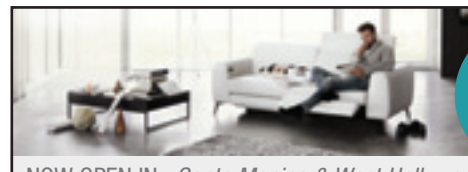
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THE MOVING FORWARD ISSUE

Students arrested after fight with teacher

BY DAVID MARK SIMPSON
Daily Press Staff Writer

SAMOHI A pair of Santa Monica High School students have been arrested following a fight with a teacher on Friday.

An 18-year-old male was arrested for alleged possession of pot and a box cutter, according to the Santa Monica Police Department. Police are seeking charges for possession of a weapon on campus, possession of marijuana on school grounds, battery against a school employee, and threatening a school official.

He is due in court Tuesday.

Though he is an adult, police would not identify the 18-year-old because he is a student. According to SMPD calls for service reports, police responded to a battery call in the 600 block of Pico Boulevard, where Samohi is located, at 9:19 a.m. on Friday. According to SMPD booking reports, an 18-year-old named Blair Moore was arrested as a result of the incident.

According to the Los Angeles County Sheriff booking information, Moore will be arraigned on Tuesday.

A 16-year-old male was also arrested in the case. SMPD is seeking battery charges against him as well.

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Paul Alvarez Jr. *editor@smdp.com*

NO WAY: **A woman protests against the pony rides and petting zoo at the Farmers' Market on Main Street on Sunday morning.**

Pony ride backers are striking back

BY DAVID MARK SIMPSON
Daily Press Staff Writer

FARMERS' MARKET Pony ride advocates are bringing in the cavalry.

An online petition to ban pony rides and petting zoos in Santa Monica has fewer signatures than an online petition formed in response.

Last week, resident and former congressional candidate Marcy Winograd announced her plans to squash the pony rides, calling them cruel and inhumane.

Winograd said that forcing the ponies to walk in circles for hours is made worse by the fact that children are encouraged to participate.

Her MoveOn.org petition has since garnered 239 signatures.

The only consistently occurring pony rides in the city are run by Tawni's Ponies at the Main Street Farmers' Market. Owner Tawni Angel formed a response petition

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California prisons find 1 in 4 inmates used illicit drugs

DON THOMPSON
Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. Nearly a quarter of inmates tested in a screening last year in California had used one or more illegal substances, leading state prison officials to propose increasing penalties for drug and alcohol use.

Under the recommendation, a first positive test for drug use would cost inmates 90 days' pay from work assignments, and repeat offenses could mean up to a year of lost wages.

However, inmates are paid only pennies an hour, prompting an official with the guards' union to question the proposed regulations on Monday.

The department also plans to standardize mandatory drug testing across prisons.

While making its proposal, the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation said there were more than 4,000 drug-related prison incidents last year. More stringent penalties for drug use would increase prison safety and help inmates complete substance abuse treatment programs, the agency said.

"We recognize a problem with the use of drugs in our population, and the culture that it creates, and we must act to prevent the introduction of narcotics while providing treatment to those who are addicted," department spokeswoman Kristina Khokhobashvili said in an email.

Nearly 23 percent of inmates tested positive for one or more illegal drugs during the screening in June of a quarter of the inmate

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Tuesday, April 8, 2014

It's magic
Main Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd., 2 p.m.
Enjoy quality family time at the library during spring break. Come catch this entertaining show full of magic, comedy and traffic safety. Ages 4 and up. For more information, visit smpl.org.

Strike a pose
Montana Library
1704 Montana Ave., 7 p.m.
Come to the library and get the endorphins flowing. You'll be laughing, stretching gently, clapping, breathing, and relaxing. Join the fun. For more information, visit smpl.org.

Wednesday, April 9, 2014

Salsa aerobics
1450 Ocean
1450 Ocean Ave.,
12:30 p.m. — 2 p.m.
Come experience an exhilarating aerobic dance workout with a Latin flair, and learn some muy caliente Latin dance moves while toning muscles and burning calories. All levels welcome. Drop-in registration is available for $20, but call ahead as slots may have already been filled. For more information call (310) 458-8300.

Mindful meditation
Main Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd.,
4 p.m. — 5:30 p.m.
Teens in grades 9-12 are encouraged to attend this special workshop on mindfulness, which can help ease stress, manage negative emotions, calm racing minds, and improve sleep by training the brain to focus on the present moment. Facilitator Samantha Snowden completed a certificate in Mindfulness Facilitation from the UCLA Mindful Awareness Research Center (MARC) where she now works with families and youth as a mindfulness teacher on the UCLA campus. For more information, visit the Main Library Youth Services Desk, or call (310) 458-8621.
This event is free.

Thursday, April 10, 2014

Shake it up
1454 Lincoln Blvd., 8 p.m.
Santa Monica CityShakes' production of "The Merchant of Venice" asks viewers how we can forgive those who have wronged us. Is there a time when justice and vengeance should win over mercy and compassion? This show will engage your senses in an up-close-and-personal, intimate space. For more information, visit cityshakes.org.

Spring is here
Morgan-Wixson Theatre
2627 Pico Blvd., 8 p.m.
"Spring Awakening" is a rock musical adaptation of Frank Wedekind's 1891 expressionist play about the trials and tribulations, and the exhilaration of the teen years. It's Germany, 1891. The beautiful young Wendla explores her body and asks her mother where babies come from. Elsewhere, the brilliant and fearless young Melchior defends his buddy Moritz — a boy so traumatized by puberty he can't concentrate on anything.
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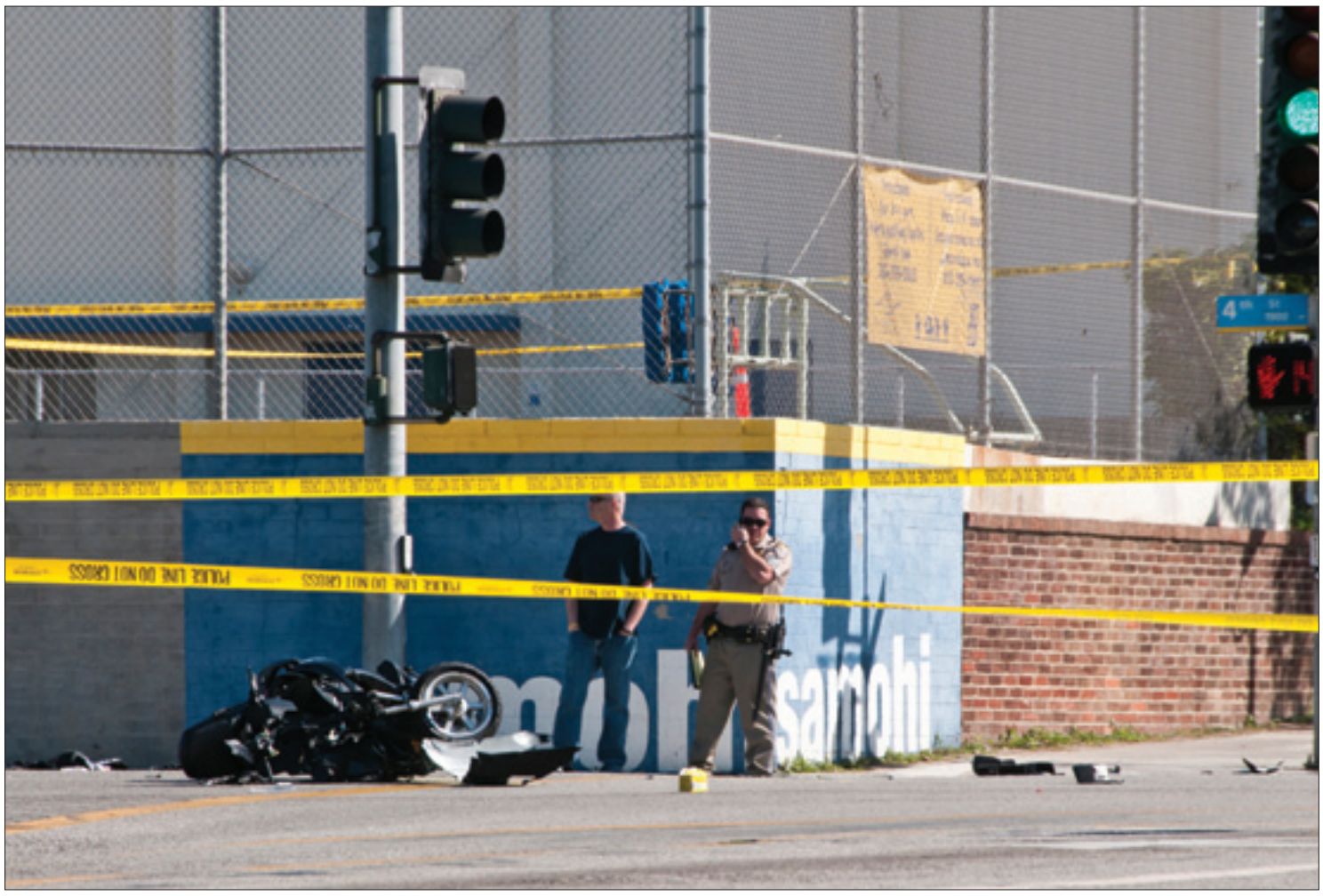


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SOMBER SCENE: **An accident at the corner of Pico Boulevard and Fourth Street left the rider of a scooter dead.**

Man killed in scooter versus cop car collision

BY DAVID MARK SIMPSON
Daily Press Staff Writer

PICO BLVD A 28-year-old Highland Park man was killed Saturday morning after his scooter collided with a Santa Monica Police Department patrol car, according to the California Highway Patrol.

The identity of the man has not yet been released pending notification of his family.

The police cruiser was driving on Fourth Street approaching Pico Boulevard as the man drove his scooter on Pico toward Fourth.

"They're still investigating the collision but for some reason they collided at the intersection of Pico and Fourth and as a result of the collision the man that was riding his scooter died from the injury," said CHP Ofc. Kevin Tao.

SMPD officials deferred to CHP for comment on the incident.

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Air travel: Late flights are up, complaints down

DAVID KOENIG
AP Airlines Writer

DALLAS A big drop in customer complaints helped U.S. airlines post their best ratings ever even though more flights were late and more bags were mishandled, according to a report released Monday by university researchers.

Virgin America topped the ratings, and three regional airlines scored at the bottom.

Among the four biggest airlines, Delta ranked best followed by Southwest, American and United, according to researchers from Wichita State University and Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University.

The researchers have graded airlines since 1991 on government figures for on-time performance, mishandled bags, bumping passengers, and complaints filed with the U.S. Department of Transportation.

THEIR KEY FINDINGS:

ON-TIME PERFORMANCE: Airlines operated 78.4 percent of their flights on time in 2013, down from 81.8 percent in 2012. Best: Hawaiian Airlines; worst: American Eagle. Only two airlines improved: American Airlines and United.

BAG HANDLING: The rate of lost, stolen or delayed bags rose 5 percent. Best: Virgin America; worst: American Eagle.

BUMPING: The rate of bumping passengers from flights fell 8 percent. Best: JetBlue Airways; worst: SkyWest.

COMPLAINTS: Consumer complaints to the government dropped 15 percent in 2013 after rising 20 percent the year before. Best: Southwest Airlines; worst: Frontier.

One of the report's authors, Wichita State business professor Dean Headley, credited the drop in complaints partly to United Airlines. The company suffered several computer-network outages and grounded hundreds of flights in 2012 when it combined the United and Continental computer networks after a merger, but "got their act together" in 2013, he said.

Headley said the drop in complaints might also reflect "a certain amount of resignation" that "it's never wonderful for airline passengers."

It's not clear that the researchers captured the mood of travelers. No matter how much people gripe about airlines, very few of the millions of fliers ever bother to file a complaint with the government. The Department of Transportation, or DOT, received just 9,684 complaints last year after getting 11,447 in 2012.

Chris Lopinto, CEO of ExpertFlyer.com and not involved in the academic report, said he believes that most consumers complain directly to the airlines instead.

"The DOT can't comp you miles or comp you a voucher — only the airlines can do that," Lopinto said. "A passenger might not think to file with DOT."

Most of the worst grades — from late flights and lost bags to bumping passengers off planes — were earned by smaller regional airlines. In the overall standings, American Eagle, the regional affiliate of American Airlines, finished last, just ahead of SkyWest and ExpressJet, which operate regional flights for United and Delta.

Regional airlines fly smaller planes, their flights are the first to be canceled in bad weather, and they operate at smaller airports that might lack the maintenance capability of bigger airports. However, they have become critical to the so-called hub-and-spoke system that United, American and Delta use to connect passengers to flights at big "hub" airports.

"If you have hubs, you need spokes or the wheel doesn't work," Headley said.

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What's the Point?

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An argument for taxes

OH THE DREADED TAXMAN DOTH approach. Coming for our hard-earned dollars so that it can be spent in ways that we agree with, and don't agree with. Feeding that voracious appetite for more, more, more is the unwelcome obligation we face. Our forefathers set forth in our Constitution a basic premise of what our society is supposed to be like:

"We the People of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America." — U.S. Constitution

In theory and practice we are striving for a "more perfect union," not a perfect union. The emphasis needs to be on the adjective "more." We are not perfect, and wont be. No country will ever be perfect, well, except when I buy an island, appoint myself emperor, have no subjects but a pack of dogs, the occasional caterer, and infrequent houseguests, then a perfect country shall be established, however briefly it may last.

In the interim I shall reside in the United States of America, and the taxes imposed shall continue to go for a judicial system, a police force, an armed forces and services that I am entitled to take advantage of though not forced to.

When we review the purpose of our Constitution, and the practical application of what it has served, it becomes painfully obvious that though we labor under an imperfect society, we are in fact moving towards a "more perfect" union, oftentimes at a glacial pace, but forward movement none the less.

Take our judicial system for example; it is overburdened with both criminal and civil matters. As a divorce and child custody lawyer I see on a regular basis the carnage that is wrought due to the budget cuts that have laid off thousands of court employees over the past four years. Hearings on child support take months to get a date. Child custody matters are routinely continued for weeks at a time to accommodate the urgency of domestic violence cases which take precedence.

Yet, the cutbacks have resulted in some unique solutions to provide better services. For example, the downtown Los Angeles Restraining Order Center is a one-stop-shop that I routinely direct people to who need assistance, but can't afford private attorneys.

The Santa Monica Police Department is another example of the benefits of a taxed society. Though we mostly hate the parking tickets, we generally enjoy the quality of life and protections that the department provides along with their assistance in times of civil unrest. I don't like the fact that they tell me to walk my bike on the Third Street Promenade, but I do like that they enforce the no-smoking laws, so I have to take the bad with the good.

Our military is a huge expenditure of our national budget. I like having a large military. Frankly, I think it should be larger. I believe that we would all have benefited from a two-year enlistment and looking back on my life, it is one of the few things I wish I had done. As we have become an obese, lazy, indulgent, checked-out society, a good dose of the discipline provided by a stint in the military would probably do all of us well.

I know people like to complain about our taxes, and the exorbitant costs on an individual basis, and the huge waste in government. But on balance, when I look at the quality of life that it all goes toward, if some people take advantage, and others abuse the largesse, I have to wonder what the cost of preventing that would be. What part our humanity would we sacrifice? There is an unintended consequence to everything we do, that is axiomatic. It's the Rumsfeld Rule in action: we don't know what we don't know. To cut the waste in one part of the budget would have an effect somewhere else, we just don't know where, or what, it would be.

So, funding our government is just a constant endeavor at mitigating circumstances and trying to do the best we can, provide for the many, protect the few and know it's not a perfect system, and no system is. Taxes are not fun, but they do benefit all of us, even if you don't think so.

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Iconic Hollywood actor Mickey Rooney dies at 93

ANTHONY MCCARTNEY
AP Entertainment Writer

LOS ANGELES Mickey Rooney's approach to life was simple: "Let's put on a show!" He spent nine decades doing it, on the big screen, on television, on stage and in his extravagant personal life.

A superstar in his youth, Rooney was Hollywood's top box-office draw in the late 1930s to early 1940s. He epitomized the "show" part of show business, even if the business end sometimes failed him amid money troubles and a seesaw of career tailspins and revivals.

Pint-sized, precocious, impish, irrepressible — perhaps hardy is the most-suitable adjective for Rooney, a perennial comeback artist whose early blockbuster success as the vexing but wholesome Andy Hardy and as Judy Garland's musical comrade in arms was bookended 70 years later with roles in "Night at the Museum" and "The Muppets."

Rooney died Sunday at age 93 surrounded by family at his North Hollywood home, police said. The Los Angeles County coroner's office said Rooney died a natural death.

Rooney was shooting a movie at the time of his death, "The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde."

Over a four-decade span, he was nominated for four Academy Awards ,and received two special Oscars for film achievements, won an Emmy for his TV movie "Bill" and had a Tony nomination for his Broadway smash "Sugar Babies."

A small man physically, Rooney sang and danced, played roles both serious and silly, wrote memoirs, a novel, movie scripts and plays, and married eight times, siring 11 children.

His first marriage — to the glamorous, and taller, Ava Gardner— lasted only a year. But Rooney fondly recalled years later — "I'm 5 feet 3, but I was 6 feet 4 when I married Ava." Rooney's final marriage in 1978 to singer Janice Darlene Chamberlain lasted longer than the first seven combined.

Rooney began as a toddler in his parents' vaudeville act in the 1920s. He was barely 6 when he first appeared on screen, playing a midget in the 1926 silent comedy short "Not to Be Trusted."

Rooney was among the last survivors of the studio era, which his career predated, most notably with the lead in a series of "Mickey McGuire" kid comedy shorts from the late 1920s to early '30s.

After signing with MGM in 1934, Rooney landed his first big role playing Clark Gable's character as a boy in "Manhattan Melodrama." Rooney soon was earning $300 a week with featured roles in films.

Then came Andy Hardy in the 1937 comedy "A Family Affair," a role he would reprise in 15 more feature films over the next two decades.

Rooney's peppy, all-American charm was never better matched than when he appeared opposite Garland in such films as "Babes on Broadway," and "Strike up the Band."

One of them, 1939's "Babes in Arms," earned Rooney a best actor Oscar nomination. He earned another one for 1943's "The Human Comedy."

Rooney also starred opposite Elizabeth Taylor in 1944's horse-racing hit "National Velvet," but by then, Rooney was becoming a cautionary tale for early fame. He earned a reputation for drunken escapades and quickie romances and was unlucky in both money and love.

After his failed marriage to Gardner in 1942, Rooney joined the Army, spending most of his World War II service entertaining troops.

When he returned to Hollywood, his savings had been stolen by a manager and his career was in a nose dive.

"I began to realize how few friends everyone has," he wrote in one of autobiographies.

His movie career never regained its prewar eminence. "The Bold and the Brave," 1956 World War II drama, brought him an Oscar nomination as best supporting actor. But mostly, he played second leads.

But no one ever could count Rooney out. He earned a fourth Oscar nomination, as supporting actor, for 1979's "Black Stallion," the same year he starred with Ann Miller in the Broadway revue "Sugar Babies."

Joe Yule Jr., born in 1920, was the star of his parents' act by the age of 2, singing "Sweet Rosie O'Grady" in a tiny tuxedo. His father was a baggy-pants comic, Joe Yule, his mother a dancer, Nell Carter.

His Mickey McGuire short comedies gave him a new stage name, later appended, at his mother's suggestion, to the last name Rooney, after vaudeville dancer Pat Rooney.

After a lifetime of carrying on, he became a devoted Christian and member of the Church of Religious Science. He settled in suburban Thousand Oaks, about 40 miles west of Los Angeles.

The Q Line

Keeping animals safe

Assemblyman Richard Bloom (D-Santa Monica) recently introduced legislation that would curtail killer whale shows at animal parks. Now, there is a local group calling for the end of pony rides and petting zoos in Santa Monica.

So, this week's Q-Line question asks:
Do you agree that animals are being asked to do unethical acts or is this just alarmist banter?

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Boat with ton of marijuana found on beach

Authorities say a small boat with more than a ton of marijuana aboard has been found on a Malibu-area beach.

The 30-foot-long panga, a type of fishing boat with an outboard motor, washed ashore at around 8 a.m. Monday at Leo Carrillo State Beach just south of the Ventura County line. Authorities say it was piled with bundles of pot.

City News Service reports one person was detained and two others were later taken into custody.

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LOS ANGELES

Nearly $4M cleanup plan proposed for skid row

A Los Angeles official is proposing a nearly $4 million cleanup for skid row that would give the homeless more access to bathrooms and places to store their belongings.

The Los Angeles Times says Chief Administrative Officer Miguel Santana offered the plan Monday in a report but it will require City Council approval.

The plan would increase 24-hour bathroom access at shelters, add 500 bins at an existing storage operation and set aside an area where the homeless can check their shopping carts for the day.

Santana says nearly 3,500 homeless live in the district and there's been an overwhelming increase in need. The county in recent years has twice cited the area as a public health threat because of rats, garbage and human waste.

– AP

LOS ANGELES

Getty Museum returns ancient manuscript to Greece

The J. Paul Getty Museum in Los Angeles says it is returning a 12th century Byzantine Illuminated New Testament manuscript to a monastery in Greece.

The museum said Monday it acquired the manuscript in 1983 as part of a large and well documented collection of artifacts.

Museum officials say they recently uncovered evidence, however, that the manuscript was never legally transferred from the Monastery of Dionysiou on Greece's Mount Athos.

It will remain at the Getty Center until June 22 as part of an exhibition called "Heaven and Earth: Byzantine Illumination at the Cultural Crossroads."

In recent years the museum has returned several artifacts to Greece and Italy that the nations complained were taken from their countries illegally.

Museum officials say they have never knowingly acquired any disputed artifacts.

– AP

SACRAMENTO

California Senate erases websites of lawmakers

The California Senate has erased the names and online archives of three suspended lawmakers entangled in criminal cases.

The Senate removed pictures, video clips and legislative archives over the weekend involving Democratic Sens. Rod Wright of Los Angeles, Ron Calderon of Montebello and Leland Yee of San Francisco.

All that remains on the websites is information about their Senate districts.

The three men have lost the rights and privileges of a senator, which include having a Senate-maintained website, said Mark Hedlund, a spokesman for Senate President Pro Tem Darrell Steinberg.

Hedlund said Monday that the removal was consistent with steps that would be taken if a lawmaker lost an election or left office through resignation or term limits. He said the voting records of Wright, Calderon and Yee can still be researched through the Legislature's website, but their press releases and statements are gone.

The public can also track their voting and campaign finance data through MapLight, a nonpartisan group that tracks money in politics.

Wright was convicted for lying about living inside his district. Calderon faces federal corruption charges after authorities said he accepted $100,000 in bribes for friends and family in exchange for legislation, and Yee was charged with accepting bribes and orchestrating weapons and drug trafficking to help pay off campaign debts.

Last month, the Senate voted to suspend the lawmakers. Gov. Jerry Brown has called on them to resign.

The three continue to receive their $95,291 annual salaries but are not collecting a daily expense allowance.

– AP

LOS ANGELES

Man charged with felony stalking of Selena Gomez

A man arrested twice in one week at Selena Gomez's house was charged Monday with felony stalking and violating a court order to stay away from the singer-actress.

Che Cruz, 20, pleaded not guilty to the charges Monday afternoon, and his bail was set at $160,000. He was arrested Friday after he returned to Gomez's home just hours after he was released from jail in a case in which he was ordered to stay away from her.

The Los Angeles district attorney's office said Cruz jumped the fence at Gomez's home before his second arrest.

If convicted, he faces up to four years in prison. He is due back in court April 17.

Cruz was first arrested after breaking into Gomez's guest home March 30, and he acknowledged in court Wednesday that he trespassed at her property. He was ordered to stay away from Gomez and her home, was put on probation, and was sent to jail for up to 45 days, but he was released two days later.

Within hours of his release, sheriff's deputies re-arrested Cruz at Gomez's home in Calabasas.

Gomez, the former "Wizards of Waverly Place" actress turned pop star, was at home when Cruz was arrested the first time after he broke into her guest house. It was unknown whether Gomez was home during Friday's intrusion.

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In a cellphone video taken by another student, science teacher Mark Black is seen wrestling with a student. Black brings the student to the ground and holds him there. The video was posted to YouTube and featured by many television news outlets.

The fight reportedly started after the student brought marijuana to class.

Black, who is also a wrestling coach, was placed on leave shortly after the incident.

A "We Support Coach Black of Samohi" Facebook page has been liked more than 12,000 times as of press time.

A petition to reinstate Black posted on Change.org has more than 5,000 signatures.

"The district did not rush to judgment in this case, but others certainly have based on only YouTube postings that show a small portion of what actually happened at the school," Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District Superintendent Sandra Lyon said on Monday.

Placing an employee on paid administrative leave after an incident is standard procedure, she said.

"In no way was our action to place the teacher on paid leave a determination of wrongful conduct or a decision to suspend or discipline him," she said. "The teacher involved is a respected coach and educator. We owe him due process protections as we further investigate this incident."

The district hopes to conclude its independent investigation during spring break, which ends April 20.

"We urge our community and those outside of the district to let the investigative process work and reserve judgment until all of the facts are in," Lyon said. "Until then, we will continue to work with local law enforcement while we respect the due process and privacy rights of everyone involved."

Lyon released an initial statement calling the fight "utterly alarming" and "deeply disturbing."

She later apologized for the statement, noting that some interpreted it as a "prejudgement of the teacher's conduct prior to an investigation" and that it failed to address the conduct of students involved.

"I apologize that my comments focused solely on the message that teachers should not physically engage when disciplining or intervening without underscoring that we need to obtain all the details leading up to this situation before we reach conclusions," Lyon said in the statement to the community on Saturday.

Board of Education member Oscar de la Torre called Black a "fair person" who is "committed to educating young people."

De la Torre said when he was in high school he tried out for wrestling and went up against Black.

"There isn't an 18-year-old in this city who's going to beat him at wrestling," he said. "I tried out for wrestling and he beat me so bad I decided to play football instead."

De la Torre is waiting for the dust to clear before passing judgment on the incident.

"We don't really know what happened yet," he said. "It looks like coach Black was trying to stop a student from selling drugs. Generally speaking, we don't want teachers putting hands on anyone unless it's in self-defense. Does selling weed rise to that level? I don't know."

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entitled, "Please help stop Marcy Winograd's effort to Ban Pony Rides & Petting Farms in Santa Monica," on ThePetitionSite.com that has 650 signatures.

More than 10,000 pony rides and petting farm entries have been sold at the Farmers' Market since July, according to city officials.

Angel said that 70 percent of her ponies are rescues. Many of the animals in her petting zoo are also rescues or would have been sold for slaughter.

Recently, she said, the entire Farmers' Market was rearranged to allow her ponies more shade. Ponies that get skittish when giving rides are retired and maintained at Angel's expense, she said.

Angel is ambivalent about the treatment of ponies by other larger companies but, she said, she takes great care of her animals.

Winograd said that she was inspired in part by the recent legislature introduced by former Santa Monica Mayor and current Assemblymember Richard Bloom (D-Santa Monica) to ban all whale shows in the state.

Angel said that she too is in full agreement with that proposed ban.

"My ponies live in 5-acre pastures," she said. "The two issues are not even comparable."

The petting zoos, Winograd said, teaches children that it's OK to mistreat animals.

Angel said that her goal is simply to teach kids about animals.

"I can't tell you how many times a kid has asked me what a chicken is," she said. "The main reason I do this is for the kids. Where else are they going to see goats and alpacas? I'm not getting rich off of this."

Her ponies are taken to the veterinarian three times a year and their feet are tended to regularly, she said. All of the money she earns goes back into her animals, she said.

Winograd organized a rally at the Sunday Farmers' Market. Over the course of the day, six protesters showed up, she said. There were three on scene when a Daily Press photographer stopped by at 11:30 a.m.

Farmers' Market Manager Laura Avery responded to the petition with a statement explaining that the rides and the zoo operated within the law.

"(City Hall) is sensitive to the welfare of animals and city staff works closely with the operator of the animal activities to ensure that the operator possesses an animal permit issued by the city of Santa Monica Animal Control," she said.

They also check to make sure that water and food are available for animals, that proper shading is provided while animals are working and resting, that the animals are provided rest periods according to their breed and weather conditions, and all animal waste is cleaned immediately, she said.

Winograd was not moved.

"It's hardly a family or 'festival atmosphere' when small horses plod for hours in tiny circles, their heads bowed and tethered to a pole," she wrote in an e-mail. "What would we call it if human beings were forced to do this? We would call it torture."

Winograd is planning another protest for next Sunday.

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Associated Press

POSITIVE: Some 25 percent of California's prisoners test positive for illicit drugs.

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population, the department said. The figure could be even higher since about 30 percent of the selected inmates refused to be tested, even though they were promised that no one would be punished for testing positive.

More than half the positive tests involved marijuana, 20 percent indicated morphine use; 14 percent methamphetamines; 11 percent amphetamines; and 2 percent cocaine.

Separate statistics show 320 prison visitors and 10 employees were arrested last year while trying to smuggle in drugs. Another 52 people were arrested for trying to bring drugs on to prison grounds when they had no reason to be there.

Illegal drugs in prison reinforces the strength of prison gangs, leads to inmate-on-inmate violence due to drug dependency, and increases the possibility of inmate-on-staff attacks because drugs can reduce inhibitions, the department said in urging the rule change.

The proposed regulations are set for a public hearing May 27 in Sacramento. Final approval would come from the corrections department itself after it considers public comment.

The rules would require that about 2.3 percent of inmates — or nearly 2,800 of the 121,000 inmates in state-run prisons and fire camps — be randomly selected for periodic urinalysis tests about once a week.

The California Correctional Peace Officers Association supports the drug screening, said Chuck Alexander, the union's vice president. But he doubted that losing pennies an hour would make much of a difference for inmates.

Depending on their work assignment, inmates are paid just 8 cents to 32 cents an hour, though a few making license plates at Folsom State Prison are paid 95 cents an hour.

Smugglers have punted balls filled with drugs over prison fences and sent in drugs in counterfeit legal mail or packages, among other efforts, Alexander said.

"The inmates know who it belongs to and if they steal it or don't get it to who it belongs to, they end up getting disciplined, if you know what I mean," he said.

Once inside, drugs can sell for three- to five times what they would bring on the street, he said.









Army: Fort Hood suspect had requested leave

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Associated Press

FORT HOOD, Texas Army investigators on Monday released a more detailed timeline of last week's fatal shootings at Fort Hood, describing an eight-minute rampage in which the suspect fired 35 shots over an area spanning the equivalent of two city blocks.

Three people were killed and 16 others wounded in the shooting spree before the suspect, Spc. Ivan Lopez, killed himself, authorities said.

During a news conference Monday, Army spokesman Chris Grey said the shootings at the Texas post followed an argument related to Lopez's request for taking leave, but he didn't indicate whether it was granted or describe circumstances behind the request.

A spokesman for Lopez's family said last week that Lopez was upset he was granted only a 24-hour leave to attend his mother's funeral in November. That leave was then extended to two days.

The shooting spree Wednesday ended when Lopez killed himself with his .45-caliber pistol after confronting a female military police officer, who Grey said fired once at Lopez but didn't strike him.

Providing the most detail yet about the second mass shooting at Fort Hood in five years, Grey mapped out how Lopez opened fire in the building where the argument began before leaving and driving away, shooting at times from his car. The three who died were gunned down in separate locations.

Grey said Lopez first killed one soldier and wounded 10 others in the first building — the dead being one of the men Lopez had argued with moments earlier. Lopez then drove to a motor pool area where the Army truck driver was assigned and worked, killing another, Grey said.

The last place Lopez entered was a block away at a medical building, Grey said, walking inside and killing a soldier behind the desk.

"At this point we do not know why he entered that building, and we may never know why," Grey said.

In all, investigators say Lopez fired more than 35 shots.

Authorities said 11 of 16 injured have returned to duty. Three soldiers who remain at nearby Scott & White Hospital, where the most critically injured were taken, were listed in fair condition Monday.

President Barack Obama is scheduled to attend a memorial service Wednesday at Fort Hood. Authorities said transportation arrangements for the three dead are being finalized for their funerals.

In another attack at the base in 2009, 13 people were killed by Army psychiatrist Nidal Hasan, who had said he was angry about being deployed to Afghanistan and wanted to protect Islamic and Taliban leaders from U.S. troops.

Lopez did a short stint in Iraq in 2011 and told medical personnel he had suffered a traumatic brain injury. The 34-year-old was undergoing treatment for depression and anxiety while being evaluated for post-traumatic stress disorder, base officials said. Fort Hood officials on Friday, however, said his mental condition was not a "direct participating factor" in the shooting.

Officials said Lopez did not see any combat in Iraq and had not previously demonstrated a risk of violence. He seemed to have a clean record and Grey said again Monday that Lopez showed no ties to potential terrorists.

Legal pot in Colorado hasn't stopped black market

SADIE GURMAN
Associated Press

DENVER A 25-year-old is shot dead trying to sell marijuana the old-fashioned, illegal way. Two men from Texas set up a warehouse to grow more than they would ever need. And three people buying pot in a grocery store parking lot are robbed at gunpoint.

While no one expected the state's first-in-the-nation recreational sales would eliminate the need for dangerous underground sales overnight, the violence has raised concerns among police, prosecutors and pot advocates that a black market for marijuana is alive and well in Colorado.

"It has done nothing more than enhance the opportunity for the black market," said Lt. Mark Comte of the Colorado Springs police vice and narcotics unit. "If you can get it tax-free on the corner, you're going to get it on the corner."

It's difficult to measure whether there has been an increase in pot-related crimes beyond anecdotal reports because no one at either the federal or state levels is keeping track of the numbers of killings, robberies and other crimes linked directly to marijuana.

Pot advocates say the state is in a transition period, and while pot-related crimes will continue, they will begin to decline as more stores open and prices of legal marijuana decline.

"It's just a transition period," activist Brian Vicente said. "Marijuana was illegal for the last 80 years in our state, and there are some remnants of that still around. Certainly, much like alcohol, over time these underground dealers will fade away."

Sales are due to begin in June in Washington, where authorities will be watching for similar cases.

"There's going to be a black market here," said Cmdr. Pat Slack of the Snohomish Regional Drug/Gang Task Force, which covers an area outside Seattle. "There will be drug rip-offs and drug debts that haven't been paid. All of that is going to stay."

Under Colorado's voter-approved law, it is legal to possess up to an ounce of marijuana. Authorities are concerned that means illegal dealers and buyers believe they can avoid prosecution. These dealers and their customers also tend to be targets, if robbers know they are flush with cash.

Arapahoe County, outside Denver, has seen "a growing number of drug rips and outright burglaries and robberies of people who have large amounts of marijuana or cash on them," said District Attorney George Brauchler.

His district has seen at least three homicides linked to pot in recent months and a rising number of robberies and home invasions.

Among them was a February case in which a 17-year-old boy said he accidentally shot and killed his girlfriend while robbing a man who had come to purchase weed.

Elsewhere, prosecutors say, Nathaniel Tallman, 25, was killed during a January drug deal when he was robbed and shot, and his body dumped in Wyoming.

The next month, a dealer mugged three people who were trying to buy marijuana from him in a Denver grocery store parking lot.

Such deals are the exception, said Vicente. The "average customer" prefers to buy in a well-lit, regulated store, he said, citing the roughly $2 million Colorado made in marijuana taxes in January alone.

Whether dangerous or not, it can still be cheaper to buy pot from a drug dealer.

Voters who approved recreational sales in Colorado also agreed to a 12.9 percent state sales tax and a 15 percent excise tax on it. Local jurisdictions can also add their own taxes. Medical marijuana is taxed, too, but at a much lower rate -- a 2.9 percent sales tax.

Those taxes mean an ounce of pot can go for $400 or more at a state-sanctioned store, depending on quality and potency. An ounce on the street can run between $200 and $280, depending on how much a dealer wants to profit, Comte said.

Underground dealers also are not burdened by complex regulations and licenses.

"Those barriers to entry already create the potential for the black market, and then you add these taxes on top of it, and it makes it impossible to get rid of," said Denver attorney Robert Corry, who helped write the pot legalization measure but opposed the taxes.

Corry, who has long represented marijuana dealers facing criminal charges, said his clientele has hardly diminished.

Comte's unit recently searched a warehouse where two men from Texas were growing "so much more than they could ever need," he said. Detectives charged them with possession of pot with intent to distribute.

If some Colorado drug dealers have lost business to legal retailers, some also have made up for it by transporting weed to other states.

A Lakewood man was arrested in March after postal inspectors intercepted a package he was mailing containing a pound of pot. Drug task force officers who later searched his home found scores of gallon-sized bags of marijuana and 76 plants.

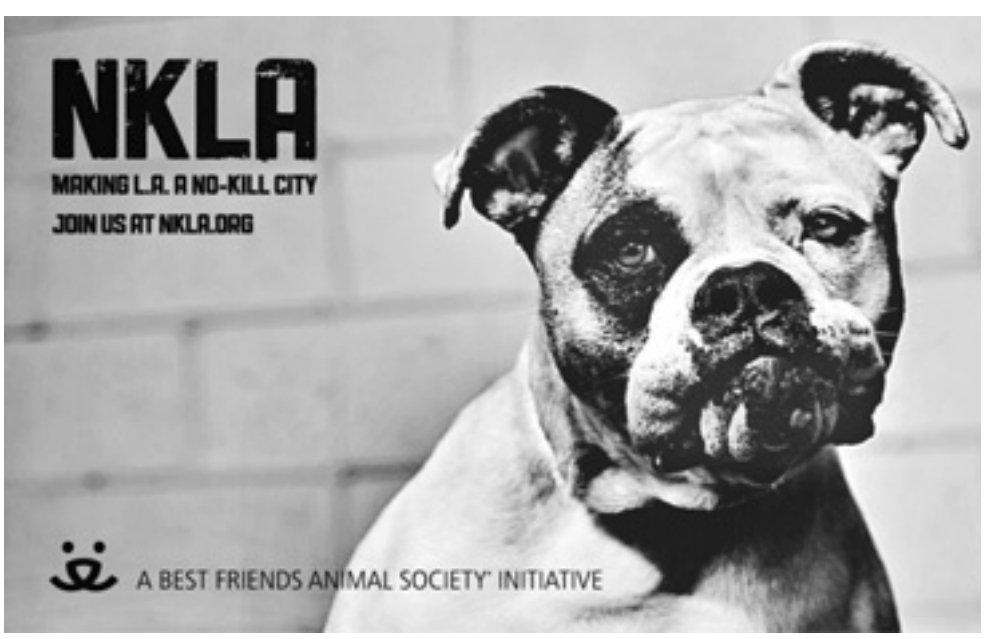
Marijuana cases can be hard to prosecute and are not cost-effective, so police often prefer to focus attention on drugs like heroin and methamphetamine, Comte said.

One result, he said, is the feeling among illegal dealers that because retail sales are legal, authorities are looking the other way.

Mark Kleiman, a public policy professor at the University of California, Los Angeles, who is helping Washington set up its legal marijuana industry, said the black market's survival has less to do with taxes than with a shortage of legal stores.

Colorado has more than 160 state-licensed stores, but they remain concentrated in the Denver area. Many towns don't have any.

"When there are more stores and more products in the stores and prices settle down, then we'll see," Kleiman said. "I would be very surprised if the illicit market can compete at all."



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Stocks slump, extending decline from last week

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AP Markets Writer

NEW YORK For investors, a volatile stock market passed a worrisome milestone on Monday.

The market logged its longest losing streak in two months, and extended a sell-off that began last week.

After biotechnology and internet stocks pulled the market lower on Friday, it was companies that sell non-essential goods and services that dragged on the market to start the week. Concerns about earnings and sales drove declines. CarMax slumped after the used car dealer reported lower net income, and Mattel dropped on concerns about demand for big-name toys.

Stocks have been volatile this year after surging in 2013. Investors now appear to question whether their lofty prices will be justified by what's expected to be slower growth in first-quarter earnings.

"The markets are struggling to choose a direction," said Joe Tanious, a global market strategist for JPMorgan Funds. "I suspect that this choppiness in the markets is something we are going to be seeing for some time to come."

The Standard & Poor's 500 index fell 20.05 points, or 1.1 percent, to 1,845.04. It has fallen for three straight days, the longest losing span since late January, and has shed 2.4 percent since its all-time high of 1,890.89 on April 2.

The Dow Jones industrial average dropped 166.84 points, or 1.02 percent, to 16,245.87 Monday. The Nasdaq composite had the biggest decline, falling 47.97 points, or 1.2 percent, to 4,079.75.

There were signs of stability in the market. Technology and biotechnology stocks, which were pummeled by investors at the end of last week, were mixed on Monday.

Facebook edged up 20 cents, or 0.4 percent, to $56.95 on Monday after it dropped 4.6 percent Friday.

Netflix, which also slumped last week, gained 69 cents, or 0.2 percent, to $338.

Consumer discretionary stocks — companies that sell goods and services that are not necessities for shoppers — saw the biggest decline among the S&P 500's 10 sectors.

CarMax slipped $1.88, or 4.1 percent, to $43.68 after the company said late Friday that its fourth-quarter earnings fell. Net income declined as the effects of an accounting correction offset higher demand for its vehicles. The company's revenue also missed Wall Street expectations.

Mattel dropped $1.15, or 2.9 percent, to $38.26 after analysts at BMO Capital cut their outlook for the toy company, citing lower demand for key products such as Barbie dolls and Hot Wheels cars.

Investors will focus more and more on the outlook for corporate earnings this week, as companies begin to announce first-quarter results. Aluminum maker Alcoa, JPMorgan and Wells Fargo are reporting.

Overall, companies in the S&P 500 index are expected to see earnings growth of 0.3 percent over last year's first quarter. That rate of growth, however, is down from 8 percent in the fourth quarter, and would be the lowest since the third quarter 2009, when earnings contracted 1.7 percent, according to S&P Capital IQ.

While the outlook is poor, the low expectations may actually help stocks, because they give companies a lower hurdle to overcome, said Warne.

"The expectations are incredibly low, largely due to the impact of winter weather," said Kate Warne, an investment strategist at Edward Jones.

JPMorgan is expected to report earnings of $1.41 per share for the first quarter on Friday, a decline from earnings of $1.59 per share for the same period a year earlier, according to FactSet data.

Nine of the ten industry groups that make up the S&P 500 index fell Monday. The only sector in the S&P 500 to rise was made up of consumer staples stocks, or companies that sell essential consumer goods. Investors typically buy these stocks when the market slumps.

In government bond trading, the yield on the 10-year Treasury note fell to 2.70 percent from 2.72 percent late Friday. The price of crude oil fell 70 cents, or 0.7 percent, to $100.44 a barrel. Gold fell $5.20, or 0.4 percent, to $1,298.30 an ounce.

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Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	A+
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechusa and Los Alisos creeks.		
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	A+	A+
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	A+	A+
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	A+	B
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Solstice Canyon at Dan Blocker County Beach.	A	B
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth.	A+	A+
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd..	F	A
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	D
Surfrider Beach (broach location)- daily.	D	B
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	B	A+
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	A	A+
Los Flores State Beach at Los Flores Creek (point zero).	B	B
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs.	A+	F
Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach.	A+	A+
Tuna Canyon.	A+	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	B	B
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	ns	ns
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A	F
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+	A+
Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain.	A+	B
Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua).	A	F
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain.	B	F
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain.	A	F
Santa Monica Municipal Pier.	F	F
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain.	B	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+	A
Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain.	A+	D
Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain.	A+	A+
Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south.	A+	A+
Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St..	A+	B
Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- lifeguard tower.	F	F
Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth.	A	F
Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain.	A+	A+
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Dr. Frank Jobe remembered during Dodger Stadium service

BETH HARRIS
AP Sports Writer

LOS ANGELES Dr. Frank Jobe, who pioneered the elbow procedure that became known as Tommy John surgery and saved the careers of countless pitchers, was remembered Monday as a gifted and caring surgeon with a sense of humor.

Hall of Fame broadcaster Vin Scully presided over an hour-long service at Dodger Stadium that ended with cups of vanilla ice cream being handed out in near 90-degree temperatures. Jobe loved the cool treat. He died last month at 88.

"Frank had a happy life that went a full nine innings," Scully said from a platform on the field with Jobe's photo displayed on the giant video board.

Tommy John himself spoke about the man whose name became forever linked with his after the 1974 surgery that saved John's career. The Dodgers pitcher had a ruptured medial collateral ligament in his left elbow, an injury that had no remedy until Jobe removed a tendon from John's forearm and repaired his elbow.

"I'm Tommy John and I'm the guinea pig," he told several hundred people sitting in the last seven shaded rows of the field-level seats.

John went on to pitch 14 years after the operation, compiling 164 more victories without ever missing a start because of an elbow problem.

John said he last saw Jobe in January at a PGA Tour event in La Quinta, Calif. Jobe had been the tour's longtime orthopedic consultant.

"We just told stories and laughed," he said. "He was the best friend a person could have, but he was a helluva surgeon, too. When you lose a friend, it hurts and it hurts a lot."

The surgery has since become common practice for injured pitchers and players at every level of baseball, with some pitchers signing multiyear contracts just months after they have the surgery in expectation of a high-level return.

Former colleague Dr. Bernard Morrey recalled that Jobe practiced the ligament replacement surgery in the lab before he performed it on John.

"It was the hard work that complemented Frank's gifted hands that changed everything," he said. "He made a difference to baseball and our profession."

Meredith Jobe, one of Frank's four sons with wife Beverly, spoke on behalf of the family. He recalled his father carving the Thanksgiving turkey while insisting on "good lighting and sharp knives."

Jobe described his father, born an only child in Greensboro, N.C., as "a late in life surprise with Vin Scully-bright red hair."

The elder Jobe had served the Dodgers' organization for 50 years, most recently as special adviser to the chairman. The courtly Southerner attended the team's games always dressed in a suit and tie as recently as last season, with someone on either arm escorting him.

"Frank was a kind, thoughtful, gracious man," Morrey said. "Just didn't change."

Among those paying respects were former Dodgers pitcher Orel Hershiser, whose right shoulder was reconstructed by Jobe; Dodgers president and CEO Stan Kasten; Dodgers pitching coach Rick Honeycutt; Anne Meyers Drysdale, widow of Dodgers pitcher Don Drysdale; former Dodgers outfielder Rick Monday; and Los Angeles Lakers general manager Mitch Kupchak.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ You'll see a definite improvement from yesterday, as far as people's moods go. You are capable of unusual understanding, so use those skills today to help someone get past a restriction. Tonight: Ever playful.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ Stay on top of a domestic matter, regardless of what happens. You could feel overburdened by an offer that actually could be more of a problem than a solution. You could have difficulty telling the other party "No thank you." Start practicing. Tonight: Happy at home.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Handle a situation before it gets too overwhelming. You have a lot to do, but know that a partner will lend a hand. Express your determination by tapping into your ingenuity. Be more forthright with a child or new friend. Tonight: Out and about.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★ Be aware of the costs of proceeding as you have been. Someone you care about finally will share why he or she is so irritable. You might want to express your understanding, even though you have much more to say. Tonight: Out shopping.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ You beam and draw positive results, especially with a legal or travel matter. Someone at a distance could play a significant role in upcoming plans. You might be feistier than you realize. Tonight: Do what makes you happy.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★ You might feel a little down or taken aback by a situation that surrounds you. One-on-one relating could provide important information that will allow you to make a better decision. Do not fight about a financial issue; instead, find a way to solve it. Tonight: Visit over dinner.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ You might want to defer to others with a personal matter right now, especially if your temper is short. Realize what is going on with your long-term goals. Use caution with money commitments. Tonight: Have a quiet chat with a close friend.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ You could be concerned about a boss or parent. You often worry about this person's judgment. Know that you can't change the path that he or she is on. Express your acceptance, and hopefully the same attitude will be extended to you. Tonight: Count on a late night.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★★ Reach out to someone at a distance who helps you relax and adds to your creativity. Be more forthright with how you handle a personal situation. Detach and worry less about others' reactions. Tonight: Relax to great music.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ You could see a situation arise with a partner that involves money and choices. You might feel confused about your direction and your needs. Ask questions, and you will find direction and clarity. The other party will give you powerful feedback. Tonight: Dinner for two.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ You'll find others to be quite sure of themselves as they approach you. One-on-one relating will provide you with important information, as long as you can detach. Tonight: Sort through offers.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ You have a lot to get done, and you will achieve the results you want. You could be taken aback by what a partner says, but make a point of not focusing on his or her mood. Your natural charisma will speak to others. Tonight: Put your feet up.

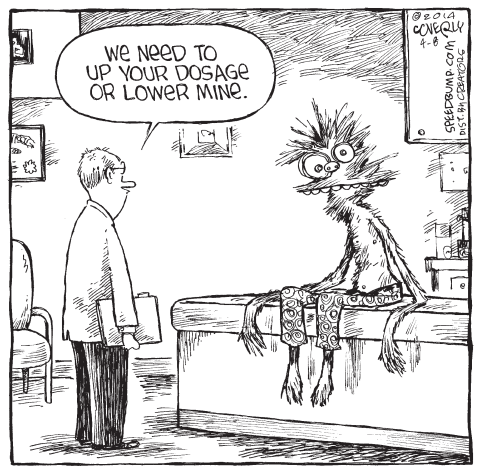
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This year you open up to new possibilities. There seems to be an element of drama mixed in with your charisma and high creativity. As of mid-July, you will be close to unstoppable in whatever you do. Think in terms of accomplishing one of your long-term dreams. If you are single, new doors open up to you, which allows different people to enter your life. You could find yourself drawn to someone you normally would not be attracted to. This experience will be an eye-opener. If you are attached, the two of you enjoy more time away together this spring. To onlookers, you will appear to be newlyweds. You certainly will be acting like it. LEO adds to the fun of nearly any situation.

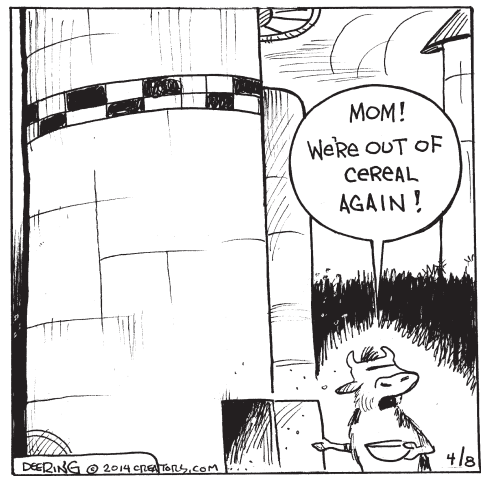
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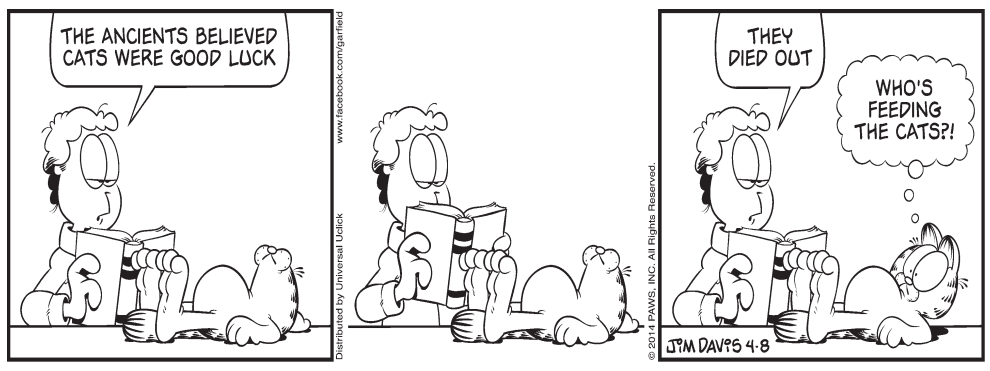
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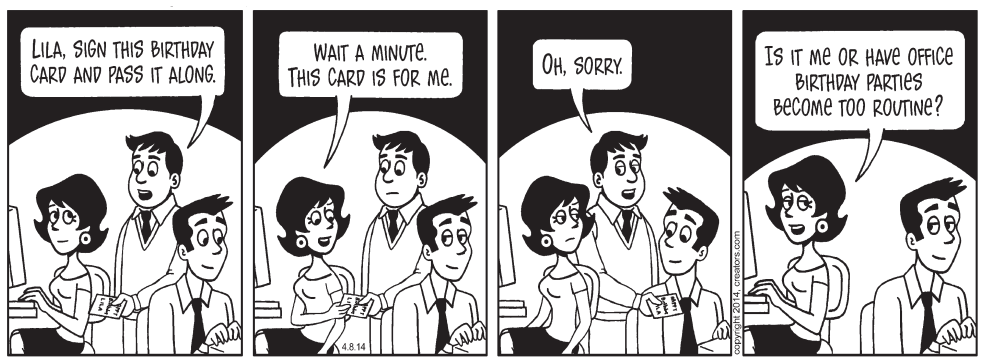
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Sudoku

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 ★★

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

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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

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

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Uttered
5 Cowboy leggings
10 Borders
12 Words to the band-leader
13 Funny fellow
15 Refrain syllable
16 Use oars
17 Skating surface
18 "Where the Wild Things Are" author
20 Ship's staff
21 Fry lightly
22 Smaller amount
23 Out of style
25 Carryall
28 Breakfast bread
31 Addition column
32 Comes in
34 Got together
35 Work wk.'s end
36 Buck's mate
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40 Baja "Bye!"
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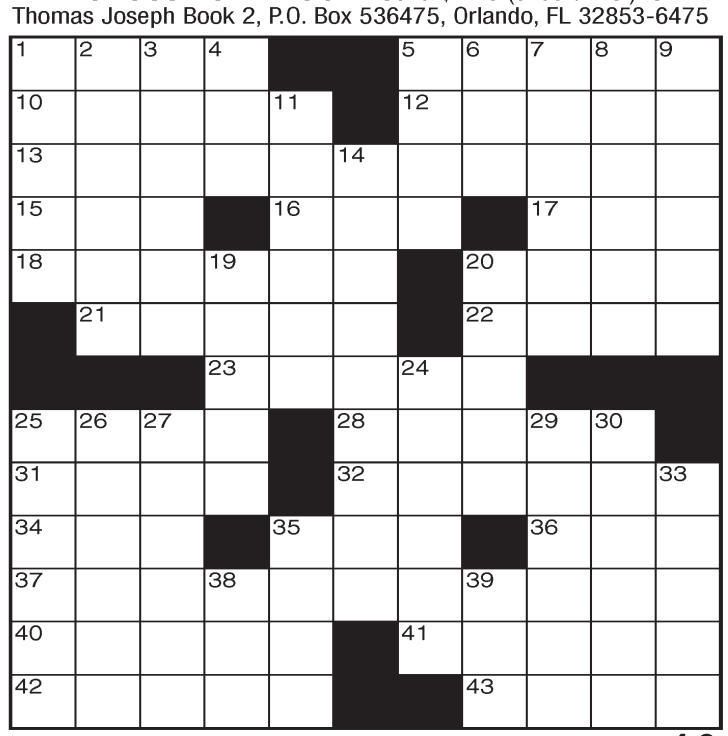
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1 Splinter groups
2 Puts on a pedestal
3 Large lizard
4 German article
5 Work on jerky
6 Towel word
7 Clothing
8 Jigsaw puzzle makeup
9 Scatters
11 Layers
14 Funny fellows
19 Takes in
20 Golf shoe feature
24 1979 NBA champs
25 Alley prowler
26 Iroquois League member
27 Block-dropping game
29 Arizona city famed for its red rocks
30 Mason's tool
33 Good judgment
35 Bomb part
38 Guest's bed
39 Gloss target

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Draw Date: 4/4
1 10 15 41 54
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SUPER LOTTO PLUS
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2 13 29 33 41
Mega#: 19
Jackpot: $46M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 4/7
3 5 13 38 39

DAILY 3
Draw Date: 4/7
MIDDAY: 2 0 5
EVENING: 6 1 1

DAILY DERBY
Draw Date: 4/7
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3rd: 09 Winning Spirit
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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ "The trucks full of paperwork come every day," wrote The Washington Post in March, down a country road in Boyers, Pa., north of Pittsburgh, and descend "into the earth" to deliver federal retiree applications to the eight "supermarket"-sized caverns 230 feet below ground where Office of Personnel Management bureaucrats process them -- manually -- and store them in 28,000 metal filing cabinets. Applications thus take 61 days on average to process (compared to Texas' automated system, which takes two). One step requires a record's index to be digitized -- but a later step requires that the digital portion be printed out for further manila-foldered file work. OPM blames contractors' technology failures and bizarrely complicated retirement laws, but no relief is in sight except the hiring of more workers (and fortunately, cave-bound paper-shuffling is a well-regarded job around Boyers).

■ In February, officials in Sudan seized at least 70 female sheep that had male sexual organs sewn on -- the result of livestock smugglers trying to circumvent export restrictions. (Ewes are valued more highly, and their sale is limited.) Authorities had been treating the inspections as routine until they spotted one "ram" urinating from the female posture.

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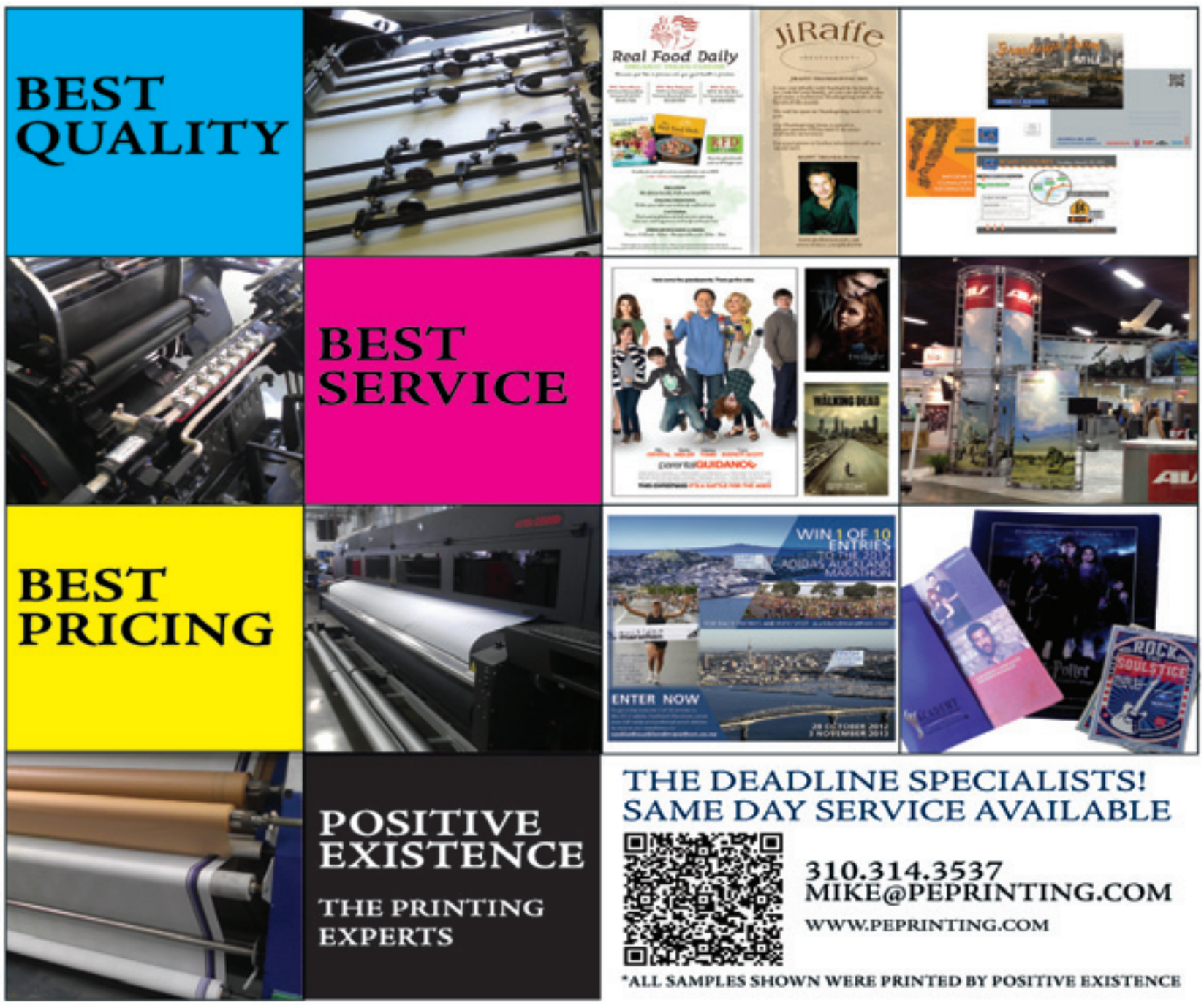
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