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THE REVAMP ISSUE

SMC students facing fewer classes for summer 2011

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

SMC Statewide budget uncertainty is taking its toll at Santa Monica College, which will only allow students to pre-enroll for one class for the summer session in an attempt to serve the largest number of students possible.

The school already enacted a similar policy for its winter session to cut back costs

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HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS ROUNDUP

Samohi volleyball sits atop rankings

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

SAMOHI Santa Monica's boys' volleyball team is ranked No. 1 in the latest CIF-Southern Section Division 4 poll released on Monday.

The Vikings are back in action on Thursday at home against Beverly Hills in an Ocean League matchup. The game is scheduled to begin at 3:15 p.m.

SAMOHI ROUTS NORTH, 9-2

Samohi's baseball team notched its second win of the season, 9-2, Monday against North Torrance at home.

The win improved the Vikings' record to 2-12. The Vikings will try to keep the winning ways going today against Oak Park at home.

Both games are part of the Babe Herman Tournament. It begins at 3:15 p.m.

ST. MONICA BOYS RANKED 10TH IN D-4

St. Monica's boys' volleyball team is ranked 10th in this week's CIF-SS Division 5 poll.

The Mariners are scheduled to host Gardena Serra in a Camino Real League game today at 5 p.m.

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GOING: **Juniper trees at Reed Park will be removed by the Public Landscape Division of the Community and Cultural Services Department as part of the Open Space Improvements project along Wilshire Boulevard. The trees will be replaced with drought tolerant native plants.**

Reed Park junipers on the chopping block

Three years after council approval, plan to revamp park proceeds

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

REED PARK Despite protests by environmental activists over the weekend, city workers will proceed today with plans to cut down 45 juniper trees at Christine Reed Park that were left out of a redesign approved by the City Council in 2008.

The design came out of a series of community meetings and surveys held nearly four years ago, which went through a formal design process, series of approvals for concept and schematics and a design development phase.

Beyond the update of playground equipment, the design included landscaping part of the park with native California plants to increase sustainability, and removal of some trees to improve visibility within the park.

The removal came out of community concerns that a transient population sleeps there hidden by the trees, and that patrolling police can't see into the park, said Community and Cultural Services Director Barbara Stinchfield.

"People were feeling a lack of security as they walked by," Stinchfield said.

Police records of calls for service to the park between January 2010 and March 2011 show 27 pages of complaints including drinking in public, disturbance of the peace and routine pedestrian stops.

Recently, the health of the trees also came into question.

Last week, a community forester examined the trees again, Stinchfield said.

The trees had been pruned to the point that they had lost structural integrity, and had brown leaves and signs of ill-health, she said.

Three of the 48 trees originally targeted for destruction will be preserved after a landscape architect identified them as healthy enough to be left alone, and that they would fit the design of the park.

"We want trees that have good form, healthy foliage and haven't been trimmed up," Stinchfield said.

Members of Santa Monica Treesavers demonstrated against the decision on Saturday, contending that there was no reason to remove the mature trees and that an independent arborist should be brought in to examine them.

The determination that the trees were unhealthy is suspect, said Treesavers activist Cosmo Bua.

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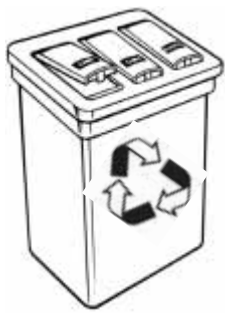
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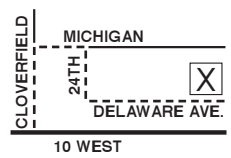

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What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Tuesday, April 5, 2011

April Jollies
Ocean Park Library
2601 Main St., 3:30 p.m.
Shower yourself with laughter through the month of April with some stories and songs from Mr. Jesse and all of his puppet pals.
For more information on this free event, call (310) 458-8683.

Up or down?
The Talking Stick
1411 Lincoln Blvd., Venice. 8 p.m.
A night of comedy at this cool gathering spot.
For more information, call (310) 450-6052.

Wednesday, April 6, 2011

An evening with Suzy
Danny's
23 Windward Ave., Venice, 7 p.m.
Suzy Williams, a throwback to a more hip era, brings her unique jazzy stage show to Danny's.
For more information, call (310) 450-6052.

Bingo, baby!
Senior Recreation Center
1450 Ocean Ave., 2 p.m.
Come out to play bingo for prizes at this weekly free event.
For more information, call (310) 458-8644.

Thursday, April 7, 2011

Gaga for Bollywood
VLounge
2020 Wilshire Blvd., 8 p.m.
blue13 dance company presents "Gaga for Bollywood," a wild club night of performances, drinking, and dancing to the music of DJ's Tej Gill and Sandeep Kumar spinning the latest and greatest Bollywood, pop, Bhangra and hip hop tunes of today. The fundraising event will benefit blue13 dance company, a non-profit organization, with a portion of the evening's proceeds benefiting the Red Cross' Japan Tsunami Relief Effort and to the Dancers Care Foundation, whose mission is to raise funds to prevent cancer, raise awareness and ultimately find a cure. For more information, visit blue13dance.com.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

DOWNTOWN

Santa Monica Red Cross to honor Betty White

It seems America can't get enough of Betty White and the same goes for the American Red Cross of Santa Monica.

The 88-year-old actress best known for her role as Rose on the "Golden Girls," will be the recipient of the "Crystal Cross Award" for her contributions to animal welfare at the 2011 Santa Monica Red Cross Red Tie Affair, which will be held Saturday at the Fairmont-Miramar Hotel.



Providing comfort and care for animals during a major disaster is a growing concern for the American Red Cross and the Santa Monica chapter is spearheading the creation of a nationwide program to aid and shelter animals during emergencies and to provide year-round pet CPR and pet first-aid classes for the public, said John Pacheco, executive director of the Santa Monica chapter.

"White, with her lifelong advocacy of caring for animals, is the consummate embodiment of this new and exciting venture and an inspiration to everyone at the American Red Cross," Pacheco said.

The Red Cross Spirit Award will go to actor and Red Cross Celebrity Cabinet member Josh Duhamel who helped raise funds for the Haitian and Japanese earthquake relief by organizing youth runs on the Santa Monica Beach that raised hundreds of thousands of dollars.

The Rick Crocker Spirit of Volunteerism Award, named after a Santa Monica police officer and marine who lost his life in 2005 while fighting in Iraq, will be bestowed on a team of doctors from Saint John's Health Center who traveled to Haiti and assisted in the relief effort after the Haitian earthquake, last year.

National American Red Cross President and CEO Gail McGovern will attend this year's exclusive event.

The Red Tie Affair is a fundraiser for the Red Cross and features a silent auction. Over 450 people are expected to attend, including local community leaders, as well as celebrities and professional athletes.

For more information, go to redcrosssofsantamonica.org.

DAILY PRESS

DOWNTOWN

Emeritus College awards scholarship

Santa Monica College's Emeritus College for older adults is reaching out to young people — with money.

Emeritus has awarded a $500 scholarship, from an anonymous donor, to Santa Monica High School senior Haley Hill for her contributions to Emeritus. The Bridges to the Future Scholarship Award will be given every year to a high school student, Emeritus College officials said.

Haley was cited for playing saxophone in the Emeritus Concert Band, which holds several concerts a year at SMC's Broad Stage and other venues. Although most of the band members are older adults (55 and above), the band does have younger members.

"We're really excited about this new scholarship because it's a really good way to build a bridge to the high schools," said Ron Furuyama, associate dean of Emeritus College. "Many of our Emeritus students are grandparents and they want to make sure their grandchildren have a bright future."

Established in 1975, Emeritus College offers classes and special programs to older adults, serving more than 3,400 students per semester.

Haley, who plays with the Samohi wind ensemble, marching band and jazz band — plans to attend Washington University in St. Louis this fall as a humanities major and religion minor. She says playing with the Emeritus Band has been "a great experience and privilege."

"We play a lot of challenging music," she said. "Candide and Miller Mood have, by far, been the most difficult. The exposure to this music has really forced me to become a better musician. I also love playing with people who have more experience than me. Everyone in the Emeritus Band has been really kind and supportive. They've encouraged me to become a better player and to keep up my music."

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Experts warn against targeted email breach

JORDAN ROBERTSON & PETER SVENSSON
AP Technology Writers

SAN FRANCISCO Think twice next time you get an email from Chase or Citi asking you to log in to your credit card account. The bank may not have sent it.

A security breach that exposed the email addresses of potentially millions of customers of major U.S. banks, hotels and stores is more likely than traditional scams to ultimately trick people into revealing personal information.

Security experts said Monday they were alarmed that the breach involved targeted information — tying individuals to businesses they patronize — and could make customers more likely to reveal passwords, Social Security numbers and other sensitive data.

The company that was in charge of the email addresses, a Dallas marketing firm called Epsilon, handles online marketing for some of the biggest names in business. Those companies have flooded customers in recent days with warnings to be on guard.

Epsilon said that while hackers had stolen customer email addresses, a rigorous assessment determined that no other personal information was compromised. By itself, without passwords and other sensitive data, email addresses are of little use to criminals. But they can be used to craft dangerous online attacks.

Citi credit card customers, for example, are more likely to respond to an email claiming to be from Citigroup than from a random bank. The email might direct the customer to a site that looks like the bank's site, capture login information and use it to access the real account.

David Jevans, chairman and founder of the nonprofit Anti-Phishing Working Group, said criminals have been moving away from indiscriminate email scams, known as "phishing," toward more intelligent attacks known as "spear phishing," which rely on more intimate knowledge of victims.

"This data breach is going to facilitate that in a big way," said Jevans, also CEO of security company IronKey Inc. "Now they know which institution people bank with, they know their name and they have their email address."

The information could also help criminals send highly personalized emails to victims. Doing so makes the email more likely to get past a spam filter.

Epsilon, a unit of Alliance Data Systems Corp., sends more than 40 billion emails a year and has more than 2,500 business clients. Stock in the parent company fell $1.73, or 2

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State lawmaker proposes Arizona-like immigration bill

LIEN HOANG
Associated Press

SACRAMENTO A tea party member promoted an anti-illegal immigration bill Monday that is loosely modeled after one that drew attention to Arizona last year.

The bill by Republican state Assemblyman Tim Donnelly of San Bernardino County would go after so-called sanctuary cities and employers who hire illegal immigrants. The Assembly Judiciary Committee was expected to consider the bill Tuesday.

It has little chance of surviving the Democratic-controlled Legislature.

AB26 does not include language similar to the most high-profile provision of the Arizona law, which directed law enforcement officers to check the citizenship status of anyone they suspect of being in the country illegally. Critics said that provision encourages racial profiling.

The sponsor of the Arizona bill, state Senate President Russell Pearce, said at a rally Monday with Donnelly that his proposal was not divisive and merely enforces the law.

"Controversial with who? Those who support the law versus those who don't?" said Pearce, a Republican.

Donnelly, a state Minuteman founder who has been shown on TV constructing a border fence, said he is not anti-immigrant.

"One of the things I've always been in favor of is more legal immigration," he said, adding that his wife descended from immigrants.

The lawmaker said the influx of immigrants should compel the United States to help Mexico tackle structural problems that encourage its citizens to migrate north.

His bill also would increase punishment of sex and drug traffickers and other smugglers. It calls for penalties to discourage day laborers who are in the country illegally and requires citizenship verification for anyone applying for public benefits.

The rally outside the Capitol brought a little more than 100 supporters, some from Southern California and members of the tea party.

It also featured Los Angeles resident Jamiel Shaw, who said he backs the legislation after a criminal who was in the country illegally shot his son to death three years ago.

"Here we are giving you the American dream," Shaw, 50, said of illegal immigrants, "and you're giving us an American nightmare."



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Santa Monica voters aren't foolish

Editor:

While it is no April Fools joke that Proposition Y revenues kicked in on Friday, we wish it were April Fools that Sacramento leaders last week threw in the towel on putting a statewide tax extension ballot measure before the voters of California. When we campaigned for Props. Y and YY, we knew there was a chance that the state's 1 percent portion of the sales tax that was imposed as an emergency state revenue source two years ago would expire on June 30. Now it looks like it will expire, and our sales tax will actually go down, even with Prop. Y.

But is that a good thing? Even with locally-approved funding, our schools may lose between $3.6 and $11 million in funding for the coming school year because of the state cuts. Can you imagine where we would be without Props. Y and YY? Thank you voters of Santa Monica for being wise enough to understand that it is well worth the investment to put your tax dollars toward a quality education for this generation of youth. Such cognizance is certainly the opposite of April Fools!

Shari Davis and Tom Larmore,
Co-chairs, Yes on Y+YY
Rebecca Kennerly
Chair, Community for Excellent Public Schools

Headline screams racism

Editor:

I know white folks don't often see this right away, but the racism in all of this so-called "probe" bugs the hell out of me ("OIR report corrected in de la Torre probe," page 1, March 30)). The front page titles continue to incriminate de la Torre, the first Mexican-American school board member from the Pico Neighborhood, who did no wrong (he should be commended). Why is he "probed?" Isn't the probe about police misconduct (a phrase never mentioned)? If the unfriendly Cuneo didn't turn over the tapes, then who? Why is this a mystery? What role did Cuneo and the Samohi principals have in all of this? Still focusing on "whether he waited too long to break up the fight" is erroneous and racist! How many white school board members in the history of Santa Monica schools have ever bothered to intervene in fights between kids of color? And make them shake hands? Really.

You can look at the recent RAND study on males of color to see that we have a crisis (of collective neglect) in our society that people like de la Torre are on the front lines of. Are police working with these youths, tutoring them, teaching skills and their cultural backgrounds (like the youth-organized annual PYFC Chavez Day this Thursday). We should be rewarding and supporting these people (and their programs) not criminalizing them. How come the police are not prosecuted for racist or malicious intent in their investigations? Instead it's called "an unusual mix of facts and advocacy." If I lie to put someone in jail, can I just say it was just "an unusual mix of facts and advocacy?"

Some crooked and irresponsible people and racist legacies are going untouched before our eyes. Be warned.

Elias Serna
Santa Monica





What's the Point?

David Pisarra — Send comments to editor@smdp.com

April showers bring May flowers

I'M SURE YOU'VE ALL HEARD THE OLD adage, "April showers bring May flowers" or "Into each life some rain must fall." These two sayings remind me of what I hope was the most challenging time in my life, my third year in law school.

The last year of law school is a horrible time in a person's life. You're at the end of a long and arduous process that is designed to destroy your ego, self-esteem and social skills. There is this agony of having to complete courses while your mind is completely focused on the biggest and excruciating test you'll ever have to take in your life — the bar exam.

My third year was an exercise in seeing just how much stress I could take. I was living in a dark, dank, hovel of an apartment that I rented for a reduced rate because I "managed" the building for a Santa Monica property management firm. My mother was in her early 70s at that time. She underwent heart bypass surgery, and I found out about it when my oldest brother called to tell me she survived surgery.

Two weeks later, my other brother called me and asked me to take him to the doctor. This was curious because he was 14 years my senior, and as a 42-year-old man he was ostensibly in good shape.

It was Tuesday, April 4 that he called me. I remember having to leave work to take him to a doctor in Brentwood. My formerly hearty and hale big brother, the man who won the award for the most wins and most losses in one season for the UC Riverside wrestling team, could barely walk.

His personality was there, he was upbeat and charming as always, but he was unsteady on his feet. The doctor saw him, and diagnosed him as being severely dehydrated, and in need of immediate hospitalization to treat a lung infection.

I'm sure the doctor realized my brother was in late stage alcoholism. At 42 he'd lost a career, a wife, his friendships were in tatters and now his health was failing. The direction from the doctor was to be hospitalized immediately.

But that's not what happened.

My brother was a smart guy, too smart really for his own good. He was a lawyer, stockbroker, and life insurance agent. He was so smart that he knew the doctor was overreacting when he said to go to the emergency room and get treatment. Earlier that year, when one of his oldest friends from college, a doctor himself, tried to convince my brother of his alcoholism based on the damage done to his liver. My brother's reaction was to determine that the human body only needs 20 percent of the liver to survive.

So when we left the doctor's office with a prescription for anti-biotics we headed to a Rite-Aid instead of emergency aid, because my brother knew better than his doctors. At the Rite-Aid as we waited for the prescription to be filled, he bought a bottle of Gatorade to combat the dehydration, and a bottle of vodka to mix with the Gatorade.

I had to go back to work, but as I left the house where my brother was staying, when I reached the front door, I looked back to see my big brother at a cheap Formica table, with the little old lady he was renting a room from, and he called to me, saying, "I love you David." I said I know, and left. That would be the last thing he ever said to me.

The next morning, as I was preparing for work I received a call from that little old lady that she couldn't wake my brother, who had fallen asleep in the hallway. I knew.

I knew he was dead. I told her to call 911, but I knew.

When I got to the house, I was told officially what I had been sitting in traffic dreading.

That was April 5, 1995. I spent the day waiting to speak to my oldest brother, who would have to break the news to my mother that her middle son was dead. I was scared of her reaction as she was recovering from heart surgery. I was scared that it would cause her to die. She didn't. She was a trooper and kept on going for years afterward. I made it through that third year of law school and now I practice family law in Santa Monica.

The memories of that period of my life are the showers of April for me, the changes in my life since then are the flowers. I miss my brother, but every April I have the chance to remember him, and to be grateful for the flowers of today.

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Does eating meat cause hunger?

SO FAR, AGRICULTURE HAS KEPT UP WITH population. There's enough food in the world to feed everyone. But not everyone's getting fed; at least a billion people live with hunger, according to the U.N. World Food Program. And the world is in the midst of yet another spike in food prices. As long as we keep diverting grain from human mouths to animal ones, people will go hungry. It's simple market economics: It's more profitable to produce meat — even though the meat that results from feeding grain to animals has less food value than the grain itself.

Which is why there's hunger even when there are no grain shortages: The wealthy of the world are willing to pay more to feed animals than poor people can pay to feed themselves.

So must we all become vegetarians in order to avert world hunger? Not necessarily. The spring issue of YES! Magazine suggests another route to food sufficiency.

Recent food price spikes mean those on the margins are more likely to go hungry, and political instability is among the outcomes. In February, the World Bank reported price levels only 3 percent below the 2008 peak that produced widespread food riots. At the beginning of March, The U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) reported a 70 percent increase in export grain prices during the last year. The FAO Food Price Index was at its highest level since the FAO began monitoring prices in 1990.

The World Bank discusses two factors driving up food prices: weather and ethanol, and quotes a USDA estimate that 40 percent of the U.S. corn output will go to making ethanol this year.

But in the United States in 2009, the last full year for which numbers are available, 137 million metric tons of corn, sorghum, barley, and oats became animal feed. That's 46 percent of total U.S. consumption of those grains. It's also two and a half times the amount of grain the United States exported in that year.

The solution to world hunger, then, is simple: Stop eating meat.

No realistic person expects that, or anything close to it, to happen. There is a slew of valid reasons for being vegetarian: raising meat produces greenhouse gases, degrades water ways, and displaces forests and wild habitats, and many people feel that the way animals are raised and slaughtered is immoral. Nonetheless, it seems that meat eating will be with us always.

It turns out, though, that eating meat doesn't have to take food away from hungry people, and it doesn't have to involve a lifetime in a cage. As Joel Salatin says, in a YES! Magazine interview, "Don't blame the cow for the negatives of the industrial food system."

WHICH IS WHY THERE'S HUNGER EVEN WHEN THERE ARE NO GRAIN SHORTAGES: THE WEALTHY OF THE WORLD ARE WILLING TO PAY MORE TO FEED ANIMALS THAN POOR PEOPLE CAN PAY TO FEED THEMSELVES.

At Salatin's Polyface Farms, the pastures are five times as productive as the local average, and, he says, "We've never bought a bag of chemical fertilizer and we've never planted a seed." Salatin raises cattle, pigs, and chickens, and does it all without using anything that could become human food. He says his farmland has gotten richer and more fertile as a result of decades of grazing.

This is the model that most humans followed for most of history: Animals ate what humans couldn't, and turned that into meat that humans could eat. Ron Fairlie, in his new book, "Meat: A Benign Extravagance," calls this "default livestock." He calculates that a universal return to that model would return food grains to human mouths, and still produce enough meat for everyone to have some.

Not a great deal, mind you — about three quarters of a pound of meat and 1.33 pints of milk per week. But the roughly 1.5 billion people in India, Pakistan, and Bangladesh eat less than that already.

For the sacrifice of cutting our meat consumption, we'd eliminate the cruelty of confinement animal-feeding operations. We'd do away with the bulk of the greenhouse gases associated with industrial livestock; Salatin says his operation actually sequesters carbon. Best of all, we'd know that no one in the world had to go to bed hungry.

PIBEL is managing editor of YES! Magazine.

The Q Line

We have to ask

The Daily Press recently published its annual April Fools' Day edition, something that gives us a chance to poke fun at the things we cover.

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Specialty camps for kids not into sports, s'mores

BY LEANNE ITALIE
Associated Press

NEW YORK Sports, s'mores and cabin life are fine for millions of kids who troop off to summer camp every year, but what about the budding Wall Streeters, computer geeks and foodies with no interest in marshmallows on a stick, hours of sweaty soccer or buggy wilderness?

There's no need to subject reluctant campers to more traditional programs with a world of specialized experiences available, ranging from day camps to overnight stays of a week or more.

"Campers in this day and age, they know what they want," said Ian Brassert, director of Pali Overnight Adventures, which offers 16 specialty camps on 74 acres in the mountains of Southern California. "Camps are becoming more and more flexible."

Popular for Brassert are Hollywood stunt man camp, secret agent camp and something called "Girl Power Extreme" that combines paintball and zip lining with manipedis and spa treatments just for girls. "We're catering to what we believe is the modern camper," he said.

Organized camp in the United States marks its 150th anniversary this year, according to the American Camp Association. About 10 million young people attend summer camp every year, including book worms, little chefs, junior firefighters and magicians in training. As with all summer camps, prices vary, from low-cost day programs like the Geek Squad, to high-end residential camps that may charge several thousand dollars a week.

The American Camp Association, which accredits camps and offers resources for parents, estimates the country has 12,000 organized camps — 7,000 residential and 5,000 day programs. If traditional camp feels wrong for your child, here are some ideas on alternatives:

GEEK SQUAD CAMP

Real Best Buy Geek Squad agents donate their time for the Geek Squad Summer Academy, founded by agent Moira Hardek in her native Chicago as a way to nudge girls into technology fields.

Now offering girl-only and coed programs that run over three days, kids around the country can dig into the guts of computers, smartphones and MP3 players — and learn how to put them back together again. Hardware is donated by the Geek Squad.

There's digital music, video and photo instruction, GPS scavenger hunts and Wii tournaments. The camp also covers the basics of PCs and Macs — and Web safety, security and ethics.

About 4,000 middle and high schoolers have participated in 27 cities in 19 states. The academy takes on local partners to provide locations.

"This is about educating kids to be productive, engaged and happy members of our ever increasingly connected world," Hardek said.

HOLLYWOOD STUNT CAMP

In Running Springs, Calif., near Big Bear Lake, Pali Overnight Adventures offers stunt campers sessions of one or two weeks, or a combination of theme programs spread over eight weeks.

For stunt campers, seasoned pros teach high falls and safe landings, fake hand-to-hand combat and swordplay, fight-scene choreography and state-of-the art equipment.

Pali attracts kids from 30 states and 17 countries, Brassert said. "A lot of our camps appeal to kids interested in extreme action. When you have to write what you did this summer, they can show a DVD of themselves jumping off of buildings."

Where does Brassert come up with this stuff? "We talk to our campers. That's where a lot of our ideas come from."

Pali serves campers ages 9 to 16.

WALL STREET CAMP

One kid's soccer ball is another kid's calculator. Many biz-whiz camps for kids exist.

SurvivorU: Wall Street to Main Street

For high school kids on the campus of Trinity Christian Academy in Dallas, Texas. There's a "stock and bond tribe" and a strategic game that could have campers voted off the island for financial mismanagement. They learn about the legalities of turning 18, the basics of taxes and the eighth wonder of the world — compound interest.

At the University of St. Francis outside Chicago in Joliet, Ill., for kids in grades 2 through 8. They head their own companies, write business plans and make business cards. The week ends with a Business Expo to show off their enterprises.

FOODIE CAMP

Lots of camps and culinary schools offer cooking classes. The Kids Culinary Academy of Vermont in the Green Mountains near the Canadian border is the whole enchilada.

Less than an hour from the Burlington airport, the academy founded by Chef Kelly Dietrich has overnight programs of one or two weeks covering the "saute kitchen" and baking and the pastry arts for kids ages 10 and up.

No course is left unexplored: soups, sauces, salads, beef, poultry, vegetables, garnishes and cake decorating included. The academy also covers menu planning, kitchen hygiene and healthy eating habits.

"This isn't just peeling potatoes," Dietrich said. "Culinary is much more popular with children."

Campers receive white chef's hats, coats and pants — and their own professional knife sets. They collect eggs from the academy's hens and help with beekeeping and organic gardening.

Field trips include the nearby Ben & Jerry's ice cream factory and the outdoor markets of Montreal.

FASHION CAMP

Looking to bring out your child's inner Armani? Fashion camps are going strong.

Fashion Institute of Technology in New York City

High school and middle school students spend four days and leave with a certificate of completion. In Mannequin Madness, they create displays and backdrops and learn how to use them in stores. Another session allows participants to create a group of fashion designs that reflect a specific culture.

In the Summer Live program, high schoolers can spend three weeks, either as commuters or campus live-ins, taking a variety of courses from interior design to fashion design taught by FIT professors.

Five-day sessions for ages 12 to 18 held steps from Saks and Barney's in the flagship townhouse of the fashion merchandising school LIM College in midtown Manhattan. Camp staff includes fashion executives, designers, product developers and stylists. Campers visit stores, showrooms and the offices of top brands.

10 candy-free Easter basket ideas children will really love

BY ANNE WALLACE ALLEN
For The Associated Press

Susie Peyton, an art teacher in Redwood City, Calif., has always tried to minimize the candy in holiday traditions with her three kids, now ages 11 and 15.

"I'm the awful mom who goes through their Halloween basket and throws out all their hard candy," said Peyton. "They have a big sweet tooth, and they would eat candy for breakfast if they could."

Easter, with its expectation of chocolate eggs and marshmallow peeps, presents unique challenges for mothers like Peyton. Store aisles are bulging with Easter-themed chocolate and confectionary.

But there are plenty of other options, as inventive mothers like Peyton have found out over the years. Here are 10 themes for candy-free Easter baskets kids will love.

—Gardening basket. Gardening is at least as much as symbol of Easter as a foil-wrapped rabbit, and a row of carrot tops pushing through the soil is something kids will remember long after the last jelly bean is gone. Instead of using a basket, try a small rubber gardening tub, a plastic watering can, or a bucket organizer — $25 at Gardeners Supply catalogue, http://www.gardeners.com . Add colorful seed packets, a pair of gardening gloves and a few intriguing gardening tools.

—Sleepover basket. Cradle a pair of slippers, some new pajamas, and a couple of silly joke books or bottles of nail polish in a small, sturdy overnight bag. Add a plain pillowcase and some fabric markers so the child can decorate it. Then add a nightlight. There's a good selection of affordable ones in themes from Las Vegas to T-Rex at Lamps Plus, http://bit.ly/dUHibY .

—Bird lover's basket. Birds are another sure-fire sign of spring. You can use the bird-feeder as the basket; many of them have lift-off roofs that provide an original nest for a bird-friendly collection including birdseed, some seed-covered suet bells, and a pair of inexpensive binoculars or a stuffed owl. The National Audubon Society has a free brochure called "Bird Feeding Basics," downloadable from its web site: http://bit.ly/fpqIih .

—Art basket. Peyton used to start with an inexpensive plastic beach bucket from the dollar store. Add a sketchbook, gel pens, and fancy-edged scissors. Scrapbooking stores carry a fantastic array of rubber stamps or places like Stampadoodle Art & Paper, in Bellingham, Wash., will custom-make any stamp you want. http://www.stampadoodle.com/ .

—Sports-themed basket, geared toward the passion of the child in question. For a gymnast, that might mean a new leotard, shorts, or warm-up gear, all nestled in a handy mini-laundry basket. Throw in some new grips, chalk, or wrist guards. Gymnasts also like gymnastics-themed T-shirts, posters for their rooms, hair ties, and the all-important hairspray and curlers. Nail polish is usually prohibited in competition, so add some nail polish remover to the mix. For Little Leaguers, try new batting gloves, baseball hat with the logo of a favorite team, sunglasses and a book about a legendary player. Future hoops stars might like a pump and needles to keep basketballs firm, a team jersey and matching shorts, and a sweatband.

—The food basket. Just because candy is off-limits doesn't mean all food has to be. Pancake mix, exotic cookies such as Pocki sticks (a Japanese treat available at most Asian stores), and some fresh fruit. Retired Portland, Ore., dietician Carolyn Knutson, who has spent time comparing sports bars, recommends Kashi chewy granola bars, which are low in fat and sugar compared to their shelf-mates at the grocery store.

—The goldfish bowl. Every year, humane organizations around the country plead with parents to steer clear of gift bunnies and chicks because so many of those impulse purchases turn into unwanted pets. But if it's a live gift you need, try goldfish. The setup is inexpensive, the care is minimal, and the fish themselves, in the right setting, are a strangely soothing addition to any kitchen counter.

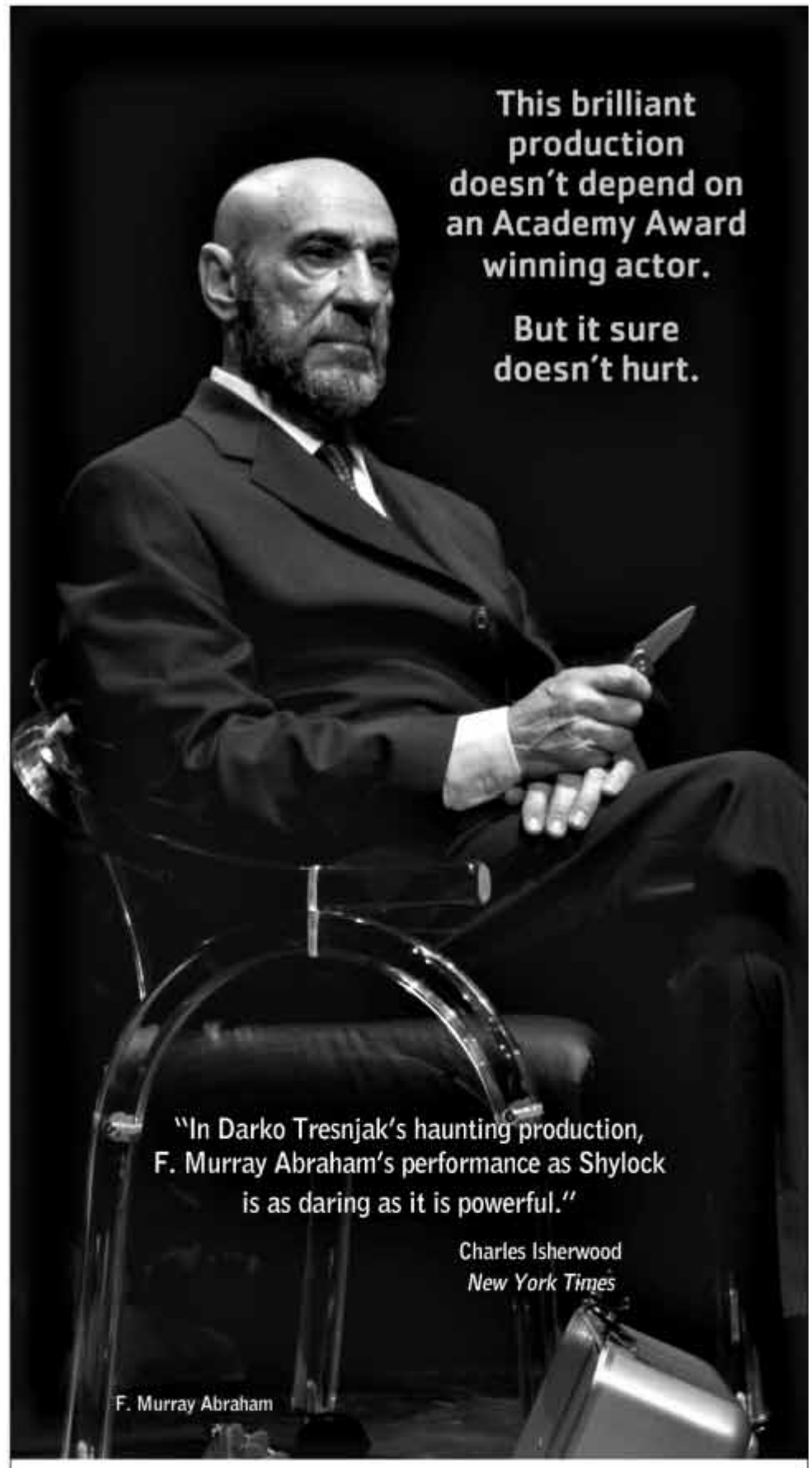
—The cooking basket. Use a large mixing bowl as your container. Add a kid-sized apron — Williams-Sonoma has a nice one for $22 with a garden theme, http://www.williams-sonoma.com — and mixing spoons — Anthropologie has beautiful nesting spoons and cup measures, and a darling chicken-themed egg timer — along with a colorful spatula (Oxo's is just $7.99, available at Bed, Bath & Beyond). As for instructions, there's no better guide for the newly hatched chef than Georgeanne Brennan's "Green Eggs and Ham Cookbook." Brennan shows a rare sensitivity in her treatment of delicacies like Shlopp (homemade granola) and Lime Ice.

—The memory basket. Craft stores like Michaels and Jo-Ann Fabrics sell sturdy decorated cardboard file boxes and upholstered sewing baskets that can be made into scrapbooking kits for the very young. Add a photo album, some scrapbooking paper, and some prints, either from your own printer or an inexpensive site like Snapfish, http://www2.snapfish.com . Add a blank book and an invitation to write in the journal every day, even if it's only a line.

—The sweet-smelling basket. One of the biggest hits among the seventh-graders I know this Christmas was a scented candle that smelled like a cupcake. As any pre-teen will tell you, you can find a lip gloss, candle, or lotion in almost any flavor or fragrance under the sun. Recently, Jelly Belly got in on the act with a host of products that smell like jelly beans but don't cause cavities, such as bubble wands, nail polish, candles, and even stationery.

And even if you're anti-candy, consider throwing in a few real jelly beans and chocolate bunnies.

"The bottom line is that all foods have a place in a diet, but it's a matter of frequency and amount," said Knutson, who was a department chairwoman at Clackamas Community College in Oregon and has worked in community and hospital nutrition. "It's OK to have candy on special occasions. It's a part of living."



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TREES
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"This is a slippery slope," Bua said. "You start out wanting to remove them for design reasons, and then you decide the trees were 'in decline' anyway. It becomes a problem to get all the facts consistent, and to understand what's going on."

City Hall also didn't give interested people enough time to get involved before the trees were taken out, Bua said.

At present, city officials must give two weeks' notice before taking out trees, which isn't enough time to contact City Hall and do the appropriate research," Bua said.

"You wind up not getting too far, and by the time you can do the research involved it's too late," Bua said. "Hopefully, we can increase the notice times and widen the notices."

The notice that was posted didn't include enough information to take appropriate action.

"They were just referred to as junipers," Bua said. "There are hundreds of types of junipers."

Not knowing what specific kind of tree lived in the park made it difficult to figure out what the typical lifespan ought to be and mount a defense of the trees, he said.

The trees were supposed to be cut down Monday, but city officials decided to send the landscape architect out one more time to examine the design. The action resulted in one more tree getting added to the park.

Beyond that, however, only council action can stop the trees from going down this far into the process, Stinchfield said.

Tree removal is a sore topic for Santa Monicans.

Treesavers and other like-minded groups got involved in a seven month court battle to save 54 ficus trees from destruction or transplantation, a fight which they eventually lost in 2008, as well as an argument over the removal of 300 structurally-deficient carob trees.

The series of battles led to the creation of the Urban Forest Master Plan Taskforce, which involves members of the community in the decisions surrounding Santa Monica's trees.

In the end, it's all about the forestry friends.

"We Treesavers really love trees and try to save all the mature trees that are getting hacked up in Santa Monica by the government," Bua said. "It's difficult when they don't give you complete information and short notices."

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and maintain funding for the more popular fall and spring sessions.

Students will be allowed to enroll for one class before the summer session starts, and then try to add classes after it begins. The goal is to let more students get a crack at high-demand classes.

"Rather than having fewer students taking more units, we're including more students," said Teresita Rodriguez, vice president of enrollment development at SMC.

SMC will have to cut sections of classes, but at this point will not be cutting any majors or programs.

By cutting classes during the intersessions, SMC will save money it can put toward classes and sections during the regular fall and spring class periods. That's because SMC gets money from the state for the entire year based on the number of full-time students it serves. By cutting back on course offerings in the intersessions — and the associated costs — the school has a better chance of being able to afford to serve its main student population the rest of the year.

Even offering to provide classes for the summer may be treading on dangerous financial ground, however.

Legislatures have not yet put the extension of two taxes on the June ballot, and the time to do so is rapidly expiring if it has not already. Those two taxes — which affect sales and income taxes and the vehicle license fee — would be used to fund education, including community colleges.

Even if those taxes passed, the state is looking at a $400 million cut to community college budgets.

SMC would be looking at a $5.57 million hit to its funding, or approximately 5 percent of its budget, said Randal Lawson, executive vice president of SMC.

SMC would have to cut 1,243 full-time students out of its enrollment, which could equate to as much as 2,585 actual people, assuming some of the students that could not be enrolled would not take a full 15-hour class load.

Instead, SMC officials have been making plans based on Scenario B, as presented in a March 23 Town Hall meeting.

That assumes that minimal funding will come in from the state through Proposition 98, a voter-mandated formula that apportions state money to education.

Under those circumstances, the school would lose $9.79 million, which equates to 2,185 full-time students or approximately 4,545 in projected lost head count.

The final option is Scenario D, called the "Doomsday" scenario.

"That's if the legislature votes to suspend Proposition 98," Lawson said.

If Prop. 98 funding gets halted, $15 million or nearly 15 percent of SMC funding will be gone.

For the 2010-11 school year, SMC was funded for 21,477 credit students, Lawson said. If the Doomsday scenario holds, that number will be cut to 18,244 credit students.

Moving forward with Scenario B funding, and deciding to provide summer classes under that assumption, could be a dangerous move, Lawson said, but there was a limit to how long the school could postpone making a decision on class offerings.

"We tried very hard not to go online with a summer schedule and have to reduce it after the fact," Lawson said. "We assume the Prop. 98 minimum in terms of funding, and as a result, we've reduced it to a third of what it has been in the past."

The cuts will impact current SMC students, but it will also have an effect on local high school students trying to supplement their coursework through the college.

At present, high schoolers get the lowest possible priority on enrollment, said Samohi College Counselor Frank Gatell, which will make it more difficult for students looking to get more extracurricular work in to succeed.

"They use SMC to get ahead, but also to open a window to keep another extracurricular activity," Gatell said. "If they're pushing themselves in a foreign language and also a music program, they're running out of time to do it all."

Mandated coursework in high school only leaves two

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Meanwhile, more than a dozen companies contacted customers to instruct them never to reveal personal information in response to an email.

Financial institutions affected include Barclays Bank, Capital One Financial Corp., Citigroup, JPMorgan Chase and U.S. Bancorp. The parent companies of Best Buy, Ethan Allen furniture stores, the Kroger grocery chain, the Home Shopping Network and Walgreens drugstores issued similar warnings, as did the Hilton and Marriott hotel chains. The College Board, the not-for-profit organization that runs the SATs, also warned that a hacker may have obtained student email addresses.

Many of the companies contacted by The Associated Press declined comment or referred reporters to statements acknowledging the breach. Epsilon also declined further comment. Some of the companies said Epsilon has referred the breach to unspecified authorities.

For victims of this type of security breach, there is little to do but be vigilant. Changing passwords doesn't help.

Jill Kocher of Crystal Lake, Ill., said she got at least five emailed warnings, including from U.S. Bank, Best Buy and clothier New York & Co. Because she works for Groupon, an Internet coupon company, she said she feels savvy enough to avoid any phishing come-ons. But she's concerned for those who aren't.

"U.S. Bank sends you an email and it looks legit and you cough up the information, and now you're in big trouble. It sure does sound like a big increase in fraud just waiting to happen," Kocher said.

The attack offers a window into a business that serves a vital role in the Internet age for companies looking for effective ways to find customers, sell to them, and figure out what they might want to buy in the future.

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periods a day for extracurriculars, Gatell said, so students tried to knock out some of those necessary classes over the summer at SMC.

Malibu High School College Counselor Ah Young Chi said the cuts may cause more kids to move to online classes.

"It's not what we recommend," she said. "That's a last resort, because online learning is so different from classroom learning."

Other options are far more expensive, Chi said. Classes at private schools can cost into the thousands of dollars, and classes at public universities, like UCLA Extension, are also expensive.

"We're telling all students who have mentioned that they want to take a summer class that you're probably not going to get any classes you want," Chi said.

High schoolers aren't just competing against regular SMC students for spots. Students from as far as San Diego are flocking to SMC to take advantage of summer courses that have been cut from many other community colleges.

"Everyone is concerned about the ability to make progress when there's such a scarcity," Rodriguez acknowledged.

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Pet bunnies are no holiday to care for

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LOS ANGELES Every year in the weeks and months after Easter, a wave of rabbits turns up at animal shelters, abandoned by people who bought them for the holiday but changed their minds.

Turns out, cute little bunnies can be challenging pets. If you're thinking about getting one for Easter or any other time, here are a few things to keep in mind from Marc Morrone, host of Hallmark Channel's "Petkeeping with Marc Morrone," where one of his sidekicks is a rabbit named Harvey, brought to him by police who found him abandoned 10 years ago.

• Rabbits can be trained to walk on a leash or harness, but you can't let them play freely outside; they are prey to snakes, hawks, owls, dogs, foxes, cats, raccoons and people. "Bunnies are an animal that the entire world eats," Morrone said. "Bunnies live in a state of perpetual anxiety that somebody's going to eat them. Once they realize no one is going to eat them, they relax and you can see their true nature come out."

• You must be prepared to commit to pet care for about a decade. Rabbits usually live eight to 12 years and can only be called bunnies for about six months.

• Rabbits get nervous if you pick them up but let their feet dangle, and that can be a problem for kids who like to carry around small pets. When a rabbit is being held in such a way that it feels nervous, it will kick, and that can upset some kids. Mother rabbits don't pick up and carry their young, Morrone said, so nothing prepares them to be carted around.

• Rabbits are small, but their vet bills will be similar to those for dogs or cats. They have to be spayed or neutered, they get hairballs and diseases, and they need their nails trimmed by professionals, Morrone said.

• Rabbits are unhappy in cages and need room to romp, but the space has to be bunny-proofed because they are constantly chewing. If there are lots of wires, expensive molding or rugs, letting them loose in the house can be dangerous to them and costly for you. They need alternatives like grass mats and wicker baskets.

• They shed and must be brushed daily, and while they are clean and can be trained to use a litter box, it can get smelly, like a cat's.

• They prefer air-conditioning and companion rabbits.

• Because a rabbit is not as expressive as a dog or as vocal as a cat, it takes time and understanding to get in tune with a rabbit, Morrone said.

But he added: "They are extremely affectionate. They have a complex communication system like foot-thumping and chin-rubbing."

Foot-thumping is a way of acknowledging something or someone. "If I walk into a room, my rabbits will stamp their feet to let the other rabbits know, 'Hey, Daddy's here,'" Morrone said.

Rabbits are usually mute, but in distress, they make a high-pitched scream, and if annoyed, they grunt.

If you do decide to get a rabbit, Morrone recommends adopting it from a shelter or rescue group and learning all you can about them online from the House Rabbit Society.

"People begin dropping rabbits off at shelters a couple of weeks after Easter and continue through mid-late summer," said Adam Goldfarb, director of the Pets at Risk Program for The Humane Society of the United States. "The novelty wears off for the kids, the rabbit gets relegated to the basement or garage. When the parents get tired of taking care of the rabbit, they either surrender the rabbit to a shelter or rescue group or 'set it free' in a park," where most are picked off by predators or die of exposure.

Bottom line, said Morrone: "Rabbits do make good pets but they are only good pets for the right people. The main issue is commitment."

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Disney animation pushes real toward creepy

RYAN NAKASHIMA
AP Business Writer

LOS ANGELES Computer animation has a problem: When it gets too realistic, it starts creeping people out.

Most recently, moviegoers complained about the near-realistic depiction of humans in Disney's 3-D flick "Mars Needs Moms."

A theory called the "uncanny valley" says we tend to feel attracted to inanimate objects with human traits, the way a teddy bear or a rag doll seems cute. Our affection grows as an object looks more human. But if it looks too human, we suddenly become repulsed.

Instead of seeing what's similar, we notice the flaws — and the motionless eyes or awkward movements suddenly make us uncomfortable.

"Mars" may have plunged to the bottom of this valley of fear.

"People always comment on things feeling strangely dead around the eyes," said Chuck Sheetz, an animation director of "The Simpsons" and a professor at the University of California, Los Angeles. "If it gets too literal, it starts to feel false or has a strange effect."

Skin texture that is slightly off can especially leave people feeling unsettled, said Patrick Markey, a psychologist and director of Villanova University's Interpersonal Research Laboratory.

The near-realistic animation style championed by producer Robert Zemeckis uses motion-capture technology, where actors are covered with dots and skin suits and have their performances captured on computer. The dots provide the frame, and the rest is filled in with computerized graphics.

"Mars" creates humans that are more realistic and detailed than Zemeckis' earlier attempts in such movies as "Beowulf" and "The Polar Express" — which were also criticized for inviting this discomfort. The greater detail might have made things worse.

Doug McGoldrick, who took his two daughters to see the movie, said the faces of the main characters "were just wrong." Their foreheads were lifeless and plastic-looking, "like they used way too much botox or something," said the 41-year-old photographer in the Chicago suburb of River Forest, Ill.

Marc Kelley, a 32-year-old pastor in Allegan, Mich., who went with his two young children, said he found the renditions of characters "all annoying in their own way."

Indeed, when the mother of the main character Milo mentioned the word "zombies" at the start of the movie, it conjures up a feeling that the characters themselves are undead.

Animation experts say the key to success is to be only authentic enough to tug at our heart strings.

The best example of this was "Avatar," the 2009 blockbuster that made $2.8 billion in theaters worldwide. The humanoid, but blue-bodied Na'vi were alien enough not to trigger our inner rejection mechanism.

"My own personal opinion is try to stay away from photo-real with a human," said Greg Philyaw, the business development director at Giant Studios, which captured the performance of human actors for their digital re-creation in "Avatar." "Subconsciously you know what you're looking at isn't quite right."

The Walt Disney Co., by its actions, has already voted against the super-real animation format.

Last March, it said it would shut down the Zemeckis-run company ImageMovers Digital, which made "Mars," to cut costs. Several months ago, Disney also nixed a plan to fund and distribute Zemeckis' "Yellow Submarine," a half-finished work he is now free to shop to other studios.

Disney would not comment for this story, and Zemeckis declined interview requests through an agent.

"Mars" had an estimated $150 million production budget, but has brought in just $34 million globally since its March 11 opening.

To be fair, there were other problems besides being visually unnerving.

For one, it appeared to be marketed at young boys who are interested in science fiction but also are closely attached to their mothers. That is a small group to begin with and neglects dads and daughters. Some young children also got scared about the plot involving mommy abduction.

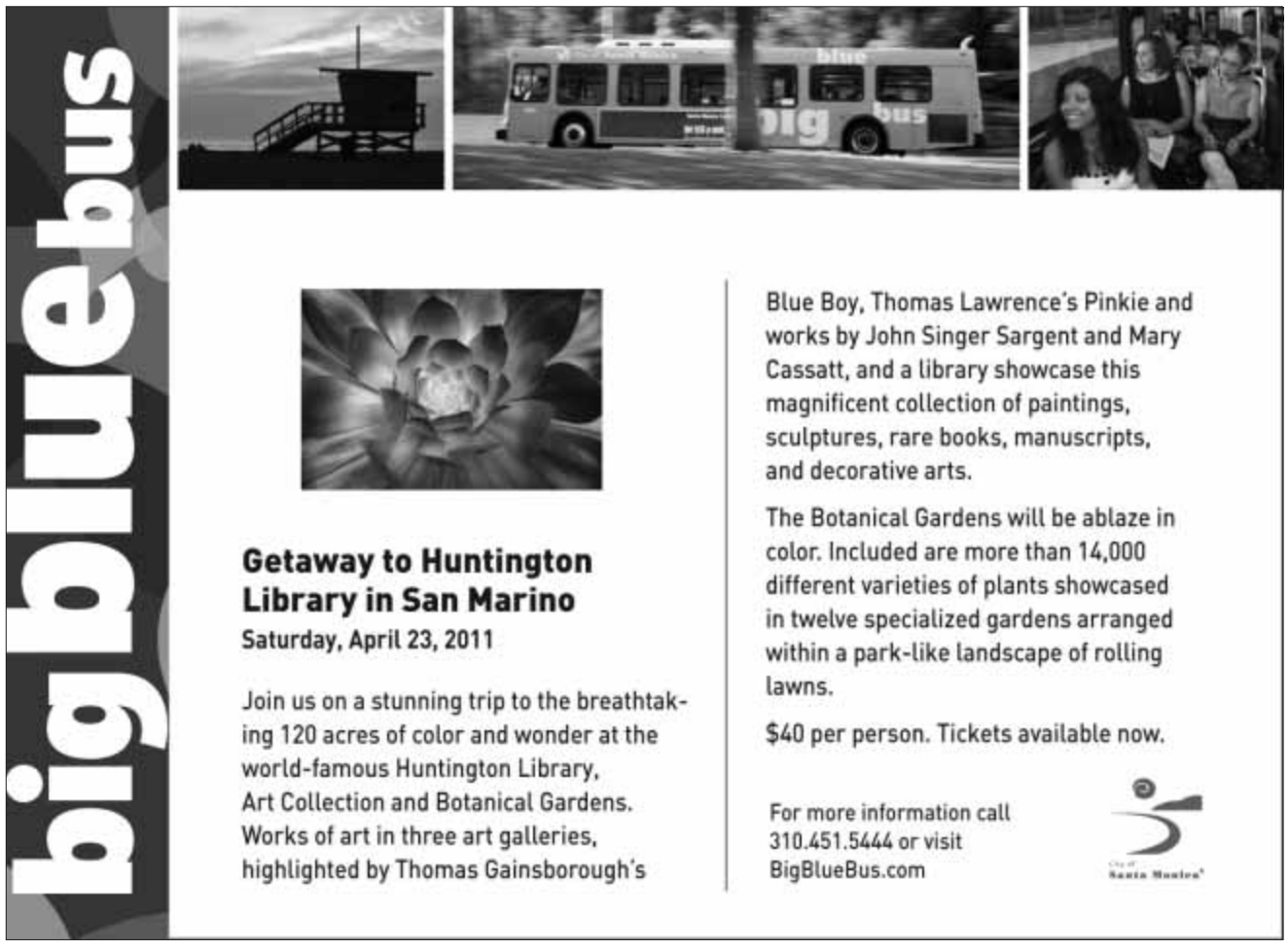
"Mars" also came just a week after Paramount's 2-D animated movie, "Rango," starring Johnny Depp. Instead of appealing to fans because of the increasingly popular 3-D format, "Mars" may have annoyed theatergoers faced with higher 3-D ticket prices.

"If a movie's unappealing and you're trying to charge a higher ticket price for it, it makes it even less appealing," said Brandon Gray, president of tracking company Box Office Mojo. He noted that "Mars" had the lowest opening weekend for a wide-release 3-D movie ever.

Maija Burnett, associate director of character animation at California Institute of the Arts, took a broader view, even though the school teaches about the pitfalls of the "uncanny valley" in class.

"There's a continuing attempt to explore what the boundaries are within (computer generated) animation," she said. "Every film that uses this is one important step along the way."

In the "uncanny valley" theory, the valley isn't bottomless. As things grow more realistically human, our affection starts increasing again, climbing out of the valley on the other side. In other words, increasingly sophisticated animation might stop creeping us out and start fooling us.









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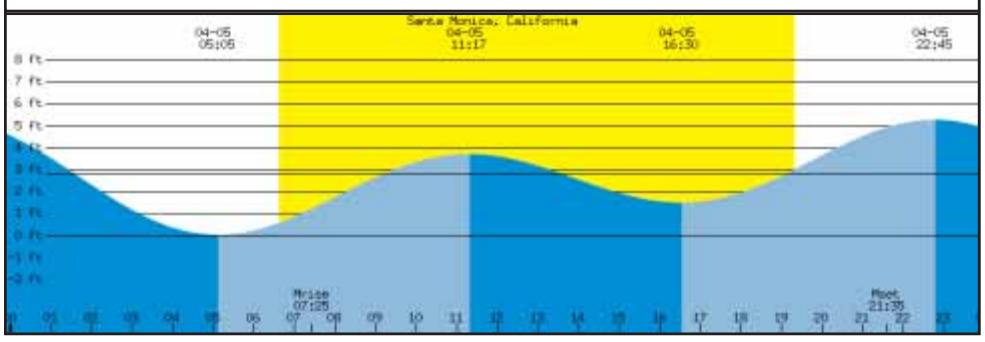

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QUICK STATS (for the last 30 days)

- Number of sewage spills -- 0
- Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0
- Number of wet days -- 15
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 32 / 23
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 14 / 19

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LOCATION	DRY	WET
Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth.	F	D
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	A+
El Pescador State Beach, between Lachusa and Las Alisos creeks.	A+	A+
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	A+	A+
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth.	A+	F
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	A+	F
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	B	A+
Paradise Cove Pier at Rominer Canyon Creek mouth.	C	F
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	F	A
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	F	B
Solstice Canyon at Don Blocker County Beach.	A+	F
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth.	A+	F
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd..	F	A+
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	A
Surfrider Beach (breach location)- daily.	F	F
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	F	C
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	F	F
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero).	A+	A
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs.	A+	A
Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach.	A+	A
Tuna Canyon.	ns	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.	F	A+
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	A+	B
Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence.	A+	B
Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain.	A+	F
Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain.	A+	F
Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua).	C	F
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain.	A+	A
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain.	A+	A
Santa Monica Municipal Pier.	F	F
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain.	F	F
Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms).	A+	A
Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain.	A	F
Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain.	A+	F
Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain.	A+	A
Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain.	F	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	C
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+	B

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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Guide to Starting a New Business

Forming a new business is a challenging and exciting process. Putting the time and effort into the formation process will help set the tone for a sustainable and prosperous business. Below is a brief list of some of the first steps you will need to take, from a legal perspective, in order to start off right.

CREATE YOUR BUSINESS PLAN
The first step in creating your new business is often to compile all of your ideas and goals into one comprehensive business plan. Your plan is a unique roadmap that will help guide you in forming and running your company during those first critical years. Sections that you may want to include are: the business purpose, marketing plan, an analysis of the competition, operating procedures, employment needs, insurance needs, financial data including a balance sheet, pro-forma income projection, and a three-year operating budget, and copies of all documents that you create during the start-up phase such as your licenses, articles of incorporation, and bylaws.

DEVELOP POLICIES
The beginning stage of any organization is a critical time to develop policies that the organization will utilize in its decision making process. Policies should include: conflict of interest, employment, director and officer compensation, ideological or social entrepreneurial values, organizational ownership and management.

INCORPORATE
The first step in this process is deciding upon a name for the business and performing a name availability search to ensure that the name is not already in use in the location where you will be operating. Secondly, the business will need to determine what type of entity to form – whether it's a corporation, LLC, PC, LLP, L3C, Benefit Corporation, sole proprietorship or partnership. Choosing the type of entity will depend upon the purpose of the organization and the tax and legal status of its owners and stakeholders. Once the entity type is chosen, the next step is to draft, ratify and file the appropriate documents with state and local agencies and draft either Bylaws or an Operating Agreement.

PROTECT YOUR INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY
In a competitive world, it is important to assess whether it is necessary to protect your brand and products with trademarks, copyrights or patents. It is also important to ensure that your new business does not infringe upon other companies protected rights.

ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH LOCAL, STATE AND NATIONAL LAWS
Finally, your new business will need to ensure that it is in compliance with all applicable laws including: employment, wage and hour laws, licensing requirements, zoning regulations, tax reporting and withholding laws.

At the law Office of Becki Kammerling, we can assist your business with every step of this process. Contact us through the Legal Grind to schedule a consultation.

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1:50pm, 4:40pm, 7:30pm, 9:55pm

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Think vacation, Virgo

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Don't allow stubbornness to play out. Ultimately, you will be sorry. You need to change your stance, which can only happen if you open up your perceptions. You could be surprised by what you hear, which might be news to you! Tonight: Do for you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ Understand where you are coming from. You could be overly tired and drawn. Think in terms of growth and change, with a touch of luck added in. You could be exhausted by everything that happens around you. Tonight: All smiles.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★ Pull back and observe. You are most likely to gain if you relax in this mood and don't push yourself too much. Understand why a "no" is just that. Be smart -- try to avoid a negative by observing more. A partner seems to be much different. Tonight: Vanish.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Zero in on what appears to be a high priority. Don't sell yourself short in a meeting. Understand what is going on with others. It is by following this path that you will gain. Tonight: Zero in on what you want.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ You might want to be more visible and ready to take a stand. Though you don't know which way to go, clearly your chosen direction does make a difference to others. Don't say anything until you are 100 percent sure. Tonight: Burning the candle at both ends.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Deal directly with someone at a distance. You could be overwhelmed by everything that you hear. You wonder why the person in question isn't more direct with his or her feelings, especially since they are obvious. Tonight: Think "vacation."

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ A partner dominates, and you might not be sure of your choices and direction. Deal directly with this person, whether or not you agree with his or her ideas. Be diplomatic. You know how to handle the problem. Tonight: Togetherness works.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Others dominate, and your role is to facilitate. You might not be comfortable in this position, but it might be time to get to the bottom of this response and what triggers you about letting someone else run the show. Tonight: The only answer is "yes."

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★ Keep your focus, though you might be forced to look at a situation differently than in the past. A premise on which you based your thinking might no longer be valid. Let go, and fear change less. Tonight: Working as late as need be.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★★ Understand what is happening behind the scenes with someone you care about. This person is more like you than you realize. Walk in this person's shoes. Then you will get the gist of the situation. Tonight: Act like it is Friday night.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★ Your instinct to stay close to home might be more logically based than you thought. Events unfolding around you point to others' need for your time. Also, you could be much more pivotal in a personal matter than you thought. Tonight: At home.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Be more in charge of your life. Don't let minute details slip by you. You know what you want and have every intention of making it so. A forgotten thank-you note or call could play into a decision in the long run. Tonight: Run errands on the way home.

Happy birthday

This year, you make a difference. At times, you might feel challenged. Actually, situations or events will test your thinking. If you look within, you will find better ideas once you walk away from an innate rigidity. A new way of thinking becomes a strong possibility. If you are single, you could meet someone quite special after May. This could be a romance for the history books! If you are attached, the two of you share more than in the past and benefit enormously from frequent getaways together. With two TAURUS in a disagreement, neither Bull will win!

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



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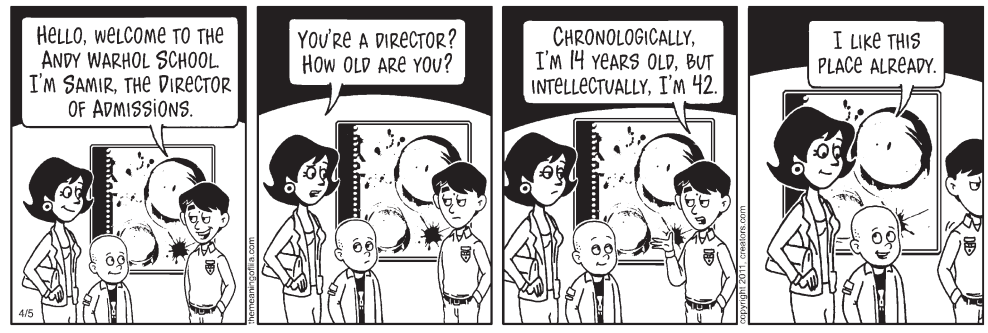

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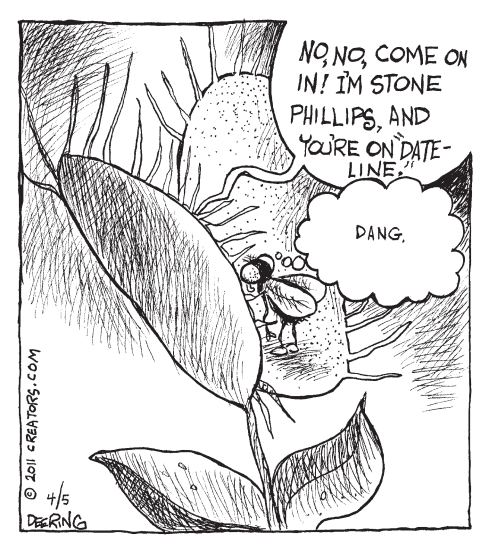

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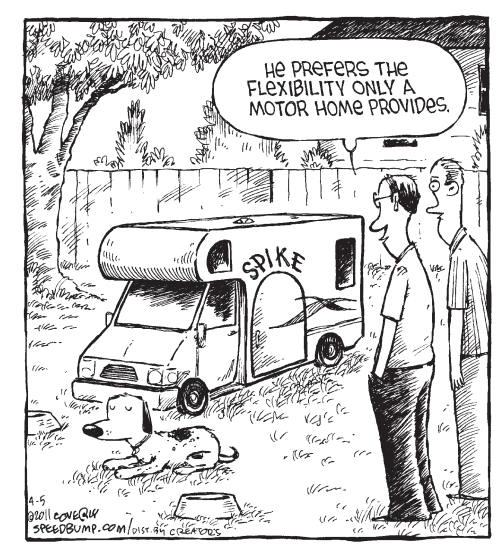

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Difficulty Level ★★

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		9	7		2			1

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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

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



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By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Treaties
6 Ways to go
11 Once more
12 Quiver item
13 Stopping play, in a way
15 French summer
16 Phone bill addition
17 Glimpse
18 Money-back offers
20 Pointer
21 Tie the knot
22 Confront
23 Do a fan's job
26 Cruise ship
27 Coop group
28 Visibility lessener
29 Blunder
30 Pizza topping choice
34 Pigeon sound
35 Play on words
36 Writer Brand
37 Goofing off
40 Cove
41 Gung-ho
42 Comfy spots
43 Derisive sound

DOWN

1 Sulky puller
2 Banded quartz
3 Writer Carr
4 Up to, briefly
5 Brandy glass
6 Book makeup
7 Museum fill
8 Isolde's love
9 Hockey team's advantage
10 Street cleaner
14 Must have
19 Impresses
22 Seedy fruits
23 Get one's hotel room
24 Jane Eyre, for one
25 Signs up
26 Hotel areas
28 Satyr's kin
30 Rotisserie parts
31 Pal, to Pedro
32 Arcade patron
33 Wield
38 Rent out
39 Light brown

C	R	E	D	O	■	T	E	E	M	■
H	A	V	E	A	■	A	U	D	I	T
A	D	E	P	T	■	P	R	I	M	A
S	I	N	■	M	A	E	■	T	I	N
M	I	S	T	E	R	S	P	O	C	K
■	■	■	O	A	F	■	L	U	R	E
C	O	R	A	L	■	S	A	T	Y	R
O	R	E	S	■	F	E	Z	■	■	■
M	I	S	T	E	R	M	A	G	O	O
P	O	T	■	X	I	I	■	R	A	D
E	L	I	Z	A	■	N	E	A	T	O
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11					■	12				
13					14					
15			■	16			■	17		
18			19				■	20		
■	■	■	21			■	22			
23	24	25			■	26				
27				■	28			■	■	■
29			■	30				31	32	33
34			■	35			■	36		
37			38				39			
40					■	41				
42					■	43				

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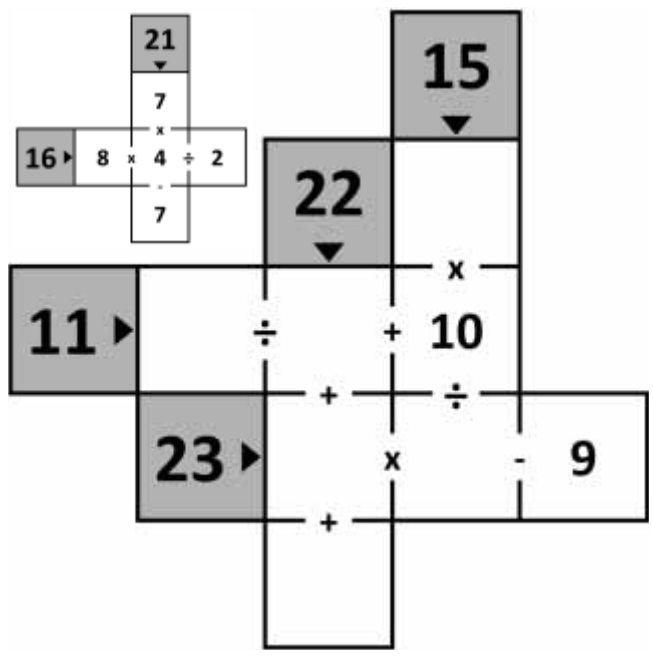

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ No Sense of Shame: (1) Nurse Sarah Casareto resigned in February from Abbott Northwestern Hospital in Minneapolis, and faced possible criminal charges, after allegedly swiping the painkiller fentanyl from her patient's IV line as he was undergoing kidney-stone surgery (telling him once to "man up" when he complained about the pain). (2) Karen Remsing, 42, stands accused of much the same thing after her November arrest involving an unspecified pain medicine delivered by IV at University of Pittsburgh Medical Center Children's Hospital. However, Remsing's case was different in that the IV line being shorted was that of her own, terminally ill, 15-year-old son.

■ New Orleans clothing designer Cree McCree, an ardent environmentalist, ordinarily would never work with animal fur, but the Louisiana state pest, the nutria (swamp rat), is culled in abundance by hunters, who leave the carcasses where they fall. Calling its soft-brown coat "guilt-free fur that belongs on the runway instead of at the bottom of the bayou," McCree has encouraged a small industry of local designers to create nutria fashions -- and in November went big-time with a New York City show ("Nutria-palooza"). Now, according to a November New York Times report, designers Billy Reid and Oscar de la Renta are sampling nutria's "righteous fur."

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