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THE MAD DECENT ISSUE

L.A. officials vote in favor of closing SMO flight schools

Trio of council members' resolution also calls for permanent change in flight path

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

SMO The Los Angeles City Council passed a resolution Wednesday declaring its intention to support legislation to close the six flight schools operating at the Santa Monica Airport, as well as make permanent a flight path that would send airplanes over Santa Monica homes.

The vote was unanimous.

Councilmembers Janice Hahn, Bill Rosendahl and Paul Koretz put forward the resolution in March, citing environmental and safety concerns associated with idling jets and fledgling pilots.

According to the resolution, tossing out the six flight schools would improve safety by putting an end to the "numerous practice maneuvers" that the councilmembers claim take place over nearby neighborhoods.

Hahn's office did not return phone calls

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COME TOGETHER: **Alexandrine Wiese (left) is in need of surgery to see if a tumor she has is cancerous. Her neighbors, including Toni Hale (right), are organizing a yard sale to help raise funds for the operation. Hale displays a couple of the works for sale.**

Rallying for a sick neighbor

Woman 'shocked' by generosity

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

SUNSET PARK Alexandrine Wiese was visiting her mother in Monaco, France when doctors there told her the news.

"I have a growth, a tumor near the ovary," she said. "It's indicative of cancer, and needs to be taken out. Now, I'm just waiting."

Waiting, because as a substitute middle school teacher at the Crossroads School for Arts and Sciences in Santa Monica, she said she has no health insurance, and no way to face the looming cost of the surgery to see if the

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Grocery workers conduct strike vote

ROBERT JABLON
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES More than 60,000 Southern California grocery workers were voting Wednesday on whether to grant their union bargainers authority to call a strike against three of the nation's largest supermarket chains if contract talks break down.

Members of seven locals of the United Food and Commercial Workers from the Central Coast to the Mexican border were asked to vote on the authorization. Results were expected to be released Thursday, said Mike Shimpock, a spokesman for Local 770.

A two-thirds majority vote was needed for passage.

"We don't want a strike. All we want is a contract," Shimpock said, explaining the vote could help force negotiations forward.

"There hasn't been a major (grocery) contract negotiated in the western United States within the last 12 months without the union having to go to a strike vote," he said.

Company negotiators have proposed reducing health care benefits, eliminating overtime for employees who work seven days in a row and doubling the distance some workers would have to drive to their jobs, Shimpock said.

The talks are with The Vons Cos. Inc.; Ralphs Grocery Co., a subsidiary of The Kroger Co.; and Albertsons, owned by Supervalu Inc.

The last contract expired on March 6, and employees continue working under its provisions on a day-to-day basis. However, the union contends that company negotiators have failed to provide a comprehensive proposal regarding pay and health benefits.

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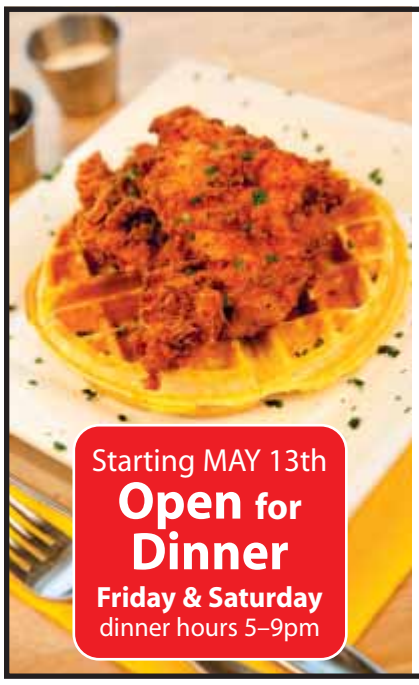
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'The Merchant of Venice'
The Broad Stage
1310 11th St., 7:30 p.m.
Academy Award winner, F. Murray Abraham attacks the role of Shylock in this riveting update of the bard's darkest of comedies, where religion, race and sexuality collide with love, family 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.

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Mad Rad in town
CENTRAL
1348 14th St., 7 p.m.
Electro hip-hop band Mad Rad plays this hip nightspot along with guests 87 Stick Up Kids and Mash Hall. For more information, call (310) 451-5040.

'Locked and Loaded'
Santa Monica Playhouse
1211 Fourth St., 8 p.m.
"Locked and Loaded," Todd Susman's first published play, stars stage and screen personalities Paul Linke, Andrew Parks, Tarina Pouncy, Terasa Sciortino and Sandra Thigpen and is helmed by award-winning director Chris DeCarlo. For more information, visit santamonicaplayhouse.com.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

SMO

Superyachts comes to airport

Why fly in a private jet when you can hop aboard your own 130-foot superyacht?

Burgess, one of the world's leading brokerage firms specializing in luxury yachts, has opened its fourth U.S. location at the Santa Monica Airport, its president and CEO Jonathan Beckett hoping he can capitalize on the office's proximity to Beverly Hills, Bel Air, Brentwood and Malibu, calling the airport the "private jet terminal of choice for Hollywood's elite."

"We are very excited about enhancing our yacht service and expanding our outreach in this important market, and one which holds opportunity for significant growth," Beckett said in a press release. "With full-service offices on both coasts, we can better serve our existing clients here as well as tap the potential in America."

The London-based company is aware of the airport's storied history and is "proud" to be associated with it, lending its own 35-year marine tradition to the facility.

Jay Becker will run the SMO operation. Becker has some familiarity with the airport and its clientele. He is the general manager of Gunnell Properties, which hold the lease on 11 acres of property at the airport, and vice president of North Field Properties Inc., which frequently rents space for movie shoots, fundraisers and other special events. At the heart of the property is Hangar: 8, a 15,000 square foot structure.

"With its jet-set country club ambiance, the elite clientele who frequent the Santa Monica Airport will appreciate the ease and convenience of entrusting their yachting arrangements to people they already know and trust at the same location," Becker said.

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CULVER CITY

Happy anniversary, Upward Bound House

Santa Monica-based Upward Bound House, which provides housing to homeless families with children, celebrated the one year anniversary of its family shelter in Culver City over the weekend.

Since opening in April 2010, the shelter has served 67 families, representing 72 adults and 108 children, said David Snow, executive director of Upward Bound House.

The city of Santa Monica contributed $400,000 in Community Development Block Grant funding to help purchase an old motel and convert it into the shelter.

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Math professor named outstanding advisor

Four Santa Monica College students and a math professor will be recognized for their achievements in education by Alpha Gamma Sigma (AGS), the academic honor society and service organization of California Community Colleges.

Students Eitan Almagor, Angelica Chavez, Sing Yuen Chan and Luis Gomez were awarded scholarships, while professor Betty Wong, an AGS advisor, received the "Outstanding Advisor Award" for six years of service to the AGS chapter at SMC.



Santa Monica Stories

Tom Viscount — Send comments to editor@smdp.com



Santa Monica History Museum photo courtesy

LONG ROAD: **Malibu Rancho owner May Rindge fought long and hard to block the expansion of Pacific Coast Highway through her property. She eventually lost that battle, spending nearly all of her family's $30 million fortune in the process.**

Fighting to expand PCH

THE 40-MILE DRIVE FROM SANTA MONICA NORTH TO THE Ventura County line on Pacific Coast Highway is one of the most spectacular coastal routes in the country. It is hard to believe that at one time the coast highway actually ended near Topanga Canyon, with a "No Trespassing" sign and a fence manned by guards.

But, back in the early 1900s, all of Malibu was owned by the powerful Rindge family. Totaling more than 19,000 acres, their property stretched as far north as Oxnard and was one of the most valuable real estate holdings in the entire Untied States. On his death in 1905, Frederick Hasting Rindge turned over the ranch operations to his wife, May Rindge, who shared her husband's burning desire to keep their massive Malibu Rancho intact and isolated from outside influences.

Nearly 6 feet tall, she he was an imposing woman, towering over most of her employees. Her gruff voice only hinted at her toughness, as she managed the estate with an unyielding iron hand. She was fiercely protective of her family's private coastal paradise, and was determined to keep most outsiders from entering or passing through the grounds. This included allowing any public roads to cut their way through the sprawling property.

The Rindges had successfully rebuffed an attempt by the powerful Southern Pacific Railroad to lay tracks across their land to link the Long Wharf in Santa Monica with Santa Barbara in the 1890s. By shrewdly utilizing a loophole in a law that disallowed a second railroad running parallel to an already existing railroad, the Rindges simply built their own railroad first, thus canceling any rights the Southern Pacific Railroad had to lay down its own tracks. But the battle to keep a coast highway off their property would be far more problematic and costly, and it would be more than two decades until the issue was finally settled.

In 1905, If an automobile or horse-drawn wagon wanted to travel from Santa Monica to Oxnard or Ventura, the driver would be forced to make a miles-long detour inland at the southern border of their property and drive over treacherous, winding mountain roads all the way down to the San Fernando Valley and only then be able to continue northward to these cities. Adding to the route's danger was the presence of ruthless and opportunistic bandits, who lurked along theses empty mountain roads armed with guns and knives. Mrs. Rindge did occasionally unlock the gates and let certain locals traverse through their property on an unstable and sandy beach route, but all others were turned away.

In 1907, a group of nearby settlers filed suit in Los

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Take a closer look, Obama

Editor:

President Obama is scheduled to eat lunch at the Tavern restaurant in Brentwood today. Here's a suggestion.

Please, Mr. President, look out the window while you are at lunch. You will see the 450-acre Veterans Administration campus. If you squint, you will see three empty buildings that could house some of the thousands of mentally ill homeless veterans living and dying on Los Angeles streets. These VA buildings, erected as housing for mentally ill vets, have been empty more than 20 years. In that time, hundreds of vets have died on our streets.

This is unacceptable. A coalition of activists have begged the Bush and Obama administrations to rehab the buildings immediately. The Bush administration did designate the buildings for homeless veteran use. But it provided no cash to make them habitable. The Obama administration has promised to spend $20 million (a rounding error to the federal budget) but the cash is tied up in budget wrangling in Washington.

The president can, and must, make these buildings open to the hundreds of vulnerable homeless vets who need housing and medical services. If he takes a look, we know he will be moved to do so.

Bobby Shriver
Santa Monica City Councilman
and
Paul Rieckhoff
Founder and Executive Director
Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America (IAVA)

Don't believe it

Editor:

Re: Merv Hecht's review of the restaurant Sasabune ("Discriminating tastes at Sasabune," The Re-View, April 16-17)

Sasabune is one of the finest sushi restaurants in Southern California, and Nobi is one of the finest sushi chefs and finest people you will ever meet.

We are very fortunate to have a restaurant and a restaurateur of this quality so close to us.

Merv Hecht's article did not serve this wonderful restaurant justice. The food is spectacular yet he did not address this. Toby, my wife and I, have enjoyed the omakase selection for nearly 20 years (going back to the first day that he opened on Sawtelle) and we have never had a complaint.

After dining on the chef's selection and want something additional we are always served it.

Mr. Hecht clearly had a communication mix-up at Sasabune and chose to convey to the public that the exception was the rule.

We have dined at Sasbune at least 100 times and enjoyed it every time — including tonight!

Take our word for it, not those of a malcontent who had a misunderstanding.

Mike Salter
Santa Monica



Your column here

Dr. Dena Herman — Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Helping children eat healthy

THE PERCENTAGE OF OVERWEIGHT children in the United States has reached epidemic numbers. In fact, one third of our nation's kids are carrying too much weight as a result of a poor diet high in unhealthy fats and simple sugars and a sedentary lifestyle. Besides these much talked-about causes, experts believe there could be other, less obvious factors that influence the development of obesity and also diabetes, high cholesterol and high blood pressure. Although more research is being done to gain a better understanding about these diseases, improving our children's diet and helping them increase their physical activity will significantly reduce their chances of becoming obese and, if their Body Mass Index (BMI) is already high, will help them reach a healthy weight.

One of the best ways to improve our childrens' diet is by following the Mediterranean diet, which consists in consuming healthy fats such as olive oil and nuts, lean meat, fish, whole grains and plenty of fruits and vegetables. Although these guidelines are widely known, most parents find it difficult to convince kids to consume these products because they are not as popular among their peers and parents do not always have the tools to prepare fresh foods tastefully. Nonetheless, there are plenty of ways to use these nutritious options to create delicious, quick meals and snacks that the little ones will enjoy. The following are a few tips to get you started:

• Encourage kids to eat fresh fruit instead of drinking fruit juice for a better source of fiber, which is often lacking in their diets. Have cubes of melon, grapes and other fruit choices easily available when kids come home from school and are hungry for a snack. In the summer, place fruit cubes in the freezer for a refreshing afterschool snack or blend up some fruit and freeze it as popsicles! You can also try giving kids "crudités," which are cut-up vegetables consumed raw. Not only does the name sound cool but, when served with a creamy bean dip made from cannellini beans, these veggies will have them asking for more. Good options include grape tomatoes, baby carrots and sugar snap peas.

• Get the kids involved in what they eat and make your own trail mix. Ask kids to choose a few of their favorite nuts, seeds and dried fruits on the next grocery shopping trip. Home-made trail mixes are great for lunches and snacks, and packed with healthy omega-3 fatty acids that are excellent for healthy brain function and getting homework done quicker.

• Fish is brain food — that is why they travel in schools. Try to include fish as part of a healthy family dinner at least twice a week. Fish such as mahi-mahi, cod or halibut make great choices. Experiment with flavorful Mediterranean marinades using herbs like oregano, basil and garlic as well as fresh lemon or orange juice. You can also slice and bread the fish into sticks and bake it in the oven — instead of frying it — for a healthy, kid-friendly dish.

• Sandwiches are easy school meals but they can get tiresome. Rev up the flavor and interest by spreading homemade pesto or tapenade instead of mayonnaise on crusty, whole-wheat, toasted bread. Finely slice, marinate and grill chicken or turkey breasts for a tasty alternative to deli meats.

• Who needs cupcakes for school birthdays? Surprise the kids by making delicious fruit skewers with a variety of fruits — and yes, you can dip the strawberries in dark chocolate for a phytonutrient punch they won't forget. If your kids can't pass without the cupcakes or other sweet treats, look for healthier, less processed options or dig for a lower-fat, lower-sugar recipe alternative and bake a limited amount.

• Work with your children's tastes but try to expand their palates. If your kids' favorite foods are pizza and pasta, try creating healthier versions of their favorite meals by making substitutions and adding vegetables or fruits. For example, substitute pepperoni in pizzas for barbecue chicken and add fresh tomatoes and garlic. Peas and pearl onions add taste and dimension to plain pasta but don't forget to add the parmesan cheese. Eating meals as a family offers the opportunity for children to learn and experience new foods as well as eating memories they will never forget.

Remember, the goal is not to eliminate all treats and favorite foods from your children's diet, but to teach them healthier habits, including moderation. If you have a busy schedule that does not allow you to make dishes from scratch, most supermarkets have a wide variety of healthy options, such as pre-cut vegetables and fruits or whole-wheat pizza crust, that will help you save time in the kitchen. For additional resources and ideas, ask your pediatric dietitian, visit an official healthy eating website (e.g., www.eatright.org) or just have fun with it and experiment! Your children's health will benefit enormously.

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Should we be concerned with karma?

DEAR NEW SHRINK,

I often find myself wondering about karma. I am a very honest person, so when I find myself lying about something, I eat myself up for it. Recently, I had to lie to a friend about something that I should have been honest about. I felt really horrible about it, but as the days pass, I feel myself moving on, trying to put it in the past, with the attitude of not lying to this person in the future. Although I know I would feel better as a person if I just came clean, at this point, that is not an option for me, so I wonder … will this come to bite me in the ass? Not in the way of the truth coming out kind of situation, but in the way that something bad will happen to me as a punishment or cause of my bad behavior that I am consciously not correcting. Does life really work that way?

Signed,

Kind of Worried

DEAR KIND OF WORRIED,

I am not exactly sure what you mean by karma. The word has become so commonplace as well as one of those that get thrown around as if it were something that everyone knows and agrees upon.

I certainly cannot answer you on the larger issue of karma, which is one of those long-standing debates of philosophers, originating in eastern Indian religions. Some are theistic; a God or super natural influence does not bind others. Some draw from a notion of reincarnation, others from a more western view of the Christian belief that "you reap what you sow." Modern views in western societies basically stick with a cause and effect notion and often people will say "what goes around, comes around." Existentialists would ask, "Do you believe in magic?"

I would have to say that I do think we create our own psychological karma … if we want to call it that.

We all have stories that we tell ourselves about ourselves and those stories govern much of our behavior. Part of our story is without question, our character and our morality.

You say that you think of yourself as a moral person who does not lie. So in lying to your friend you have violated your own morality, values and standards, and the ideas that you hold about yourself. This can lead to both conscious and unconscious guilt, which in turn can lead to acting out behaviors that are self-punitive or destructive in some ways. It sounds like you are already feeling guilty about this and that you have not found a good resolution to it for yourself. In so much, your question becomes a good one. If you do not resolve this in some satisfactory way, you may find that you subconsciously punish yourself.

It is our unconscious emotions that can create karma as you are thinking of it. There is a saying from the famous psychiatrist Carl Jung, "When an inner situation is not made conscious, it appears outside as fate."

It would seem that your situation is conscious but in so much that you are still worrying about it, and not resolved it has an unconscious component. What is your conflict? Are you simply worried about being punished or is there something more to it?

For many who believe in karma, there is the question of motivation as well as actions.

To put it simply, there are little white lies and then there are those that are truly dark and destructive. All of us tell white lies if only by omission. Sometimes we tell them to spare unnecessary conflict or hurting someone's feelings. When we lie to serve ourselves and take advantage of others or our lies cause harm to others, then we are talking about a completely different kind of motivation. Perhaps you need to differentiate what kind of lie you told your friend and what type of lie you are comfortable with.

If you have problems like so many of us with boundaries, you may find yourself lying when an assertion of good boundaries would do better. You make the comment that you had to lie when you knew that you should have been honest. This sounds like a lie unto itself. Why did you have to lie when you knew better?

I think you will be more comfortable when you decide what your values really are and learn to stick by them. If you find yourself experiencing some bad luck, I think my first inclination would be to look at what you may be doing to yourself.

Finally, I hope you stop worrying and feel better soon. Not a one of us is perfect; just try to learn from your mistakes.

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The Q Line

Bike friendly

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:
What can city officials do to make Santa Monica more bike friendly?

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CREATE YOUR BUSINESS PLAN

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

DEVELOP POLICIES

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

INCORPORATE

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

PROTECT YOUR INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

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

ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH LOCAL, STATE AND NATIONAL LAWS

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

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LOS ANGELES

Supervisors OK plan to help hard-core homeless

Los Angeles County Supervisors have voted to focus on the hard-core homeless, to cater to those who have been on the streets the longest and are at most risk of getting sick or dying.

The measure approved Wednesday was proposed by the Los Angeles Business Leaders Task Force on Homelessness. The goal is to provide a home for every homeless vet or chronically homeless person.

The county plans to reallocate about $230 million in federal, state and local resources each year to pay for more housing, counseling and treatment for the neediest.

The Los Angeles Times says the chronically homeless make up a quarter of the estimated 48,000 people on the streets in the county each night, but they use a disproportionate share of services, including emergency rooms and jails.

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SACRAMENTO

Governor wants state workers to repay advances

Gov. Jerry Brown is ordering state agencies to recover millions of dollars in salary and travel advances that were given to state workers but never repaid.

On Wednesday, the Democratic governor issued an executive order directing agencies to investigate a backlog of uncollected debt. He says the situation reinforces the stereotype of an "ineffective and inefficient government."

California gives salary and travel advances to state employees under special circumstances.

Audits by the controller's office have found the state has not done a good job of getting the money back. A 2009 audit found that $13.3 million in advances had not been collected by 11 agencies.

The audits found that many departments are failing to follow state rules, which direct the state to deduct the money from the worker's paycheck.

AP

LOS ANGELES

Regulator questions Blue Shield rate hike

A state insurance regulator is asking Blue Shield of California to explain two recent rate hikes that average 37.5 percent for approximately 70,000 policyholders.

Department of Managed Health Care spokeswoman Lynne Randolph said in a statement Wednesday that the regulator wants answers in an effort to rein in the "wild west" of rate increases for consumers in the individual health coverage market.

Individual policies are typically held by people who buy insurance on their own because they don't have coverage through an employer.

The April 18-dated letter to Blue Shield states that the regulator has serious concerns about an 18.8 percent increase that went into effect Jan. 1, and a previous hike of 15.8 percent that went into effect Oct. 1.

AP

RIALTO

Chief: Arrest in fast-food killing

A 20-year-old man has been arrested for allegedly killing a customer during a robbery at a Southern California drive-thru restaurant.

A funeral was held for 20-year-old victim Joshua Michael Huizar Wednesday, shortly after a news conference with his family and Rialto police Chief Mark Kling.

Based on evidence collected at the killing scene, Kling says Dalray Andrews was arrested Tuesday and booked for investigation of murder and robbery.

Huizar was at a Taco Bell with his girlfriend early Sunday when a man walked up and demanded his wallet. Kling says Huizar turned over his wallet and tried to drive away but was shot and killed. Huizar's 18-year-old girlfriend was not hurt.

Rialto is in San Bernardino County about 60 miles east of Los Angeles.

AP

LOS ANGELES

Extradition hearing for TV show producer delayed

A federal judge has delayed an extradition hearing for a reality TV show producer charged in his wife's death in Mexico to allow his defense team more time to prepare.

An order signed Tuesday approved a request by attorneys for Bruce Beresford-Redman to delay the hearing from May 16 until June 27.

Mexican authorities want Beresford-Redman extradited so he can stand trial on an aggravated homicide charge filed after his wife, Monica, was killed at an upscale resort in Cancun last year.

Authorities allege that he killed his wife and placed her body in a sewer during a family vacation.

AP

LOS ANGELES

OC man gets 11 years for road-rage killing

An Orange County man who killed another driver in a road-rage incident has been sentenced to 11 years in state prison.

Thirty-one-year-old Duy Thanhle Tieu of Santa Ana was sentenced Tuesday for the 2009 death of George McCafferty. He pleaded no contest in February to voluntary manslaughter.

Authorities say Tieu and McCafferty exchanged words on Interstate 605 in Long Beach. Tieu then got back into his car and drove toward McCafferty, who was standing outside his car on the freeway off-ramp.

The Orange County Register says Tieu's car hit McCafferty's vehicle, pinning him in the door.

AP

LOS ANGELES

No charges against Dykstra in stolen car case

Prosecutors have declined to file charges against former New York Mets and Philadelphia Phillies outfielder Lenny Dykstra after he was arrested on suspicion of trying to buy a stolen car, but he could be in court as early as Wednesday on a federal charge of embezzling money from a bankruptcy estate.

AP

GOP official defends Obama e-mail calling it 'satire'

GILLIAN FLACCUS
Associated Press

FULLERTON A Southern California GOP official who sent an e-mail depicting President Barack Obama as a chimpanzee said Wednesday she considered the e-mail political satire and not racist.

Speaking publicly for the first time, Marilyn Davenport reiterated that she will not resign from her elected post on the Republican Party's Orange County Central Committee.

"I feel that it was inappropriate and I offended people," she told reporters outside her home. "I think it's only racist when the intent in my heart is to make it that way, and that was not the intent in my heart."

The local GOP chairman has called for Davenport's resignation and opened an ethics inquiry.

Davenport, 74, issued a written apology Monday but refused to resign.

The e-mail sent late last week showed Obama's face superimposed on a photo of a baby chimp with two adult chimps in a family photo pose.

Text beneath the picture read, "Now you know why no birth certificate."

"To the president I would say obviously it was inappropriate and I would not do that again," Davenport said. "It struck me as political satire."

Davenport said she found the e-mail to be relevant because of questions surrounding Obama's birth.

So-called "birthers" claim Obama is ineligible to be president because there's no proof he was born in the United States. Hawaii officials, however, have certified Obama was born in that state.

"My position would be I am concerned, knowing what the responsibility is of a president," Davenport said. "I guess we should know his origin, shouldn't we? ... I guess I wonder why he doesn't tell us."

Davenport represents the 72nd Assembly District in Orange County on the committee, which is made up of volunteer officials elected for two-year terms. The group is tasked with fundraising, campaigning and debating policy for the Republican Party.

Davenport said constituents are asking her not to resign, and the feelings of those outside the 72nd Assembly District don't matter.

Directors not fans of early home video release offer

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AP Business Writer

LOS ANGELES Big-name Hollywood action-flick directors including James Cameron and Michael Bay have come out guns-ablazing against a plan by studios to allow people to rent new movies at home just two months after they debut in theaters, a move that cuts the wait in half for home film buffs.

The directors fear the option will hurt theater ticket sales and "could lead to the loss of hundreds of millions of dollars in annual revenue," they said in an open letter released Wednesday. "Some theaters will close."

The first movie offered in the early window is Sony Corp.'s Columbia Pictures comedy "Just Go with It," starring Adam Sandler and Jennifer Aniston. Other movies from Time Warner Inc.'s Warner Bros., Comcast Corp.'s Universal and News Corp.'s 20th Century Fox are coming soon.

Starting Thursday, subscribers of DirecTV's satellite video service with a high-definition digital video recorder will be able to rent those movies 60 days after they debut in theaters for $30 and view them as many times as possible over a 48-hour period.

While that costs more than the $6 for a standard new rental or an $8 movie ticket, the offering could be attractive for families with small children or others who can't make it out but still want to see the latest films.

Studios are struggling to come up with new products to offset a steady decline in DVD sales, which have fallen 30 percent from their peak in 2006. They also want to minimize the expense of promoting a movie twice in periods that are four months apart.

DirecTV defended the new service, saying that earlier promotion on home video could even help box office sales.

"Renewed promotion around a movie while it is still in theaters may generate additional gate receipts," said Derek Chang, the satellite TV company's executive vice president of content strategy and development. "We think the fears are overblown."

Theater owners are opposed to the service, even though major movies make almost all their money in theaters in the first two months.

"Just Go with It," for example, has already made nearly $200 million at box offices worldwide. Last weekend, it took in just $270,000 from U.S. and Canadian audiences.

John Fithian, the president of the National Association of Theatre Owners, said cinema operators are already under pressure to spend billions of dollars to upgrade their venues with digital projectors and 3-D capable screens to support a format that kept North American box office revenues from declining last year.

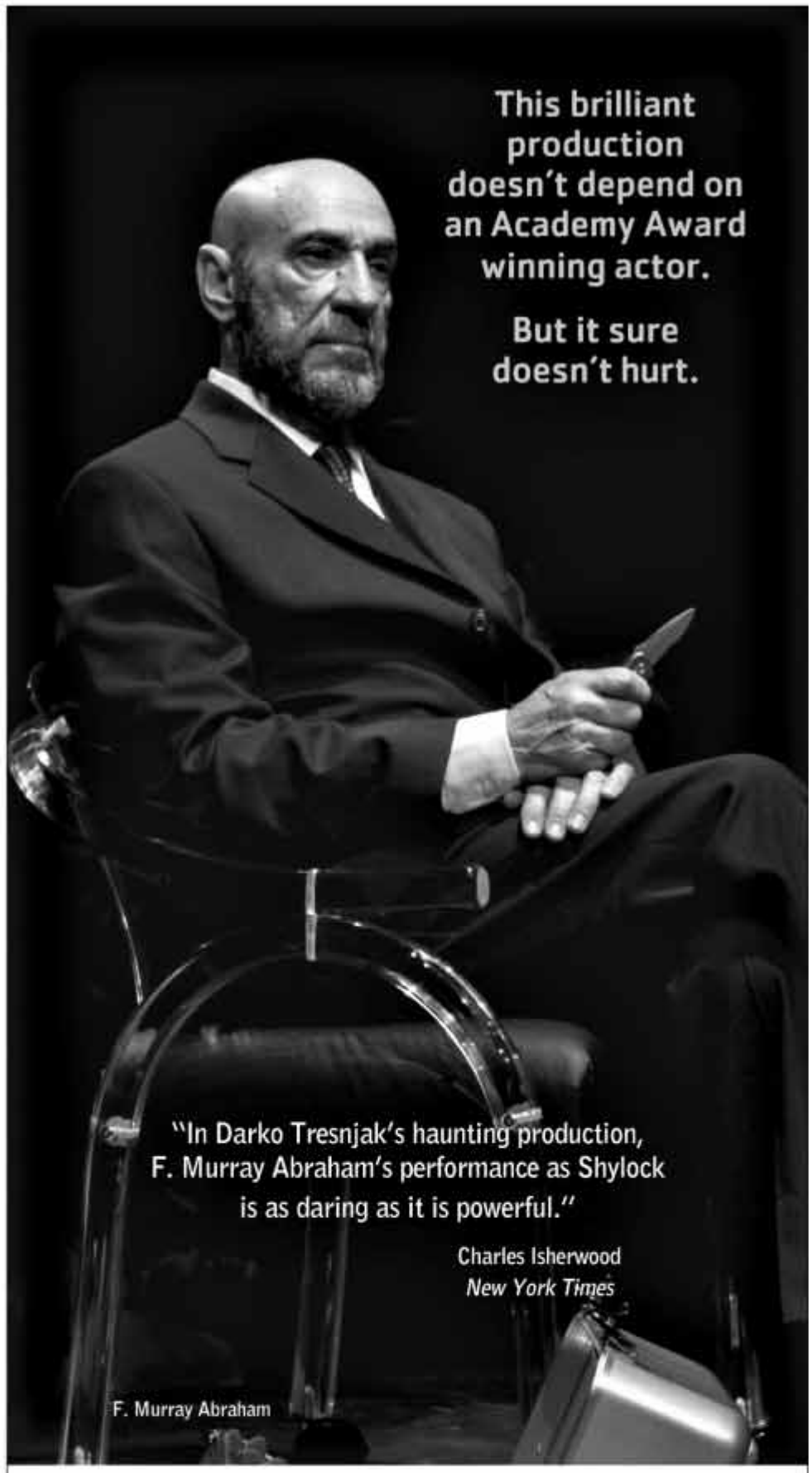
"Absolutely the wrong time to experiment with risky models is when that massive investment is being made," Fithian said.

Small arthouse theaters may especially be at risk, said Stephen Gyllenhaal, an independent film director and the father of Hollywood stars Jake and Maggie Gyllenhaal.

If smaller ticket sales result in theater closures, independent filmmakers will lose an important venue to promote their films, he said.

"I'm interested in protecting those theaters," he said. "They are our direct line to an audience."

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Comprehensive immigration reform probably doomed

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Associated Press

WASHINGTON President Barack Obama revisited a key campaign promise when he hosted a White House meeting of elected officials and experts on immigration. But if a major overhaul of the nation's immigration policy is his goal, Republicans in Congress say he shouldn't hold his breath.

They say any bill that even hints at amnesty or legalization for millions of illegal immigrants already living and working in the United States is dead before it ever makes an appearance in a congressional committee.

A path to citizenship is "what has doomed all immigration legislation in the last two administrations," California Republican Dan Lungren said during a recent House hearing on immigrant agricultural workers.

The agricultural workers' bill discussed during that hearing, which first was proposed in the last Congress, isn't likely to be revived.

"It's not going to pass," Lungren said matter-of-factly while taking testimony on the visa program that helps supply temporary workers to agricultural businesses. "And it's not going to pass because it has, frankly ... a path to citizenship."

Rep. Lamar Smith, a Texas Republican who chairs the House Judiciary Committee, said immigration reform proposals that offer a path to legal status are tantamount to amnesty.

"I think most members of Congress and most Americans don't want to reward lawbreakers and don't want to give them amnesty," Smith said Tuesday as Obama held his White House meeting.

The failure of the DREAM Act is a key example. The bill would have provided a path to legal status for law-abiding young people brought to the United States as children who either plan to attend college or join the military.

"Remember, in the last Congress, the Democrats had large majorities and weren't able to pass the comprehensive amnesty bill," Smith said. "I don't think that bipartisan resistance to mass amnesty has (abated)."

Obama also promised to continue working to build a bipartisan consensus around immigration and said he would lead a "civil debate" on the issue in the months ahead, the White House said. But he also said he will not succeed if he alone is leading the debate.

"The president asked the group to commit to moving forward to keep the debate about this issue alive, to keep it alive in the sense that it can get before Congress, where the ultimate resolution of it will have to be obtained," said Bill Bratton, the former police chief in Los Angeles and New York City. "The idea being to go out into our various communities and to speak about the issue."

According to a statement from the White House, "The president urged meeting participants to take a public and active role to lead a constructive and civil debate on the need to fix the broken immigration system. He stressed that in order to tackle the issue successfully they must bring the debate to communities around the country and involve many sectors of American society in insisting that Congress act to create a system that meets our nation's needs for the 21st century and that upholds America's history as a nation of laws and a nation of immigrants."

BP sues maker of blowout preventer

HARRY R. WEBER
Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS BP sued the maker of the device that failed to stop last year's calamitous Gulf oil spill on Wednesday, alleging that negligence by the manufacturer helped cause the disaster.

The British company said in papers filed in federal court in New Orleans that Cameron International provided a blowout preventer with a faulty design, which caused an unreasonable amount of risk that harm would occur.

The suit, filed on the first anniversary of the explosion that led to the spill, seeks damages to help BP pay for the tens of billions of dollars in liabilities it has incurred from the disaster.

"The Deepwater Horizon BOP was unreasonably dangerous, and has caused and continues to cause harm, loss, injuries, and damages to BP (and others) stemming from the blowout of Macondo well, the resulting explosion and fire onboard the Deepwater Horizon, the efforts to regain control of the Macondo well, and the oil spill that ensued before control of the Macondo well could be regained," BP said in the suit.

BP wants the court to award the oil giant damages against Cameron and to declare that the device maker caused or contributed to the disaster and is responsible for some or all costs incurred by BP.

Eleven people were killed when the Deepwater Horizon rig exploded on April 20, 2010, leading to more than 200 million gallons of oil spewing from an undersea well.

A testing firm hired by the government determined last month the blowout preventer had a faulty design. But it also cited other problems related to rig crew actions.

Houston-based Cameron noted in a statement emailed to AP that Wednesday was the deadline under the relevant statute for all parties to file claims against each other.

"It is not surprising that the companies are filing to protect their indemnity rights (except in the case of BP) and whatever claims they believe they have," Cameron said. "Additionally, in order to protect ourselves, we, too, have filed crossclaims and counterclaims, including our indemnity claims, against other parties to the litigation."

Cameron, one of the largest makers of blowout preventers, has defended the integrity of its devices and workmanship.

Also Wednesday, Transocean, the owner of the rig that exploded, filed court papers demanding that judgments be made against BP, Cameron and other companies in its favor. Among other things, Transocean wants a judgment against BP for $12.9 million and a judgment against cement contractor Halliburton and other companies for $20 million.

Transocean said the figures stem from contractual obligations and the money it lost when the rig sank.

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Poor households abandoning landlines for cellphones

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Associated Press

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. In a financial and technological role reversal, a growing number of Americans are getting rid of their old telephones and using only cellphones, a trend being led not by the high-tech elite but by people in poorer states as a way to save money.

Government estimates released Wednesday show at least 30 percent of adults in 10 states rely entirely on cellphones, with the highest percentage in Arkansas and Mississippi, where many cannot afford to pay for two separate lines.

Wealthier households have been slower to use wireless technology as their sole means of making calls.

"The answer's obvious: No one has money here," said John N. Daigle, a professor of electrical engineering at the University of Mississippi with broad experience in the telecommunications industry. "If they can do without a landline, they'll do it to save money."

William Phillips of North Little Rock says he grew tired of paying for a landline his family rarely used. So he and his wife dumped their old phone and now have prepaid cellphones that cost a total of $75 a month.

Phillips, a 39-year-old commercial pilot, taught his 12-year-old son, who doesn't have a phone, how to email him rather than call when the boy is at home.

"I've heard people talk about it, that they ought to do it," Phillips said. "They're just hanging onto that phone number."

About 35 percent of adults in Arkansas and Mississippi have only cellphones, according to figures from the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

In New Jersey and Rhode Island, the states where the smallest proportion of people depend strictly on wireless phones, that figure is only 13 percent.

Mississippi has the highest poverty rate in the nation — 21.9 percent in 2009, according to the Census Bureau. The Arkansas figure was 18.8 percent. The nationwide rate is 14.3 percent.

In 2009, the Census Bureau defined poverty as a single person making less than $11,000 a year or a family of four making less than $22,000 a year.

"I think people decide, 'I can afford one but not the other,'" said Ellen Reddy, who works for a nonprofit community center that helps low-income residents in Holmes County, Miss. She said poor people in her area often have cellphones with a limited number of minutes.

"When the minutes are gone, oftentimes we can't reach our families," Reddy said. "I think people are making choices."

The number of American households that rely exclusively on cellphones has been growing steadily nationwide, hitting 27 percent in the first half of 2010, an eightfold increase in just six years. Arkansas has had the greatest increase, with 15 percentage points. New Jersey's 7 percentage-point growth was the lowest.

Donielle Flowers of Little Rock doesn't remember the last time she had a landline. She's chosen to carry one of two cellphones — a free, government-subsidized phone with 250 minutes a month, and a prepaid phone that costs $60 a month.

"It's an extra bill," Flowers, 34, said of landlines. "I'm rarely at home, so I just need a cellphone. I'd be lost without it."

That matches the conclusion of Stephen Blumberg, a senior CDC scientist and an author of the survey. Over the years, Blumberg has found that lower-income people are more likely than higher-earning Americans to have only wireless phones. Younger people and renters are also quicker to shed traditional landlines.

New Jersey is neither young nor poor, and that's keeping it at the bottom of the list, Blumberg said.

On Wednesday, many people walking around the capital city of Trenton were talking on cellphones or texting family, friends and colleagues. Among them was Harry Weaver, a 46-year-old insurance agent who said he loves the freedom and convenience his smartphone provides.

Weaver acknowledged that he "pretty much lives" on his smartphone but said he has no plans to pull the plug on his home landline. As the father of three teenage daughters, Weaver says he wants a "dependable" phone line in case his girls need to reach their parents in an emergency.

"We could probably end our landline service and save some money, but it gives me peace of mind to know there's another way they can reach us if needed," Weaver said.

Some customers feel landlines offer more security, especially if they ever need to call 911. Since wireless phones are not linked to a fixed address, the caller's location can be more difficult for dispatchers to pinpoint.

The latest state-by-state figures, which cover the 12 months through June 2010, may indicate changes are needed in the way some public opinion polls are conducted, Blumberg said.

As the use of cellphones has grown, major pollsters have routinely included cellphone users in the people they call randomly. The number of cellphone users they call reflects national cellphone use, but Wednesday's findings suggest those numbers may need adjustment in states with especially high or low cellphone dependence, he said.

In addition to those in Arkansas and Mississippi, at least 30 percent of adults in eight other states — mostly in the West — rely strictly on cellphones. Those states were Colorado, Idaho, Kentucky, Nebraska, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon and Texas.

At the other end, only six states — mostly in the East — joined New Jersey and Rhode Island in having fewer than 17 percent of adults using only cellphones. They were Connecticut, Delaware, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Pennsylvania and South Dakota.

The CDC estimates were based largely on data from the agency's National Health Interview Survey, for which it has interviewed 109,187 households over the past 3? years.

The government also uses statistics from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey taken between 2006 and 2009, plus information from listed telephone directories. The figures are then blended to produce a single estimate.

The report is available at http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/nhsr/nhsr039.pdf .

But even in Arkansas, some people are holding tight to their landlines.

"I was taught to have a house phone at home, whether you use it or not," said Dale West, 40, who carries a $60-a-month cellphone and pays about $35 a month for his landline. "Even though you got a cellphone, you never know."



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requesting information on those practice maneuvers.

The resolution specifically references a July 2010 crash into the Penmar Golf Course, which killed a pilot.

Federal Aviation Administration spokesperson Ian Gregor dismissed allegations against the flight schools, noting that flight schools operate out of a wide range of small airports in the L.A. area.

"Nobody has offered one bit of evidence suggesting that Santa Monica flight school operations are anything but safe," Gregor wrote in an e-mail. "While certain people have tried to link a July 2010 accident to flight school operations, the fact is that the pilot in that crash was an experienced commercial pilot, and not a student."

The NTSB has not yet determined the cause of that accident.

Although the resolution only allows lobbyists for L.A. to advocate for the positions, the action was disconcerting for those whose livelihoods depend on the flight schools.

Joe Justice has run his flight school, Justice Aviation, out of SMO for two decades.

"It's not a good feeling when they take a position that your business should be closed," Justice said. "On the other side, it also makes me angry, especially when I feel the reason this is happening is probably political."

The last accident involving a flight instructor and student was 17 years ago, Justice said. That record of success stems from the efforts flight schools take to promote safety and abide by extremely strict — and some voluntary — flight routines to try to accommodate neighbors.

"There have been some rough landings, but they in no way jeopardized the homeowners," Justice said.

The council members shouldn't bank on it being possible to kick the flight schools out.

"Generally speaking, the operator of an airport that has accepted federal airport improvement grants could be in violation of its federal grant agreements if it tried to evict a certain type of tenant without just cause," Gregor wrote. "Santa Monica Airport has accepted federal Airport Improvement Program grants."

Homeowners on different sides of the airport took mixed positions on the proposed change in flight path.

The council members hold that moving the flight path from a 210-degree heading to a 250-degree heading will prevent flight paths at LAX and SMO from intersecting, thereby cutting down on time pilots spend idling on the runway waiting for the go-ahead to take off.

Those idling planes "spew high concentrations of jet emissions into the neighboring communities," according to the resolution, which cites studies by UCLA, LAUSD and the South Coast Air Quality Management District.

The FAA switched SMO to the 250 degree heading in 2010 as part of a six month experiment to determine whether it was a superior route from a safety, pollution and delay standpoint.

The results are not yet in.

"Preliminary results from a six-month test of the proposed heading showed that assigning it to an average of just eight aircraft a day significantly reduced departure delays at both SMO and LAX," Gregor wrote. "However, our evaluation has taken longer than expected because of the need to analyze the large volume of noise complaints we received from Santa Monica residents during the test period."

Martin Rubin, member of Concerned Residents Against Airport Pollution and resident of Mar Vista, put out a press release applauding the council's effort.

"SMO has impacted the lives of Westside residents for decades and residents surrounding the airport have complained about the noise the airport generates, and more recently about safety hazards, toxic jet pollution and lead pollution from piston aircraft," Rubin stated. "Los Angeles residents have felt frustrated that their complaints to Santa Monica officials have fallen on deaf ears."

The Santa Monica City Council has expressed serious opposition to the 250 flight departure heading, said Kate Vernez, assistant to the City Manager.

"There were profound negative impacts related to the test of the proposed new rules," Vernez said. "We want to provide alternatives while maintaining neighborhood and aircraft safety."

Sunset Park residents stand completely against the change, said Zina Josephs, member of the Friends of Sunset Park neighborhood group.

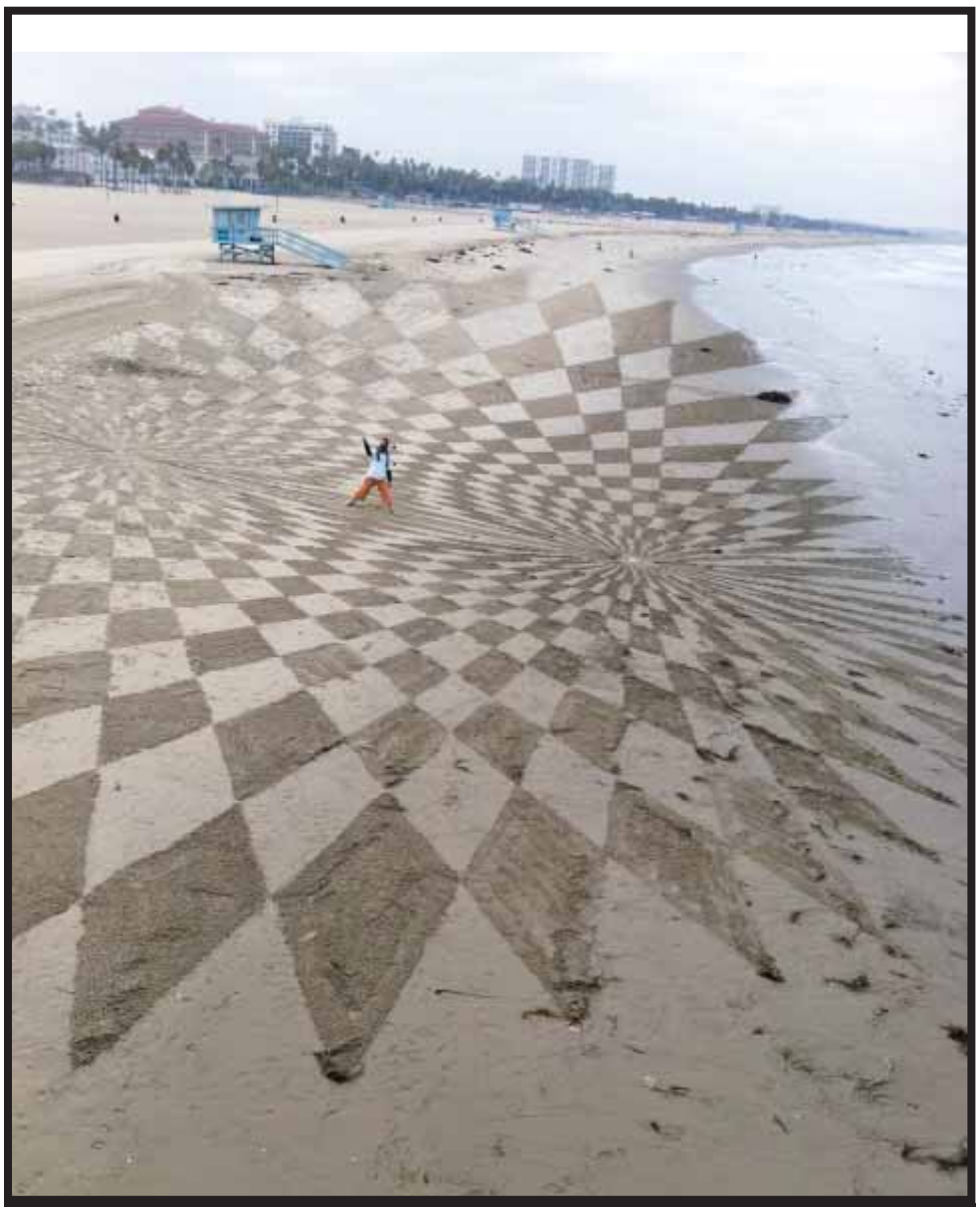
"We're definitely opposed to the 250 heading, and it's based on safety concerns," Josephs said.

The 210-degree flight path sends planes over the Penmar Golf Course, which sits lower in elevation than some homes in Sunset Park. The 250-degree heading puts planes immediately over 17,000 households, 15 preschools, three elementary schools, one middle school, two high schools and one community college.

"From our point of view, it's much safer for them to have it over the golf course," Josephs said.

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Reader James Korb snnapped this photo Tuesday of a pattern drawn in the sand just south of the Santa Monica Pier. He would love to know who the artist is.

STRIKE

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"Management's unwillingness to negotiate in good faith, and instead play chicken with the well-being of their employees and employees' families is wrong," Local 770 President Rick Icaza said in a statement.

The companies said the strike-authorization vote is premature.

"Ralphs is committed to the negotiations process, and while we have difficult issues to work through, the best thing to do is work together on solutions and reach an agreement," Ralphs spokeswoman Kendra M. Doyel said in a statement.

Albertsons spokesman Fred Muir said in a statement that any talk of a strike was premature and unnecessary while progress was being made at the bargaining table.

"Now is time for union leadership to renew its focus on negotiations," he said.

Messages seeking comment from Vons were not immediately returned, but a Vons statement last week called the vote an unnecessary distraction and a waste of time and said slow progress was being made in talks.

Both sides declined to speculate on when or if a strike might take place or what impact it might have on consumers. The companies have hundreds of stores in Southern California but face intense competition from other chains, including specialty shops and superstores that offer limited food selections in bulk at discount prices.

The previous contract was ratified in 2007 and took about seven months to negotiate. A four-month strike and lockout that began in 2003 cost Ralphs and other grocery chains an estimated $2 billion.

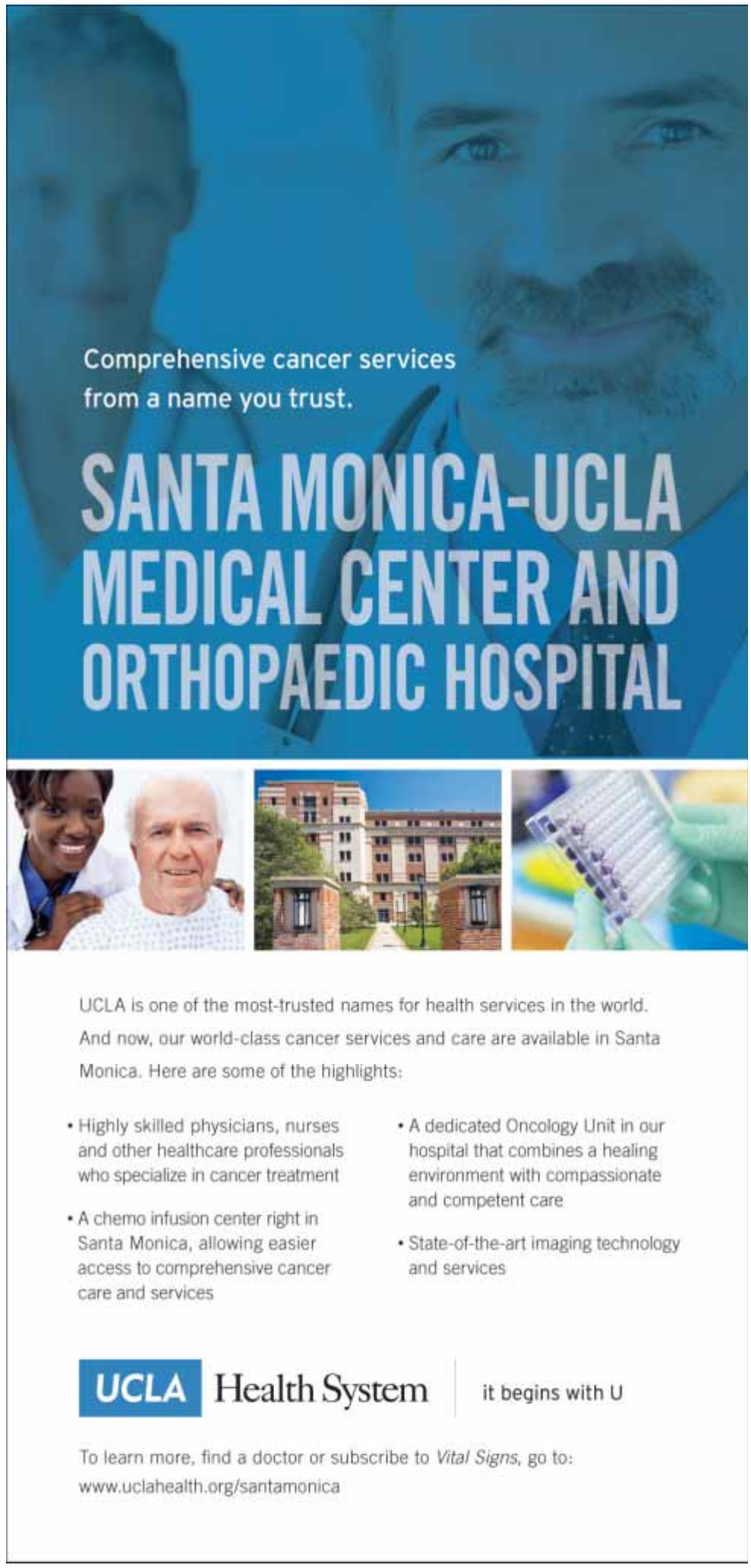
The current negotiations come in the midst of a struggling economy and a surge in efforts to reduce union bargaining rights and benefits.

Full-time grocery union workers currently earn less than $30,000 a year, and some who work 40 years will receive less than $8,000 a year in retirement pay, Shimpock said.

"Our people are paycheck-to-paycheck," he said.













NEIGHBORS
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grapefruit-sized tumor is malignant, or the treatment if it is.

"I have no way to pay for anything," Wiese said. "I'm worried about losing my apartment. I'm panicking, let's be obvious about it."

The 43-year-old languages and science teacher may be scarce in resources, but she is not lacking in friends.

Several residents of her apartment complex on the 2000 block of 14th Street are coming together to support her through the ordeal, either by facilitating doctors appointments or raising money to offset bills and rent costs.

Toni Hale, who lives in the complex, got the fundraising ball rolling.

She didn't know Wiese until a gardening accident four years ago that might have cost Hale her left eye if not for the younger woman's intervention.

Hale had been gardening in the complex's common area one afternoon, cutting away huge swathes of ice plant, when she slipped on the remains of the slick shrub.

"I slipped, bent over, and jammed this dirty, rusty garden spike into my eye," Hale said.

Hale panicked. She couldn't leave the hazardous mess there, but it was critical that she make it to the emergency room in time to get something done for her eye.

Wiese and another resident arrived on the scene.

"I barely knew Alex at the time," Hale recalled. "I said please, I called the emergency room, could you just please pick up this 100 pounds of ice plant."

The two women obliged and Hale got to a medical facility, where she was told that had she waited, she might have lost the eye altogether.

Two weeks ago, she saw Wiese trying to sell some belongings in a small yard sale in an effort to raise money for her potential medical bills.

"I was horrified," she said. "I bought a bunch of stuff from her, because I felt terrible. I didn't know her that well, but she is so kind to everybody."

Wiese is popular in the complex. She has the keys to four of the other apartments so she can save their animals in case of emergency, and is known to walk dogs and help out in a pinch.

She moved into the complex around seven years ago, after a lifetime of bouncing from America to Europe, to East Asia and back. On the way, she studied several languages as well as achieving a B.S. in anthropology from UCLA.

She dreams of getting a Ph.D. in French, with an emphasis on international relations at USC, but is now as concerned about losing her current standard of living as she is about pursuing her education.

"I thought, my gosh, when someone does really big like that, saves your life, saves your eye, you never get a chance to return the favor unless you're a neurosurgeon or a millionaire," Hale said. "I saw it as an opportunity to do something."

Hale is an amateur painter, who got into art as a way to recuperate from a traumatic brain injury she suffered 30 years ago.

Her paintings feature Santa Monica-area landscapes, and range from realistic portrayals to impressionistic works featuring bright, swirling colors.

She and neighbor Jude Nielson, a storyboard artist who dabbles in watercolor landscapes and nudes, plan to put several of their pieces up for sale in an attempt to raise money for Wiese.

The goal, at present, is $10,000.

"If she had that money, she wouldn't have to worry, just like I didn't have to worry about the emergency room, or losing my apartment," Hale said.

Hale, ever optimistic, hopes to take the fundraising torch and run with it.

She has a T-shirt from her alma mater, UCLA, that was splashed with paint from a session of landscape painting until it appeared to be covered in surreal flames. Hale aims to sell it, hopefully for the full $10,000.

"It's so outrageous," she said, laughing.

Nielson, who is coordinating the event, hopes to have the sale up and running within the next few weeks so that Wiese can get the money in time to offset her surgery.

"Privately, I want to help any way I can," Nielson said. "She's so smart, and a great translator … Even though she has all that, life can turn on you. As my dad said, if you don't have your health, you don't have anything."

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STORIES
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Angeles Superior Court to gain access through the Malibu Rancho. In 1914, as the court battle ensued, the Rindges built a network of roads on their property protected by a series of gates and locks designed to keep their property secure from all trespassers. These barriers were quickly destroyed by the angry settlers in 1917, who nonetheless lost their suit when the courts surprisingly upheld the Rindges' rights to keep their roads private. Gunmen were then hired to patrol the boundaries on horseback with strict orders to repel any intruders.

But, as the lawsuits continued to be filed by state and federal courts, it was beginning to become clear that Mrs. Rindge would ultimately not be able to stop the government from acquiring her land for a much-needed public coastal road linking Santa Monica with cities north. And, as more people began to own automobiles and nearby populations swelled, public opinion became loud and angry toward the stubborn Mrs. Rindge. But these actions only made her increasingly defiant as she poured more cash into her legal defense, draining the $30 million family fortune. In the early 1920s, one of her sons, who now keenly understood the futility of her fight, successfully sued Mrs. Rindge to gain his share of the fortune before she lost it all.

In June 1929, the inevitable finally occurred, when the "Roosevelt Highway" opened between Santa Monica and Oxnard, 22 years after the first court action. More than 1,000 cars showed up for the ribbon-cutting ceremony eager to be the first lucky ones to glide north on the freshly-paved roads. For all her troubles, Mrs. Rindge's family fortune had been sucked dry and she was left with only $8,000. She was now forced to sell off or lease her land to pay off her massive debts. Mrs. Rindge would die in 1941, penniless and confined to a hospital bed in Los Angeles.

And to the bitter end, May Rindge remained defiant and filled with contempt for those who had stolen and ruined her beloved coastal Shangri La. But Mrs. Rindge's unyielding stubbornness did ultimately have some unintended positive consequences for Malibu. Local historians now credit her long losing battle from keeping Malibu's development to a minimum and the waters free of Marina del Rey-like harbors. Her efforts also helped preserve Malibu's stunning shoreline, leaving it almost as untouched and pristine as it was when the family arrived in the late 1800s.

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Spain's legendary elBulli restaurant closing, transforming

DANIEL WOOLLS
Associated Press

ROSES, Spain The stairway to culinary heaven meanders up and down a dicey mountain road and ends in an idyllic Mediterranean cove with turquoise waters and food so eye-poppingly and artfully crafted it seems a shame to chew it up and swallow it.

Indeed, it's hard not to sit back in amazement as the staff at Spanish chef Ferran Adria's elBulli restaurant serve an appetizer that looks like a coconut macaroon but turns out to be a fluffy snow-white rendering of Parmesan cheese; what seems a piece of hard candy in reddish plastic wrapping actually is freeze-dried hibiscus petals holding something soft and peanutty.

Adria speaks with almost religious fervor of food and his passion for cooking it creatively, for taking it apart and putting it back together in unexpected ways. "To eat well nourishes the soul," he said during a recent interview. "That is the power of food."

The oft-imitated modernist wizardry that Adria has pioneered for nearly 20 years in Spain's far northeastern tip has earned him fame, awards and the highest of honors. To wit: three Michelin stars, a New York Times Sunday magazine cover story in 2003, world's-best-restaurant rating four years in a row through 2009 by the British magazine The Restaurant, and more than a million requests a year for reservations at a place that seats 50, for dinner only, usually just six months a year.

But that era is coming to a close, or at least its current format is. Adria's titanic 50-course, 270 euro ($385) meals — not counting tax, drinks or tip — will be served for the last time on July 30.

The master and his longtime core crew of eight to 10 people need a rest — time to refresh their creative juices after years of 15-hour days and relentless pressure to conjure up something new and jaw-dropping, year after year.

Replacing elBulli the restaurant in 2014 will be elBulliFoundation, a gastronomic think tank and research facility adjoining the current restaurant. Adria plans to bring in a small corps of chefs, then set them loose to experiment. The results will be posted online daily.

"The world of cuisine has no reason to be in mourning. It should be happy that the spirit of elBulli, that of sharing, of risk-taking, of creating, is going to continue, and for that matter is going to share even more by way of a foundation," said Adria.

He spoke in a sunny courtyard where violet wisteria in full fragrant bloom drew huge black bees gorging themselves on nectar from flowers that resemble bunches of grapes. Below, the sea lapped gently at the shore. The setting could not be prettier, nor Adria prouder of it and his restaurant.

The chef is a shortish, friendly man of 48 with a broad chest and trim graying hair, and he speaks in stream of consciousness — bursts of discourse that splinter into tangents, much of it about his love of creativity.

Adria is a legend in the restaurant world, though most of humanity will never see, never mind taste, his food. Fewer than 1 percent of the reservation requests received can be accommodated.

Yet the man's talent, ideas and techniques nevertheless have rippled through the restaurant world, due in large part to the hundreds of young chefs who have worked at elBulli as interns, then moved on to emulate, for better or worse, what they learned.

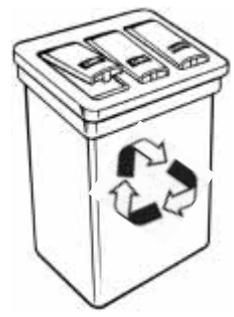
"When they leave, they take a little piece of Ferran with them. So there are little pieces of elBulli that are all around the world," said Dana Cowin, editor-in-chief of Food and Wine magazine.

Cowin said that when Adria announced in 2010 that elBulli was closing for two years, the reaction in the world of fine dining was less gloom than a rush to get a reservation while it was still a possibility, even if just a slim one.

There also is admiration for Adria for bowing out as a day-to-day chef while at the zenith of his creative game.

"It is like the greatest athlete saying 'I am not going to pitch the World Series next year even though I won the last three,'" Cowin said. "He is really stepping off a particular stage at the top."

Dinner at elBulli is a dazzling blend of cuisine, art and science, an event in and of itself. Few of the dishes are readily identifiable. Some require instructions on how to eat them, sometimes with your bare hands.



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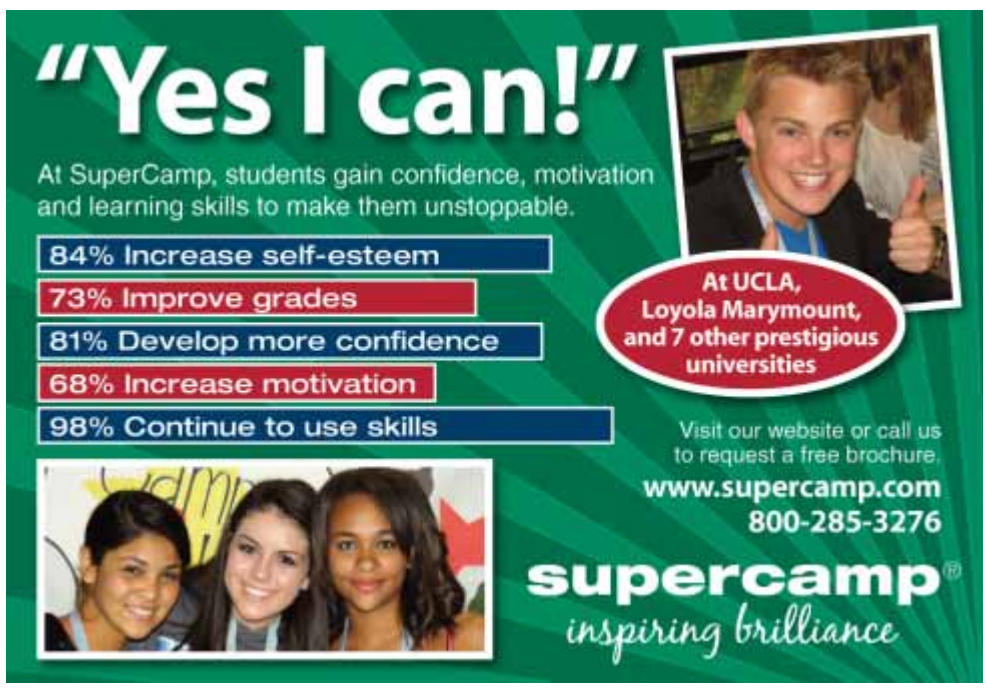
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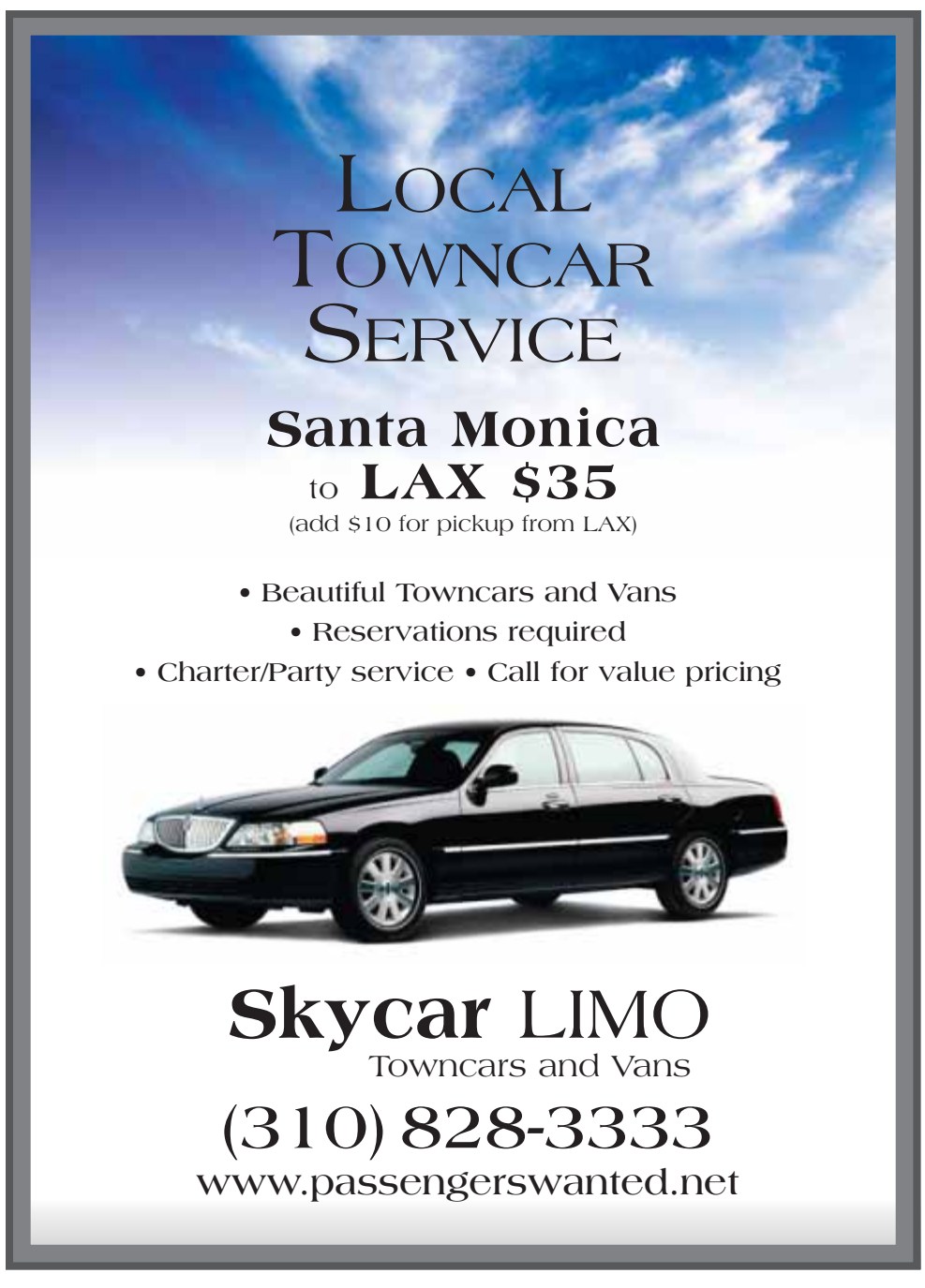
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ReelzChannel hopes to maintain newfound 'Kennedys' interest

DAVID BAUDER
AP Television Writer

NEW YORK The true impact of airing "The Kennedys" miniseries on the little-known ReelzChannel network probably won't be known for several months.

For now, network CEO Stan Hubbard believes it was a gamble that will pay off.

"We are on the map now," Hubbard said. "I think 'The Kennedys' put us on the map in a big, powerful way."

How ReelzChannel got to air an eight-part miniseries starring Greg Kinnear, Tom Wilkinson and Katie Holmes is one of the entertainment world's oddest stories this year. The History channel made it, yet dropped it in January under murky circumstances amid complaints about historical accuracy by Kennedy associates.

Hubbard followed the story from ReelzChannel's offices in Albuquerque, N.M. He saw that Showtime executives reviewed the series and ultimately decided not to run it, so he called that network's chief executive, Matthew Blank, to ask what was wrong with it.

Nothing, Blank told him. It was terrific television, but he didn't have room to run it on his network. Hubbard's next call was to History boss Abbe Raven. They had a deal in about a week, with ReelzChannel reportedly paying less than a third of the $30 million History spent to make it.

For many television viewers, it was the first time they had heard of ReelzChannel.

The film-centric network debuted in 2006 and is currently in 56 million homes, or half of the country with TV sets. It airs some movies, like "The Basketball Diaries" and "The Untouchables," but ReelzChannel's chief focus is television shows that talk about movies, with critics like Richard Roeper and Leonard Maltin playing prominent roles.

ReelzChannel had originally operated out of Los Angeles, but Hubbard moved to New Mexico in search of a cheaper place to do business. Perhaps owing to the location, ReelzChannel was initially focused on the industry, but Hubbard changed it to be more focused on the fan experience.

"The Kennedys" clearly would have been more widely seen elsewhere. Airing multiple times, each episode was seen by more than 2 million people, the Nielsen Co. said.

It was easily a larger audience than ReelzChannel had ever gathered. On the night of the series debut, only ESPN and USA out-rated it among cable networks. More importantly, Hubbard said, it introduced viewers to programs like "Hollywood Dailies" and "Maltin on Movies." One late-night Maltin show drew 120,000 viewers — paltry by larger network standards but three or four times the audience it would normally get.

"It was an opportunity," said Jack Myers, head of the TV industry newsletter "The Myers Report." "Even though it was controversial, it was a legitimate production and there was a lot of interest about it. I don't think there was a lot of downside to it."

Hubbard said none of the complaints about "The Kennedys" that apparently scared off History made it his way.

"Maybe they thought we were too small potatoes," he said. "But I thought if they really had a problem with it, we would have heard from somebody."

To date, the sampling is the only tangible impact on ReelzChannel.

The network sold less than two-thirds of its available advertising time for the series, although it was on the market for a limited time, Hubbard said. There were just under 20 individual advertisers.

One other disappointment: although some cable and satellite systems that already had planned to add ReelzChannel speeded up their plans because of "The Kennedys," no new systems signed on because of it, he said.

Rapper Ice-T's memoir tells the gritty truth

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Associated Press

A lot of vocalists sing and rap about situations and events they haven't experienced.

Ice-T isn't one of them.

One of the first "gangsta rappers," Ice-T rhymed about hustling, banging and pimping on the mean streets of south-central Los Angeles.

Turns out, the lyrics Ice-T spewed, first as a solo rapper and later as the frontman of the thrash-metal outfit Body Count were the musings of a man who has lived them.

In his book, "Ice: A Memoir of Gangster Life and Redemption — from South Central to Hollywood," Ice-T describes how he "rapped about the (stuff) I knew firsthand... To me, it was just the life I was living. If anyone asked me at the time, I called it 'reality rap.'"

Based on that definition, let's call this a "reality book" — a tell-all that really does tell all.

And it's as cool as its namesake.

"Ice" is full of vivid descriptions of the never-boring life of the man born Tracy Marrow.

Raised as an only child in New Jersey, he became a pre-teen orphan whose parents both died of heart attacks. Shipped to live with his alcoholic aunt in L.A., Marrow had a front-row seat for the early years of the West Coast gangs as a student at Crenshaw High School.

He eventually graduated to becoming a street hustler and thief who was shot at by a security guard and nearly killed in a car accident. Hospital officials didn't know who he was, since, as a criminal, he never carried identification.

Marrow served a nearly four-year stint in the Army, stationed in Hawaii, where he credits an old-school sergeant with shaping his later career arc.

The Vietnam vet, referred to only as Donovan, screamed at Marrow that he was in the service simply because he couldn't make it in civilian life.

"More than anything else, that's the one statement that propelled me to where I'm at today. I give Sergeant Donovan all the credit," Ice-T writes.

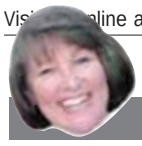
"Ice" also provides readers with a behind-the-scenes look at his genesis as an actor, including how director Mario Van Peebles came across Ice-T in a club and hired him to portray an undercover cop in the influential early '90s flick, "New Jack City."

These days, Ice-T is in his second decade as a star of NBC's "Law & Order: Special Victims Unit," where the one-time law-breaker again is portraying a member of law enforcement.

He also speaks to inmates and at colleges around the country.

"Who could have imagined that an ex-hustler from Crenshaw Boulevard would be spitting game to Ivy League students," he writes.

Or becoming the author of a fascinating memoir, the pages of which are jam-packed with tales of a guy who "actively did everything I rhymed about."



Play Time

Cynthia Citron

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An escorted tour of sex

A MIDDLE-AGED COUPLE, ONCE MARRIED but now divorced long enough to have gotten over their various grievances and resentments, have become casual friends. Would it be feasible, he suggests, for them to become "friends with benefits? After all, neither of them has potential partners beating down their doors. And, as successful doctors, neither has the time to devote to finding and cultivating bedmates. She says she'll think about it.

But while she's thinking about it, she is diverted by an encounter with a classy, high-priced call girl who turns her life around. The call girl is "The Escort," the beguiling center of a new play by Jane Anderson, commissioned by the Geffen Playhouse and now having its world premiere run at that theater.

Charlotte (Maggie Siff), who takes pride in her work as a highly successful prostitute, is introduced as she arrives for a physical exam by a newly recommended gynecologist. Rhona (Polly Draper), the gynecologist, and female half of the divorced couple mentioned above, is surprised to have her traditional attitudes about sex challenged by Charlotte's free-wheeling professionalism. Striving to be open-minded and non-judgmental, Rhona is captivated by Charlotte's tales, and titillated to the point of considering a rendezvous with one of Charlotte's male colleagues.

Meanwhile, Rhona and her ex-husband Howard (James Eckhouse) are bedeviled by the sexual awakening of their 13-year-old son, Lewis (Gabriel Sunday). Lewis, a stereotypical present-day nerd, spends all his time on his computer, mostly on lurid porn sites, and his parents' bickering about how to handle this situation provides much of the humor in the play.

The actors, under the able direction of Lisa Peterson, do an outstanding job with a play that is delicately presented, tongue-in-cheek, and reasonably predictable. A treatise on modern-day sexuality, mores, and the quest for intimacy, "The Escort" challenges the viewer to examine his own convictions and to measure his own successes and shortcomings in these areas.

As Charlotte advises, "Sex is never sad as long as it's erotic." And, she says, "I enjoy my work. I'm not intimidated by power." She also proudly acknowledges that she regularly donates her services by providing "pro bono sex" at the Veterans' Hospital.

While all these characters appear real and credible, there are a couple of dangling subtexts that are never fully developed nor explained. They deal with Charlotte's almost obsessive devotion to her young nephew, and an encounter she has with Howard and Rhona's son Lewis.

Nevertheless, "The Escort" is entertaining, fast-moving, fairly tasteful, and sometimes even laugh-out-loud amusing.

"The Escort" will run Tuesdays through Fridays at 8 p.m., Saturdays at 3 and 8 p.m., and Sundays at 2 and 7 p.m. through May 8 at the Geffen Playhouse, 10886 LeConte Ave., in Westwood. Call (310) 208-5454 for tickets.

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Black Eyed Peas to start music academy in NYC

ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK The Black Eyed Peas are opening a school where local teenagers will learn video and music production using professional-quality equipment.

The six-time Grammy Award winners announced Tuesday that their Peapod Foundation together with the Adobe Foundation will open a Peapod Adobe Youth Voices music and multimedia academy in lower Manhattan.

The Peapod Foundation is the hip-hop group's charitable organization; it's administered by the Entertainment Industry Foundation. The Adobe Foundation is the philanthropic arm of software maker Adobe Systems Inc., whose products include Acrobat, Flash and Photoshop. The two foundations already run three Youth Voices academies in California — in Los Angeles, Oakland and Redwood City.

The New York academy will offer classes to students ages 13 to 19 starting this July, the foundations said.

"Our passion for music and media was fueled by many generous people on our road to success," Black Eyed Peas rapper will.i.am said. "Expanding the network of Peapod Adobe Youth Voices academies enables us to pay it forward, giving more youth the skills and encouragement they need to realize their dreams."

The academy will be housed in a facility operated by Urban Arts Partnership, which runs after-school arts programs for teens who attend high-poverty schools.

Students will be accepted into the academy based on recommendations from teachers and demonstrated interests in subject areas such as camera work, editing and graphic design.

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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

The Beach Report Card is made possible by: The Diller – von Furstenberg Family Foundation, Grousbeck Family Foundation
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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.

The Beach Report Card is an indication of past water quality and is not a warranty of the current safety of those areas surveyed. Our lawyers are happy.

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MLB

League takes over Dodgers

RONALD BLUM
AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK Major League Baseball is taking the extraordinary step of assuming control of the Los Angeles Dodgers, a team increasingly paralyzed by the bitter divorce of owners Frank and Jamie McCourt.

Once among baseball's glamour franchises, the Dodgers have been consumed by infighting since Jamie McCourt filed for divorce after 30 years of marriage in October 2009, one week after her husband fired her as the team's chief executive. Frank McCourt accused Jamie of having an affair with her bodyguard-driver and performing poorly at work.

Selig told Los Angeles Dodgers owner Frank McCourt that he will appoint a representative to oversee all aspects of the business and the day-to-day operations of the club.

"I have taken this action because of my deep concerns regarding the finances and operations of the Dodgers and to protect the best interests of the club," Selig said Wednesday in a statement.

The Los Angeles Times reported this week that Frank McCourt had arranged a $30 million loan from Fox, the team's television partner. Selig has not approved a new longterm contract between the team and Fox, and the Times said the money was needed to make payroll.

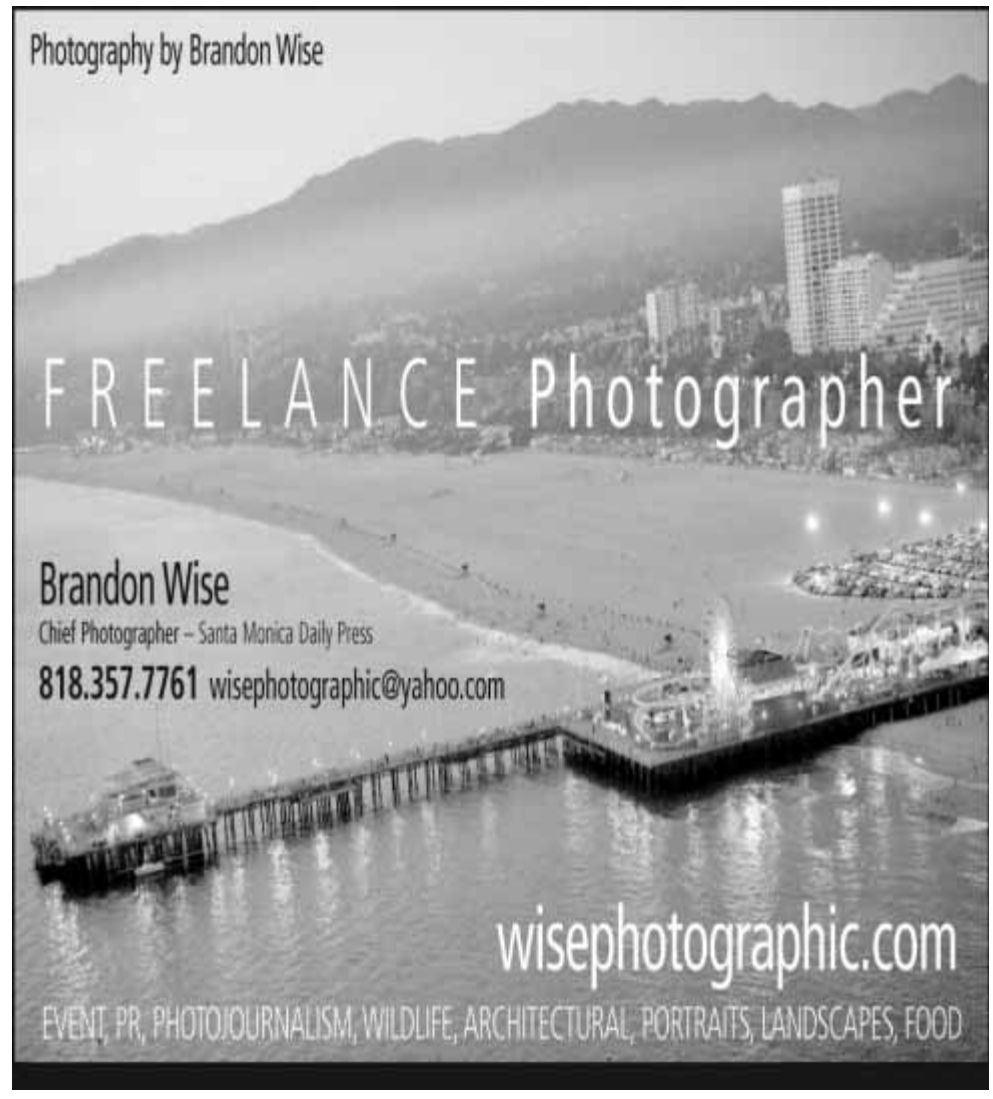
Selig said he will appoint his representative within a few days.

"My office will continue its thorough investigation into the operations and finances of the Dodgers and related entities during the period of Mr. McCourt's ownership," Selig said. "The Dodgers have been one of the most prestigious franchises in all of sports, and we owe it to their legion of loyal fans to ensure that this club is being operated properly now and will be guided appropriately in the future."

Selig's move might be seen by some as a precedent should the New York Mets have additional financial problems. With owners Fred Wilpon and Saul Katz under pressure from a lawsuit tied to the Bernard Madoff swindle, the Mets borrowed $25 million last year from Major League Baseball. Unlike the McCourts, Wilpon is a longtime friend of Selig.

The City of Santa Monica announces it has committed funding for the following affordable housing developments:

- To Community Corporation of Santa Monica
  - A loan of $8,589,870 for the development of 45 ownership units to be located at 1943 -59 High Place.
  - A loan of $2,487,856 for the development of 32 units to be located at 430-508 Pico Boulevard.
  - A loan of $3,611,505 for the development of 33 units to be located at 2802 Pico Boulevard.
- To FAME Santa Monica Senior Apartments, L.P. a loan of $1,765,000 for the development of 49 units to be located at 1924 & 1930 Euclid Street, 1753 18th Street, and 1754 19th Street.
- To Step Up On Second, Inc. a loan of $3,645,422 for the acquisition and predevelopment and $1,395,833 for development of 26 units to be located at 520 Colorado Avenue.
- To Ocean Park Community Center, a loan of $4,942,579 for the rehabilitation of 1616 Ocean Avenue.



MOVIE TIMES

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

Child's Play (R) 1hr 27min
Fright Night (R) 1hr 46min
7:30pm
Discussion between films with director Tom Holland.

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, 4:25pm, 7:20pm, 10:25pm

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

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

Treat yourself tonight, Pisces

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★★ Understand that even though you think you are clear, you might have to rehash a conversation or speak to someone again. Use this period to relax with those in your life and not to harp on an issue or push a project. Just a normal day. Tonight: Carry the banner into the night.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ Relate to a loved one directly. You are not going to make waves right now, but you can bond, swap ideas and enjoy what each other has to offer. Tonight: Visit with a loved one.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ Others want to relate on more than just a business level. Two people would like to get past networking and become closer friends with you. Your perspective could be very different if you let those relationships evolve. Make sure you want to pal around with these folks. Tonight: So many suggestions.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★ Pace yourself and have a reasonable plan for after work or whatever your day might be. A good, balanced plan involves visiting with friends, completing an errand or two, exercising and doting on a loved one. Tonight: Play it easy.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★★ Your imagination is an endless source of ideas, fun and whatever you would like to create. If you are in an artistic field, you could see quite a difference in your output and productivity. You will want to repeat this type of performance. Tonight: Start the weekend early.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★ Stay centered and be willing to move in a new direction. How you see a personal matter and the choices you follow might be a little off the beaten path. They are also subject to revision. Your directness is appreciated. Tonight: Stay centered.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Keep communication flowing, and understand what others are really saying. We are not talking about the words, but the true meaning. Sometimes what isn't said is more important. Tonight: Hanging out is fun to do.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ As a sign, you have a tendency to become extravagant or go overboard. Your greatest asset easily could be self-discipline. Though you may go to extremes, you'll find the midpoint -- perhaps not today, but very soon. Tonight: Your treat.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★★ Your smile and energy up the odds for a home run. Everyone wants to work with you, which allows a spirit of cooperation to develop. Creative relationships and ideas flourish. Someone you meet today could set your heart afire. Spontaneous actions identify you. Tonight: Remember, you are the cat's meow.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★ Keep a change of heart behind the scenes. You might feel very strongly at this moment, but given time, you could change your perspective. A family or domestic matter keeps popping into your mind. Isn't it time to handle it? Tonight: Happy at home.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ You might want to open up a discussion and allow greater give-and-take. Even if many ideas, messages and requests head in your direction, you will be able to remain responsive and in control. Tonight: Where the action is.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★★ You might want to rethink a decision. Though funds seem to be flowing, if the out becomes more than the in, you will be in trouble. Right now you express a devil-may-care attitude. There is a tomorrow. Tonight: Treat yourself well.

Happy birthday

This year, you will see significant changes within your personal and professional lives. Through May, you will be completing a 12-year luck cycle. Look back 11 years. What were you doing? What has happened since then? What are the common threads? Beginning in June, you enter a new life and luck cycle. Know that you can pull white rabbits out of your black hat! If you are single, during the months that follow, you might meet someone of significance. The end of August and beginning of September could be of significance. If you are attached, your optimism warms up the love temperature. Understand that your role might be more dominant than in the recent past. SAGITTARIUS can provoke strong responses.

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



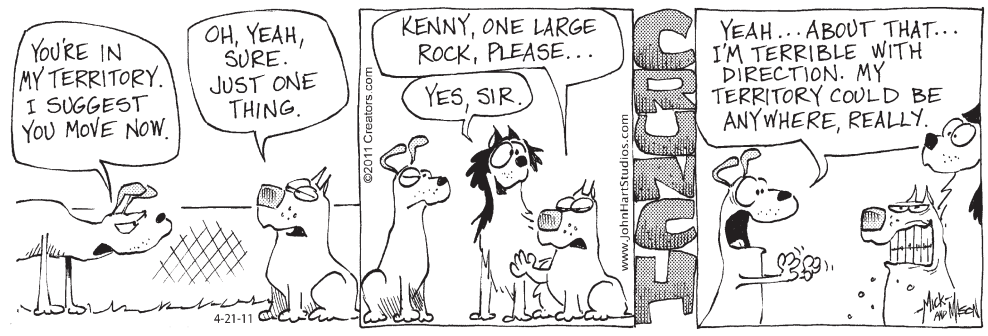
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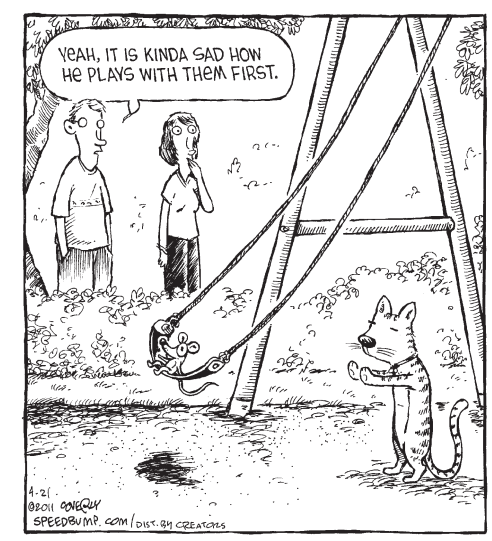
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Sudoku

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 ★★★

9			8		2	4		3
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7		6	1		5			2

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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

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



CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Louver piece
5 "Republic" writer
10 Bike part
11 On the schedule
12 Word from the pews
13 Sonora snack
14 Journey by auto
16 Exit indicator, e.g.
20 Seafood choice
23 Mexican gold
24 Disrobes
25 Alludes to
27 Wall Street whiz
28 Run
29 Crew activity
32 Touring troupe
36 Frolic
39 Window part
40 Truisms
41 Chef's need
42 Harvests
43 Try out

DOWN

1 Marquee name
2 Fancy wheels
3 Bailiwick
4 Vine growth
5 Kilt pattern
6 Reading aids
7 — loss
8 Bus. card abbr.
9 Pindar poem
11 Purse part
15 Some turkeys
17 Tiny bit
18 Golfer Norman
19 Rocket top
20 Rigging support
21 Valiant one
22 Singer McEntire
25 King or queen
26 Scribe's stain
28 Castle rings
30 Slump
31 Robin snacks
33 Possess
34 Small bills
35 Departed
36 Elevator booth
37 Cut drastically
38 Through

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Yesterday's answer

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• You must follow the given math operations for each square and you must make sure all the numbers satisfy the demands in the shaded boxes when connected in adjacent threes and calculated together from left to right, and top to bottom.

• The numbers you insert into the grid must satisfy the Equa demands both horizontally and vertically.

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

3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 8, 8, 12

Solution for Task 1040

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Fantasy 5: 5 6 28 36 39

DAILY 3: MIDDAY: 7 5 3 EVENING: 8 2 8

DAILY DERBY: 1st: 09 Winning Spirit 2nd: 04 Big Ben 3rd: 06 Whirl Win RACE TIME: 1:41.81

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ According to a February 2011 analysis of 2007 IRS statistics by a columnist for Tax Notes, the average taxpayer residing in New York City's posh Helmsley Building (owned before her death by Leona Helmsley, who once reportedly said that "only the little people pay taxes") paid only 14.7 percent of his income in federal taxes while New York City janitors and security guards (such as those employed by the Helmsley Building) paid about 24 percent. Helmsley residents were taxed less for Social Security and Medicare, and much of their $1.17 million average income was in capital gains, which are taxed at the same rate as the wages of modestly paid (up to $34,000 a year) workers.

■ In February, Wisconsin state Rep. Gordon Hintz was caught up in an ongoing investigation of prostitution at the Heavenly Touch Massage Parlor in Appleton that resulted in six arrests. Police merely issued Hintz a municipal citation (indicating that he might just have been in the wrong place at the wrong time). Nonetheless, Hintz refused to discuss the matter. "I am willing to take responsibility for my actions," he said, but "(m)y concern right now" is not to be "distract(ed) from the much more important issue" of "stand(ing) up for Wisconsin's working families."

■ People With Too Much Money: The average sale price of a home in Aspen, Colo., in 2010 was about $6 million, and as of early March 2011, the lowest-price single-family home on the market there was listed at $559,000, according to a Wall Street Journal report. The home is located in a trailer park.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1963 The Universal House of Justice of the Bahá'í Faith is elected for the first time.

1964 A Transit-5bn satellite fails to reach orbit after launch; as it re-enters the atmosphere, 2.1 pounds of radioactive plutonium in its SNAP RTG power source is widely dispersed.

WORD UP!

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2. In a ship, to the rear.

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Notice is hereby given that the Board of Education of the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District will conduct a public hearing on the matter of the 2011-12 Special Parcel Tax (Measure R) regarding applying a Consumer Price Index (CPI-U) adjustment. The public hearing will be held on May 5, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the Malibu City Council Chambers at 23815 Stuart Ranch Road, Malibu, CA 90265. Subsequent to the public hearing on May 5, 2011 at the regularly scheduled meeting, it is the intention of the Board of Education to adopt a resolution to levy the tax at the rate of $358.91 per parcel, which includes a 2.3% CPI adjustment. The CPI-U for Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, base year 1982-84=100, from February, 2010 through February, 2011, was used to calculate the adjustment.

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