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THE WORKING AHEAD ISSUE

Big Blue Bus fall victim gets $55K

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL Santa Monica attorneys closed the books on a 2010 civil suit for $55,000 after an elderly woman fell and injured herself on a Big Blue Bus.

According to a lawsuit filed in February 2010, Aura Celis, of Arleta, Calif., allegedly fell on Big Blue Bus route 7 when the driver braked before she had found a seat.

The accident occurred on May 6, 2009.

Celis, then 60 and originally of Guatemala, boarded the bus between 2:30 p.m. and 3 p.m. She was returning home from work as a maid in a home in Santa Monica to Arleta, which is south of San Fernando.

The only seats available were in the middle of the crowded bus. Celis began walking toward the interior of the bus, holding onto the metal pole above her head.

"She testified that when the bus stopped, she was going to let go and continue walking," said Santa Monica City Attorney Debbi Kanoff.

The bus came to a stop. Celis fell backward into the front of the bus, hit the coin box and landed on her right side. She hit her head on the way down. Celis testified that she temporarily lost consciousness.

Paramedics took Celis to Brotman Medical Center. She claimed that she had memory problems and was dizzy for three or four days after the accident. She also reported that her doctor told her she would need surgery on her right shoulder. She no longer wears high heels because of the pain in her knee.

Celis and her attorney, Daniel Dembicer, sued for $132,500 for medical expenses, lost wages and other damage. The case settled for $55,000.

Falls are particularly dangerous to the elderly, according to an article published by the American Academy of Family Physicians, a national medical organization which represents 97,600 family physicians.

According to the article, people over the age of 65 are 10 times more likely to be hospitalized and eight times more likely to die as a result of a fall than children.

Elderly can improve their safety by following a few simple recommendations, said Capt. Mark Bridges, the emergency medical services coordinator with the Santa Monica Fire Department.

First, wear flat shoes and avoid heels. Ask for help when moving on or between uneven surfaces, and ensure that your glasses prescription, if you have one, is current.

"Blurred vision can be unsafe, especially in unfamiliar areas," Bridges wrote in an e-mail.

Make sure you know your route before leaving home, and have a list of medications and medical history with you in case of emergency, he said.

The Santa Monica Fire Department will hold an informational session at Wise and Healthy Aging on April 26 about fire and fall prevention.

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Former escrow agent sentenced to prison for embezzling funds

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Editor in Chief

DOWNTOWN, L.A. The president of a now-defunct Huntington Beach financial company was sentenced to 37 months in prison and ordered to pay nearly $4 million in restitution for stealing money from Santa Monica and 23 other cities that was going to be used to improve low-income housing, prosecutors said Monday.

Belinda Exon, 56, whose Rehab Financial held grants and loans in escrow on behalf of cities, pleaded guilty last July in Los Angeles federal court to embezzling about $3.9 million in federal funds from September 2002 to October 2008, according to the U.S. Attorney's Office.

Exon's company would administer money reserved to fix health and safety hazards and to

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WHAT A SIGHT TO SEE: **Santa Monica's City Hall is targeting large vehicles like this one, amending the municipal code to restrict parking for vehicles over 5 feet or taller at very specific locations, like entrances to alleys, where visibility would be impaired.**

Large vehicles to face restrictions

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

CITYWIDE The Santa Monica City Council could make it more difficult to park tall vehicles in parts of the city at its meeting next week.

The council will hear a second reading of an ordinance requested by three city departments to post signs prohibiting the parking of vehicles over 5 feet high in locations where they could impact visibility or traffic safety.

Should the ordinance pass, two existing sections of the municipal code will be combined so that vehicles over 5 feet tall cannot park in specific locations in Santa Monica, particularly near alleyways where the tall cars would make it difficult to see oncoming traffic.

Currently, two sections govern residential and commercial districts respectively, making it difficult to post signs, according to city staff.

The 5 foot limit is actually shorter than the 6 feet prescribed in the state code, but makes enforcement easier, said Sam Morrissey, City Hall's principal transportation engineer.

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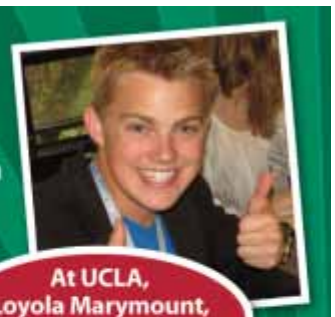
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OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Tuesday, April 19, 2011

Bounce Back from Stress
Main Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd., 7 p.m.
Learn to "Bounce Back from Stress" during a lecture by chiropractor Quentin Williams.
Stress is the biological term for the consequences of the body's failure to appropriately respond to emotional and/or physical threats. Although the stress response is known for leading to disease and illness, it also provides us with the strength to adapt and react to our environment. The focus of Williams's lecture will be to address three forms of stress and how to manage them so that they don't adversely impact your health. For more information, call (310) 458-8606.

'The Merchant of Venice'
The Broad Stage
1310 11th St., 7:30 p.m.
Academy Award winner, F. Murray Abraham attacks the role of Shylock in this riveting update of the bard's darkest of comedies, where religion, race and sexuality collide with love, family and justice. The currency of society and humanity has never been so changeable in this Royal Shakespeare Company commissioned production, the first production by an American company to be invited to the RSC's Complete Works Festival. This production runs through April 24.
For information, call (310) 434-3200.

Healthy eating
Senior Recreation Center
1450 Ocean Ave., 10:30 a.m.
This class focuses on recipes for healthy, hip Santa Monica adults 50 plus.
For more information, call (310) 458-8644.

Wednesday, April 20, 2011

Meet the Easter Bunny
Santa Monica Place
Broadway and Third Street Promenade, 9:30 p.m.
Children of all ages are invited to an event complete with breakfast with the Easter Bunny, live entertainment, arts and crafts, door prizes and much more. Event will conclude with an egg hunt. RSVP by visiting santamonicaplace.com.

Brain Fitness
Fairview Library
2101 Ocean Park Blvd., 1 p.m.
Improve your focus and concentration. Try out the Brain Fitness computer program and learn about the latest research on how to strengthen your brain.
For more information, call (310) 458-8681.

Talking 'Wolf Hall'
Montana Library
1704 Montana Ave., 7 p.m.
Book lovers will gather to discuss author Hilary Mantel's "Wolf Hall."
For more information on this free event, call (310) 458-8682.

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CLARIFICATION

In the April 18 edition of My Write, the column should have made it clear that planting the same species of palms could exacerbate the spread of an incurable fungus deadly to certain palm tree species. An alternative would be planting different trees or different species of palms not susceptible to the disease.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

OCEAN AVE

i. Cugini closing after 21 years in business

One of Santa Monica's more popular Italian restaurants, i. Cugini, plans to close its doors in June.

Sam King, CEO of King's Seafood Co., which owns i. Cugini, Ocean Avenue Seafood and the Water Grill in Downtown L.A., announced the planned closure Monday in a statement to the press.

"It was a very difficult decision for us to make," King said. "We truly enjoyed operating i.Cugini over the past 21 years and after very careful consideration decided that the restaurant did not fit into future plans for the company."

A spokesman for the company said King's decided not to renew i. Cugini's lease but would not elaborate. They said the closure was not caused by the sluggish economy.

King's Seafood Co. operates 17 restaurants in Southern California, Nevada and Arizona and operate their own seafood distribution company in Orange County. King's Seafood has begun planning for relocating crew from i.Cugini to other restaurants in the area.

i.Cugini is scheduled to close after Father's Day brunch is served on June 19.

DAILY PRESS

WILSHIRE BLVD

Santa Monica Seafood buys rival

Santa Monica Seafood, which was founded in 1939 at the end of the Santa Monica Pier, has purchased one of its main rivals, Long Beach Seafood Co., along with its inventory and other assets, officials with the company said Monday.

With the purchase, Santa Monica Seafood, which is one of the region's largest distributors of fresh and frozen seafood, will have approximately 300 employees.

Officials did not disclose the purchase price.

"The combined customer base of Santa Monica Seafood and Long Beach Seafood represents the largest segment of the highest quality restaurants, hotels and country clubs in Southern California, Nevada and Arizona," said Anthony Cigliano, president of Santa Monica Seafood.

Long Beach Seafood had been in operation for 90 years.

Santa Monica Seafood's headquarters are located in Rancho Dominguez, Calif.

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MAKING NOISE

Brandon Wise *brandonw@smdp.com*

Yelling out 'Make them pay,' demonstrators associated with Moveon.org and Code Pink protest on Arizona Avenue and Fourth Street on Monday outside of Bank of America and Wells Fargo urging the banks to pay their fair share of taxes.

HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS ROUNDUP

Samohi Vikings baseball games canceled

BY DANIEL ARCHULETA
Managing Editor

SAMOHI Looks like Santa Monica High School's baseball team will have a little extra time on their hands this week.

A pair of Ocean League games against Inglewood have been canceled. Sheldon Philip-Guide, Samohi's head coach, said that he heard about the cancellation on Friday. He was told that Inglewood's administration didn't want its teams to play during spring break. Philip-Guide said he wasn't sure when the games would be rescheduled, but it does mean that the Vikings will have at least two weeks in the near future with three league games, one more than the norm.

A call to Inglewood High School was not returned by deadline.

As for the extra time, Philip-Guide said that he wants his players to relax a bit.

"I want to let them refresh their batteries after playing such a tough schedule," he said.

The unexpected break may actually work to cool off Samohi. Despite being just 5-14 this season, the Vikings have won four of their last six games, two coming against league opponents.

"The kids are starting to believe in themselves a little more," Philip-Guide said of the recent turnaround. "Confidence is something that they need, it's important."

The Vikings will be out of action until Saturday when Samohi takes on West Torrance as part of the Redondo Tournament. That game is scheduled to begin at 11 a.m.

LOCAL V-BALL TEAMS CLING TO RANKINGS

Samohi's boys' volleyball team retains its No. 1 ranking in the latest CIF-Southern Section Division 4 poll released on Monday.

St. Monica also retained its spot in the D-5 rankings. For a second week, St. Monica is No. 9.

ST. MONICA SOFTBALL RANKED

St. Monica's softball team is ranked No. 9 in the latest CIF-SS Division 5 poll.

The Mariners are 10-5 this season and 5-2 in Camino Real League play.

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Discrimination, in any form, is wrong

Editor:

I read with some sense of disbelief Mr. Hecht's review of Sasabune ("Discriminating tastes at Sasabune," The Re-View, April 16-17); in which he stated that the restaurant's owner told him that their "policy" is to serve certain kinds of sushi only to Japanese people, as "Americans ... do not appreciate them." (Do Chinese people? Or Russians? Or Americans whose parents were born in Japan? Do they get the Uni, or not?)

I am not an attorney, but having a policy of refusing to serve something to certain singled-out ethnic groups or nationalities in preference to others would seem to be highly questionable under civil rights law. Just imagine if, for example, a restaurant made it a policy not to serve their best dishes to black people, or Jews or Vietnamese people because "they don't appreciate it." Or, to stretch the example, if a hotel wouldn't give its better rooms to Spanish or white or Japanese people because they, too, couldn't appreciate how nice they were. The list of dreadful similar examples could go on and on. But what they would all have in common is simple and unconscionable prejudice.

Surely Sasabune cannot continue with such a policy with impunity.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

J. Calman
Santa Monica

Bikes here, there

Editor:

Maybe the reason that automobiles, bicycles and pedestrians seem to work well together in Germany is that bicyclists in Germany don't blow through red lights and stop signs, like they do here ("So simple," Letters to the Editor, page 4, April 16-17). And bicyclists in Germany don't ride on the sidewalks using pedestrians for an obstacle course, like they do here. And bicyclists in Germany don't ride in groups down the middle of the street, dressed like fishing lures, like they do here.

Saul Cohen
Santa Monica

Problem area

Editor:

This week, the Daily Press ran two letters from those observing cycling behavior. Here's my story.

As I walked south on the east sidewalk of 21st Street approaching Pico Boulevard, I stepped into the sidewalk corner and was hit by a cyclist. He was riding on the sidewalk! I was shaken and have some bruised AARP bones, but nothing broken. The cyclist was unhurt and very apologetic.

There is a big political and social push to increase cycling and it looks to be successful. Yet, the responsibility for cyclists and City Hall to follow/enforce rules of the road has been lacking.

The city-owned building on that corner is set on some odd property line so that the sidewalk actually narrows. "No set-back" is a misnomer. The building creates a blind corner manageable for pedestrians, but not bikes. To boot, the curb ramp is off the corner, set north onto 21st street so that any cyclist (or skateboarder) must whip north a bit to zip down the ramp. Surely, someone noticed the irregularity when the city spent its millions on property rehab?

Though it may be challenging for cyclists in the roadway, the answer is not to make it dangerous for pedestrians.

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If the ruling judge isn't straight you have to vacate

PROPOSITION 8 IS AN AMENDMENT TO California's Constitution. It was passed by a comfortable margin via ballot initiative in 2008. Prop. 8 maintained the age-old definition of marriage in the Golden State as requiring binary male-female compatibility. It remains tied-up in federal court today.

Back in February of 2010 it became rumored that retired federal Judge Vaughn Walker, who presided over the case at the district level, was a practitioner of the homosexual lifestyle. It was further reported that he had a longtime male lover. Judge Walker refused to confirm or deny the rumors. At the time I was one of the few people to publicly call for his recusal. It's inexplicable that attorneys defending Prop. 8 didn't make such a motion.

With Judge Walker's recent admission that he does in fact practice homosexuality, the case for recusal has been proven. His ruling on the Prop. 8 case should be immediately vacated as he possessed both an incontrovertible and disqualifying conflict of interest.

Federal law is clear. The code of judicial conduct requires that a judge step down from a case if "the judge's impartiality might reasonably be questioned," or when he "has a financial … or any other interest that could be affected substantially by the outcome of the proceeding."

By manufacturing from thin air a Constitutional "right" to same-sex "marriage" — something the framers of the U.S Constitution could not have conceptualized, much less endorsed — Judge Walker abused his position on the bench to create for himself a new privilege that he previously did not possess. It's undeniable that he had an "interest that could be affected substantially by the outcome of the proceeding."

Stemming from his own bizarre and contrived legal findings in the case, Judge Walker's ruling made it possible for both he and his male sexual partner to "marry." Prior to his ruling he could not. Subsequent to his ruling — and if the ruling is upheld — he could. This is not opinion. It's an objective matter of fact. Judge Walker unilaterally and arbitrarily gave himself a newfangled "right."

Furthermore, the U.S. Code, Section 455 (a) states: "Any justice, judge, or magistrate judge of the United States shall disqualify himself in any proceeding in which his impartiality might reasonably be questioned." U.S.C. Section 455 (b) (1) also states that a judge must be disqualified if he "has a personal bias or prejudice concerning a party, or personal knowledge of disputed evidentiary facts concerning the proceeding."

No reasonable person can deny that Judge Walker held a "personal bias" as his decision directly affected him on a very personal level.

A few proponents of so-called "gay marriage" have slapped me in the face with the following red herring: "Why, using your logic a heterosexual judge would also have to recuse himself. No judge could ever preside over a case involving same-sex 'marriage.'"

This is apples-to-oranges nonsense. On a case concerning the novel question of radically redefining marriage to include same-sex pairs, a heterosexual judge, by definition, would not possess a personal "interest that could be affected substantially by the outcome of the proceeding." A heterosexual judge is precisely what federal law requires under such circumstances.

By analogy, if a federal Judge were presiding over a case to determine the merits of a new gambling law, and that judge happened to have a gambling addiction, law would require that he recuse himself due to a clear conflict of interest. At a minimum, "the judge's impartiality might reasonably be questioned."

Or consider an instance where a judge crossed state lines to legally use medical marijuana for cancer treatment. If he were later presented with a case covering issues related to the legality of medical marijuana, he would necessarily be disqualified and also expected to recuse himself.

An honorable judge must step down from any case where there is even the remote appearance of a conflict. In Judge Walker's situation, the conflict proved to be absolute.

His was the textbook example of a conflict requiring recusal. It's now the textbook example of judicial activism. This outrageous decision must be vacated and attorneys defending Prop. 8 should immediately file a motion to that effect.

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Cashing in on the big payback

WHO IS JOHN GALT?

So opens "Atlas Shrugged," Ayn Rand's magnum opus about the decline of American civilization. It's a work that as a young man I read about three times. As a budding entrepreneur its appeal to the vigor and naiveté of youth was unbeatable. The dramatic characterizations of industrialists reached deep into the psyche of the 20-year-old David Pisarra who wanted to be a captain of capitalism.

The movie is slated to be shot in three parts, and the first one opened this weekend. Many attended a screening in Westwood, and I was lucky enough to have the director and one of the actors present to express my thoughts to them. It's a slow start to a strong story. This first movie is laying track for the future movies and I enjoyed it immensely.

The romance of the book is woven through it like the railroad lines that it describes of Taggart Transcontinental. I was in love with the ideals of self determination and breaking free of the bonds of government regulation and societal pressures that I felt as an angry, young, gay man desperate to get out from under the protection of school and family.

The novel is a philosophical manifesto as well as an escapist drama, setting forth the standard of being a doer, a mover and a shaker as the ideal of what a person can be. The main character, John Galt, realizing that the dystopian future America holds is one that would steal from him, his ideas and the products of his mind, he swears to stop the engine of the world and rebuild society.

The book is 1,300-plus pages of sometimes snappy, sometimes dreary writing. There are passages that are famous for preachiness, but the point of the book is that one should dare to stand on one's own two feet and not rely on others, and also to not allow others to leach off of you. Scholars can, and will, spend lifetimes arguing over the various merits and demerits of the espoused philosophy, personally there are parts of it I love and live. There are other parts that are not, in my experience, beneficial to me.

As a capitalist, I find the book intriguing, intoxicating at some level and very enjoyable to read. It speaks to the part of me that wants to start companies and take on new ventures.

I fight for the underdog often as a father's rights lawyer. I often find myself in family court arguing to judges about men's parenting abilities and their time availabilities. I do it for two reasons. One, for the money. I am a hired gun. I get paid to explain to judges my client's side of the story. But the other reason is that I find it emotionally rewarding when I can reunite a father with his children.

It is that emotional recompense that is frequently misunderstood when people take up sides about "Atlas Shrugged." They mistakenly put the emphasis on being paid — with hard cold cash. That is only one form of payment. There are others. I offer this as my explanation. I was walking down the Third Street Promenade as I do most Friday nights and ran into a client of mine. He was with his 5-year-old son and they had just come from seeing "Rio" and were headed to Angelato Cafe. He asked me to join him, and that's an offer I can't refuse.

Strolling up the promenade with this man and his son, little hand in big hand, he was so happy, content and fulfilled that when I think back, it brings tears to my eyes. He's a full-time dad to his two children. He's an entrepreneur who regularly drives 100 miles a day, manages to coordinate the school schedules of two children under 10, makes lunches, does laundry and lives the life of the single parent.

He absolutely excels at it, and more importantly, revels in being a father.

As we sat outside delighting in the yumminess that is Angelato, me with my sugar-free chocolate gelato, him with his coffee flavored and the youngster with his bubblegum, it occurred to me how much this experience is the added benefit, the bonus payment for my work. Seeing how happy and fulfilled he is gave me an emotional payoff that no amount of money can match. That's the part that is so misunderstood by naïve readers of "Atlas Shrugged." They mistake the "doing for others" as a one-way street. It can be, but it doesn't have to be.

And when it's not, it's the best.

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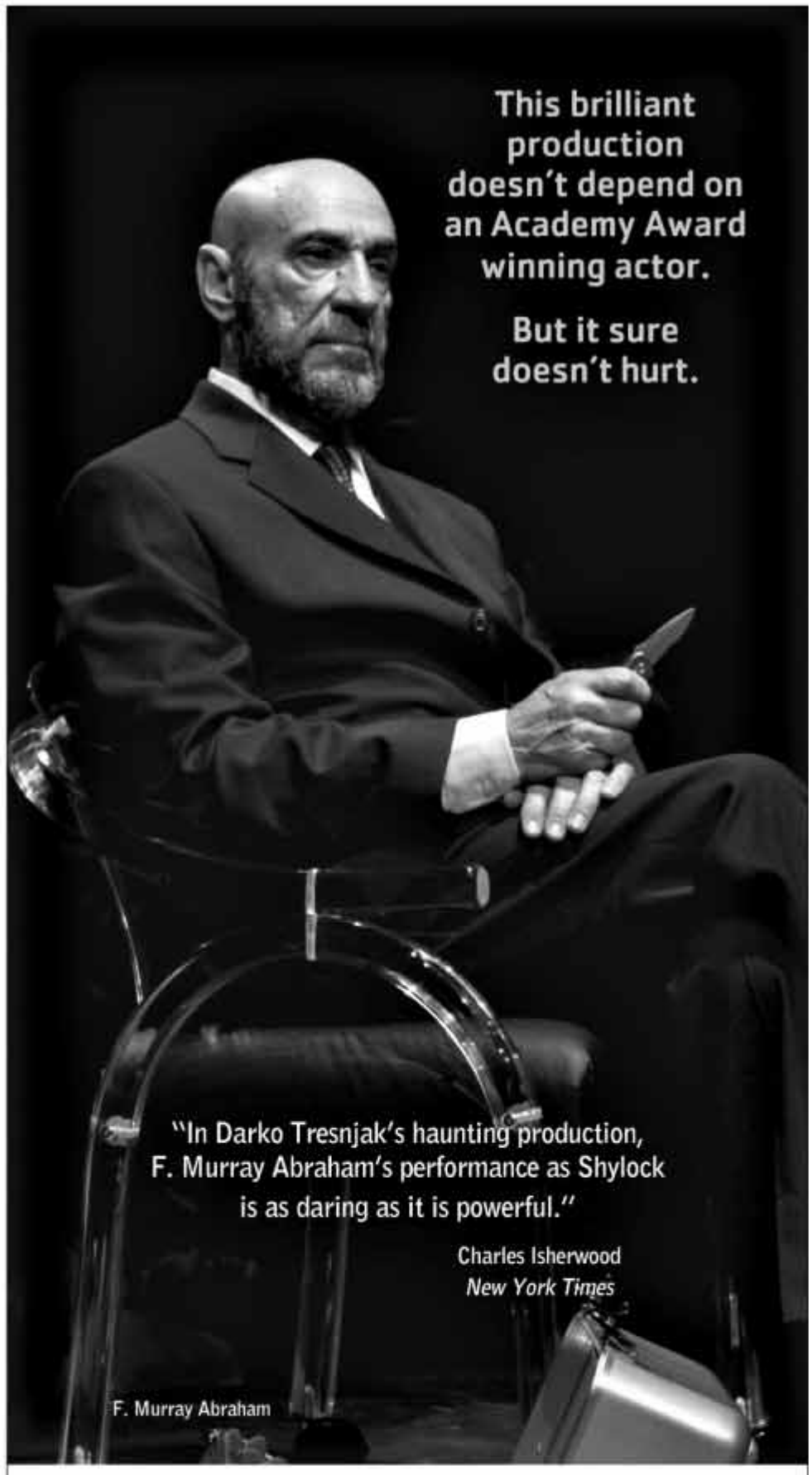
A pair of recent workshops have explored what can be done to further the "no new trips" agenda laid out in City Hall's recently updated land use and circulation element. Making it easier for bike riders to navigate the city was a major concern during these meetings.

So, this week's Q-Line question asks:
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County budget proposal released

Los Angeles County has released a budget proposal that aims to close a $220.9 million shortfall while avoiding layoffs and preserving critical services.

County Chief Executive Officer William T. Fujioka on Monday released a proposal totaling $23.3 billion. The shortfall would be closed through using $185.2 million in one-time funding, $35.7 million in operational spending reductions and eliminating 257 vacant, budgeted positions.

For the first time since 2007, the county is starting to see an annual increase in sales tax revenues and property taxes are projected to grow by 0.7 percent in 2011 to 2012. Fujioka says, however, that maintaining service levels, avoiding layoff and producing a balanced budget will only be possible as long as recent economic indicators showing improvement continue.

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LOS ANGELES

Man critically wounded in Venice shooting

Los Angeles police say a man has been critically wounded in a weekend shooting at the crowded Venice boardwalk.

Sgt. Felipe Vasquez tells the Los Angeles Times that a man in his 20s was shot in the head Sunday. No arrests have been made.

Authorities say the crowd at the famous beachfront walk was swelled by Twitter posts urging people to gather at local basketball courts.

After the shooting, witnesses say hordes of people scattered through the neighborhood, with some hiding in shops and others running for bus stops.

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LOS ANGELES

MTA train stuck in tunnel; 200 evacuated

Authorities say about 200 people were evacuated from a commuter train that stopped in a Los Angeles tunnel because of a problem in its brake system.

No injuries are reported.

Rick Jager of the Metropolitan Transportation Authority says the Red Line train was heading east from the Westlake station when the problem prompted an automatic shutdown shortly before 8 a.m. Monday.

He says the brakes still worked but the train pulled to a halt in a tunnel east of MacArthur Park.

Fire Department spokesman Erik Scott says firefighters helped evacuate about 200 people.

Jager says they were put on another train. He says the stopped train delayed service for about a half hour before it was finally moved. It will be inspected to determine what caused the problem.

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SIMI VALLEY

SoCal police say kidnapped woman left blood trail

Police in Simi Valley says a woman was kidnapped from her home, leaving a trail of blood, and her ex-boyfriend may be taking her to Texas.

Police say 24-year-old Keisha Marshall was abducted shortly after 9:30 p.m. Sunday. Lt. Joseph May tells Los Angeles broadcasters that the blood trail from the house leads authorities to believe Marshall may be seriously injured.

Authorities are looking for 27-year-old Rashaun Bailey, who may be in a 2000 white Ford Crown Victoria with black push bars on the front and a Texas license plate. They say the car resembles an unmarked police car.

Authorities say Bailey is from Dallas and may be heading back there.

Police say the couple had a history of domestic violence.

AP

LOS ANGELES

Prosecutors say Jackson's doctor changed story

The doctor charged in the death of Michael Jackson tried to change his story about his actions involving the pop star, telling his own experts in the upcoming trial a different story than he told police, prosecutors said Monday.

Deputy District Attorneys David Walgren and Deborah Brazil filed a motion asking a judge to bar new claims made by defendant Dr. Conrad Murray.

They said he apparently made the new assertions in conversation with two doctors who will testify on his behalf in the case.

The accounts were revealed in letters from the experts, Dr. Paul White, an anesthesiologist, and Dr. Joseph Haraszti, a psychiatrist and hospital director.

Prosecutors believe Murray spoke to the experts after a preliminary hearing in January that focused on his statements to police after Jackson's death in June 2009.

The motion quoted Murray as telling the experts he left Jackson's bedroom to make a phone call, even though he initially said he left Jackson to go to the bathroom.

Experts also said Murray claimed to have experience using propofol — the powerful anesthetic that killed Jackson — as a sedative, even though Murray didn't make such a claim in police interviews.

The motion also says Murray claims for the first time that Jackson took propofol in fruit juice while the doctor wasn't looking. The prosecutors said that was speculation.

J. Michael Flanagan, an attorney for Murray, wqs not immediately available for comment on the motion.

Murray has pleaded not guilty to involuntary manslaughter. A coroner found that Jackson died of an overdose of propofol and other sedatives.

Prosecutors called the new statements about Murray's actions "a backdoor attempt to introduce the defendant's new, self-serving statements without being subject to cross-examination."

"Such information conflicts with what the defendant told the police in his prior interviews," the motion states.

The only way the statements would be admissible, prosecutors said, is if Murray testifies in his own defense and is subject to cross-examination. They said the reports from both doctors contain numerous examples of new statements in conflict with Murray's previous accounts.

A hearing on motions is scheduled for Thursday. Jury selection resumes on May 4.

AP

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bring low-income housing up to building codes, according to court records. Most of the money came from U.S. Housing and Urban Development funds.

Prosecutors said Exon, a resident of Phoenix, Ariz., spent the money to buy property in Arizona for herself and her Nevada-based company, CFH Properties Inc., as well as to finance two other companies she owned — Desert Foothills Landscaping Inc. and Arizona Pool and Spa Inc.

She used the embezzled money to acquire a fourplex, a triplex and a duplex in Phoenix, according to the plea agreement that was outlined in court. She also bought several parcels of vacant land in Arizona.

In handing down the sentence, U.S. District Judge Otis D. Wright II said Exon's conduct caused not only financial harm, but left some homes "less inhabitable" and "even dangerous."

Exon lived in Fontana when the company was founded in the early 1990s, but Rehab Financial was based out of Huntington Beach, Assistant U.S. Attorney Ranee A. Katzenstein said.

The prosecutor told Wright at a previous hearing that Exon has cooperated in the investigation of the case.

Jim Kemper, City Hall's housing administrator, said Exon's conduct did not jeopardize projects in Santa Monica because City Hall's consultant covered the loss of funds. City Hall contracts with Comprehensive Housing Services to administer the Residential Rehabilitation Program, handing out checks worth on average $5,000 to rehab low-income apartments.

"The city was never out of money because the consultant felt they should be on the hook for it and it was their responsibility to go after [Exon]," Kemper said.

According to the plea agreement, San Francisco lost the most money in the scheme, $1 million. Pomona followed with $751,000, then Seal Beach and Huntington Park, with losses of $481,432 and $478,000 respectively.

Exon's actions forced the city and county of San Francisco to tap into other funds which "prevented the city from undertaking several new multi-unit projects to abate the presence of lead and to rectify other health and safety hazards," according to court papers.

As part of the plea agreement, Exon agreed to forfeit the properties she purchases with the ill-gotten gains and to make full restitution to the victims.

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That will include tall SUVs and recreational vehicles, Morrissey said, although people will still be able to acquire permits for some kinds of RVs.

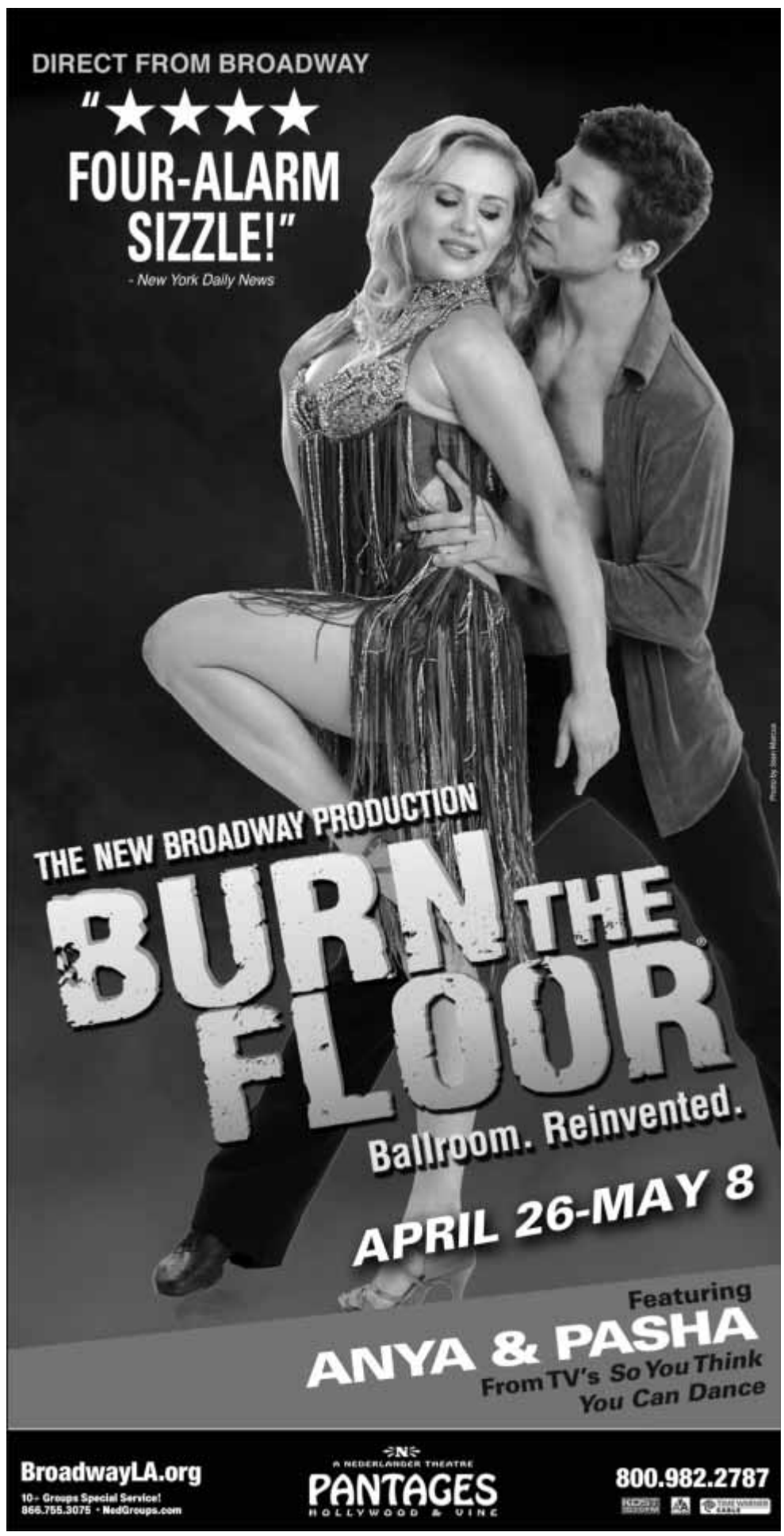
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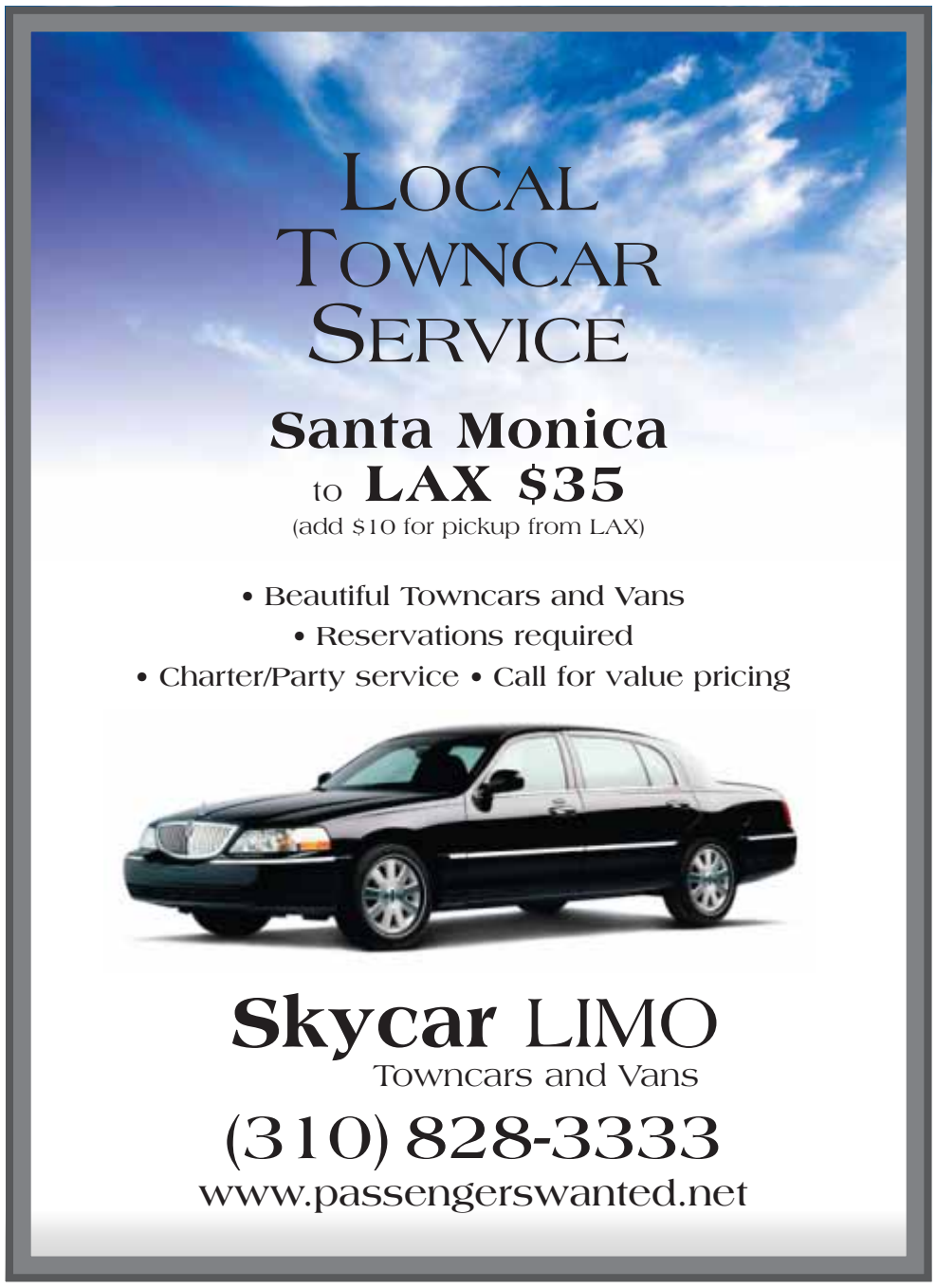
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The Tiger Mom Question

Should children do what parents choose or what they want to do? Who decides, about what issues, and at which ages?

The *Battle Hymn of the Tiger Mother*, by Amy Chua, is a story of "mother knows best." Parents set goals for their children, and children are expected to live up to those goals.

In healthy families, both parents and children set goals continually. Successfully managing the challenge of *who is in charge, in what areas, and when* is a process that evolves over a lifetime. Each developmental phase – and each individual child – calls for different rules, expectations and parenting approaches. Good parents recognize these shifts and grow along with their children.

Setting realistic and achievable goals and revising them as needed are at the heart of good parenting. However, difficult questions arise as children grow older and become more independent:

Which goals are set by the parent and which by the child? Are there areas where children should choose their own goals, and others where parental values come first? At what age should children's preferences take priority? How far should you push a child to achieve a parental goal, and when should you back off?

Amy Chua's ability to set goals for her children appeared to work exceptionally well for one child. With her second child, she had to modify these goals in early adolescence. While the same approach did not work for both children, Chua's book makes it clear that each child recognized her mother's love and commitment.

Many parents today are looking for a role model, but parenting is not "one size fits all." What works for one parent and one child might not work for another. When you get advice, it is usually someone's idea of what *they* would do in your situation. What's needed are realistic choices for *you*, given your temperament, your child's temperament, your life circumstances, and your experience. There is no magic bullet for parenting.

Some parents are blessed with children with easy temperaments. Other parents have children who challenge their values, skills, and capacities from the start. Some children are easy as long as their particular needs are met, such as being protected from overstimulation or too much change. Every family has different joys and stressors, given their particular biological, environmental, social, and psychological characteristics. Each family's pathway to health is unique, reflecting their own uniqueness.

A few guidelines are universally helpful in setting goals that work for your family:

1. When discussing goals with children, limit yourself to one at a time. "One goal, one sentence," is a good rule of thumb.
2. State goals in the positive, describing what you want more of, not what you want to stop. For example, don't just say, "Stop whining." Instead say, "Please look me in the eye and talk to me in a loud, clear voice."
3. The older the child, the more he or she should be involved in setting the goals.
4. Goals must be realistic and achievable over a short time. For example, you and your child might want to see better grades. First, you must define "better," such as moving from a C to a B in math. Second, identify what behaviors are needed to achieve that goal: for example, do math homework nightly and practice multiplication tables daily for 10 minutes. Rewards and consequences must be immediate and easily given. Negative consequences, such as prohibiting cell phone use or playtime with friends, should be of short duration.

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Parents who have strong bonds with their children will have an easier time influencing children's goals and behavior. Parents who treat their children respectfully will have more success working together to set and achieve goals. Parents who align their resources with their values will have healthier families.

Amy Chua's parenting strategy offers an opportunity to reflect on your own parenting. Many parents could never implement the Tiger Mom style. They would feel guilty and would not be able to convey love and limits simultaneously, even if Chua did. Books can stimulate us to self-reflect, but they do not give us a hard and fast manual for parenting.

The UCLA Family Commons encourages you to think about who you are and what you want as a parent. Then seek out whatever resources you need to help you along the way.



Web sensation Cahill makes name with goofy humor

MARTHA IRVINE
AP National Writer

ELMHURST, Ill. It started innocently enough, with a boy hamming it up in front of a computer webcam.

He was doing what teens often do when they stand in front of mirrors: Lip-syncing to a popular song, acting goofy, being himself, as if the world wasn't watching.

Except, in this case, the world was watching when Keenan Cahill — then an impish 13-year-old with a knack for oddball humor — started posting videos of himself on YouTube.

First, there were hundreds of hits, then thousands, then millions. And an Internet sensation was born.

"Keenan, what have you done?" his mom asked when a late-night talk show called and wanted to air one of his lip-syncing videos. She wasn't sure whether to be amused or horrified.

What if people made fun of her son, who has a rare genetic disease that has stunted his growth? What if he'd opened the door to something too big to handle?

For Keenan, though, this was the adventure he'd been waiting for. This was freedom for a young man whose life had, so far, mainly consisted of spending time at hospitals, when he wasn't going to school or hanging out in his room.

For him, a vacation was going to Minnesota to a children's hospital, where he's had several surgeries on his legs and hips.

Now he gets to travel to places like the Bahamas and France, Los Angeles and Las Vegas. Fans crowd around him as if he were a rock star, their cell phones extended to capture photos and video.

Perhaps most surprising are the celebrities and their representatives who contact him regularly. They want a piece of him, to be seen with him, shoot a video with him, to drink whatever potion there is that equates to online clicks, a new measurement of star power.

And it IS a power, at least right now.

"I finally got somewhere, out of all the people," says Keenan, who's now 16. "I used to pray to God. It's like a switch-back now. I say 'Thank you' instead of, 'Can you please get me there?'"

Whether this newfound fame can last, in an age when online buzz can skyrocket in a matter of hours and fall just as quickly, remains to be seen.

When Keenan was born in 1995, there was little to indicate that anything was wrong. His parents had noticed that his kneecaps were large, but didn't think much about it. Then one day, at 6 months of age, his mom remembers Keenan's face looking puffy, as he sat in his high chair for a feeding.

"Honey, are you OK?" she said aloud.

By age 1, Keenan had fallen off the growth charts. He didn't walk until he was 18 months old and had unusual fits of vom-

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iting that worried his parents.

They took him to the Mayo Clinic in Minnesota where he underwent several tests. Doctors also sent a skin graft to a lab in Australia for testing. That led them to determine that Keenan had a severe form of an extremely rare disorder called Maroteaux-Lamy Syndrome, also known as MPS, type 6.

People who have the disease are unable to break down complex sugars called mucopolysaccharides, which accumulate in connective tissue and organs throughout the body. Fewer than 1,100 of people worldwide have the disease, which leads to severe disability and a shortened life span in most cases.

Doctors told Keenan's parents that their son would likely be in a wheelchair by the end of his teenage years if he was not treated. His growth would be extremely hampered, though with this particular type of MPS, there would be no cognitive impairment.

And if he didn't have a bone marrow transplant early on, he could have died sooner. So in 1997, at age 2, Keenan had that transplant — the first of several procedures and surgeries he has undergone in his young life.

"It was the worst time in my life," his mom, Erin O'Brien-Cahill, recalls.

After the transplant, Keenan stayed at the hospital for four months and, for a year, couldn't play with other children or be around other people much to avoid exposing him to illness. His mom had to quit her job as a mortgage underwriter to stay in Minnesota with him. His dad, an electrician, got a job at the University of Minnesota so that he could be with them, too.

Family photos of Keenan show a little boy whose shocks of red hair fell out and eventually came back dark brown as a result of treatments related to the transplant. Over the years, he would grow to his current height of 4-foot-1.

But although he looked different from his peers, he always felt like a regular kid and thrived on making people laugh.

Some have compared Keenan to Gary Coleman, the late actor whose growth was stunted by a kidney disease. But when he's out in public, people most often stop to tell him that he looks like the young spectacle-wearing actor from the movie "Jerry Maguire."

Keenan also wears thick glasses that often drop down to the end of his nose. But it's his smile, sometimes cheesy, sometimes sincere, and his expressive face that draw people in.

The attention made Keenan think about an acting career for himself, gave him something to shoot for.

"I always wanted to be on camera," he says.

His mom, wanting to give her son something positive to focus on, took him to talent agencies in the Chicago area. He auditioned a few times, but nothing ever came of it.

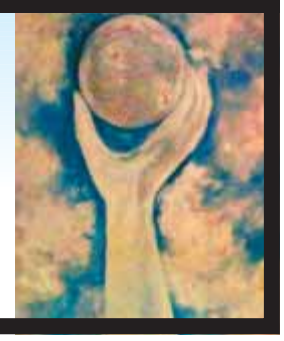
"Getting noticed is one in a million," his mom says. "We thought the chances of him achieving his dream were gone."

Then he got a desktop computer with a webcam for his 13th birthday, and a window opened.

Some might snicker at the notion that Keenan is a star. They might not believe this can really happen to some kid who shoots low-budget videos in his bedroom.

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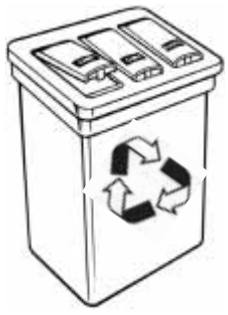
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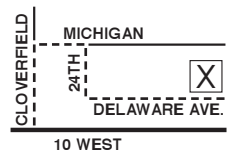
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BP is looking strong a year after spill

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NEW ORLEANS It's hard to tell that just a year ago BP was reeling from financial havoc and an American public out for blood.

The oil giant at the center of one of the world's biggest environmental crises is making strong profits again, its stock has largely rebounded, and it is paying dividends to shareholders once more. It is also pursuing new ventures from the Arctic to India. It is even angling to explore again in the deep waters of the Gulf of Mexico, where it holds more leases than any competitor.

"BP has a critical role to play in meeting the world's ever-growing need for energy," BP chairman Carl-Henric Svanberg said at the company's annual meeting in London last week.

While some of this angers Gulf Coast residents, it is a testament to some deft handling of the crisis by the company, which after some major gaffes early on conducted a housecleaning in its executive ranks, adopted a careful communications strategy and assigned an outsider to handle victims' compensation claims.

The company's decision to open its checkbook and pump hundreds of millions of dollars into Gulf communities, help out-of-work rig hands and support Gulf research also contributed to the turnaround.

Yet BP is not out of the woods yet.

BP employees could be found criminally negligent for the 206 million gallons of oil the U.S. government says gushed from the company's blown-out well and for the 11 men who died when the Deepwater Horizon rig it was leasing exploded. Hundreds of lawsuits and civil and criminal fines could add billions of dollars to its already staggering liabilities. And the findings of several investigations still under way could further damage its reputation.

BP has estimated that the spill will cost the company at least $40.9 billion but is hoping to force some of its partners on the doomed rig to assume some of those costs.

There is also lasting damage in the Gulf, including empty hotels, out-of-work oystermen and fears of a badly disrupted underwater ecosystem. And some of those worst hit by the spill scoff at BP's oft-repeated promises to make people whole again.

"I don't know of one person who has come to me and said, 'I've been made whole. I feel good.' Everything is completely negative from everybody," said Louisiana fishing guide Ron Price.

When BP finally managed to cap its runaway well in July and permanently sealed it in September, the bankruptcy talk was reduced to a whisper and the 24-hour-a-day beating the company was taking on television and newspaper front pages eased up.

By the fall, there was talk that the crisis wasn't as bad as feared and that the Gulf might recover sooner than expected. Then soaring oil prices came to the company's rescue, boosting its bottom line. Now, as Wednesday's anniversary approaches, the oil spill that so riveted the nation's attention is beginning to fade into memory.

For the families of the men killed on the rig, BP's resilience can be downright painful.

"BP has never done anything other than send flowers and three people to Jason's memorial service," said Shelley Anderson, the widow of rig worker Jason Anderson.

BP officials point out that they set aside $20 billion for a fund that is still processing claims for victims of the disaster, though only $3.8 billion of it has actually been paid to date. They also still employ cleanup and recovery workers, though far fewer than before.

Company officials also say they are living up to their commitments to restore the region's economy and environment.

"BP has not — and will not — shy away from its responsibilities," CEO Bob Dudley told shareholders at the company's annual meeting, which was marked by scuffles between protesters and security guards, and investor dissent over the performance of sev-

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eral directors.

Dudley took over Oct. 1 as CEO after the ouster of Tony Hayward, who infuriated Gulf residents by saying during the crisis, "I'd like my life back." Dudley, who grew up in Mississippi and was the first American ever to lead the British company, quickly sought to move BP beyond the crisis, firing the executive responsible for deep-water wells and announcing a new unit to police safety throughout the company.

BP also signed energy-exploration agreements in Indonesia, China, India and Australia. It agreed to pay $680 million for a controlling interest in Brazilian ethanol and sugar producer CNAA. BP also agreed to pay India's Reliance Industries $7.2 billion for a stake in key oil and gas blocks, and announced a deal with Russia's state-owned oil firm Rosneft that would involve exploration in the Arctic Sea, where a big oil spill could damage a pristine ecosystem far less resilient than the Gulf of Mexico. The deal is facing opposition and is not yet final.

BP isn't shying away from the Gulf, either, though it is moving more methodically there amid the political currents.

The first deep-water permit issued after the Obama administration lifted a post-spill drilling ban went to Noble Energy Inc. for work on a well off the coast of Louisiana. BP is not the operator but it has a 46 percent stake in the well. BP also bought out Shell's 25 percent interest in two Gulf fields in December, making BP the sole owner of both.

Spokesman Scott Dean said BP, the leading leaseholder in the Gulf, will remain active in all facets of the Gulf of Mexico oil exploration. The company has applied for a permit to drill one new well in the Gulf and is certain to apply for more.

The Bureau of Ocean Energy Management Regulation and Enforcement said BP's applications will be weighed just like any other company's.

"BP is trying to refill its new-project pipeline with deals in the Arctic, offshore India, and Asia, but the Gulf of Mexico remains a key region for the company," said industry analyst Fadel Gheit of Oppenheimer & Co. "They don't want to push too hard, knowing politicians and environmentalists will be all over them."

Despite the uncertainties, BP announced Feb. 1 that it would restore its dividend and that it made a fourth-quarter profit of $5.6 billion, a 30 percent increase from the same period a year earlier. Rising oil prices are certain to boost its cash on hand and could lead to even higher profits. BP's stock fell 54 percent in the months after the spill, but it has regained much of that since then. Its stock is now trading about 20 percent lower than what it was the day before the rig exploded.

BP was able to deflect some of the criticism by shifting the paying of victims' compensation to claims czar Ken Feinberg, who has absorbed much of the blame for what victims say is a slow payment process.

Overall, the oil giant still has a lot of work to do to improve its reputation. Five Gulf Coast residents who had planned to tell investors about their post-spill woes were denied access to the company meeting, prompting confrontations with guards. Inside, hundreds of BP investors questioned board members about what they said was excessive executive pay and a lack of transparency on safety improvements.

In Washington, lawmakers are watching BP closely.

CEO Dudley still spends a great deal of time reassuring detractors.

"We need to earn back your trust, along with that of state and federal leaders and the trust of Gulf Coast residents and customers," he said at an industry conference in Houston last month. "We are determined we will once again restore that trust, and I realize this requires action, not words."

Dr. Deborah Wallen

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SURF REPORT

Surf Conditions **Water Temp:** 61°

Swell Forecast

NW wind swell is is expected to drop to waist high around west facing spots. SW ground swell is due with chest+ waves for south facing spots.

Long Range Synopsis

SW should continue with at least chest high sets at south facing breaks. NW looks smaller, around waist+ at west facing breaks.

Tide Forecast for Today in Santa Monica



BEACH REPORT CARD

NORTH LOS ANGELES COUNTY

Grades for this report are based on monitoring data from the previous 30 days up to the ending date of **April 6, 2011**

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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 -- 10
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 34 / 12
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 11 / 32

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Heal the Bay reminds you not to swim or surf within 100 yards of any flowing storm drain or for 3 days after a rainstorm. After a rain, indicator bacteria counts at beaches throughout California usually far exceed health criteria in the state's Beach Closure and Health Warning Protocol.

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth.	F	F
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	A+
El Pescador State Beach, between Lachusa and Los Aliso creeks.	A+	A+
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	A+	A+
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth.	B	F
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	A+	F
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	A	A+
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth.	F	F
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	F	A+
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	A	F
Solstice Canyon at Dan 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	ns
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	C
Surfrider Beach (breach location)- daily.	F	F
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	B	F
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+	C
Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach.	A+	B
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+	F

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

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

Heal the Bay's Beach Report Card℠ is based on weekly water quality monitoring data provided by the City of Los Angeles' Environmental Monitoring Division and the Los Angeles County Department of Health Services. Data is analyzed as soon as it is made available to us by the public agencies. Beaches are graded on an A–F scale based on the risk of ocean users becoming ill. Samples are analyzed for bacteria—enterococcus, total and fecal coliforms—that indicate biological pollution. A fact sheet detailing the exact methodology used in determining grades for each location is available from the office or on our web site. The report is not designed to measure the amount of trash or toxins found at local beaches.

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NFL

AEG could get lucrative right in L.A. stadium deal

JACOB ADELMAN
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES A proposal to bring NFL football to downtown Los Angeles is not supposed to cost a public penny, but a little-noticed provision in a current draft of the plan would transfer valuable development rights from the city to the developer pitching the project.

The concession sought by sports and entertainment company AEG would allow the company to expand its robust presence in a rapidly developing area considered a cornerstone of the city's downtown revival.

The company's initial printed pitch, which a City Council committee will begin considering this week, envisions a deal that would grant it the ability to build on a 2.4-acre parcel within its LA Live hotel and restaurant complex that the city planned to use to expand its aging convention center.

The firm had agreed to leave the so-called Event Deck parcel alone until 2021 as part of the 2001 deal that allowed the company to build its 27-acre LA Live project on land that it owns.

After that, the 250,000 square feet of development rights over several stories would fall into AEG's hands to add to LA Live, a buzzing oasis of nighttime activity that was promoted as a major draw to enliven a once-sleepy downtown.

AEG now says the city no longer needs access to the parcel, which experts said could be developed into retail and office space worth millions to the company each year in leasing revenue, because a new convention center building would be built along with the 72,000-seat stadium it has proposed.

The request is part of a so-called transaction overview that AEG sent to city officials in February.

"If the city is not going to use it, then there's no need to hold it for them," AEG spokesman Michael Roth said of the parcel, stressing that the company would need to go through a formal entitlement process with the city to have anything built there.

The AEG-owned parcel's only allowable use under the 2001 deal would be for a convention center expansion, something the city has not made any serious moves toward constructing.

But some still may interpret the potential surrender of an asset of such value as a giveaway to AEG, said California State University, Los Angeles, political science professor Gregory Andranovich, co-author of "Olympic Dreams: The Impact of Mega-Events on Local Politics."

"It would be an opportunity to get something online 10 years earlier," he said. "Also, with all the other construction going on, it's an opportunity for AEG to push something through much faster and with less scrutiny.

AEG's stadium plan is one of two competing proposals that aim to bring football back to Los Angeles some 15 years after the Rams and Raiders left the nation's second-largest market within months of one another.

City of Santa Monica

PUBLIC NOTICE

Please take notice that the Santa Monica Rent Control Board amended Regulation 11200(d) at its regular meeting of April 14, 2011.

This Regulation, as set forth below, will become effective by promulgation the day after publication in the newspaper.

11200. Registration Fee

Deadline for Payment of Registration Fees

All registration fees are due and owing pursuant to this regulation as of July 1 of each year, and must be received in the office of the Rent Control Board, or mailed and postmarked, no later than August 1, of each year.

For years in which August 1 falls on a day of the week when the Board's offices are closed to the public, fee payments must be received in the Board's office, or mailed and postmarked, no later than the first day after August 1 that the Board's offices are open to the public.

The deadline set forth herein is subject to the exceptions as provided in subsections (d)(2), (3) and (4), and subsection (l) below.

Except in extraordinary circumstances, and at the discretion of the Administrator, no exceptions to, nor extensions of, the deadline set forth in subsection (1) above shall be granted.

If a landlord has been granted an exemption for a controlled rental unit by the Board which exemption lapses, the landlord shall pay prorated registration fees for the balance of the fiscal year in which the exemption lapsed. Such prorated fees are due at the start of the next calendar month following the lapse. The prorated fees are past due and delinquent if not paid in full within thirty (30) days.

If any registration fee waiver expires, the landlord shall pay prorated registration fees for the balance of the fiscal year in which the waiver expires. The prorated fees are due at the start of the next calendar month following the expiration of the fee waiver. The fees are past due, or delinquent, if not paid in full within thirty (30) days.

If a unit is returned to the rental market pursuant to Chapter 16, the landlord shall pay registration fees for the balance of the fiscal year remaining thirty (30) days after the filing of the Notice of Intention to Re-Rent Withdrawn Accommodations for the subject property. Such prorated fees are due at the start of the next calendar month and are past due and delinquent if not paid in full within thirty (30) days.

If a newly constructed unit is offered for rent or lease and is subject to the Rent Control Law in accordance with Regulation 1631, the landlord shall pay registration fees for the balance of the fiscal year remaining after the unit is first offered for rent or lease. Such prorated fees are due at the start of the next calendar month and are past due and delinquent if not paid in full within thirty (30) days.

[11200(d) Amended 4/14/2011]

A complete copy of this regulation is available at the Rent Control office, 1685 Main Street, Room 202, (310) 458-8751 or on the website: www.smgov.net/rentcontrol

MOVIE TIMES

Aero Theatre
1328 Montana Ave.
(310) 260-1528

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AMC Loews Broadway 4
1441 Third Street Promenade
(888) 262-4386

Rango (PG) 1hr 47min
1:30pm

Sucker Punch (R) 2hrs 00min
4:15pm, 7:00pm, 9:50pm

Scream 4 (R) 1hr 43min
1:00pm, 3:50pm, 6:45pm, 9:45pm

Jane Eyre (PG-13) 2hrs 01min
12:30pm, 3:20pm, 6:25pm, 9:25pm

Insidious (PG-13) 1hr 42min
1:45pm, 4:30pm, 7:15pm, 9:55pm

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

Hop (PG) 1hr 30min
11:50am, 2:20pm, 5:00pm, 7:40pm, 10:10pm

Scream 4 (R) 1hr 43min
11:30am, 2:30pm, 4:15pm, 5:15pm, 7:10pm, 8:00pm, 10:00pm, 10:45pm

Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Rodrick Rules (PG) 1hr 36min
10:50am, 1:30pm

Hanna (PG-13) 1hr 51min
10:40am, 1:35pm, 4:20pm, 7:20pm, 10:15pm

Source Code (PG-13) 1hr 34min
12:15pm, 2:45pm, 5:25pm, 7:50pm, 10:20pm

Soul Surfer (PG-13) 1hr 45min
11:45am, 2:30pm, 5:15pm, 7:55pm, 10:35pm

Rio 3D (PG) 1hr 36min
11:00am, 1:40pm, 4:20pm, 7:00pm, 9:35pm

Laemmle's Monica Fourplex
1332 Second St.
(310) 478-3836

Queen to Play (Joueuse) (NR) 1hr 40min
1:50pm, 4:30pm, 7:20pm, 9:45pm

Miral (R) 1hr 54min
1:30pm, 4:10pm, 7:00pm, 9:40pm

Potiche (R) 1hr 43min
3:00pm, 7:30pm

Win Win (R) 1hr 46min
1:40pm, 4:20pm, 7:10pm, 9:50pm

I Am (NR) 1hr 16min
1:00pm, 5:25pm, 10:00pm

AMC Criterion 6
1313 Third St.
(310) 395-1599

Rio (PG) 1hr 36min
11:00am, 1:45pm, 4:15pm, 7:00pm, 9:45pm

Your Highness (R) 1hr 42min
11:45am, 2:30pm, 5:15pm, 8:00pm, 10:40pm

Limitless (PG-13) 1hr 45min
11:15am, 2:00pm, 4:45pm, 7:35pm, 10:15pm

Conspirator (PG-13) 2hrs 02min
10:40am, 1:50pm, 4:50pm, 7:40pm, 10:45pm

Lincoln Lawyer (R) 1hr 59min
10:50am, 1:35pm, 4:30pm, 7:20pm, 10:00pm

Arthur (PG-13) 1hr 50min
11:30am, 2:10pm, 5:00pm, 7:50pm, 10:30pm

For more information, e-mail news@smdp.com

Hang out tonight, Virgo

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Let an associate or loved one state his or her case. This person has a strong verbal style. You could make mincemeat of his or her idea, if you so choose. Talk to others; find a different path. Tonight: Enjoying a special friendship.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ Others strut right in with their ideas, assuming you will go along with them. You might normally, but you have other grievances going on. You might use this occasion to let others know how you feel about several issues. Tonight: Have an important discussion.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★ You still might be in work mode. Your sense of humor emerges, allowing greater give-and-take, especially in a meeting and/or around friends. Your drive makes a goal happen. Tonight: The later it gets, the more you enjoy yourself.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★★ Your imagination cannot be stomped out, yet you might choose to be a little more discreet in revealing your ideas. A heated discussion with a higher-up encourages this discretion. Tonight: Plug some of this creativity into your love life.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ You still could be acting like a tortoise. By midafternoon, you start perking up, acting and thinking more like yourself. Put in extra hours if need be, once you are sure you are back on your feet. Tonight: Still play it low-key (if you can!).

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★★ Keep talking until you come to an agreement. As you think through an idea, you might want to play devil's advocate -- even for yourself! Though no one wants criticism, it could tighten up a project. Tonight: Hang out.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★ Defer to others, especially concerning a financial matter. This action allows key associates to reveal their thoughts, and perhaps take more responsibility. You might want to rethink your stance before you express your thoughts. Tonight: Your treat.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Work with an associate who can be sarcastic and insightful. This person can be difficult, but not if he or she knows you value his or her thoughts. Know when to say "enough." Tonight: Go full steam ahead.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★ Know that you are on the verge of turning an important corner. With this knowledge, you might want to finish up some research or a project. Imagine being on center stage tomorrow. Your planning now will determine your effectiveness later. Tonight: Nap if you want.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★ In a meeting, say what you need to say in order to help others understand your goal, drive and decision. A little questioning needs to be greeted with openness and is part of gaining others' trust. Nearly anything can happen. Tonight: A little socializing infuses the spirit.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★ A must appearance and a willingness to take the lead are important. Discussions add a lot of dimension to a project. You have a sense that the lead on a project is being taken by the group, not just by you. Tonight: Could go till the wee hours.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★★ You have the ability to sleuth out a solution. Drawing in many different ideas and finding experts are instrumental in today's success. Your finances could continue to be an issue if you are not careful. Tonight: Check out a workshop.

Happy birthday

This year, you see many options through your associates and a key partner. You know when enough is enough and when a change is necessary. Timing is an innate gift, as well as the ability to be clear and insightful. Others often respond to your ideas. If you are single, you express a willingness to relate on a one-on-one level. A very interesting suitor appears on the horizon. This relationship is your call. If you are attached, learn to detach. Understanding rather than triggering could be instrumental. Your sweetie needs to be dominant. SCORPIO understands you well.

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



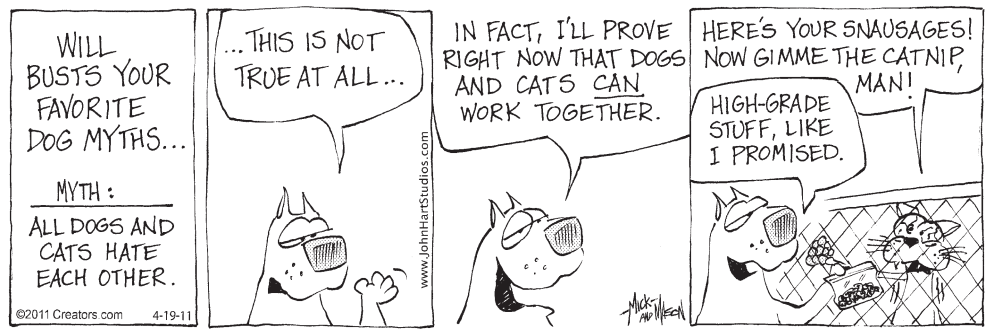
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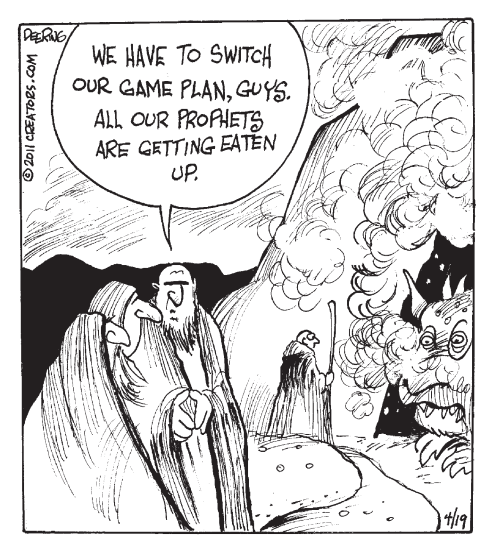
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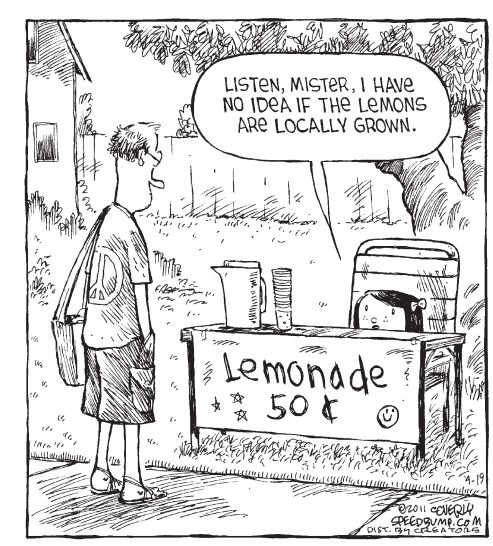
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Sudoku

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 ★★

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

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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

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



CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Eggy dish
7 Dory or dinghy
11 Oatmeal's cousin
12 Longing
13 Dark color
15 Formal fights
16 Carry
18 Rabbit features
21 Vagabond
22 Gem units
24 Had lunch
25 Lazy fellow
26 Couple
27 Item replaced after a fill-up
29 Neat
30 Shake-spearean king
31 Ship-to-ship call
32 Aristocratic
34 Light color
40 Resting on
41 Regal fur
42 Rank
43 Declared

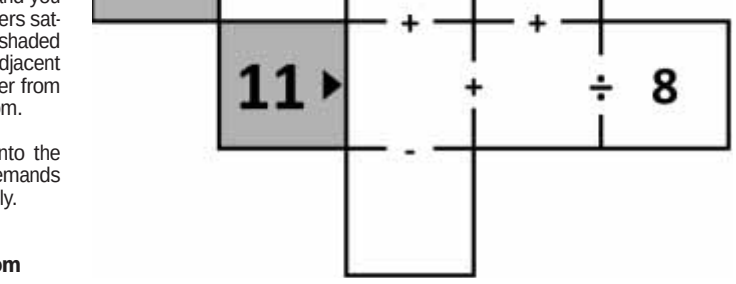
DOWN

1 Not working
2 Noted Chinese leader
3 Mess up
4 Deceived
5 Follow as a result
6 London gallery
7 College treasurer
8 Bonanza stuff
9 Epoch
10 Toe count
14 Shine
16 Add up
17 Past plump
19 Ham's device
20 Examine
21 Crone
22 Trophy
23 Tofu base
25 Low-grade peer
28 Bed cover
29 Louise's pal
31 Wide awake
33 Tourney advances
34 Fall back
35 Seventh Greek letter
36 Pop's wife
37 Set fire to
38 Low digit
39 Marry

S	L	A	W	S	■	P	O	S	T	S
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■	■	■	C	O	A	T	■	S	I	D
C	A	S	H	F	L	O	W	■	■	■
A	H	A	B	■	L	L	A	M	A	S
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■	■	■	D	A	U	G	H	T	E	R
F	B	I	■	P	L	O	W	■	■	■
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Yesterday's answer

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

2, 6, 8, 8, 10, 10

Solution for Task 240

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SUPER LOTTO PLUS: 7 21 25 26 35 Meganumber: 3 Jackpot: $7M

Fantasy 5: 3 7 13 14 28

DAILY 3: MIDDAY: 8 6 2 EVENING: 8 7 6

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Waterloo, Iowa, schoolteacher Larry Twigg was arrested for "lascivious conduct" with a teenager, a crime that requires proof of "sexual motivation." Though Twigg allegedly had a teenage boy strip, take a chocolate syrup "bath," make a "snow angel" while in his underwear, and play a video game nude, his lawyer said in March that the court-appointed psychiatrist would testify that Twigg had no sexual motivation.

■ Convicted heinous Minnesota sex offender John Rydberg, 69 and still detained after having served his sentence because he is still a "danger," exhibited an upbeat demeanor for a three-judge panel in March, hoping for release. He said his number of victims was far fewer than the "94" he previously admitted to, explaining that he offered a purposely high number because he was afraid underplaying his crimes might make it appear that he was lying. "What can I say?" offered Rydberg. "I'm a work in progress."

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1984 Advance Australia Fair is proclaimed as Australia's national anthem, and green and gold as the national colours.

1985 FBI siege on the compound of The Covenant, The Sword, and the Arm of the Lord (CSAL) in Arkansas

1985 U.S.S.R performs nuclear test at Eastern Kazakhstan/Semipalatinsk.

1987 The Simpsons premieres as a short cartoon on The Tracey Ullman Show

1989 A gun turret explodes on the USS Iowa, killing 47 sailors.

1993 The 51-day siege of the Branch Davidian building outside Waco, Texas, USA, ends when a fire breaks out. Eighty-one people die.

1993 South Dakota governor George Mickelson and seven others are killed when a state-owned aircraft crashes in Iowa.

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