the science of stem cells," Barba said in a statement.

Stem cells are prized for their versatility. They can turn into any cell in the body.

Yamanaka and Thomson are credited with discovering in their separate labs how to genetically reprogram adult human cells back to an embryonic state. This discovery was reported as a major scientific breakthrough in 2007. The cell lines, now used in laboratories worldwide, promise to speed up stem cell research by offering an alternative to actual embryonic stem cells.

Fuchs' work has focused on the biology of stem cells. Her discoveries in understanding how stem cells make skin and hair and how they repair wounds have led her laboratory to the genetic bases of human skin disorders, including cancers.

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U.S. life expectancy hits all-time high

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ATLANTA U.S. life expectancy has hit another all-time high, rising above 78 years.

The estimate of 78 years and 2 months is for a baby born in 2009, and comes from a preliminary report released Wednesday by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

About 2.4 million people died in the United States in 2009 — roughly 36,000 fewer deaths than the year before.

Deaths were down for a range of causes, from heart disease to homicide, so experts don't believe there's one simple explanation for the increase in life expectancy. Better medical treatment, vaccination campaigns and public health measures against smoking are believed to be having an impact.

U.S. life expectancy has been generally increasing since at least the 1940s, though some years it held steady and a few times it temporarily dipped.

Previously, the CDC said a one-month dip occurred in 2008 to 77 years and 11 months. But in Wednesday's report, the agency corrected that to 78 years, attributing the glitch to a computer programming error.

Belatedly, "we realized there's something wrong here" in the 2008 estimate, said Ken Kochanek, a CDC statistician.

The 2009 report by the CDC's National Center for Health Statistics is based on nearly all the death certificates for that year. A final report is due later this year.

More good news from the new report: The infant mortality rate hit a record low of 6.42 deaths per 1,000 live births, a drop of nearly 3 percent from 2008.

But not everyone benefitted. While life expectancy for whites rose, it held steady for blacks. The infant mortality rate for black babies did not improve either.

As a result, the racial gap got a little wider. Whites already live about four years longer than blacks, and the margin grew by about two months.

The gap between the sexes also persisted. Overall male life expectancy is roughly 75? , for females it's about 80?.

Other highlights from the 2009 report include:

• Death rates declined slightly for 10 of the 15 leading causes of death, including heart disease, cancer, stroke, accidents, Alzheimer's disease, homicide and influenza and pneumonia.

• Suicide passed blood infections to become the 10th leading cause of death. Suicide rates did not change significantly, but the blood infection death rate dropped nearly 2 percent. That puts suicide back in the top 10 causes of deaths for the first time since 1999, Kochanek said.

• The influenza/pneumonia death rate dropped nearly 5 percent, even though 2009 was the year that the swine flu pandemic hit.

Flu deaths rose by about 1,000 in 2009 from the year before, but pneumonia deaths dropped by nearly 4,000. Pneumonia is a flu complication most often seen in the elderly, and is a main reason why the overwhelming majority of flu-related deaths most years occur in the elderly. But while swine flu hit young adults and kids unusually hard, it caused relatively mild illness for people 55 and older.

Judge: Free speech no defense for urging suicide

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FARIBAULT, Minn. Freedom of speech is no defense for a former nurse who engaged in "lethal advocacy" when he encouraged an English man and Canadian woman to kill themselves after searching for depressed people over the Internet, a Minnesota judge said in delivering a guilty verdict against the man.

The judge found William Melchert-Dinkel, 48, guilty Tuesday of two counts of aiding the suicides of Mark Drybrough, 32, of Coventry, England, who hanged himself in 2005, and Nadia Kajouji, 18, of Brampton, Ontario, who jumped into a frozen river in 2008. Melchert-Dinkel declined a jury trial and left his fate to Rice County District Judge Thomas Neuville.

Melchert-Dinkel's attorney, Terry Watkins, said the defense was disappointed with the verdict and planned to appeal. Watkins said appellate courts will have to answer whether Melchert-Dinkel's actions rose to the level of a crime or were protected speech in the context in which they occurred, given the defense view that the victims were already predisposed to suicide and his online statements didn't sway them.

In his ruling, Neuville stuck mostly to a dispassionate recitation of the facts in the case. The judge again rejected the defendant's argument that his actions amounted to free speech, affirming a pretrial ruling he issued in November. He also reaffirmed his rejection of the defense claim that Melchert-Dinkel's online statements didn't sway the victims.

"Melchert-Dinkel was not merely expressing ideas about suicide The court finds that defendant's speech imminently incited the victims to commit suicide, and can be described as 'lethal advocacy,' which is analogous to the category of unprotected speech known as 'fighting words' and 'imminent incitement of lawlessness,'" Neuville wrote.

After sentencing, which is scheduled for May 4, Watkins said, his next stop will be the Minnesota Court of Appeals, and the defense is prepared to appeal to higher courts if necessary. He said the defense didn't dispute the facts as the judge laid them out in his 42-page ruling, but disagreed on whether they added up to proof of guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

"We will carry this as far as judicially allowed," Watkins said.

Minnesota's rarely used aiding suicide law carries a maximum penalty of 15 years in prison and a $30,000 fine. Data from the Minnesota Sentencing Guidelines Commission show that since 1994, only six people have been sentenced on the charge. One was sent to prison for four years; the rest received local jail time, probation or both.

Rice County Attorney Paul Beaumaster said he would seek a sentence consistent with the earlier cases.

"I think justice was served," Beaumaster said. "I think it was a just verdict based on the facts of the case, and convictions were earned on both counts."

Prosecutors said Melchert-Dinkel, who lives in the southern Minnesota city of Faribault, was obsessed with suicide and hanging and sought out potential victims online. When he found them, prosecutors said, he posed as a female nurse, feigned compassion and offered step-by-step instructions on how they could kill themselves. Melchert-Dinkel told police he did it for the "thrill of the chase." He acknowledged participating in online chats about suicide with up to 20 people and entering into fake suicide pacts with about 10 people, five of whom he believed killed themselves.

Drybrough's mother, Elaine Drybrough, said she was glad the judge agreed Melchert-Dinkel was guilty. If he had been cleared, she said, it would have sent a signal to other people contemplating similar actions that encouraging suicides is permissible.

"He's been told it's not all right," she said.

NFL

Players band together to workout despite lockout

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Work, work, work. Even during a lockout.

Right about now, many NFL players normally would be preparing for offseason workouts at their teams' facilities. Nothing more complicated than lifting weights, running, stretching, massages.

This hardly is a normal year, though, and with the league having locked out the players, those practice venues are off-limits. And while March isn't the most critical time for pro football — it is, after all, nearly six months before kick off of opening weekend — as the labor stoppage continues, the need for teammates to gather together will grow.

Browns quarterback Jake Delhomme met former Cleveland teammates punter Dave Zastudil and safety Nick Sorensen at a local recreation center on Tuesday. The trio spotted for each other while lifting weights and spent time in between sets discussing family matters and the labor situation as some of the gym's members took note of the celebrity visitors.

Wide receiver Greg Camarillo of the Vikings got an LA Fitness membership in Miami.

"I've been trying to fit in with the regular gym-goers, which is interesting because I'm trying to work out to create physical strength and stamina while other guys are trying to work out to look good in the mirror," he said. "There are guys in there for two or three hours without a single drop of sweat on them. I'm curious what they're up to, but it works."

For NFL veterans, meanwhile, getting fit is part of the, uh, job.

"Every player understands what is involved in our profession," says Colts center Jeff Saturday, a member of the NFLPA's executive board. "We have to be working out and staying in shape. However, how players decide to do that is their individual right."

They are doing so at places such as St. Vincent Sports Performance in Indianapolis and Elite Performance Factory in Westlake Village, Calif., which have been planning for just this scenario since last August — seven months before the lockout happened.

St. Vincent, a hospital-affiliated facility, began upgrading its equipment to replicate the inside of an NFL complex, particularly when several teams visited SVSP as they evaluated training bases they could recommend to players.

Most important to Ralph Reiff, the director of St. Vincent, is providing a venue that makes the players comfortable, and that fits the medical needs of those rehabilitating injuries.

"We found out for the players, much like any other citizen who loses a job in the United States, there is a lot of anxiety in that," Reiff says. "Not only the loss of revenue, but the change in lifestyle and disrupting of the daily pattern. He can't go to Lambeau Field to work out or to the Colts' complex to get treatment, and there's some anxiety around that. Things that were under control in your life are now out of control. We have tried to make that transition easy in a very uncertain environment."

Earlier this week, Reiff says 11 NFL players were at St. Vincent, including Patriots receiver Deion Branch, Colts linebacker Gary Brackett and Panthers punter Jason Baker. He has also noticed an increase in players coming off season-ending injuries.

"With the lockout, the medical staff and anyone who receives compensation from the team organization, they can't have any contact with the athletes," Reiff says, "so the athletes who would typically be going in for medical care on a daily basis can't do that anymore. They had to find alternative locations to do it."

They've found those locations across the country. Outside of Los Angeles, former NFL tight end Billy Miller runs Elite Performance Factory, which regularly has the likes of Reggie Bush, Marques Colston and Keith Rivers on hand. Miller talked to one NFL organization that he won't identify about sending all of its players to his facility for workouts during a lockout.

"I am a guy who was in the NFL and so I know the things that apply directly to football," Miller says. "That is what the guys see here, that we know what is functional weight lifting, for example, or we know how to prevent injury, and it shows in the things we get them to do on the field."

A bigger challenge will come should the lockout last into the spring, when minicamps and organized team activities would have occurred. Without them, the players are on their own to get familiar with each other and the playbook.

Of course, if that playbook is new because the coaching staff has changed (see Denver, Cleveland, San Francisco, Oakland, Minnesota, Carolina, and Tennessee), the obstacles are increased.

"We're behind the 8-ball more than other teams," Browns safety Ray Ventrone says. "I got to meet coach (Pat) Shurmur, but other than that, we were not able to attain any information from the coaches as far as new schemes and whatever they want to do on defense or on offense. Players aren't allowed to communicate with the teams, so all the teams with new coaches especially are at a disadvantage."

Ventrone expects a group of Browns to get together in Cleveland for workouts as soon as it becomes clear this will be a lengthy stoppage.

"I think it would be very helpful for our team," he says. "We have a young QB in Colt McCoy, it's always good to get the timing down on offense, and to understand what kind of coverages we will be playing on defense. Even a few days here and there during the lockout, it would be a good thing."

Also a somewhat dangerous thing, because the players are responsible for any insurance against injury, something the clubs take care of during minicamps, OTAs, training camp and, naturally, the season and playoffs.

Reiff's facility welcomes team workouts and has gone, well, the extra yard to accommodate interested players. St. Vincent has secured indoor and outdoor field turfs for such practice sessions and even will pay the rent for them. It has arranged for security at the sites and will manage credentialing for media that want to attend.

"It's great for us from a business standpoint," says Reiff, who adds the $1,000 deposit and $70 per day per player St. Vincent will charge is tax deductible for the players. "But

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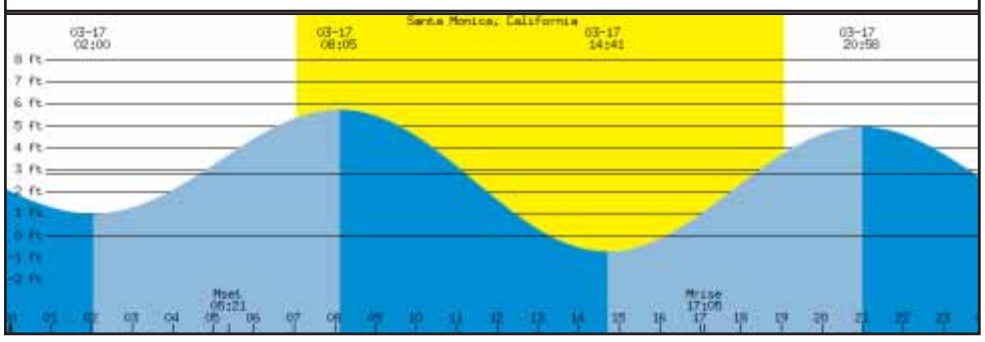
Swell Forecast

Most west facing breaks are looking at surf running 1-3' overhead with some DOH sets at standout west facing breaks.

Long Range Synopsis

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Tide Forecast for Today in Santa Monica



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LOCATION	DRY	WET
Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth.	F	F
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	A+
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechusa and Las Alisa creeks.	A+	A+
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	A	A+
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth.	A+	D
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	A+	F
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	A+	A+
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth.	B	B
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	F	D
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Solstice Canyon at Don Blocker County Beach.	A	C
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth.	B	A
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd..	A	A+
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Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach.	A+	A+
Tuna Canyon.	A+	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	F	F
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	A+
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	B	A+
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	A+	A+

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence.	A+	A+
Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain.	A+	A+
Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain.	A+	A+
Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua).	A	F
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain.	A+	A+
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain.	B	A
Santa Monica Municipal Pier.	F	C
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain.	B	C
Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms).	A+	A+
Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain.	B	A
Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain.	A+	A+
Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain.	A+	A+
Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain.	A+	B
Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south.	A+	A+
Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St..	A+	A+
Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- lifeguard tower.	A	A
Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth.	A	F
Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain.	A+	A+
North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach.	A+	A+
Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of D&W jetty).	A+	A+
Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain.	A+	A+
Dockweiler Beach- opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant.	A+	A+
Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain.	A+	A+

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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TENNIS

Report: Williams says she has been feeling 'depressed'

ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES Serena Williams told USA Today that she's "at the end of (her) rope" after several physical setbacks that have kept her off the court since July.

"It's just been a tough year," the 29-year-old said at her Bel Air home in an interview published in Wednesday's edition.

Shortly after her fourth Wimbledon title, Williams cut her foot on some broken glass at a restaurant — resulting in a pair of surgeries.

"I definitely have not been happy," she told the newspaper. "Especially when I had that second surgery (on my foot), I was definitely depressed. I cried all the time. I was miserable to be around."

Then last month, she suffered a pulmonary embolism and was hospitalized to remove a grapefruit-sized hemotoma from her stomach.

During her time away, Williams has fallen to No. 11 in the rankings.

"What's going to make me happy is going on the court and holding up trophies, singles and doubles," she said.

She has not set a timetable for her return to tennis but said it could come as early as this summer.

"I don't know what's realistic," Williams said. "I really don't know. I haven't put a date on it yet."

NFL

FROM PAGE 15

we're trying to respond, as every good business will, to what you need.

"We view this as an extension of our relationships throughout the league. We have invested a lot of time and money and human resources and equipment to make this as comfortable an environment for an NFL player as we can."

Miller already is planning football drills at EPF in the spring, noting it's just as effective for opponents to work together as it is for teammates.

"This year we are going to implement an OTA-like sked, very small 7- on-7 drills, not on the magnitude of the real OTAs, but basically running routes to get guys mentally sharp and ready," Miller says. "One thing NFL players love to do is compete — in the weight room or on the field. Once you get into the routine of knowing teammates, that's great, but now you get to see how hard these other guys work to get to another level."

There is another approach, though, as expressed by Vikings defensive tackle Kevin Williams.

"Yeah, this is around the time we'd be getting ready to start the offseason program," Williams says, "but I think I'm going to take a couple more weeks off."

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Bond double bill
The Man With the Golden Gun and Octopussy
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Just Go With It (PG-13) 1hr 50min
1:45pm, 4:30pm, 7:15pm, 10:00pm

Adjustment Bureau (PG-13) 1hr 39min
1:35pm, 4:10pm, 6:45pm, 9:20pm

Red Riding Hood (PG-13) 2hrs 00min
1:30pm, 4:00pm, 6:30pm, 9:00pm

Kill the Irishman (R) 1hr 46min
1:40pm, 4:15pm, 7:00pm, 9:35pm

AMC 7 Santa Monica
1310 Third St.
(310) 451-9440

Gnomeo & Juliet 3D (PG) 1hr 24min
11:05am, 1:20pm, 3:35pm, 5:50pm, 8:00pm, 10:05pm

Rango (PG) 1hr 47min
11:15am, 2:00pm, 4:35pm, 7:15pm, 9:55pm

Battle: Los Angeles (PG-13) 1hr 56min
11:00am, 1:50pm, 4:45pm, 7:40pm, 10:30pm

Adjustment Bureau (PG-13) 1hr 46min
12:00pm, 2:35pm, 5:10pm, 7:45pm, 10:20pm

Mars Needs Moms in Disney Digital 3D (PG) 1hr 28min
12:15pm, 2:30pm, 4:50pm, 7:10pm, 9:30pm

Hall Pass (R) 1hr 38min
11:10am, 1:55pm, 4:40pm, 7:20pm, 10:10pm

Red Riding Hood (PG-13) 1hr 40min
11:45am, 2:30pm, 5:00pm, 7:30pm, 10:00pm

Laemmle's Monica Fourplex
1332 Second St.
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Saint Misbehavin': The Wavy Gravy Movie (NR)
1:00pm, 3:10pm, 5:20pm, 7:40pm, 10:10pm

Over the Hill Band (Meisjes) (NR) 1hr 33min
4:45pm

King's Speech (R) 1 hour 58 min
1:40pm, 4:30pm, 7:20pm, 10:10pm

Cedar Rapids (R) 1hr 26min
1:10pm, 3:20pm, 5:30pm, 7:50pm, 10:10pm

Phil Ochs: There But for Fortune (NR) 1hr 36min
2:20pm

Rigoletto in Mantua (NR) 2hrs 33min
7:30pm

AMC Criterion 6
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Take Me Home Tonight (R) 1hr 54min
12:15pm, 2:40pm, 5:05pm, 7:35pm, 10:00pm

Rango (PG) 1hr 47min
1:05pm, 3:40pm, 6:15pm, 9:00pm

Beastly (PG-13) 1hr 35min
12:30pm, 2:45pm, 5:00pm, 7:20pm, 9:35pm

Battle: Los Angeles (PG-13) 1hr 56min
1:00pm, 4:00pm, 7:00pm, 10:00pm

Unknown (PG-13) 1hr 49min
1:30pm, 4:20pm, 7:10pm, 9:55pm

I Will Follow (NR) 1hr 28min
12:40pm, 2:50pm, 5:10pm, 7:30pm, 9:45pm

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Celebrate, even if your not Irish, Scorpio

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★★ Your playfulness merges with your imagination. How can anyone hold you back? Especially if you were born Irish. An ability to synthesize what others say helps sort out mixed or confusing communication. Curb your temper. Tonight: It is obvious, isn't it? Paint the city green.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ You are trying to keep the lid on a personal issue. The problem is, a friend might be working against you, not intentionally, and the lid will blow. Sort through what needs to be said and what is appropriate. Tonight: Be Irish at home.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ You have a way or style about you that attracts many people, and most certainly at this moment. If you can get out of work early, by all means, do. You might want to paint the town green with like-minded Irish people (even if you are Irish for only one day!). Tonight: Having fun and not going far.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★ Your sensitivity is needed when dealing with a child or loved one. People don't realize how tuned in you are, which is why you are moody more times than not. Don't commit to anything before checking out the costs. OK? Tonight: Treat yourself.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Someone around you could be vested in maintaining a haze around him- or herself. Wait until you have a more reality-bound type of perspective. Note a tendency to be sarcastic and sometimes critical. Think before saying anything. Tonight: Don't kid yourself about a relationship.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★ Know when to step back and allow others to express their thoughts and ideas. Could you be ever so slightly overwhelmed? Honor those feelings and do step back. You will know when enough is enough. Tonight: If Irish, celebrate at home.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★★ Your ability to adjust and make the best of difficult situations emerges. A certain element of pie-in-the-sky thinking surrounds you and those you care about. Don't worry about it. You simply need to be aware of a distortion. Tonight: Where people are wearing green!

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★ Whether you like it or not, you are in the limelight. Your ability to understand others and get to the bottom on an issue emerges. Understand how much you will have to give in order to complete a project or task your way. Tonight: Celebrating, whether you are Irish or not.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★★ Reach out for those at a distance. You also might need to discuss an important matter with an expert or someone who often plays the role of devil's advocate. Either way, you solidify your thinking. Start thinking "vacation." Tonight: Follow the music.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Relate to others directly, knowing full well what the end results could be. Understanding evolves to a new level as a result. Know that partners don't need to agree with each other, but you do need to respect each other's views. Tonight: Dinner for two.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ Defer to others. Though you might not be sure they have the right path, you need to find out. Remain supportive rather than give them your opinion. A misunderstanding can easily be straightened out. Know when to pull back. Tonight: Relax.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ You might be left holding the bag today as others seem to stomp out of work, not quite completing this or that. Remain optimistic as you talk through a logistics problem. A close associate or friend emerges with a solution. Tonight: Join a co-worker.

Happy birthday

This year, passions are high and sarcasm could run rampant. Be sensitive to new possibilities that come through partners and associates. You could be a little taken aback, as you might have to defer more often than not. Often, you have to clear a veil of confusion. If you are single, you meet people with ease. You don't need to jump into a relationship. From the summer on, you will connect more easily. If you are attached, enjoy the back-and-forth mental exchanges. VIRGO often challenges your thought process.

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



MYSTERY PHOTO

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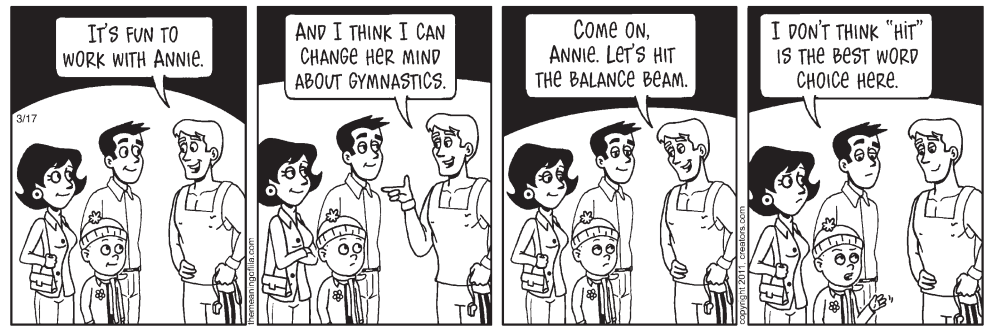
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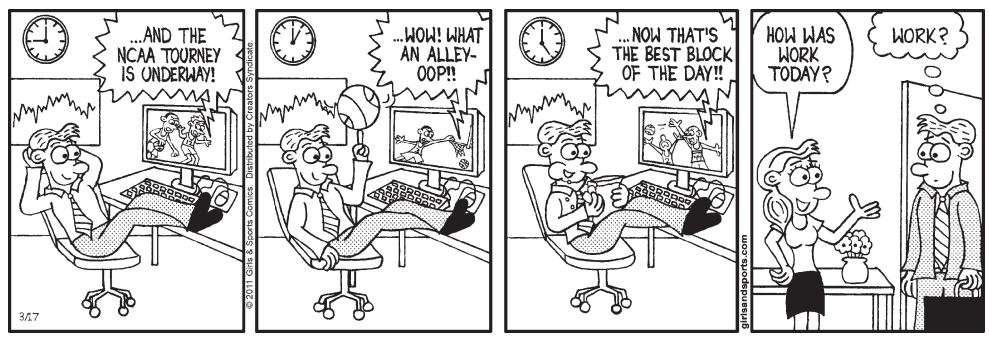
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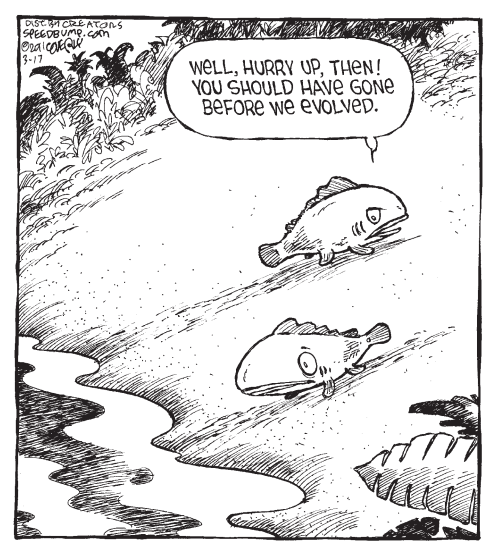
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Sudoku

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

Difficulty Level ★★★

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

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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

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



CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Addition column
5 Web sites?
11 Garden aid
12 Miranda circles it
13 Spiked club
14 Staple gun's cousin
15 March symbol
17 Soup sphere
18 Put in office
22 All set
24 Plant anew
25 Bizarre
26 Dove sound
27 Brewskis
30 Gingery cookies
32 Follow
33 Engine need
34 Make eights, maybe
38 Sawmill machine
41 Notion
42 Texas town
43 Bender
44 Rust and the like
45 Is inquisitive

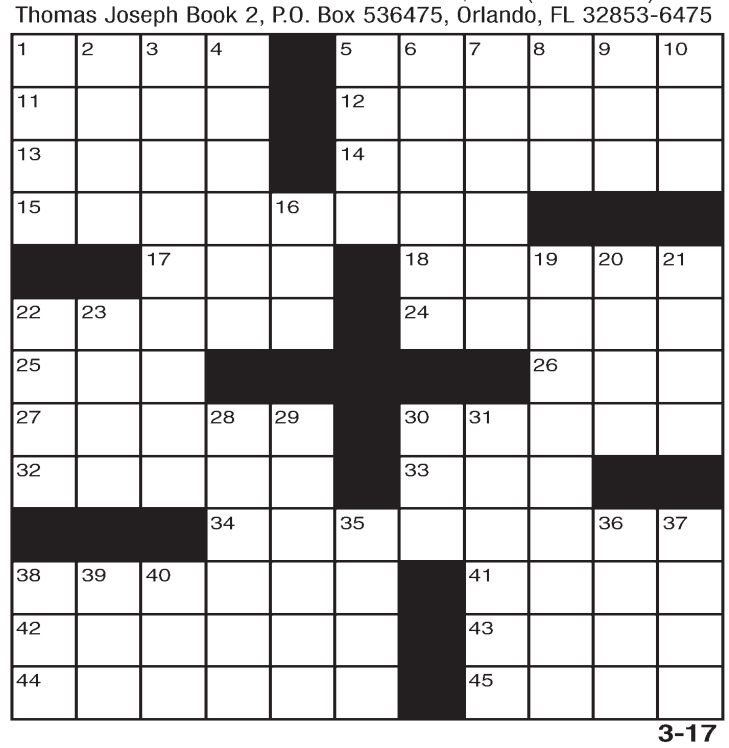
DOWN

1 Resistance units
2 Ham's dad
3 Daring acts
4 Appeared
5 Highway sight
6 Shipping inquiry
7 Fishing gear
8 Press need
9 Pool need
10 Georgia, once: Abbr.
16 Devilfish
19 Attacks involving ladders
20 Hen pen
21 "Terrible" age
22 Lounge attire
23 Perfect place
28 Destroyed
29 Break off
30 Urgent call
31 Maggie Q TV series
35 Amorous archer
36 Ship wood
37 Dumbo's wings
38 Gaza org.
39 Indulgent
40 "Exodus" hero

R	A	F	T	■	S	P	O	R	T	S
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T	A	L	E	■	R	U	N	N	E	R
E	N	D	■	C	U	S	S	■	■	■
■	■	I	M	A	G	E	■	H	A	M
A	B	N	E	R	■	S	L	O	M	O
W	A	G	S	■	■	■	E	L	M	O
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Y	A	P	■	S	C	I	F	I	■	■
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C	O	B	R	A	S	■	E	P	E	E

Yesterday's answer

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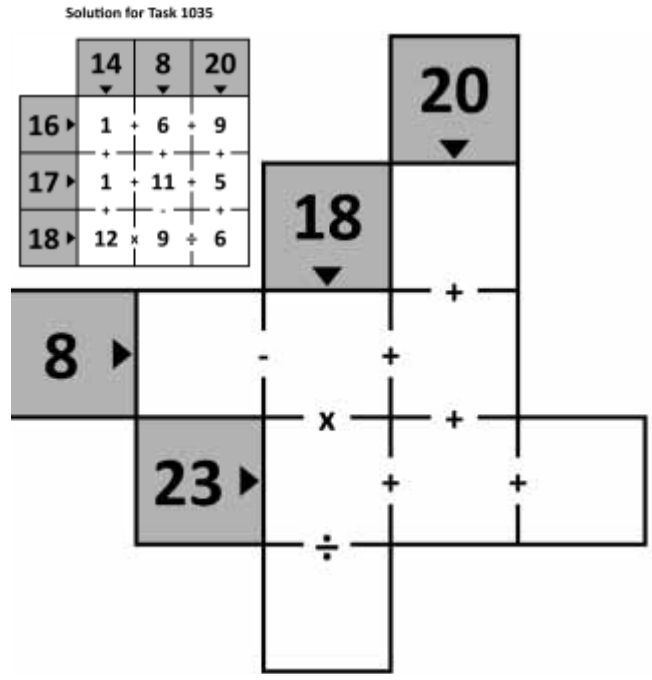
- Fill the grid with the set of given numbers (1 to 12) to satisfy the Equa demands (7 to 24) in the shaded boxes. The Equa demands represent the sum of the digits that you will insert into the empty squares.
- Each horizontal row has one Equa demand to satisfy; each vertical column also has one demand to satisfy. Each empty square in the grid dictates the math operation (addition +, subtraction -, multiplication X, and division ÷) that must be performed to meet the demands.
- You must follow the given math operations for each square and you must make sure all the numbers satisfy the demands in the shaded boxes when connected in adjacent threes and calculated together from left to right, and top to bottom.
- The numbers you insert into the grid must satisfy the Equa demands both horizontally and vertically.

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Fill in the empty fields with the given numbers so when calculated together they satisfy all Equas in the gray boxes:

3, 4, 5, 6, 9, 9, 10, 11

Solution for Task 1035



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EVENING: 0 7 9

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ In May 2008, classroom disrupter Alex Barton, 5, was finally made by his teacher at Morningside Elementary kindergarten in St. Lucie County, Fla., to sit down and listen to the accumulated complaints of his classmates, who then were asked to vote on asking Alex to leave the class. (He lost, 14-2.) Shortly afterward, Alex was diagnosed with a form of autism, and his mother filed a federal disability discrimination lawsuit, citing Alex's "humiliation" by the voting incident. A settlement was reached in February 2011 when the school district agreed to pay Alex $350,000 (which included legal expenses). Said Ms. Barton, "Money can't take care of what (the school district) did to my family."

■ Lawyer Terry Watkins admitted to a judge in Faribault, Minn., in February that his client William Melchert-Dinkel did things that were "abhorrent," "sick" and "creepy," but that doesn't make him a criminal. Melchert-Dinkel has been charged with two felonies for counseling depressed people online on the techniques and virtues of suicide (for example, recommending positioning for a noose to a Briton who hanged himself three days later). (A judge's decision was pending at press time.)

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4TH DISTRICT STATE OF UTAH
Petitioner: DOROTHEA SIDLO, Address: 3033 OLD BRIDGE ROAD, PROVO, UTAH 84604
Petitioner's Date of Birth 08/18/1958
RESPONDENT (person Petitioner is protected from): Paul Sidlo
Other names used: Relationship to Petitioner: Husband (father of 3);
Address: 2460 Euclid Street, Santa Monica, CA 90405
Describe Respondent:
Sex: M, Race: White (not Hispanic), DOB: 07/04/1956, Ht: 6'0, Wt: 205, Eyes: Green, Hair: Blackish gray
The Court Orders the Respondent to obey all orders
Initiated on this form and to not abuse, or threaten to abuse, anyone protected by this order
Warning to the respondent:
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To Paul Sidlo
Go to the court hearing on the date listed below. If you do not go to the hearing, the judge can make orders without hearing your side
Date: 3/25/11, Time 10 am, Judicial Officer: Faulkner
Address 125 N 100 W Provo, Room: UNK
Notice of Hearing:
Date: March 25, 2011 Time: 8:30AM
The address of the court is 4th District Court –Provo Utah County, State of Utah
A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Santa Monica Daily Press.
Date: March 8, 2011
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