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THE HAPPY EASTER ISSUE

St. John's nurses will decide in May whether to unionize

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

MIDTOWN Nurses working at Saint John's Health Center will have the opportunity to vote next month on whether or not they want to unionize, the National Labor Relations Board reported Friday.

Representatives of Saint John's and the California Nurses Association (CNA) signed a stipulated election agreement, approved by the labor board's regional director, which dictates the kinds of employees that are eligible to vote as well as the time and date of the election.

Had the two sides not signed by the end of Friday, they would have had to report to the labor board for a pre-election hearing Monday to hammer out the details.

Officials with Saint John's could not be reached for comment.

The agreement provides for a secret ballot election to be held on May 25 and 26 for the nursing unit. Full time, regular, part time and per diem registered nurses employed by Saint John's will be allowed to vote.

"I think it's very positive," said David Monkawa, assistant director of organizing for the CNA.

A simple majority — 50 percent plus one of the cast ballots — will be needed to approve the union.

If the pro-union nurses win in May, all registered nurses at the hospital will receive three major benefits, Monkawa said.

First, Saint John's will be legally obligated to sit down with members of the new union to negotiate a contract "in good faith."

"Right now, they could yell until they're blue in the face that they want to negotiate and the employer could say, 'Take a hike,'" Monkawa said.

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VOCAL: **Protesters joined the Venice Neighborhood Council-sponsored Earth Day rally on the corner of Bundy Drive and Airport Avenue on Friday afternoon. Those who attended want to see an end to the use of lead in airplane fuel.**

Residents rally against use of leaded fuel at SMO

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

SMO Residents living in Venice and Mar Vista gathered at the eastern edge of the Santa Monica Airport on Friday to stage an Earth Day rally against the use of leaded fuel by owners of propeller planes that fly over homes nearby.

Lead, long banned from normal car fuels and many household products, presents a recognized danger to the development of small children, as well as other health risks including seizures and memory loss amongst adults.

It's still used in fuel for piston-powered

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Cigar smokers seeking right to smoke in public

BY NICHOLAS K. GERANIOS
Associated Press

SPOKANE, Wash. As quests for freedom go, it's not exactly the fight against apartheid in South Africa. But cigar smokers around the country are fed up with smoking bans that prevent them from enjoying stogies in cigar bars with friends.

A rising number of states have moved to exempt cigars from indoor smoking bans, often by establishing cigar bars or smoking lounges inside cigar stores. Pro-cigar groups have sprung up nationally and in most states, spreading a message that their product is fundamentally different from cigarettes.

Cigar smokers are not interested in exposing the general public to their pungent fumes, said Joe Arundel, president of the Cigar Association of Washington. But they don't see why they can't smoke in the company of fellow enthusiasts — a gathering known as a "herf" in cigar circles — in businesses dedicated solely to the product.

"It's not like people walk into a cigar store by accident," Arundel, who operates Rain City Cigar in Seattle, said.

Washington used to have cigar bars and lounges. But a ban on all indoor smoking in 2005 put them out of business. A bill introduced in the state Legislature this year that would allow a limited number of cigar lounges and bars has languished in committee, after getting vehement opposition from

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What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Saturday, April 23, 2011

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Douglas Park
1155 Chelsea Ave., 9 a.m.
Come meet the Easter Bunny. Enjoy Easter egg coloring, games, face painting, Easter egg hunt and much more. Egg hunts are organized by age group and will continue while Peter Rabbit's supplies last. Arrive early and don't miss out. For more information, visit smjaycees.clubexpress.com.

'The Merchant of Venice'
The Broad Stage
1310 11th St.
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 and times, call (310) 434-3200.

Rocking egg hunt
O'Brien's Pub
2941 Main St., Midnight
Revelers are invited to this happening watering hole for a midnight Easter egg hunt. The evening also includes live music from The Paul Chesne Band. For more information, call (310) 396-4725.

Get into the arena
Santa Monica Art Studios
3026 Airport Ave., 5 p.m. — 8 p.m.
Arena 1 Gallery is pleased to present "Immanent Domain," a group exhibition curated by Allen Tombello that gathers the work of eight painters in an examination of the slippery slope between the post-Stella status of painting as object and the stubborn continuity of painting as it plays across the proscenium of the canvas through non-symbolic, non-figurative performance. The exhibit runs through May 28. For more information go to www.santamonicaartstudios.com or call (310) 397-7456.

Sunday, April 24, 2011

Happy Easter!

Theater on the beach
Dorothy Green Park
2600 Barnard Way, 1 p.m., 2 p.m., 4 p.m.
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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

DOWNTOWN

Man brought back to SoCal in synagogue blast case

A man suspected of causing an explosion at a Santa Monica synagogue has returned to California from Ohio and is expected to appear in a Southern California courtroom on a federal charge of unauthorized flight.

U.S. attorney's office spokesman Thom Mrozek said Ron Hirsch was going to be in Riverside late Friday on the fugitive charge after being transported there by U.S. marshals. Hirsch was arrested in the Cleveland area last week after a rabbi recognized him.

Hirsch, a 60-year-old transient, has been charged by the Los Angeles County district attorney's office with four felony counts, including possession of a destructive device and explosion with intent to murder. He faces up to life in prison without the possibility of parole if convicted.

DAILY PRESS

DOWNTOWN

'Glory,' 'Tombstone' screenwriter dies

Kevin Jarre, who wrote the screenplays for the movies "Glory" and "Tombstone," has died. He was 56.

His aunt, Patty Briley Bean, tells the Los Angeles Times that Jarre died unexpectedly of heart failure on April 3 at his Santa Monica home.

Jarre was a history buff who was entranced by the Civil War since childhood, when he'd received toy soldiers for Christmas. His research on a black regiment led him to write the 1989 movie "Glory," which won three Academy Awards, including one for actor Denzel Washington.

His 1993 "Tombstone," about the shootout at the OK Corral, got mixed reviews but was a hit.

Jarre also co-wrote "Rambo: First Blood Part II," "The Devil's Own" and "The Mummy."

He was the adopted son of Oscar-winning composer Maurice Jarre.

– DP

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MEET AND GREET

Fabian Lewkowicz *FabianLewkowicz.com*

Lukas Kovacevich, 2, with his mother Karen Ogle, gives a high five to the Easter Bunny at Santa Monica Place on Wednesday, April 20. Check out page 2's What's up Westside for Easter events around town.

Eco-conscious vintners raise money for trees, seas

BY MICHELLE LOCKE
For The Associated Press

Sip a pinot, save the planet?

That's the thinking behind a number of wineries teaming up with environmental organizations to raise funds for trees, seas and the land.

One of the latest releases is Clean Coast wines, the brainchild of California winemaker Susie Selby.

The owner of Selby Winery in Healdsburg, Selby created the wines, available online and in Mississippi and Louisiana, with the goal of raising awareness of the Gulf Coast recovery effort.

"I spend a lot of time in Louisiana. It's just a place that's near and dear to my heart," Selby said. After the 2010 oil spill she decided she wanted to do something to help the area on a long-term basis, so she came up with Clean Coast wines.

"I'm inspired by the way the people of New Orleans and Louisiana choose to handle crisis. They love each other; they make the most of it and they frequently do it with a great meal in front of them and a glass of wine in their hand," she said.

The four wines — pinot noir, chardonnay, cabernet sauvignon and merlot — carry labels decorated with marine creatures. Four dollars from every bottle sold online is donated to the Greater New Orleans Community Foundation.

Another wine-to-water connection is being made by Flying Fish, which makes wines from grapes grown in Washington state's Columbia Valley.

"We thought we'd like to really honor the waters that are home to the fish that are featured on the label," said Karmen Olson-Stevens, brand marketing manager.

Since launching in 2004, the winery has donated a portion of proceeds to Ocean Conservancy, for a current total of nearly $70,000. The money is earmarked for the organization's annual international coastal cleanup and last year went to the Gulf cleanup efforts.

Other wineries are branching out in different eco-related charitable directions.

Pine Ridge Vineyards in the Napa Valley has announced it will donate $1 to American Forests for every bottle of the chenin blanc-viognier wine sold from April through June to help plant up to 5,000 trees.

And Root 1, produced in Chile, is a longstanding partner of Global ReLeaf, a branch of American Forests. By the end of 2011, winery officials estimate Root 1 and Global ReLeaf will have planted more than 40,000 trees in forest restoration projects around the world.

Hess Winery in the Napa Valley takes a back-to-the-land approach to eco sips.

Every year they hold a chardonnay

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Be careful what you wish for

Editor:

There's one point I've never heard anyone make, but it's true. If you look at the LAX Class B, you will see that its floor over the SMO area is 5,000 MSL. That is to keep clear of SMO's Class D. If SMO is closed, the FAA will lower the floor of the Class B over Santa Monica and West L. A. to 2,500 MSL, as it is elsewhere a similar distance from the runways at LAX.

Jets coming in the 45 and joining the downwind to LAX will then be able to come in lower, shortening their downwind. According to John Kounis of Pilot Getaways, this has happened at other Class Bs when satellite airports have been shuttered. I forget which. I can ask.

So the neighbors will then have a steady steam of large jets that much lower and noisier over their neighborhoods. Who knows: the FAA could even change some LAX departure procedures to allow more departing jets to turn right earlier, since SMO is out of the way. So which is quieter: Santa Monica as it is now, or east of Inglewood, where the jets are descending to LAX?

Connie Schurr
Malibu

Fooled

Editor:

April Fools, maybe. I think the photo on page 11 of the April 21 edition, labeled "Trippy" is a Photoshop creation.

I would like to believe that some dedicated soul created the impressive pattern in the actual sand. But I don't.

R.G. Lake
Santa Monica

Reuse

Editor:

When serious engine trouble hits, repowering your vehicle rather than buying a new one is an environmentally sound decision that lets you keep more "green" in your wallet.

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On the Beat

NRO Jeff Glaser — Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Thieves attracted to pricey bikes with cheap locks

Q: I WANT TO KNOW HOW I CAN PREVENT my bicycle from being stolen and what the police are doing to stop bicycle thieves.

A: As a bicycle rider myself, I take this subject very seriously and I can assure you that the Santa Monica Police Department is doing what they can via enforcement and education in trying to prevent this type of crime.

Bicycle thefts are not only a Santa Monica issue, but an issue across the county, state and the U.S. To combat this crime, the SMPD has been continually conducting extra enforcement with both uniformed and undercover officers. More specifically, we have had successes in placing "Decoy" or "Bait" bicycles in high theft areas. This is basically done by having an undercover officer place a bicycle in a high traffic area, secure it and have it watched by other officers to see if someone attempts to cut the lock and steal the bicycle. In fact, this was done very recently and resulted in the arrest of a male suspect.

The police department can't do it alone. The public also needs to ensure they are aware of their surroundings and to notify the police at (310) 458-8491 if they see any suspicious people or activities. Often times I hear people tell me they did not want to "bother" the police. Please do bother us if you see something out of the ordinary. Many bicycle thefts are happening during the day in crowded areas and we need your help. The decoy bicycle mentioned above was stolen within eyesight of several unsuspecting people.

Bicycle owners need to ensure they have the proper type of lock for their bicycle. Many times I see people ride up in very expensive bicycles, yet they secure it with an inexpensive or easily breakable lock. The suspect listed above was able to cut through a thick cable lock and ride off with the bicycle in literally 10 seconds. This same suspect admitted to looking for either unlocked, or bicycles secured with cable-type locks. He informed us he would not even try to attempt to steal a bicycle with a "U" type lock as they are too hard to break. Although we cannot guarantee your bicycle will not be stolen if secured with a "U" type lock, our experience is such that your odds of getting your bicycle stolen is greatly reduced compared to other types of locks.

Additionally, you should have a bicycle license to help you identify and eventually recover a bike if it is stolen. The cost is $3 and it is good for three years. In the event your bicycle is stolen, there will then be a way for us to cross check your bicycle if it is found. In addition, it makes you get the information we need in order to file a more complete report as it asks for the bike color, brand, size, serial number, etc. Bicycle licenses may be obtained in person at 1717 Fourth St., Suite 150 or you can click onto the following link for further information on how to obtain one: www01.smgov.net/finance/licenses/bikelic.htm.

COMMUNITY EVENT

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The recent catastrophic events in Japan remind us of how important it is to be prepared for the unexpected. Parking is free and portions of the proceeds with be donated to the American Red Cross Japanese Relief Fund.

For more information and to see how you can pre-order your supplies, go to the Santa Monica Fire Department website; http://santamonicafire.org and click on the "I've Got 7" link.

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The Q Line

Bike friendly

A pair of recent workshops have explored what can be done to further the "no 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.

This past week, Q-line asked:
What can city officials do to make Santa Monica more bike friendly?
Here are your responses:

"BIKE RIDERS ARE ORGANIZED AND vocal, but bus riders are not. Santa Monica needs to make the city more bus friendly. Bus stops are located in the middle of blocks. You have to walk an extra half a block to two blocks when changing from one bus line to another. If you want to go to Wilshire Boulevard and Fourth Street or Arizona Avenue and Fourth Street coming from north or east, you cannot get off at either corner. If you need to catch a Line 8 bus and you get off a Line 4 or Line 9 on Fourth Street, you have to walk more than two blocks to the middle of the block on Second Street."

"HERE'S A FEW SUGGESTIONS:
• Repair damaged asphalt or cement near curbs where bicyclists typically have to ride.
• At residential intersections controlled by stop signs, add notices to the signs that read, "Bicyclists: Yield to traffic or pedestrians."
• Stronger enforcement of the laws making it illegal to drive while talking on a mobile phone or texting.
• Widen sidewalks and add a bike-only section."

"PLEASE, PLEASE RETURN ALL THE 'No Bikes' and 'No Pedestrian' signs along the beach bike path! Most of the signs have been taken down or are hard to see. They even used to have 'Bikes Only' written along the bike path, but that also is long gone. Bikes and pedestrians haven't a clue where to go along the entire boardwalk without some large and easy to read signs."

"NO NEED TO DO ANYTHING. IF GAS PRICES keep going up, people will have to stop using cars in favor of bicycles."

"Santa Monica will become more bike friendly when bike rider zealots respect the rules of the road by stopping at stop signs and red lights, and for pedestrians in crosswalks. They are a minority of the population, and should stop making unrealistic demands for more privileges, while showing some respect to the majority of us who must drive to get places to work or do business."

"I NOTICE THAT THERE ARE NO BIKE lanes on major streets where they would be ideal; for instance Santa Monica Boulevard on both sides from 26th Street to Ocean Avenue. Same for Pico Boulevard and Colorado Avenue. It seems 14th Street leading to Lincoln Middle School and Santa Monica College ought to be covered too."

"PERHAPS A SPECIAL BIKE LANE CAN be explored in the mid-road as a special bike path, like the one at the beach. An idea for seniors would be electric bikes with perhaps a City Hall rebate as the utility companies offer for low electrical use appliances. It is worth a pilot project."

"NOBODY SEEMS TO HAVE EXPLAINED why bikes are on the sidewalk. Could it be that the streets are unsafe to ride? Once hit by a car while riding my bike in the street resulted in broken bones. I'm lucky to be alive."

"EVERY DAY I SEE AT LEAST SIX PEOPLE on a bicycle ride through a red light. During the weekend you cannot drive on certain streets because of the 30 biker morons taking up whole lanes. Overbuilding has destroyed Santa Monica. Instead of building infrastructure first, the progressive City Council wants building taxes. We now have in Montana Avenue in the past four lanes, Broadway, Ocean Park Boulevard, Fourth Street, are all now two lanes. Almost 40 years ago I rode a bicycle going to work, doing errands. I did it for health and necessity. I didn't hate the automobile. Today, instead of bike riding in Culver City and Mar Vista, we have the love of out-of-town, progressive bike riders demanding space from our socialists on the council."

"BICYCLE FRIENDLY, WHAT A JOKE. THE city is way too bicycle friendly. After all they are the only ones who don't have to follow any laws or rules, or have a personal code of ethics or conscience because they have become an out-of-control mob. Whether it be one or 100 they have anointed themselves as the ecologically elite and God's gift to mankind and they must not and cannot be bothered with the common sense rules the rest of us follow. They teach their children to break the law. They blame others when they are in the wrong. They cause others to have accidents trying not to kill them. It has become so common that seeing a cyclist obey the law is a total surprise. Do not make it convenient for them at everyone else's expense."

"TO MAKE SANTA MONICA MORE BIKE friendly, the first thing we need to do is make sure bikes are off the sidewalks. Too many of these bike riders are riding on the sidewalks and running over people who are pedestrians, and they are more important than the bike riders. And we have to make sure all bike riders follow the law. Too many times I see bike riders running through stop signs and red lights."

"BAN PEDESTRIANS AND OFFICIALLY TURN the sidewalks over to bikes, skateboarders."

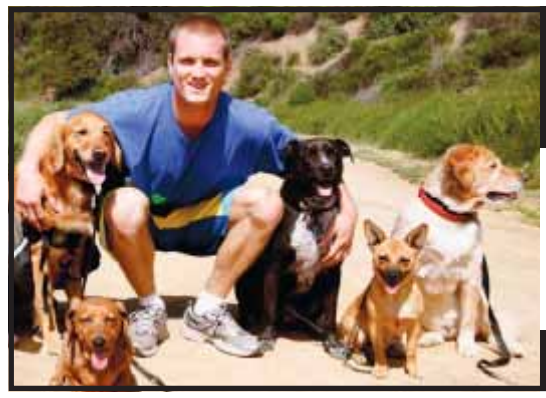
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Farm-to-table is fine, but what comes next?

BY KELLY DINARDO
For The Associated Press

Much has been made of the farm-to-table restaurant movement. But what happens to all the food that ends up uneaten at the table?

In what you might call a burgeoning table-to-farm movement, a small but growing number of companies are being launched around the country to answer that question, to help restaurants deal with the ecologically and economically expensive problem of food waste by composting it.

"The restaurant business is an incredibly wasteful business," says Peter Egelston, owner of Portsmouth Brewery restaurant in Portsmouth, N.H. "We generally put more food in front of people than they can eat in one sitting. If it's not going home in a doggie bag, it seems like we should send it where it will have new life."

And so two years ago Egelston's brewery began composting with the help of EcoMovement, a company that hauls food waste from about 40 restaurants in the region and takes it to be composted.

Composting — a natural process in which food and other organic scraps are decomposed into fertile soil — has long been a mainstay of farms and backyards. But few restaurants have the space or time to compost their own waste. And so they typically pay to have it disposed of in landfills along with the rest of their trash.

But as communities have struggled to reduce their waste, pressure has mounted on the restaurant industry to do its part.

"A few things changed," says Michael Oshman, CEO of the Green Restaurant Association. "Cities in California passed laws requiring some level of waste reduction. To attack waste reduction without looking at food is like having a heart patient come in to the doctor and not talk to them about exercise and diet. So cities like San Francisco begin composting. They demonstrate it's doable and others follow their lead."

San Francisco began a pilot composting program in 1996, which quickly expanded. In 2001, officials made composting available city-wide on a voluntary basis; it became mandatory in 2009, including for the city's more than 5,000 restaurants. Since 1996, the city has composted more than 835,000 tons of food scraps.

Since then, other cities — including Seattle — have passed similar laws that mandate composting. But desire isn't enough. To compost, you either need to have a place to put food waste — and the time to tend to it — or arrange for it to be taken to a farm or composting facility.

And that's where companies like EcoMovement come in. Rian Bedard was inspired to start the company when he moved from San Francisco to New Hampshire and realized no one was offering compost pickup. They began hauling food waste in November 2009.

Food-waste hauling remains a small industry, in part because the companies struggle with where to bring the waste. Few actually handle the composting themselves, instead serving as an intermediary.

Some, like Compost Cab in Washington, D.C., work with area farms. But that also can limit the volume and content of what can be picked up.

"There are two main constraints on a farm that you don't have on an industrial facility," says Jeremy Brosowsky, who started the company almost a year ago.

"When you're managing a small-scale operation on a farm in an urban environment you want to be respectful to your neighbors. People worry about smell and rodents. We ameliorate that by not being too big. The second constraint is just volume. Urban farms tend to be less than two acres. Composting takes about a half acre. You can't overwhelm them with volume because that takes attention away from the farming," he said.

Which is why most compost hauling companies work with commercial composting facilities, of which there are about 300 around the country.

San Francisco-based Kimpton Hotels & Restaurant Group has encouraged all of their 53 restaurants — including those outside the Bay Area — to compost. It isn't always possible. Only 35 of their properties have programs at this time.

"The biggest challenge is finding someone who can haul it away," says Frank Kawecki, senior director of operations for Kimpton. "It's usually some guy in a truck. It's very grassroots and local."

The company's 10 restaurants in Washington use EnviRelation, a 12-person company that hauls food waste from nearly 200 offices, hotels and restaurants. Last year, the city's Kimpton properties alone composted more than 408,000 pounds of food scrap.

Despite trepidations about smell, staff training and pest nuisance, when composting is available most restaurants find that it is simple.

"It's the same waste we were putting in a dumpster," says Egelston. "It just goes in a different color bin. We've reduced our waste stream so dramatically we renegotiated our trash pickup and that offset all of the costs of the compost program. And our customers really appreciate it and that's good for business. It's not just this woolly-headed, tree-hugging idea. There's a practical use to this."

Brosowsky believes this move to compost is similar to the start of the recycling movement. In twenty years, he suspects everyone will be composting.

"Municipal composting is coming," says Brosowsky. "Farm to table is good. Farm to table back to farm is even better."











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Glad to be back at Gladstone's

GLADSTONE'S IS BACK.

When Bobby Morris owned it, it was the hot spot on the beach, where you could wet your pallet and quench your hunger with a nice selection of seafood, while overlooking the Santa Monica Bay. It was one of the highest grossing restaurants in California.

Then former Mayor Richard Riordan bought it and, after awhile, it received the worst restaurant review in the history of the L.A. Times — this review is still a classic.

I haven't been there in years, but then I heard that Sam Nazarian's management company SBE had taken over. So, on a lark, and without much in the way of expectation, I went there with a friend for lunch.

Eureka! What a change! The whole place has been cleaned up, there's art on the walls, the old barricades blocking the view of the beach have been replaced with clear plastic, and there is a wonderful deck with shade awnings. There's a deck to have lunch with a sandbox in the middle for the kids. The service is impeccable. The food is delicious for outdoor dining. And the prices … OK, it's expensive.

But it's worth it. They got rid of the freezer and they bring in fresh fish every day. I passed lots of couples dining — and I mean dining — on the clambake, salads and sandwiches. The waitress, Nadelyne from Liberia, was so nice to me I began to feel important. And see all those guys with earplugs? They're not secret service — that's part of the management team.

And the faux-security guys are on the ball. When I asked the greeter why they forced people to stand in line to register for the patio, when it is (by law) open to the public, she just stared at me, then called over someone to seat me. Ten seconds later a manager was there to ask "is there any problem?" "No" I replied, "I'm just curious why you have people line up to sit on the public patio." "Shhh," he replied, "we don't advertise that it's public."

Let's get down to the basics: the food.

The best single dish is the clambake served in a roasting pan and filled with everything that I love: lobster, crab, shrimp, lots of clams, corn on the cob, and potatoes. It easily serves three, maybe four. Yes it cost $110, but divided three ways that's not so bad.

Second choice: the steamed lobster. I paid $40 for it last time, which is too much, but at least the lobster is fresh and comes with three good dipping sauces.

Some like the clam chowder. For me it's too thick and creamy — it should be about the clams, not about cream and flour. It's much better at Savory in Malibu.

The salads, fresh fish, fried clams, and sandwiches are all very good, just as you would expect in a well run, professional, high-volume restaurant.



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And note the heavy wear on the wood floor in the back room. Rumor has it that there's a lot of heavy dancing by a lot of hot young people Friday evenings. That might be worth checking out.

One little problem that management has overlooked: Apparently somewhere on the menu it says tip at 20 percent is included for parties of six or bills over $300. We were four with two 2 year olds that didn't eat, and our bill, before the 20 percent tip was about $270. There was nothing on the charge slip to suggest that a tip was included, and a space was open to add a tip. My son, the careful doctor, reviewed the itemized charge slip and pointed out to me that the tip was already included. I'll bet a lot of people don't notice this, and the waiter didn't point it out.

But that's a small point. I'm glad Gladstone's is back. It's a great place to take out of town visitors.

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Tattoo helps ID gang member convicted of murder

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NORWALK, Calif. A Southern California gang member has been convicted of first-degree murder in the killing of a rival whose death authorities say was immortalized in an elaborate tattoo of the crime scene on the gangster's chest.

Anthony Garcia, 25, was found guilty Wednesday in the death of John Juarez, 23, outside a liquor store in Pico Rivera on Jan. 23, 2004. The case had turned cold until a Los Angeles County investigator spotted a photo of Garcia's tattoo and recognized the crime scene because he had visited it as a station sergeant in the Los Angeles-area city.

The tattoo, which stretches from Garcia's neck to his chest and from arm to arm, showed particulars of the scene, including Christmas lights on the store's roof, a street sign and a bent street lamp.

Sheriff's homicide investigator Kevin Lloyd was looking at photos of tattooed gang members four years after the killing when he came across Garcia's tattoo and recognized the crime scene.

It showed the victim, a member of the Pico Nuevo gang, as a peanut, a word deputies say is derisively used to describe rival gang members. The store had "liquor" written across the top. Above the scene, in bold ink, were the words "Rivera Kills," a reference to Garcia's Rivera 13 gang.

"I worked Pico Rivera a lot of years, so I'm pretty familiar with that area," Lloyd told the Los Angeles Times. "It was incredible."

The tattoo was photographed by deputies in Pico Rivera after Garcia was booked for investigation of driving with a suspended license in 2008.

Robert Guaderrama, Garcia's public defender, did not immediately return a call left for him Friday. He refused to speak to media after the verdict, according to the San Gabriel Valley Tribune.

Authorities routinely take photos of gang member tattoos to help with identifying suspects in gang-related crimes.

Gang members also sometimes get tattoos to bolster their street credentials, such as sketches of prisons where they've been incarcerated or gang references on their heads and torsos, homicide Lt. Dave Dolson said.

Garcia's tattoo was different though. "I haven't seen it before, and I haven't heard of anything like it either," Dolson said.

Garcia was arrested in October 2008, and authorities say he later confessed to detectives who were working undercover at the jail.

Capt. Mike Parker said Garcia's body art acted as a confession and he marveled that the stroke of luck involved in the case.

"He tattooed his confession on his chest. You have a degree of fate with this," Parker said. "The detective who spotted it had been a Pico sergeant who went on to become a homicide sergeant. I never worked Pico station. I never would have recognized that Pico liquor store."

Records show Juarez was standing by pay phones outside the liquor store when two men walked up to him, asked where he was from and shot several times. The gunmen fled in a waiting pickup.

A second gunman hasn't been charged, but Robert Armijo, 28, of Pico Rivera, has pleaded guilty to assault with a firearm and voluntary manslaughter. He faces 20 years in prison when he is sentenced on May 3.

Garcia, also known as "Chopper," faces 65 years to life in prison when he is sentenced May 19, Deputy District Attorney Brock Lunsford said.

Teen found guilty of molesting, drowning boy

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRESNO, Calif. A California teenager accused of molesting and drowning a 4-year-old neighbor boy and hiding his body in a clothes dryer was convicted of first-degree murder Friday.

A judge also found 15-year-old Raul Castro guilty of lewd and lascivious conduct and sodomy. The judge found Castro not guilty of kidnapping.

Castro was tried as an adult in the October 2009 killing of Alex Mercado. Castro was 14 when he drowned the preschooler in a bathtub after the child said he would tell his mother about the sexual assault.

The Mendota teen confessed in taped interviews with detectives to sexually assaulting and killing the boy.

Castro's defense attorney, Barbara Hope O'Neill, argued the teen was mentally ill and did not intend to kill Alex. O'Neill based her argument on the testimony of a psychiatrist who said Castro's mental illness led him to disassociate with reality.

The doctor testified that Castro has a history of depression, suicidal behavior, hallucinations, bipolar disorder and anxiety. He also said the teen had suffered physical abuse as a toddler by his mother's boyfriend. Castro had an out-of-body experience as he killed and sexually assaulted Alex, psychiatrist Avak Albert Howsepian said.

But prosecutor Robert Romanacce challenged the doctor's credibility. The murder was premeditated, the prosecutor said, and Castro was in a clear state of mind at the time.

A judge decided the case after Castro waived his right to a jury trial.

Sentencing is scheduled for June 24.

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Calif.-to-Ohio pot case winding up with plea deals

BY ANDREW WELSH-HUGGINS
AP Legal Affairs Writer

COLUMBUS, Ohio Until early 2009, David Garrett made his living as a street-level marijuana dealer in Los Angeles, according to his attorney. Then, the attorney said, he struck up a relationship with a woman whose lifestyle required Garrett to raise his drug sales to another level.

Garrett and his new girlfriend, Lisette Lee, each brought something to the relationship, Garrett's attorney said in court papers.

"Garrett indicated he had a supplier who could provide them with a larger quantity of marijuana and that he knew of people who would purchase the supply in Ohio," his attorney, Summer McKeivier, of Studio City, Calif., said in a court filing earlier this month.

"Lee indicated she had access to planes and money to fund the purchase and transportation," the filing said.

On Friday, Garrett was sentenced to 10 years and one month in prison. He was the first of six defendants to be sentenced in a scheme that delivered thousands of pounds of marijuana to Ohio in suitcases.

The government had argued for a sentence of 11 to 14 years. Garrett pleaded guilty last year to distributing more than 2,000 pounds of marijuana.

Authorities say the plot involved 14 flights from Los Angeles to Ohio and elsewhere, distributed about 7,000 pounds of the drug and earned more than $3 million from November 2009 through April of last year.

The government said Garrett oversaw the packaging and concealment of each load in large suitcases, sometimes directing others to conceal the marijuana odor with Febreze and dryer sheets.

Garrett was the direct link to the source of the marijuana in Los Angeles, according to the government, and along with Lee was responsible for shipping the drug from Los Angeles to Ohio and shipping the profits back.

Garrett helped Lee recruit a group of four or five to transport the 500-pound marijuana shipments and gave money to Lee or her associates to pay for round-trip chartered private flights from Los Angeles at a cost of $50,000 per trip, according to Matthew Heufelder, a U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration agent.

Marijuana "is a drug that is too commonly abused in our society," Tim Pritchard, an Assistant U.S. Attorney, argued in court papers ahead of Friday's sentencing.

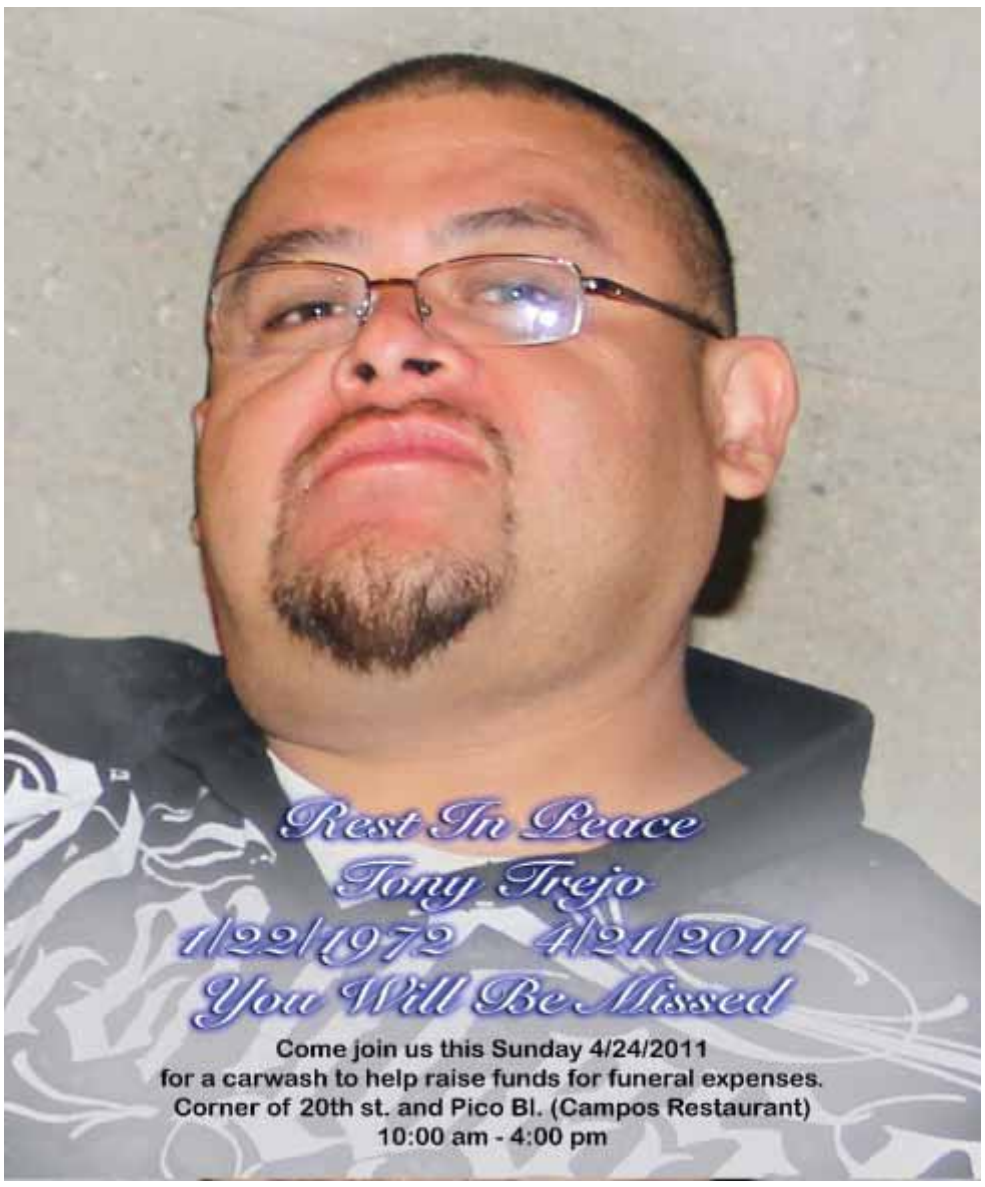
The drug has a negative impact on its users, "their families and society as a whole," he said.

Garrett's attorney, McKeivier, argued for the minimum sentence of 10 years, saying his client was raised by a single mother and had struggled for much of his life with drugs and alcohol. In addition, the attorney said, Garrett began cooperating as soon as he was arrested and has since apologized.

Garrett began the scheme "to keep up with the extravagant lifestyle of his girlfriend," McKeivier said in an April 11 court filing. His role in the scheme ended in April 2010 when he broke up with Lee, the filing said.

Lee arranged to have her family's personal travel agent arrange chartered flights and rental cars and had her family's personal pilot fly the planes, according to the filing.

"By most accounts, he is an honorable and respectful young man," Garrett's attorney said.



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With a slumping economy, ensuing global conflicts and our own personal dilemmas, a few drinks come as a welcome respite for many. But before you have that extra glass of wine at dinner, make sure you are aware of some new laws and issues that may drastically affect your driving privileges. California has some of the toughest DUI laws in the country, and while no one plans to get arrested for DUI, here are 5 helpful tips to remember if you find yourself at the wrong end of a DUI checkpoint this year.

1) Submit To FSTS: When arrested for DUI many people look for a quick and easy way out of it such as refusing to submit the officer's tests. Well, truth be told, this doesn't really work. Refusing to submit to field sobriety tests (FSTS) will almost always earn a year suspension from the DMV regardless what happens with your court case. Refusing to submit to FSTS might weaken the State's evidence against you, but is it worth risking an automatic one year suspension? This includes submitting a breathalyzer test at the scene of the arrest (called a PAS test). A PAS test might not even be admissible in the criminal case, but if you are below a .08 it will save you a ton of hassle…and probably earn a get out of jail free card. Submit to testing and let a skilled lawyer take it from there. Even if the test results appear "bad," by hiring the right attorney there are many legal arguments and challenges that can be made to the manner in which the tests weand administered, your statements, and the results of the tests.

2) Request A Hearing: if arrested for DUI you will receive a temporary driver's license that is good for 30 days before your license is suspended. However, you have the right to request an administrative hearing with the DMV in order to challenge the suspension. This hearing might also yield valuable testimony from the arresting officers that could help you later on when fighting your case in court. Administrative hearings are conducted either in person or telephonically, are far less formal than a court proceeding, and have a lower evidentiary standard of proof required to sustain a suspension. Administrative hearings must be requested within 10 days of arrest, so make sure to act fast if you are arrested. A trained experienced lawyer is also advantageous in order to help navigate through the complexities of the DMV.

3) Know The Penalties: In most Los Angeles County courtrooms a "standard" first time DUI conviction carries with it a $390 fine, 3 month alcohol program, 3 year probation, and mandatory installation of an ignition interlock device (a new 2010 law that L.A. County D.A.'s and C.A.'s are widely enforcing). Typically, prosecutors will not seek jail confinement on a 1st time conviction. In addition to the fines, the court will add on various penalty assessments and fees that could raise your final bill to upwards of $1,750. Depending on the circumstances of your case (under 21, high blood alcohol, refusal) the court could also order you to complete community service, caltrans work, attend AA meetings, and complete a MADD or hospital/morgue program. A first time DUI conviction is priorable, meaning it will be used to enhance punishment on any subsequent DUI in a 10 year period. A second time DUI begets similar punishment with heightened fines and a mandatory minimum of 96 hours (4 days) in jail. Of course, all of these penalties and punishments are subject to change based on varying circumstances, and it should be noted that there are additional restrictions that the DMV can enforce on top of all the court required punishments.

4) Be Polite & Courteous: No matter what crime you are arrested for, be it for DUI or some other offense, dealing with police officers in a calm, respectful, and appropriate manner is always the best approach and will reward you in the end. Officers will note your behavior in their reports, and any belligerent outburst or tirade will likely be used against you as a sign of intoxication and could also earn you additional charges. Of course the opposite is also true meaning if you are calm and collected it could be used as a sign of non-impairment. Even if you didn't do anything wrong always remember that you attract more bees with honey!

5) Don't Drive!: The easiest tip of all...drink to your heart's content and enjoy the holidays, and when you're done take a cab, ride a bus, or call a friend...just don't drive!

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The Tiger Mom Question

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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aircraft, which fly out of the airport on a 210-degree heading over the Penmar Golf Course and then Venice neighborhoods and schools.

Lead in fuel exhaust is tiny, particulate matter that disperses through the atmosphere and deposits based on wind or other weather patterns, like rain.

The rally's organizers specifically called out the six flight schools operating at SMO, saying that the piston-powered aircraft used by the schools account for 40 percent of the flights out of SMO.

According to the Venice Neighborhood Council's Santa Monica Airport Committee release about the event, members chose the issue for Earth Day because lead is a cumulative toxin.

"They want to expose this condition of lead still being used in aviation fuel, where it's been outlawed in automobile gasoline, in paints. It's very problematic for young people in schools," said Martin Rubin, member of Concerned Residents Against Airport Pollution, which also took part in the protest.

Rubin, a resident of Mar Vista, noted that students at the flight schools travel in a southerly loop around the Mar Vista and Venice neighborhoods.

In response to such accusations, airport and city officials point to two studies — conducted by the South Coast Air Quality Management District and the federal Environmental Protection Agency — which examined lead levels produced by the airport.

"The AQMD did the most exhaustive study," said Airport Manager Robert Trimborn. "It looked at the lead during that study, and found no exceedences at all. The EPA then ratcheted down the exposure level ten-fold … and still couldn't find any evidence that lead exposure exceeded federal standards."

That study did find, however, that while at no point did lead concentrations exceed the new, much lower limit of 150 nanograms per cubic meter, lead levels in the air near the runways were higher than elsewhere in the urban Los Angeles region, said AQMD spokesman Sam Atwood.

The EPA study showed similar results.

Scientists monitored the airport lead levels in two phases, one during the summer and one during the winter, and tested soil in parks and around homes.

The winter phase consisted of two, four-day periods, focusing on weekends when the airport would be the busiest, while the summer phase used one week in July.

Overall, the EPA found no elevated lead levels in the parks or on airport property. Two of the surveyed homes did show elevated lead levels, but the EPA report suggests that lead had little to do with the airport.

The EPA did reiterate that its study served primarily to update its own air quality monitoring models rather than as a risk assessment of any kind.

Santa Monica City Hall considers its actions on lead exposure ahead of the game, both by offering the airport up for examination by the EPA and SCAQMD as well as working closely with the Federal Aviation Administration and EPA to develop unleaded airplane fuels, said Kate Vernez, assistant to the City Manager.

Those assurances don't phase those concerned about the negative impacts of lead exposure.

"There's a high concentration of population there, and any amount of lead is harmful," Rubin said.

Although he understands lead can't be taken out of airplane fuel overnight, Rubin sees the vehicles that need leaded fuels as things of the past.

"Now, we have new cars that burn unleaded fuel, that are quieter and less polluting," he said. "And aircraft? They're the same ones used years ago, they're not upgrading."

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month during which 1 percent of profits on sales of chardonnay are donated under the 1 Percent for the Planet environmental advocacy program. Year-round, the winery donates 1 percent of profits from its Hess Small Block Series limited selection wines.

And Hess, which is in its fourth year of participating in the project, recently made grants of $10,000 to The Land Trust of Napa County and another $10,000 to the Napa County Student & Landowner Education and Watershed Stewardship program.

The charity-wine connection is a natural fit for an industry that seeks to connect with consumers on a personal level, Olson-Stevens notes.

"First of all, we do it because we care about the oceans and rivers and we're committed to making a change," said Olson-Stevens. "But it also gives us a story to tell our consumers." Wine is known for starting conversations, and having an environmental tie-in is one more thing to talk about along with where the wine came from, how it's made and how it tastes, she said.

For Selby, raising money for environmental causes also is a way to cut through the slightly intimidating image that can be associated with wine.

"It's an honor to be able to give back through wine," she said, "because people are still enjoying the food and wine experience, but they're also able to make a little bit of a difference."



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the state Department of Health.

The Health Department opposes any change to the state's indoor smoking ban, one of the nation's first, said Tim Church, a spokesman for the agency.

"The indoor smoking law was passed by a great majority in every county in Washington state," Church said.

The ban is intended to protect the health of non-smokers and especially of employees who work in bars and restaurants, Church said.

"We don't like the idea of an employee having to sign away their rights to health to have a job," Church said.

Washington has been inhospitable to smokers for years. The state was an early adopter of smoking bans in bars and restaurants, and its cigarette tax of more than $3 a pack is among the highest in the nation.

Annie Tegen of Seattle, program manager for Americans for Nonsmokers' Rights, said they oppose any effort to weaken smoking bans.

"The public loves this law," Tegen said. "There is no reason to weaken this law and put our workers at risk."

The anti-smoking group Action on Smoking and Health (ASH) of Washington, D.C., said there is no legal right to smoke in the U.S., and many other countries are adopting bans on public smoking.

"The tendency is more towards protecting the health of the population, rather than exemptions," said Laurent Huber, head of the group.

After years of victories, there are signs that anti-smoking forces are encountering some resistance. A nationwide advocate for cigar smokers said the tide seems to be turning against bans that lump cigars with cigarettes.

Kansas, Minnesota and Illinois also have pending legislation that would loosen smoking bans to allow for cigar bars, said Glynn Loope, executive director of Cigar Rights of America.

"Five years ago, I wouldn't give you a $10 bet on any of these bills being drafted," Loope said. Now some might even be passed, he said. New York, Nebraska, and Oregon are among 13 states that ban indoor smoking but allow exemptions for cigar bars, he said.

Cigars and cigarettes have fundamental differences, cigar advocates say. Premium cigars are more expensive, take longer to smoke and tend to be favored by older people. Cigar smokers don't chain-smoke and often regard their activity as an occasional luxury to be savored with friends and a drink, Loope said.

"The cigar industry is based on art and culture, and not being abusive to the product," Loope said. "The average cigar smoker smokes two a month."

Cigar stores tend to attract only cigar smokers, not people who would be offended by the smoke, he said.

"These shops lose a lot of their character and soul when they can't allow use of a perfectly legal cigar in the shop," Loope said.

No one is forced to work in cigar shops, and several states require such employees to sign waivers indicating they understand the dangers of second-hand smoke, Loope said.

Cigar advocates see themselves as oppressed by a hypocritical majority that is obsessed with stamping out tobacco use while tolerating alcohol.

Arundel noted the bill in Washington would allow a maximum of 100 cigar bars to open across the state. By contrast, there are 5,800 liquor licenses, he said.

"Should we be any more discriminated against than anybody else?" Arundel said.

Smoking opponents would no doubt argue with that logic — after all, bartenders can't get sick from alcohol by serving it, but an employee of a cigar bar is exposed to secondhand smoke. Nevertheless, Arundel said cigar smokers will continue to fight for cigar bars and lounges, a cause they see as standing up for the rights of private property owners.

"All we are asking for in our state is a little bit of reason and fairness," he said.

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Second, the nurses would become "just cause" employees rather than their current designation of "at will" employees. That makes it harder for the hospital to fire individual nurses without showing a great deal more proof that they ought to be let go.

Finally, the hospital would no longer have the right to make unilateral changes without first consulting the nurses.

"You can see, the nurses would have a little more power than they have now, a little more democracy and more rights," Monkawa said.

Nurses at Saint John's won the opportunity to vote on April 11 when they turned in cards to the labor board proving that 30 percent of nurses supported holding a vote.

This isn't the first time nurses at Saint John's have tried to organize. They held a vote in 2002, but failed to reach the 50 percent plus one margin of victory.

Some blame that loss on intimidation tactics, like those Saint John's was found guilty of committing in a July 2010 court decision.

The labor board prosecuted the hospital, claiming that two managers had interrogated nurses about a petition presented to Chief Executive Officer Lou Lazatin as well as attempts to organize into a union in 2008.

A federal administrative law judge ruled in favor of the labor board and nurses, saying Saint John's violated federal labor laws by intimidating nurses.

At the time, the hospital defended itself in a written statement, saying that officials had merely tried to encourage nurses to find less disruptive ways to gather support for the union movement.

According to Joseph Fahey, chair of Catholic Scholars for Worker Justice and professor of religious studies at Manhattan University, it's the duty of a Catholic organization like Saint John's to support its nurses in their attempt to organize.

"We stand in strong support for the nurses who wish to organize at Saint John's. They have the weight of centuries of Catholic Social Teaching on workers' rights and labor unions behind them," Fahey wrote in an e-mail. "We call on the Catholic Sisters of Charity Leavenworth Health System not only to support but to encourage their nurses to form a labor union."

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Female Army troops testing out new combat uniforms

BY KIMBERLY HEFLING
Associated Press

WASHINGTON Imagine U.S. combat troops and aviators wearing body armor that fits so poorly that it's tough to position a weapon to shoot, combat uniforms with knee pads that hit around mid-shin and flight suits that make it nearly impossible to urinate while in flight.

For many female troops, it's just another day on the battlefield as they wear clothing and protective gear designed primarily for men. Each of these issues is now getting some attention from the military.

Seven hundred female Army troops are testing a new combat uniform for women with shorter sleeves and knee pads in the right place for their generally shorter legs. A committee on women's issues has recommended that flight suits be redesigned for both men and women so it's unnecessary to completely disrobe before urinating. And engineers have been looking at ways to design body armor that better fits the contours of a woman's body.

Some military women are reluctant to embrace changes that would set them apart from their male colleagues, but several former and current military women said the changes certainly beat the consequences of the current one-piece flight suits or being unable to engage in battle or defend themselves because of uncooperative gear.

Female troops are about 20 percent more likely than their male counterparts to report musculoskeletal disorders, and poorly fitting body armor could at least in part be a factor. For female aviators, dehydration can be a hazard if they opt not to drink water before flights, and those who wait too long to use the bathroom can experience urinary problems.

Some of the challenges for women came up in focus groups conducted with both male and female service members, a majority of whom reported that the equipment given to females was inadequate, "including, but not limited to poor quality or outdated equipment, lack of necessary equipment, tardy issue of equipment, and equipment not sized or designed for women," according to a 2009 report by the Defense Department Advisory Committee on Women in the Services. The report noted that the problems weren't always confined to women.

"When your gear doesn't fit right, it's going to make you more vulnerable and less effective," said Spc. Chandra Banks, 27, an Army reservist who has done two tours in Iraq and now works as a research fellow for the nonprofit Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America.

Banks said she noticed improvements in her body armor during her second deployment, but because the armor was so large it still chafed her hips when she had to sit for hours in a Humvee, and aggravated a knee injury because of the armor's unevenly distributed weight. She said better-fitting body armor would also make it easier to position a rifle or machine gun for shooting.

In January, the congressionally appointed Military Leadership Diversity Commission recommended to Congress and President Barack Obama that women be allowed to fully serve in combat. The reality, however, is that women already are serving in the war zones in positions such as truck drivers and helicopter pilots. About 14 percent of all service members are women, and about 220,000 women have gone to the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The Army is well under way in developing a woman's combat uniform that would replace the "unisex" one designed primarily for a man's body. It is similar to combat uniforms in women's sizes offered by the Air Force and Marines. The Army Uniform Board will vote this fall on whether to adopt it.

The goal is to give the approximately 70,000 women in the Army a better fitting and more professional looking uniform that doesn't stand out when they are in formation, said Maj. Sequana Robinson, assistant product manager for clothing at the Army's Program Executive Office Soldier at Fort Belvoir, Va.

A better fitting uniform "raises motivation and the performance level because a person feels more professional," Robinson said. "So, it's the same uniform. It is not, not a form-fitting uniform. It's just a uniform that's based on female body dimensions. It's less material because women are different than men."

For the first time since 1988, engineers at the Natick Soldier Research, Development and Engineering Center in Massachusetts are doing an anthropometric survey of thousands of troops to better gauge body shapes and measurements within the Army's force. They are measuring 13,000 troops, including 5,000 female active duty and National Guard members.

The measurements are expected to help the center design body armor that better fits women.

If the body armor is too small, it can be painful. If it's too large, it can be difficult to walk in or otherwise maneuver.

Former Army Staff Sgt. Maria Canales, 30, of New York City said during her Iraq deployment in 2005-2006 she first wore body armor that was painfully snug, but after she upgraded to a larger size she worried about her safety.

"Thank God, nothing happened where my body was compromised, but it was looser and I guess that's the disadvantage because what if ... we have contact, it would be easier for something to happen," Canales said.

Since women tend to be smaller than men, the issue of body armor weight can cause "physical performance degradation" in a number of ways, David Accetta, a spokesman for the Natick center, said in an email. While that's also true for many male troops, the problems tend to be more pronounced in smaller women, Accetta said. Engineers are attempting to design armor that takes into account narrower shoulders and smaller waists, as well as breasts. Accetta said it's not clear when it will be done.

For fliers, the Defense Advisory Committee on Women in the Services has recommended that flight suits be designed for both men and women that are more functional, meaning it is easier to pull down in the back to use the restroom without an aviator's having to completely disrobe. The Army may look into designing such a suit with women in mind.

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Military facing challenge to malpractice shield

BY MITCH STACY
Associated Press

BRADENTON, Fla. Veterans, military families and others who oppose a decades-old law that shields military medical personnel from malpractice lawsuits are rallying around a case they consider the best chance in a generation to change the widely unpopular protection.

The U.S. Supreme Court has asked for more information from attorneys and will decide next month whether to hear the case of a 25-year-old noncommissioned officer who died after a nurse put a tube down the wrong part of his throat.

If the law is overturned, it could expose the federal government to billions of dollars in liability claims. That makes it highly unlikely a divided Congress desperate to cut expenses will act on its own to change what's called the Feres Doctrine, a 1950 Supreme Court ruling that effectively equates injuries from medical mistakes with battlefield wounds.

The court case involves the death of Air Force Staff Sgt. Dean Patrick Witt, who was hospitalized in 2003 for what should have been a routine appendectomy at Travis Air Force Base in Fairfield, Calif. Following surgery, a nurse anesthetist inserted a breathing tube into his esophagus instead of his trachea or airway, depriving his brain of oxygen. Witt, of Oroville, Calif., died once his family removed him from life support three months later.

The nurse admitted her mistake and surrendered her state license. Federal courts denied the legal claim by Witt's widow, saying their hands were tied by the Feres Doctrine. Witt's family appealed, aiming to help other service members who get hurt in military hospitals.

"We labored on this for a long, long time, and we decided that the right thing to do here was to protect the rights of other people who go into the military and are signing away their rights to get good health care in the military system," said Witt's brother-in-law, Carlos Lopez, of Salt Lake City. "So we're hoping, we're praying, that his case could be the one that changes everything."

The Feres (pronounced FEHR-es) ruling grew out of the Federal Tort Claims Act of 1946, which allowed lawsuits against the government for negligent acts under certain circumstances. Initially the law was interpreted to forbid lawsuits by military personnel and their families only for combat-related injuries and deaths, but the decision in Feres vs. United States — involving a soldier who died in a barracks fire — widened that exclusion to bar any lawsuits over injuries "incident to military service."

Opponents argue that the act's intent was never to prevent servicemen and women who are victims of medical malpractice and their families from seeking redress. The effort to change the law has gotten wide support from military officers and veterans groups, including seven that have filed briefs in Witt's case to demonstrate the public's interest to the justices.

"We've given them a case that presents them with the best opportunity to fix this in a long time," said Jamal Alsaffar, whose Austin, Texas, law firm represents the family. "They're the ones who broke it, so they are in the best position to fix it."

At least one of the justices has criticized the law the last time a related case came before the high court. The 1987 case reaffirmed the military hospitals' protections in a 5-4 ruling, with conservative Justice Antonin Scalia writing a harsh dissenting opinion.

"Feres was wrongly decided and heartily deserves the widespread, almost universal criticism it has received," Scalia wrote.

The law has survived myriad legal challenges over the years and various congressional efforts to overturn it. In 2009, a bill introduced in the House — in the name of a 29-year-old Marine sergeant and Iraq war veteran who died of skin cancer his family claims was misdiagnosed — got some traction, but not enough. Republican lawmakers derided the measure, saying that opening up the military to lawsuits would be expensive and benefit trial lawyers more than service families.

The Congressional Budget Office estimated it would cost the government an average of $135 million every year in claims. If the law were made retroactive, the estimated price tag was $2.7 billion over the next 10 years.

One of the bill's sponsors, Rep. Maurice Hinchey, D-N.Y., argued that the cost would be less than estimated because the law would result in a better level of care in military hospitals and fewer negligence claims.









Pope talks of suffering during Good Friday television show

BY NICOLE WINFIELD
Associated Press

VATICAN CITY Pope Benedict XVI consoled a 7-year-old Japanese girl, reassured a mother about her ailing son's soul and advised a Muslim woman that dialogue was the way to peace in Ivory Coast.

The pontiff's words came during an unusual Good Friday question and answer session on Italian state TV — part of a new Vatican push to engage with the world online and through Facebook, Twitter and other social media.

He seemed a bit stiff, sitting all alone in a big white chair behind his desk inside the Apostolic Palace as an unseen interviewer read out the letters to him.

But the teacher and pastor in the 84-year-old Benedict came through as he fielded the questions, which all dealt with suffering and Jesus' death, which Christians recall on Good Friday, and his resurrection, celebrated on Easter Sunday.

The first question came from young Elena, who asked the pope why she felt so afraid after Japan's earthquake shook her house and killed so many children.

"Why do children have to be so sad?" the girl asked. "I'm asking the pope, who speaks with God, to explain it to me."

Speaking simply as if Elena were right there, Benedict responded that he too wondered why so many innocent people suffer, but that she should take heart in knowing that Jesus had suffered too.

"You can be sure that in the world, in the universe, there are many people who are with you, thinking of you, doing what they can for you to help you," Benedict said.

"Be assured, we are with you, with all the Japanese children who are suffering."

He then turned to a question from an Italian mother, Maria Teresa, who worried about her son, Francesco, who has been in a vegetative state since Easter 2009. She asked if Francesco's soul still remained.

"He feels the presence of love," Benedict told her, praising her for keeping her vigil as a "true act of love."

"I encourage you, therefore, to carry on, to know that you are giving a great service to humanity with this sign of faith, with this sign of respect for life, with this love for a wounded body and a suffering soul," he said.

Monsignor Paul Tighe, the No. 2 in the Vatican's social communications office, said the decision to have the pope engage in the televised event stemmed from the realization that Benedict must engage more with the public to ensure his message is received.

In the past, Benedict has taken preselected questions from carefully chosen Catholics, responding live in St. Peter's Square, such as when he meets annually with university students. He also regularly answers questions submitted beforehand by journalists when flying to foreign countries and has fielded questions from groups of priests.

But the Good Friday session was the first time he had taken questions from the general public — and not necessarily even the Catholic public.

"The advantage of this is it opens up the possibility to people who couldn't hope or aspire to having a direct meeting with the pope, but through the Internet can put their questions there," Tighe said.

That was certainly the case for Bintu, a Muslim woman who greeted the pope in Arabic and asked him in French for his advice on bringing peace to Ivory Coast, which has been wracked by political violence.

Benedict told her he was grieved that he could do so little, saying he had tasked the head of the Vatican's justice and peace office, Cardinal Peter Kodwo Turkson, to try to mediate between the country's opposing factions.

"The only path is to renounce violence, to begin anew with dialogue, with the attempt to find peace together, with a new concern for one another, a new willingness to be open to one another," the pontiff said.

It was a very feminine-focused event, with three of the questions coming from women and a fourth about Mary.

Benedict continued that theme with the more traditional Good Friday event — the nighttime Way of the Cross procession at Rome's Colosseum, in which the faithful re-enact the final hours of Christ's life. The meditations for each station of the cross were composed by an Italian nun, Sister Maria Rita Piccione, and the artwork accompanying them were designed by another nun.

While the Q&A session departed from the Vatican's Good Friday routine, elsewhere in the world ancient Christian practices marked the solemn day.

In Jerusalem, Christian pilgrims filled the cobblestone alleyways of the walled Old City to commemorate Jesus' crucifixion there two millennia ago. Thousands of international visitors and local Christians retraced Christ's last steps down the Via Dolorosa, Latin for the "Way of Suffering." The route ends at the ancient Church of the Holy Sepulcher, revered as the site of Jesus' crucifixion, burial and his resurrection on Easter Sunday.

"All my life I've been waiting for this wish — I've been wishing for one day to come here in Jerusalem to worship. I wanted to step where my lord stepped," said Roshan Futsom, a pilgrim from Toronto.

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Toyota: Car production disrupted until Nov or Dec

BY ELAINE KURTENBACH
AP Business Writer

TOKYO Toyota's global car production, disrupted by parts shortages from Japan's earthquake and tsunami, won't return to normal until November or December — imperiling its spot as the world's top-selling automaker.

President Akio Toyoda apologized to customers for the delays due to the March 11 disasters that damaged suppliers in northeastern Japan, affecting automakers around the world.

"To all the customers who made the decision to buy a vehicle made by us, I sincerely apologize for the enormous delay in delivery," Toyoda said at a news conference in Tokyo.

Toyota Motor Corp. earlier said it has suffered a production loss of 260,000 cars. Earlier this week, it resumed car production at all of its plants in Japan for the first time since the quake, but the factories are running at half capacity due to the parts shortages. Japanese manufacturers are also grappling with power shortages.

Aftershocks from the magnitude 9.0 quake have slowed progress, Toyoda said.

"We've seen some of the recovery work set back to square one many, many times," he said.

The setbacks could cost Toyota its top position in the global auto industry.

Last year, Toyota sold 8.42 million vehicles, barely keeping its lead over a resurgent General Motors Co., which sold 8.39 million, thanks to booming sales in China. Given Toyota's production woes, GM could reclaim the title of world's largest automaker that it lost in 2008.

Adding to those worries, customers in some overseas markets are raising questions over possible radiation contamination of exported vehicles due to radiation leaks at a tsunami-damaged nuclear plant in northern Japan's Fukushima prefecture (state).

In response to that concern, Japanese automakers have begun checking radiation levels on some cars and tires before shipment.

"We want to erase their worries by taking this measure," said Hirokazu Furukawa, a spokesman for the Japan Automobile Manufacturers Association. He noted that no radiation has been detected on cars bound for overseas markets so far.

Toyoda and other Toyota executives said normal production for some vehicles inside Japan could resume by July, with normal output beginning to be restored by August overseas. But it will take until late in the year for the company to bring its production lines back to full capacity for all models.

"In November or December means that all lines and all models will go back to normal and we will be able to receive orders and make deliveries as usual," Toyoda said.

The company would not provide details on which vehicles might become fully available first. The announcement Friday was meant to facilitate dealers' discussions with customers, Toyoda said.

"Even if it is only the timing we can share with others ... we may be able to deal better with people working on the front lines," he said. "Dealers cannot discuss deliveries or any other specifics and they are having a hard time right now."

The parts crunch has been felt around the world, from Malaysia to Europe to the United States. Nissan Motor Co. and Ford Motor Co. have said several North American plants would be closed for some of April, and Chrysler CEO Sergio Marchionne has said his company will see disruptions.

Toyota has extended production cuts at its North American factories into early June, a move that will likely result in widespread model shortages. Its factories in China are operating at 50 percent capacity, and production at three Thailand plants is being cut by 70 percent.

The company has pledged not to lay off any of its 25,000 workers in North America and says it will use the extra time for training to make improvements at its 13 factories in the region.

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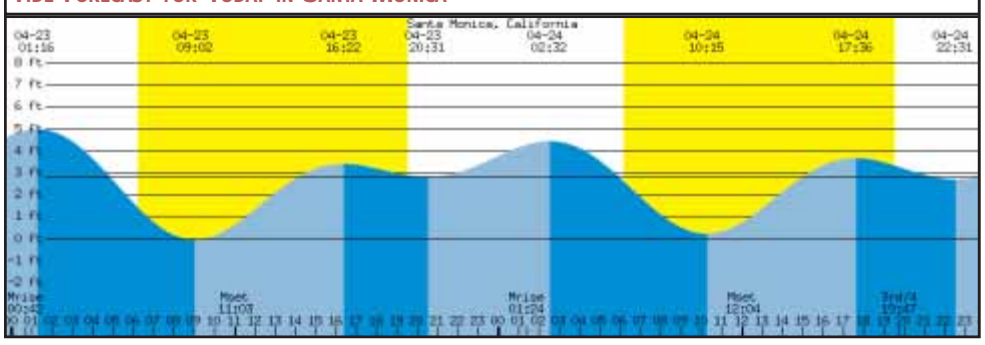
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HEAL THE BAY - 1444 9th Street, Santa Monica, CA 90401 - www.healthebay.org - brc@healthebay.org - 800 HEAL BAY

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, simplehuman, LAcarGUY, SIMA

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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Fans stunned by the dark days of Dodgers baseball

BY JOHN ROGERS
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES The Dodgers haven't always made it easy for their fans to root for them.

They were left in tears when Bobby Thomson from the hated crosstown Giants ended the then-Brooklyn Dodgers' 1951 season with his home run, "the shot heard 'round the world."

The team broke their hearts when it moved in 1958 to Los Angeles. Then came this week.

The Dodgers, the storied franchise that integrated the sport with Jackie Robinson and pioneered baseball's move to the West, had become so ineptly run that Major League Baseball took over day-to-day control.

The fans, meanwhile, are befuddled, from those who sit in the $12 seats and bring a glove to every game to the ones close enough to the action to chat with players.

"How could this have happened in a city like Los Angeles?" asked Richard Strober, who saw his first Dodgers game at age 8 at Brooklyn's old Ebbets Field.

This is a city, after all, that seemed perfect for the Dodgers, once upon a time.

They won three championships in the first 8 seasons in the city. Hollywood gave movie and TV roles to Hall of Fame pitchers Sandy Koufax and Don Drysdale.

As the city grew in diversity in the 1980s, Fernando Valenzuela — who spoke no English when he came from Mexico to play for the Dodgers at age 20 — baffled hitters with his screwball and brought together the city with "Fernandomania."

So how had the team become, as Strober put it, "the laughingstock of baseball"?

To a person, more than a dozen people interviewed blamed one man: Dodgers owner Frank McCourt.

Since the Boston real estate mogul bought the team for $430 million in 2004, the team has gone through a series of dramatic ups and downs that include McCourt's divorce and a Giants fan being beaten at Dodger Stadium on Opening Day.

Until McCourt bought the team, the Dodgers hadn't won a post-season playoff game in the years after Kirk Gibson helped win their last World Series championship with a 1988 walk-off home run that still stands as one of baseball's most dramatic postseason moments.

But in 2008 and 2009, the team went to the National League Championship series, losing to the Philadelphia Phillies.

Many credit that success to Manny Ramirez, the flamboyant outfielder who lit a fire under the Dodgers after the team picked him up for a bargain price from the Boston Red Sox.

After firing up the Dodgers, Ramirez tested positive for a banned female fertility drug often used to mask steroid use, leading to a 50-game suspension in 2009. The episode, meanwhile, created a distraction for the team, which still managed to win another division title.

Then a bigger distraction hit the day after the Dodgers lost to the Phillies. McCourt fired his wife, Jamie, from her position as the team's chief executive officer. She filed for divorce days later and McCourt responded by saying she had an affair with her bodyguard/driver and hadn't been doing her job.

That set up an ugly fight over money and control of the Dodgers that went on for months.

Bob Daly, the team's managing partner from 2000 to 2004, said baseball executives knew McCourt borrowed heavily to buy the team but they assumed he would pay down that debt once he took over. The divorce proceedings revealed that he and his wife paid themselves huge salaries and bought a handful of Southern California properties.

City of Santa Monica

CITY OF SANTA MONICA
NOTICE INVITING BIDS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Santa Monica invites sealed bids for the:

LED Streetlighting and Pier Lighting Retrofits (EECBG) Project, SP2202

Bids shall be delivered to the City of Santa Monica, Office of the City Clerk, Room 102, 1685 Main Street, Santa Monica, California, not later than 2:30 p.m. on **Thursday, May 5, 2011**, to be publicly opened and read aloud after 3:00 p.m. on said date in City Hall Council Chambers. Each Bid shall be in accordance with the Request for Bids.

A Job Walk is not scheduled for this Project.

ENGINEER'S ESTIMATE: $700,000.00
CONTRACT CALENDAR DAYS: 180 DAYS
LIQUIDATED DAMAGES: $1,000.00 PER DAY
COMPENSABLE DELAY: $700.00 PER DAY

Bidding Documents may be obtained by logging onto the City's Finance website: http://www01.smgov.net/finance/purchasing/. The Contractor is required to have a **Class A or C-10** license at the time of bid submission.

Pursuant to Public Contracts Code Section 22300, the Contractor shall be permitted to substitute securities for any monies withheld by the City to ensure performance under this Contract.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Bidders are advised that, as required by federal law, the City of Santa Monica is implementing new Disadvantaged Business Enterprise requirements for Underutilized Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (UDBE). Please refer to Section 2-1.02 titled "Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE)" and Section 5-1.7 titled "Performance of Subcontractors" under the Federal Special Provisions tab located in the Bid Documents.

The City of Santa Monica is implementing new contract requirements for submittal of Monthly Employment Report forms. Please refer to Section 5-1.12 titled "Monthly Employment Report (American Recovery and Reinvestment Act)" under the Federal Special Provisions tab located in the Bid Documents.

MOVIE TIMES

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

Saturday, April 23
Bugs Bunny Cartoons
Buster Keaton's One Week (NR) 19min
Egg hunt!
4:00pm

Buster Keaton continues
The General (NR) 1hr 47min
Go West (NR) 1hr 9min
7:30pm

Sunday, April 24
Keaton marathon continues
Steamboat Bill, Jr. (NR) 1hr 10min
The Navigator (NR) 59min
5:00pm

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

Rango (PG) 1hr 47min
2:15pm

Scream 4 (R) 1hr 43min
12:45pm, 3:35pm, 6:35pm, 9:25pm

Arthur (PG-13) 1hr 50min
1:00pm, 3:40pm, 6:20pm, 9:00pm

Insidious (PG-13) 1hr 42min
5:00pm, 7:40pm, 10:10pm

Lincoln Lawyer (R) 1hr 59min
1:30pm, 4:15pm, 7:10pm, 10:00pm

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

Hop (PG) 1hr 30min
11:30am, 2:00pm, 4:30pm, 7:00pm

Scream 4 (R) 1hr 43min
11:00am, 1:50pm, 4:40pm, 7:30pm, 10:20pm

Your Highness (R) 1hr 42min
9:30pm

African Cats (G) 1hr 29min
10:00am, 12:30pm, 3:00pm, 5:30pm, 8:00pm, 10:30pm

Hanna (PG-13) 1hr 51min
10:40am, 1:35pm, 4:25pm, 7:10pm, 10:00pm

Source Code (PG-13) 1hr 34min
10:15am, 12:45pm, 3:15pm, 5:45pm, 8:15pm, 10:45pm

Soul Surfer (PG-13) 1hr 45min
11:15am, 2:10pm, 5:00pm, 7:40pm, 10:25pm

Rio 3D (PG) 1hr 36min
11:25am, 2:05pm, 4:35pm, 7:15pm, 9:50pm

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

In a Better World (Haevnen) (R) 1hr 59min
1:30pm, 4:30pm, 7:20pm, 10:00pm

Meek's Cutoff (PG) 1hr 44min
1:20pm, 4:10pm, 7:00pm, 9:40pm

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

I Am (NR) 1hr 16min
1:10pm, 3:20pm, 5:30pm, 7:40pm, 9:50pm

Certified Copy (Copie conforme) (NR) 1hr 46min
11:00am

Planeat (NR)
11:00am

Of Gods and Men (Des hommes et des dieux) (R) 2hrs 00min
11:00am

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

Rio (PG) 1hr 36min
10:15am, 12:50pm, 3:15pm, 5:50pm, 8:15pm, 10:50pm

Limitless (PG-13) 1hr 45min
11:00am, 1:45pm, 4:30pm, 7:10pm, 10:00pm

Conspirator (PG-13) 2hrs 02min
10:35am, 1:35pm, 4:35pm, 7:35pm, 10:35pm

Tyler Perry's Madea's Big Happy Family (NR) 2 hrs 33 min
11:15am, 2:00pm, 4:45pm, 7:25pm, 10:10pm

Water for Elephants (PG-13) 2hrs 00min
10:30am, 11:10am, 1:30pm, 2:05pm, 4:15pm, 5:00pm, 7:15pm, 8:00pm, 10:15pm, 11:00pm

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

Spotlight is on you tonight, Aries

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ If you have had a difficult time clearing up recent events and a misunderstanding, an opportunity to resolve these issues appears. You might need to be more responsible in handling a personal matter. Just the same, give yourself time. Tonight: The spotlight is on you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ You build better relationships as a result of detachment. Generally, those close to us trigger us, giving us an opportunity to work through a difficult issue. You could reflect on this issue as you drive through the country or visit a friend. Tonight: Opt for something different.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ If you think that a partner or dear friend has a good point, let this person know. Take the time to listen and affirm what you are hearing. This type of attention speaks to caring and being more involved with the person. Tonight: Let's try dinner for two.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Juggle different events more carefully. Someone could feel deprived if you cancel. Still, make judgments that work for you first. Put yourself in situations where you can kick back and relax. Nurturing could go to extremes, especially for a Cancer. Tonight: Continue the day off.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★ Take a day off and do something for yourself. Schedule a massage or go for a hike with someone you love being with. Honor your energy levels and needs more often. You'll have an opportunity late today or afterward to clear up a misunderstanding. Tonight: Play it low-key.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★★ Take an innate playfulness into your day. You have had enough of seriousness. Note how energized you will feel. Allow greater give-and-take with friends and loved ones. Tonight: Go to a comedy club.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Take a hint from Leo, though you might want to invite someone over while you play couch potato or work on your lawn. Some of you might enjoy your family and a barbecue. You cannot always go full steam ahead. Periods like today are instrumental. Tonight: Don't stand on ceremony with a loved one.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★★ You have the right words. Whether inviting someone to a late lunch or a movie, or simply convincing another person of the rightness of your ways, makes no difference. Enjoy catching up on news and sharing. Tonight: Let the good thoughts and talks continue.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Curb a need to over-indulge in some avenue of your life. Though you might have a good time, you could do a most effective job of distancing a friend or potential loved one. Stop and be real. Do you really want to do this? Tonight: Pick up the tab.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★★ Your happy ways make a big difference. Can you stay upbeat and handle everything that is on your plate? Listen to another person's ideas before you make plans. You will have a chance to clear the air -- finally. You need to open up a conversation and understand that another person is upset. Tonight: Wish upon a star.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★ Take some time off for yourself. What is happening could be most disturbing when you realize a judgment was off. This type of experience happens with everyone. Touch base with a friend with whom you might have had this same experience. Tonight: Funnel more closeness into your life.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★★ Surround yourself with friends and those you love. You could experience some fatigue. Know what your expectations are. If you are feeling disappointed, you can only blame yourself, as you wanted a certain flow of events. Tonight: Give up the need to control.

Happy birthday

This year, you will gain insight through travel, education and/or a foreigner. You will see life in a new way, adding to your excitement and desire to maximize every moment of your life. You are likely to bridge a misunderstanding that might have existed for years. Your ability to understand, relate and walk in another's shoes might be part of the reason. If you are single, this summer you might meet someone who could knock your socks off. This person might be part of your life's history. If you are attached, the two of you open up more because of a greater ability to relate. CAPRICORN reads you cold.

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



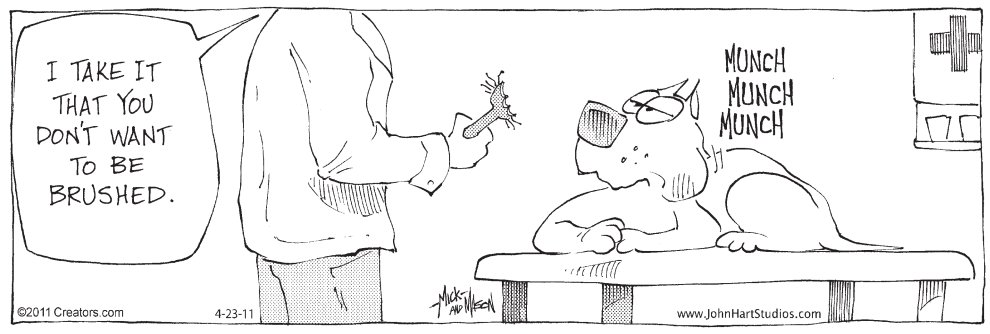
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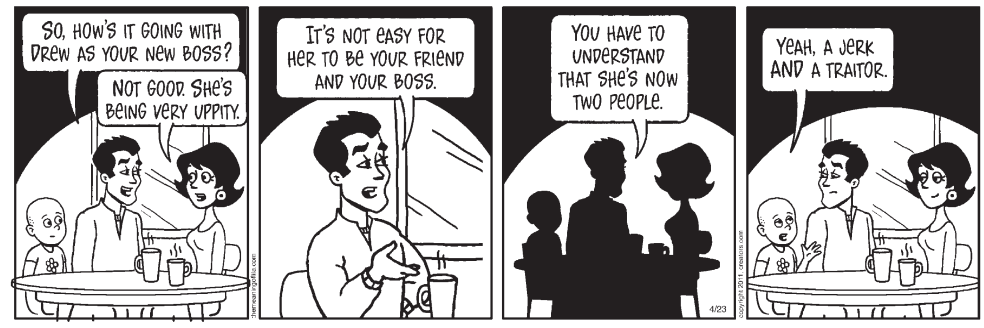
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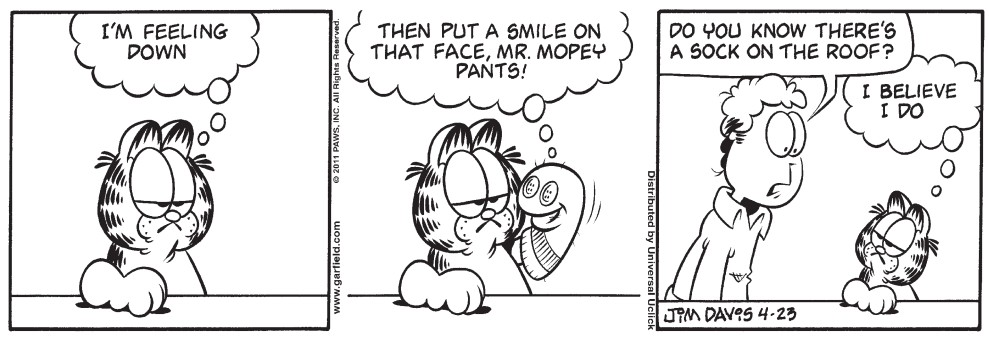
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By John Forgetta & L.A. Rose



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By John Deering



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By Dave Coverly



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 ★★★★

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

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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

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



CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Patch up
5 Stretches over
10 Static
12 Garnet unit
13 Cavalry weapon
14 Texas landmark
15 Outback runner
16 Cochlea setting
18 Illegalize
19 Do a musketeer's job
21 Spot
22 Desperate
24 Message from the boss
25 Sport played on broomsticks
29 Make sound
30 Swelterer's comment
32 Umbrella part
33 "CSI" evidence
34 Vein makeup
35 Dodge
37 Spanish snacks
39 Prison-based
40 Fiat
41 Commerce
42 Bills from tills

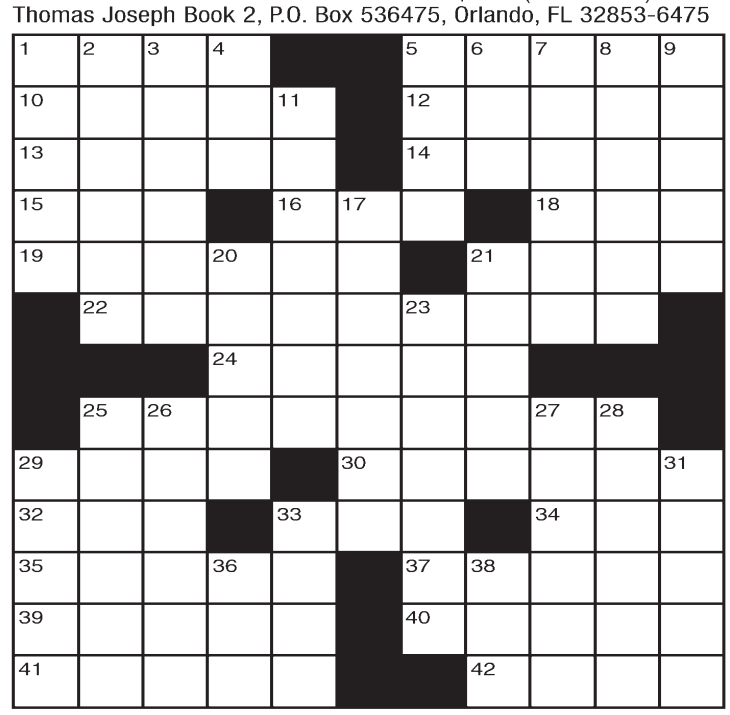
DOWN

1 Frugal fellow
2 Paint type
3 Interstellar cloud
4 Dr. of rap
5 Surgery memento
6 Crony
7 Like our numerals
8 "Broadway Joe"
9 Cherry center
11 Picked up the tab
17 Included
20 Davis of "Do the Right Thing"
21 Undoes a 33-Down
23 Ape
25 Archer's aid
26 Illinois city
27 Polonaise composer
28 Roman poet
29 Moved stealthily
31 Battery makeup
33 Proofing mark
36 June honoree
38 Foofaraw

C	A	P	E	K	■	M	O	P	U	P
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U	P	P	E	R	■	T	A	P	E	R
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Yesterday's answer

NEW CROSSWORD BOOK! Send $4.75 (check/m.o.) to Thomas Joseph Book 2, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475



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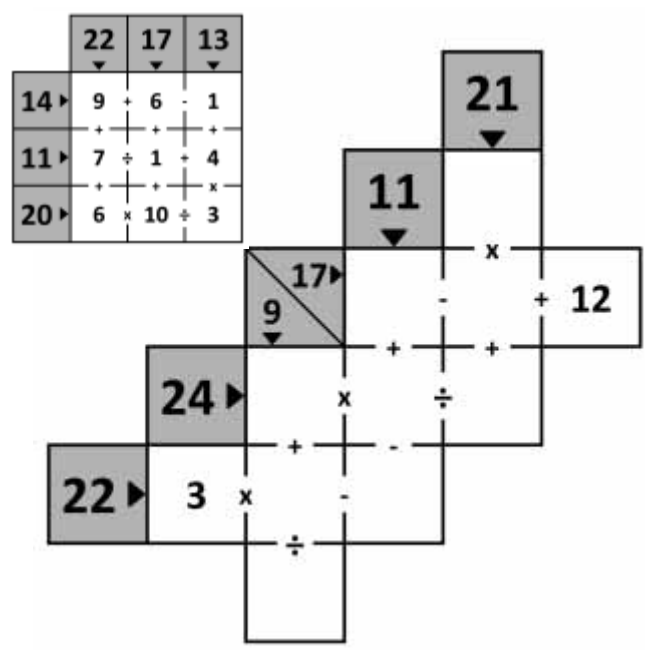
- Fill the grid with the set of given numbers (1 to 12) to satisfy the Equa demands (7 to 24) in the shaded boxes. The Equa demands represent the sum of the digits that you will insert into the empty squares.
- Each horizontal row has one Equa demand to satisfy; each vertical column also has one demand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

For more games, go to www.arithmo.com

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

2, 3, 5, 7, 8, 9, 9, 9, 9

Solution for Task 1240



DAILY LOTTERY

MEGA MILLIONS: 14 19 21 42 45 Meganumber: 6 Jackpot: $172M

SUPER LOTTO PLUS: 11 25 26 33 45 Meganumber: 13 Jackpot: $12M

Fantasy 5: 11 15 18 28 32

DAILY 3: MIDDAY: 0 9 5 EVENING: 8 9 7

DAILY DERBY: 1st: 02 Lucky Star 2nd: 05 California Classic 3rd: 06 Whirl Win RACE TIME: 1:41.90

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Lucas Kocab, 31, was arrested in Medina, Ohio, in February and charged with "persistent disorderly conduct" after an incident that he attributed to having snorted "bath salts." Kocab had called police to help him evict the "30" intruders in his home, and although none were found, Kocab insisted that the intruders were merely making it seem like they were not there and that they were actually blending into the surroundings, disguised as chairs or trees. Police said they were forced to Taser Kocab because he would not stop running in circles and yelling. The police examined the "bath salts" and determined that the substance is not illegal in Ohio.

■ Dee Dee Jonrowe, leading the Beargrease Sled Dog Marathon in January (1991) in northern Minnesota, took a wrong turn and went 300 yards before recognizing her error. The mistake cost her only a few minutes, but stopping to calculate where she was allowed her team to have an unsupervised rest, and by the time she was ready to turn the sled around, two of her dogs had begun to copulate. She was forced to wait on them for 25 minutes and lost the lead.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1927 Turkey Türkiye becomes the first country to celebrate Children's Day as a national holiday.

1932 The 153-year old De Adriaan Windmill in Haarlem, Netherlands burns down.

1935 The Polish Constitution of 1935 is adopted.

1940 The Rhythm Night Club fire at a dance hall in Natchez, Mississippi, kills 198 people.

1941 World War II: The Greek government and King George II evacuate Athens before the invading Wehrmacht.

1955 The Canadian Labour Congress is formed by the merger of the Trades and Labour Congress of Canada and the Canadian Congress of Labour.

WORD UP!

homunculus \ huh-MUHNG-kyuh-luhs \ , **noun;** 1. An artificially made miniature person or creature, supposedly produced in a flask by an alchemist.

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