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School board cuts \$7.1M from budget

BY NICK TABOREK
Daily Press Staff Writer

SMMUSD HDQTRS In the wake of Measure A's defeat at the polls, the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District on Thursday slashed \$7.1 million from its budget, a step toward closing its \$12 million funding shortfall.

Measure A, the proposed \$198 per parcel tax dubbed an "emergency" school funding initiative, would have raised an estimated \$5.7 million annually for the district for five

years. A "semi-official" vote tally released on Friday by the Los Angeles County Registrar's Office showed the measure had failed to receive the required two-thirds support from voters, with 13,671 votes, or 64.25 percent, cast in favor of the measure, and 7,607, or 35.75 percent, cast against it. Ballots in the special mail-in election were due on May 25.

The cuts the school board approved on Thursday were less than the \$8.9 million in reductions Superintendent Tim Cuneo had recommended.

The board opted to keep six of 10 ele-

mentary school music teachers, instead of eliminating elementary music altogether, and voted for smaller-than-recommended class size increases.

Still, the cuts will mean increased class sizes district-wide and fewer school counselors, nurses and library employees. The cuts also eliminated \$440,000 from the district office's operating budget.

"These reductions are difficult and painful, but necessary to balance the budget due to the loss of state funding," Cuneo said in a news release on Friday. "Even with these

significant reductions, the board will still have to make deeper cuts in future years as well as generate ways to increase revenue district-wide."

With the cuts, secondary school classes will have 35 students per teacher, instead of 33 students per teacher, at most campuses. Elementary school classes will have 27 or 30 students per teacher, with smaller class-size increases approved for schools with a significant percentage of low-income students.

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MOVING ALONG TO THE NEXT ROUND

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Left: Pacifica Christian's Austin Cortina celebrates with teammates following a 7-4 victory over fellow Santa Monica-based New Roads on Tuesday at North Venice Little League. The Pacifica Seawolves will advance to the semi-finals of the California Interscholastic Federation Southern Section Division 7 playoffs next week.

Above: New Roads' Quinn Barbini beats Pacifica Christian's Cortina back to the bag during the quarter finals of the CIF-SS Division 7 playoffs. New Roads ends the season 17-9 overall and 5-1 in Harbor League play.

Legendary prop house begins sale of huge collection

BY REBECCA KHEEL
Special to the Daily Press

MAIN STREET It was 1976, and Jadis had just opened. A woman came and knocked on the door, a smile wide across her face. The collection of technological oddities and anachronistic models reminded her of her grandfather's basement. But her boyfriend, standing next to her with a latte, did not want to pay the \$1 entrance fee.

"Parke said to her, 'That son of a bitch won't spend a dollar to keep a smile on your face?' He could see in her face that she wanted to come. And she came back — without her boyfriend," Mel Bloch recounted of one of his first memories of the shop and Parke Meek's desire to keep people smiling.

Now, after 34 years as a staple on Main Street, Meek's prop house and oddities collection, Jadis, is in the process of selling its collection and closing its doors forever. The first sale was Sunday, and sales will continue throughout the coming month.

Meek, a former member of the Ray and Charles Eames' legendary design firm, died in early January at 86, leaving behind his life-long collection. To his friends' slight surprise, one of his dying wishes was to have his collection sold after his memorial. Though he did not recommend having a memorial,

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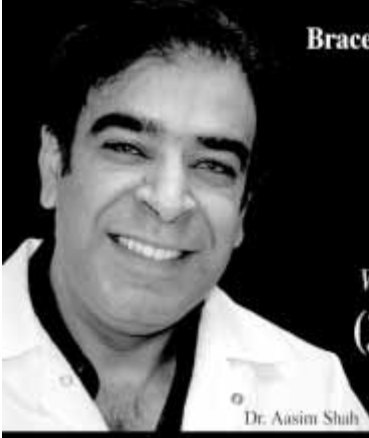
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Saturday, May 29, 2010

Comedy night

Morgan-Wixson Theatre

Pico Boulevard at 27th Street, 8 p.m. — 10 p.m.

Acclaimed playwright Christopher Durang presents two one-act comedies, "The Actor's Nightmare," a spoof, and "Sister Mary Ignatius Explains It All For You," a satire. Tickets cost \$18 or \$15 for students and seniors. For more information, call (310) 828-7519.

Shop 'til you drop

Abbot Kinney Flea Market

1219 Abbot Kinney Blvd., 10:30 a.m. — 6 a.m.

Come to the Abbot Kinney Flea Market, happening every Saturday, to shop and meet local artists, including jewelry designers, fashion designers and painters. Admission is free. For more information, call (818) 486-2111.

Acting up

YWCA Santa Monica/Westside

2019 14th St., 10:30 a.m. — Noon

Sign up for an adult acting class, beginning today, to learn the techniques it takes to start a commercial acting career. Ages 18 to 98 are welcome. The instructor has had students appear in national commercials for Pepsi, Target and Mercedes Benz, among others.

The class costs \$48 for six weeks. For more information, call (310) 452-3881.

Sunday, May 30, 2010

Mind, body and soul

Kathmandu Boutique

1844 Lincoln Blvd., 11:30 a.m. — 12:30 p.m.

Beginners and older adults are encouraged to come to this yoga class, which will be ongoing each Sunday. The poses will be gentle, yet challenging. Participants must bring their own mats. The cost is by donation, part of which goes to charity. For more information, call (310) 392-4711 or (310) 396-4036.

Taking the 'Backstreet'

Santa Monica Playhouse

1211 Fourth St., 6 p.m.

"Backstreet: The Musical" tells the tale story of life during the early 1900s, a time when the women's movement was picking up steam, European immigrants were fleeing persecution by heading to America and the underclass was searching for self-worth and respectability. Book, music and lyrics are by award-winning creators Chris DeCarlo, Evelyn Rudie and Matthew Wrather, and it is directed by Chris DeCarlo. Rudie and DeCarlo also star. Tickets are \$25 for general admission, \$20 for students, teachers, seniors and military and \$17.50 for groups of 8 or more. For more information, call (310) 394-9779 ext. 1.

For more information on any of the events listed, log on to smdp.com and click the "Events" tab for the given day's calendar.



CORRECTION

An article in Friday's edition ("Samohi's Nakao blasts way to CIF semi-finals," page 1) should have stated that the softball game ended in regulation.



TALKING ISLANDS

Tattoo artist, author and anthropological researcher Tricia Allen (left) gives a lecture on the tattooing practices of the Pacific Islanders during Santa Monica College's 11th Annual Asian/Pacific Islander Celebration at the main campus Humanities and Social Sciences building lecture hall on Thursday afternoon. Allen has spent the last 30 years extensively documenting the arts and dances of the islands.

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Huge air pollution study under way

JOHN ANTCAK

Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES Instrument-laden aircraft and a research ship equipped to sniff the atmosphere and ocean have joined land-based monitoring stations in a huge field study of air pollution and climate change in California.

The goal of the \$20 million state and federal project is to understand the origin of pollutants and greenhouse gases, where they go and what becomes of them as an integrated air-quality and climate-change issue.

"Many chemicals that change climate are also air pollutants and the chemistry that makes them are the same, and the atmosphere doesn't care which issue we are dealing with," said A.R. Ravishankara, chemical sciences director at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Earth System Research Laboratory.

Called CalNex — shorthand for the nexus between air quality and climate — the study is using about \$15 million worth of hardware and expertise from NOAA and \$5 million from the state, according to the California Air Resources Board.

"The CalNex project is kind of a pollution researcher's equivalent of a D-Day campaign by land, air and sea," said CARB Chairman Mary D. Nichols.

Years in planning, the effort is employing a four-engine NOAA WP-3D Orion aircraft — best known as a "hurricane hunter" — three smaller twin-engine planes and the 274-foot research vessel Atlantis from Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute in Massachusetts.

Two land-based "super sites" for air monitoring have been set up at the California Institute of Technology in Pasadena and at Arvin in the southern end of the agricultural San Joaquin Valley.

"It's a humongous amount of expertise and instrumentation that have been brought to a focus on California," Ravishankara said in an interview in the Port of Los Angeles, where Atlantis was about to set out to sea for a run up the coast to work in San Francisco Bay and along Northern California.

Atlantis has been outfitted with an air-intake snout on a boom near the bow that feeds samples of the atmosphere to equipment-jammed laboratories in cargo-style containers. A float device with an aerator can be lowered over the side to capture minute particles released into the atmosphere as bubbles break, simulating what happens naturally all over the world every time the wind whips up a whitecap or a wave breaks.

The ship's scientists have worked off

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Police: SoCal man beheaded neighbor before killing friend

SUE MANNING

Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES A stage actor shot, beheaded and dismembered his neighbor in a military base theater, then killed the victim's friend after using the dead man's cell phone to lure her to his apartment, police said Friday.

Daniel Wozniak, 26, of Costa Mesa, was charged with two counts of murder Friday, the same day he was supposed to get married to fiancée Rachel Buffet in a Long Beach park, said Costa Mesa police Detective Sgt. Ed Everett.

Wozniak's father, Daryl Wozniak, said his son was in a coma after trying to commit suicide. Everett said the younger Wozniak was being treated at Western Medical Center, though he did not describe his condition.

Daniel Wozniak, who recently starred in the lead role as Guido Contini in the musical "Nine" at the Hunger Artists Theatre Company in Fullerton, is accused of dismembering the body of Samuel Herr, 26, on May 21, leaving his torso at the Los Alamitos Joint Forces Training Base and scattering the limbs and head in another Long Beach park.

Daniel Wozniak is also accused of shooting Juri Kibuishi, 23, after summoning her with a text message on Herr's phone, then removing her clothes to fake a sexual assault. Her body was found May 22 by Herr's father.

The motive appears to be financial, police said.

Police detained a 17-year-old boy after he withdrew nearly \$2,000 from Herr's bank account, said Costa Mesa police Lt. Bryan Glass. The teen told police he was making the withdrawals for Daniel Wozniak.

Daryl Wozniak said his son had never displayed any signs of violence or of having psychological problems.

"We are stunned," Daryl Wozniak said. "He was an ideal son, he went out of his way to help everybody."

The father said his son stopped accepting phone calls from him about six months ago. Daryl Wozniak did not know why and said there had been no falling out.

"He just disappeared," he said.

Prosecutors have not said if they would seek the death penalty. No arraignment date had been set.

Police said Daniel Wozniak killed Herr in a theater at the military base, then cut off his head, left arm and right hand. The torso was left in a seldom-used part of the theater, while other body parts were taken to a Long

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Buckling up on the mind

Editor:

The article "Buckle up or pay big bucks" in the May 26, 2010 issue of the SMDP started me wondering about the relative fines issued for seat belt vs. cell phone violations.

The fine for not wearing a seat belt while driving is \$142. Not wearing a seat belt puts the health of the driver at risk if an accident occurs. The lack of wearing a seat belt in itself does not hamper a person's ability to properly control the vehicle and create a dangerous condition.

The fine for using a non-hands-free cell phone while driving is \$25. Studies have shown that using a non-hands-free cell phone while driving is the equivalent of driving while drunk, putting not only the driver but third parties at risk.

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On the Beat

NRO Jeff Glaser

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Construction by the rules

Q: I WAS AWAKENED BY LOUD construction at six in the morning. Will the police handle this issue? Are there any restrictions as to when construction can be completed?

A: Yes, the police will respond to a loud construction call and enforce city ordinances as necessary. When police respond, they will inform the person doing the work about the following construction restrictions within the city:

Construction, demolition, excavation, repair to buildings, spray painting and other maintenance improvements are restricted to certain times within the City of Santa Monica. General construction by private citizens and hired workers are able to complete their work between the hours of 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Monday through Friday and from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday. No construction is allowed on Sundays or major holidays such as: New Year's Day, Martin Luther King Jr. Day, President's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day. City of Santa Monica employees while conducting duties associated with their assigned duties have an earlier start time of 7 a.m., Monday through Friday.

Due to some construction equipment to be used, such as pile drivers, jackhammers, pavement breakers or similar equipment having a much louder noise capacity, they are only permitted between the hours of 10 a.m. and 3 p.m., Monday through Friday.

There are exceptions to these rules depending on the project being completed and with the approval of permit given by the city. Should this occur, the responsible party of the construction is required to notify persons occupying property within a 500 foot radius of the proposed construction.

If you are unable to resolve the issue by speaking to those completing the construction, please call our dispatch at (310) 458-8491. A police officer will be dispatched to advise the workers of the ordinance and have them cease until the appropriate times. Should officers need to return, they have the discretion to enforce the law through other means granted them by the city and state.

For more details regarding this city ordinance (4.12.110 SMMC) and other municipal codes, please log on to the City of Santa Monica website at: www.qcode.us/codes/santamonica.

Q: I read that the city has purchased new bike racks for the downtown area, but can you tell me what ordinance prohibits locking bikes to trees or other objects? There's a big problem with this in my neighborhood and I don't know who to call to get them removed.

A: There is no ordinance prohibiting specifically locking bicycles to trees. However, Santa Monica municipal code 3.12.370 prohibits anyone from leaving any property or other item unattended for a period of longer than 10 minutes on side-

walks, streets, streetscape, or public highways. (On the Third Street Promenade there is no timed grace period)

With that said, many Santa Monica residents and visitors use bicycles as their primary mode of transportation in an effort to help us become a "greener" city. Affixing their bicycle to a tree or post while conducting business may be necessary to secure their property, and at times the 10 minute limit described in the ordinance may not be sufficient for completion of their activities. In this case, as a police officer, I would first assess the circumstances before holding this person to the literal letter of the law. On the other hand, should someone leave their bicycle or other belongings affixed to a city tree, light pole, parking meter, or other fixed object in a public area, for a significant period of time that creates a hazard and/or blight for the area, I would address the matter accordingly. Should the latter become the issue, anyone may call our dispatch at (310)458-8491 and request the item to be "Red tagged" with a warning, informing the owner that the item will be removed by the police department should they leave it in the area. After a specified period of time, the police department has the capability of removing the property and holding the item(s) for safekeeping in our property room or other designated city storage area, where it can later be claimed by the owner.

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Some of the activities you will participate in through the Citizen Academy include interactive video firearms simulation, a ride-along with a patrol officer, and self defense.

If you would like to participate in a future Citizen Academy class, please contact Community Relations at (310) 458-8474. An application, available online, will be required, and the following minimum requirements must be met:

- Be at least 21 years of age.
- Live, work or attend school in Santa Monica.
- Have no felony or misdemeanor convictions.

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The Q Line

GETTING TOUGH ON SMOKERS

This past week, Q-line asked: **There is a movement afoot to expand Santa Monica's already strict smoking laws. The new rules would restrict smoking on patios and balconies of multi-unit residences. Would you support such a rule, or do you think it goes too far?** Here are your responses:

"YES, I WOULD CERTAINLY SUPPORT ANY and all expansions of the no-smoking laws and that would very definitely include all the marijuana puffers. What a damn farce that is. The tenant occupancy has changed pretty much for the worse in the last several years and so has the increase in smokers. It's beyond annoying. It's very definitely sickening in more ways than one."

"A GOVERNMENT THAT GOVERNS THE LEAST is the best. If we followed this age-old adage then our city would get an F minus. The Nazis, also now called Santa Monicans for Renters' Rights, have taken away one private property right after another. Believe it or not, rent control will even investigate how many rolls of toilet paper you have when looking at rental exemptions. They have their heads firmly stuck up their behinds. Smoking is just another non-issue. One SUV spews more toxic poison in one minute than all the smokers in town do in a month. If a whining tenant wanted to not live around smokers, they could have selected a smoke-free apartment building. A landlord has always had the option to include a no-smoking clause in their rent contracts. Condo associations also have the option to elect no-smoking rules. And what about the poor cancer patient with a doctor's recommendation to smoke pot? Dear City Council, please just leave people alone."

"EXPANDING THE RIGHTS OF ONE GROUP while restricting the legal rights of another is against the basic principals of a free society. If the city wishes to continue to protect citizens from secondhand smoke in personal spaces they should seek another avenue or another solution. Perhaps, smoking or non smoking buildings. Or moving smokers to the upper floors and non-smokers to lower floors. Taking rights from one group is never the solution."

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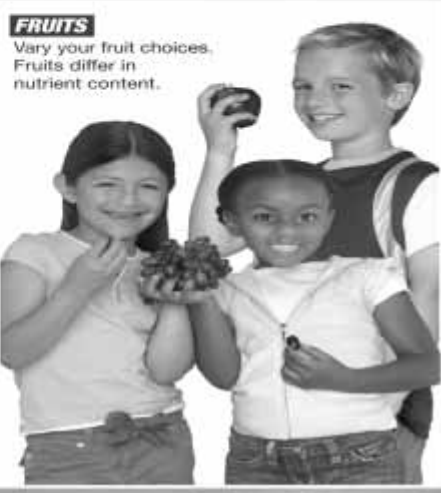
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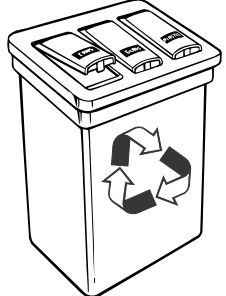


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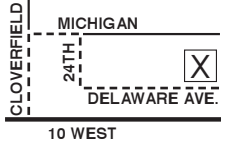


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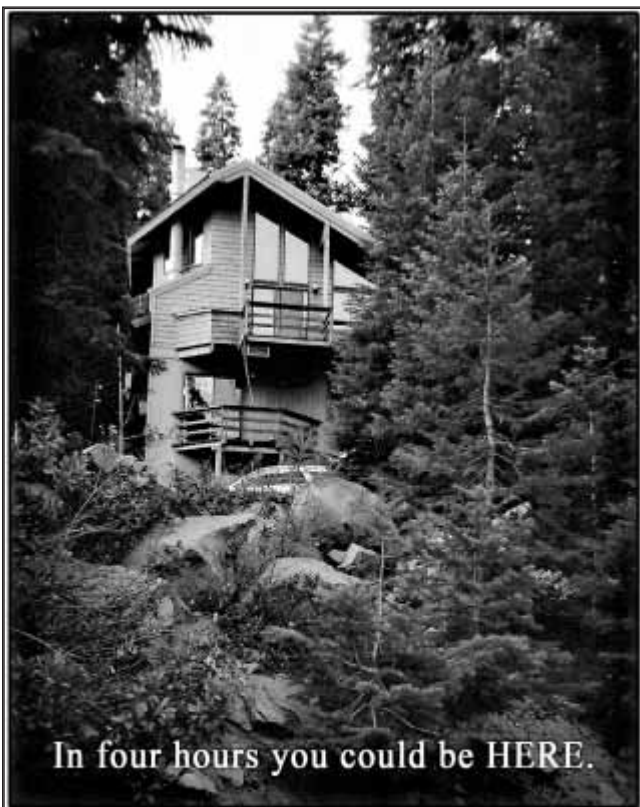
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SAN FRANCISCO Every culture sees its share of trends. Even yogurt.

And as yogurt hipsters know, the days of fruit-on-the-bottom and pina colada-flavored puddings are so passe.

An explosion of yogurt options has given Americans bold new choices, from goat's milk to Greek-style to soy and even coconut milk yogurts.

And have you tried the Icelandic-style brands like siggi's? It's a stick-to-your-ribs product that Errol Schweizer, senior global grocery coordinator for Whole Foods Market, describes as "sort of like Greek yogurt for Vikings."

Yogurt's cultural transformation is most noticeable at upscale grocers. Atlanta copy editor Lauren Vogelbaum jokes that when a Whole Foods opened near her apartment a few years ago, "I was introduced to a new universe of yogurt."

But mainstream markets also have seen a change, as products once limited mostly to natural food stores — such as Greek-style strained yogurts and kefir, a drinkable, fermented dairy product — have become widely available.

"There's been a big increase in the number of yogurts and the different cultures available," says Robert Garfield, senior vice president of public policy and international affairs for the National Yogurt Association, a nonprofit industry group based in McLean, Va.

Though the recession slowed yogurt sales in 2009, especially yogurt drinks, sales of both grew 32 percent between 2004 and 2009, reaching nearly \$4.1 billion in sales, according to market research company Mintel.

Icelandic yogurts are dense nutrient-packed products that are so thoroughly strained they can be classified as soft cheeses. Two brands are sold in the United States — Skyr.is, imported from Iceland, and siggi's, made in America by Siggi Hilmarsson, an immigrant from Iceland.

The Skyr.is brand, available exclusively at Whole Foods, is currently available on the East Coast, as well as cities including Denver and Seattle, with plans to roll out the product in other regions this year. The brand is "just growing bigger and bigger," says Blair Gordon, president of E&B's Natural Way company, which is based in Frederick, Md., and imports Skyr.is.

Hilmarsson's yogurt ventures began about six years ago in New York during his first Christmas away from home. In an effort to capture a taste of home, he decided to make strained yogurt following his grandmother's recipe.

The sort of temperature control needed to produce yogurt is tough in a New York apartment, but he persevered, moving up to a professional test kitchen and eventually creating a product that caught the attention of local stores.

Today, siggi's is available nationally at Whole Foods and other chains, such as Wegmans.

Yogurt, which is made by adding bacterial cultures to milk, has long been recognized as a healthy food. (In this case, the bacteria are good for you, aiding digestion, among other things.) But sweet-toothed Americans have balked at the tangy taste of the real thing. For years, American "yogurt" was more pudding

than culture.

"The issue for Americans is getting used to the natural fermented flavor of the product," Garfield says.

These days the big sellers are low-fat and nonfat brands, and there's a move toward reduced sugar, he says.

A persistent issue with American yogurt has been whether you're getting a product containing live cultures. The National Yogurt Association issues a seal to products that have a specified amount of live and active cultures.

THOUGH THE RECESSION SLOWED YOGURT SALES IN 2009, ESPECIALLY YOGURT DRINKS, SALES OF BOTH GREW 32 PERCENT BETWEEN 2004 AND 2009, REACHING NEARLY \$4.1 BILLION IN SALES, ACCORDING TO MARKET RESEARCH COMPANY MINTEL.

Some of the new products aren't cheap — siggi's, which comes in seven flavors, all nonfat — typically runs more than \$2.50 for a 6-ounce carton. Many mainstream brands, even some organic varieties, sell for less than \$1.

Hilmarsson notes that since his product is strained, producing a hearty yogurt that is thick and tart. He says you are getting more protein per ounce. He also pays a premium for milk from New York state farmers who don't use hormones or antibiotics, a cost that does get passed on.

Some people aren't ready for that much yogurt attitude.

Vogelbaum, who blogs about food and books at the website "Do Not Feed the Editor," tried the orange and ginger flavor and found it to be a very intense yogurt experience in a "not delicious" way. But she thought siggi's pomegranate and passion fruit flavor was "on the tolerable side of sour, and tasty."

On the other hand, Lauren Slayton, a New York nutritionist, tried siggi's orange and ginger and "it was love at first taste," she said. "It's always so nice when the product kind of reads your mind and comes out exactly as you would have designed it." She recommends siggi's as a post-workout snack for protein and the orange and ginger for prenatal clients. At home, she uses plain siggi's for tuna and chicken salads as well as smoothies.

Hilmarsson, who started making Icelandic yogurt partly because he was put off by sweet American yogurts, takes a tolerant view. It's fine with him if you want to add a little honey.

But, he says, don't be afraid of the tart. He often gets e-mails saying, "Hey, Siggi. Your yogurt — it was a mouthful at first; it was very tart, but now I can't eat anything else. Everything else tasted too sweet to me."

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SALE FROM PAGE 1

Meek told his friends that if they must hold one, then shortly afterward they should begin opening a set of envelopes he left them with directions for what to do next.

A month after Meek's memorial in April, Bloch and other friends opened the first envelope, which said to sell the contents of the store. No other envelopes have been opened yet, Bloch said.

"Typical Parke, making it fun to the end," said Susan Lieberman, Meek's friend and former business partner. "In a way the envelopes did not come as a complete surprise. As he got older, it was very frustrating because he used to be active. He would say, 'What am I going to do for an encore.' So, I guess this is his encore."

Despite being Meek's wish, the sale is bittersweet for Lieberman.

"I've been unlocking that back door every day since I was 26," she said. "I'm 61 now."

The hardest part about closing the shop for Lieberman is the thought that children will no longer have that "magic" and "wondrous" place to grab their attention as they walk down the street texting or playing video games.

But she said she felt good about the people who came to the sale Sunday and purchased items, as they were respectful and genuinely happy to have a souvenir of the landmark.

The high turn-out for Sunday's sale represents the impact the shop has had on the community, Bloch said. The line to get in started at the door, went up Hill Street and turned the corner to stretch three-fourths of the block. Only seven people at a time were let in, and people waited four hours to see inside and shop, Lieberman said.

Emotions of the shoppers ranged from tears to absolute joy, Bloch said. Many people told him they had been trying to come see the store for years. Grandparents who had come when they were younger now brought their grandchildren to see the wonders of the collection.

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Susan Lieberman,
Partner of Parke Meek, owner of Jadis

Meek's collection is extensive and represents almost 80 years of technological advancements and updates of typewriters, microscopes, telescopes and cameras, among many other items. Meek would get it in his head to start collecting one thing, like a typewriter, and within two months he would have hundreds of different models, each one representing an update on the previous, Lieberman said.

While each item represents a memory for Lieberman — where it was bought, the exchange she and Meek had with the vendor, etc. — Meek did not get attached to the items in that way, she said. Many of the items were collected on trips she and Meek took to the Midwest, his birthplace.

"It was about the thrill of the treasure hunt," she said. "He said quantity gives validity to the collection. Once he amassed every model, he would move onto the next thing."

The next sale will be sometime this weekend, but an exact date cannot be set as some items are out on rental for films, Bloch said. The best way for people to know about the next sale is to sign up for e-mail updates by e-mailing jadis1@gmail.com. While many of the items are rare, prices start as low as \$5.

Bloch would not comment on the fate of the building after all the items have been sold.

Above all, Meek wanted the store to bring a smile to passersby's faces, like the woman from when the shop first opened. His enjoyment was seeing children go wide-eyed as he turned on the front window display, a tin-can locomotive, Bloch said.

"He always said, 'If it ain't fun, don't do it.'"

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MURDERS FROM PAGE 3

Beach park, Glass said. Investigators said Daniel Wozniak told them where to find the torso.

A part-time actor, Daniel Wozniak had performed in several productions at the theater, Everett said, but there were no plays scheduled there on the day of the slaying.

The run of "Nine" ended May 23, the day after Kibuishi's body was found. Daniel Wozniak's fiancée, Buffet, starred alongside him in that production. The couple had also performed together in November in a musical at the Orange County Theater Company.

Herr and Daniel Wozniak were neighbors in an apartment complex in Costa Mesa. Daniel Wozniak lived on the first floor and Herr on the fourth and they had known each other several months, Everett said. They went to the theater at the training base the afternoon of May 21 and Daniel Wozniak

may have planned to rob Herr, police said.

An arm and hand were found Friday as FBI agents and police from Costa Mesa and Long Beach used cadaver dogs to search the park, officers said. Everett said the head was the only body part still missing late Friday.

Police initially believed Herr killed the Kibuishi, but suspicion shifted to Daniel Wozniak after collecting evidence and talking to him. He was arrested Wednesday at a Huntington Beach restaurant.

Investigators don't believe Buffet was involved in the murders, but Everett said more interviews were scheduled.

Herr and Kibuishi were both students at Orange Coast College, Everett said. They did not appear to be more than friends, although they did meet on a social networking site, he said.

Two other people, Noah Buffett, 28, of Long Beach and Daniel Wozniak's brother, Timothy Wozniak, were arrested for investigation of being accessories after the fact.

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CUTS FROM PAGE 1

Kindergarten through third grade classes at all district schools currently are limited to a student teacher ratio of 23 to 1.

"With the conditions that the state has put us under, our district has never gone through these kind of cuts before," said School Board President Barry Snell.

School board member Oscar de la Torre added: "There are no easy decisions when we're faced with more than \$8 million worth of cuts, but one thing that I'm proud of is that our school board recognizes the importance of music and the arts in our curriculum, and equity as a guiding principle in how we allocate scarce resources."

The board is set to approve its final budget

on June 18, ahead of the June 30 deadline to submit its spending plan to the Los Angeles County Office of Education for approval. The \$7.1 million in cuts leaves the district with an estimate \$4.9 million budget gap.

The board may opt to present evidence to the county that the district will raise additional revenue in the next year in order to avoid making additional cuts. Asking bargaining units for additional concessions is also on the table, Cuneo said.

On Thursday night, the school board also authorized school boosters to raise money to pay for elementary school teachers' salaries.

Key Measure A supporters who helped raise more than \$332,000 for the campaign to pass the initiative met this week and said they would soon announce a fundraising effort aimed at saving teachers' jobs.

Shari Davis, president of the Santa

Monica-Malibu Parent Teachers Association Council, said this week the Santa Monica-Malibu Education Foundation held a meeting where public education supporters discussed plans to launch a new fundraising drive.

"We'd like to raise the full \$5.7 million that Measure A would have provided," said Rebecca Kennerly, president of the group Community for Excellent Public Schools.

Cuneo also said he was planning to recommend that the school board reconvene its Parcel Tax Feasibility Committee to analyze the Measure A campaign and consider a possible future local funding measure.

He said he did not think there was enough time to place a local school funding measure on this November's ballot.

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STUDY FROM PAGE 3

Southern California and in the port for two weeks, sometimes with the WP-3D, said the chief scientist, Patricia A. Quinn of NOAA's Pacific Marine Environmental Laboratory.

Emissions from well over 300 ships have been measured, and in one focus study aided by the Danish shipping line Maersk, the WP-3D sampled emissions from an arriving ship while it was still well out at sea then again after it switched to low-sulfur fuel within 25 miles of the port, Quinn said.

Another coordinated study with the aircraft looked at how pollutants get mixed up with clouds and affect their lifetime and extent. Instruments looked up at the clouds from the surface while the aircraft flew below, through and above them.

"We've also been really fortunate in seeing several instances of outflow at nighttime as the pollutants come offshore, mix with the marine air and get transformed into something different and then pushed back on shore," Quinn said.

The Air Resources Board believes the study's data will help it evaluate emission trends and develop methods for evaluating the effectiveness of various strategies as it seeks to comply with federal clean air standards.

Nichols cited examples of pragmatic questions facing the agency.

"We need to know why some of the measures we've been taking to reduce ground-level ozone aren't working as well in the San Joaquin Valley as well as they do in Los Angeles," she said. "We're looking for ways to actually verify that the forests that we're trying to set aside to offset industrial greenhouse gas emissions really are capturing and storing carbon as promised."



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'Diff'rent Strokes' star Gary Coleman dies in Utah

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PROVO, Utah Gary Coleman, the adorable, pint-sized child star of the smash 1970s TV sitcom "Diff'rent Strokes" who spent the rest of his life struggling on Hollywood's D-list, died Friday after suffering a brain hemorrhage. He was 42.

Coleman was taken off life support and died with family and friends at his side, Utah Valley Regional Medical Center spokeswoman Janet Frank said.

He suffered the brain hemorrhage Wednesday at his Santaquin home, 55 miles south of Salt Lake City. Frank said Coleman was hospitalized because of "an accident" at the home, but she said she had no details on what the accident was.

Coleman's family, in a statement read by his brother-in-law, Shawn Price, said "information surrounding his passing will be released shortly."

Best remembered for "Diff'rent Strokes" character Arnold Jackson and his "Whatchu talkin' 'bout?" catchphrase, Coleman chafed at his permanent association with the show but also tried to capitalize on it through reality shows and other TV appearances. His adult life was marked with legal, financial and health troubles, suicide attempts and even a 2003 run for California governor.

"I want to escape that legacy of Arnold Jackson," he told The New York Times during his gubernatorial run. "I'm someone more. It would be nice if the world thought of me as something more."

A statement from the family said he was conscious and lucid until midday Thursday,

when his condition worsened and he slipped into unconsciousness. Coleman was then placed on life support.

"It's unfortunate. It's a sad day," said Todd Bridges, who played Coleman's older brother, Willis, on "Diff'rent Strokes."

"Diff'rent Strokes" debuted on NBC in 1978 and drew most of its laughs from Coleman, then a tiny 10-year-old with sparkling eyes and perfect comic timing.

He played the younger of two African-American brothers adopted by a wealthy white man. Race and class relations became topics on the show as much as the typical trials of growing up.

"He was the reason we were such a big hit," co-star Charlotte Rae, who played the family's housekeeper on the show, said in an e-mail. "He was the centerpiece and we all surrounded him. He was absolutely enchanting, adorable, funny and filled with joy which he spread around to millions of people all over the world."

Coleman's family thanked fans for their continued support.

"Thousands of emails have poured into the hospital. This is so comforting to the family to know how beloved he still is," Price said.

"Diff'rent Strokes" lasted six seasons on NBC and two on ABC; it lives on thanks to DVDs and YouTube. But its equally enduring legacy became the troubles in adulthood of its former child stars.

In 1989, Bridges was acquitted of attempted murder in the shooting of a drug dealer. The then 24-year-old Bridges testified he became depressed and turned to drugs after "Diff'rent Strokes" was canceled.

Dana Plato, who played the boys' white,

teenage sister, pleaded guilty in 1991 to a robbery charge. She died in 1999 of an overdose of painkiller and muscle relaxer. The medical examiner's office ruled the death a suicide.

"It's sad that I'm the last kid alive from the show," Bridges said.

Coleman was born Feb. 8, 1968, in Zion, Ill., near Chicago.

Coleman's short stature added to his child-star charm but stemmed from a serious health problem, kidney failure. He got his first of at least two transplants at age 5 and required dialysis. Even as an adult, his height reached only 4 feet 8 inches.

In a 1979 Los Angeles Times profile, his mother, Sue Coleman, said he had always been a ham. He acted in some commercials before he was signed by T.A.T., the production company that created "Diff'rent Strokes."

After "Diff'rent Strokes" was canceled, Coleman continued to get credits for TV guest shots and other small roles over the years, but he never regained more than a shadow of his old popularity. At one point he worked as a security guard.

Coleman played upon his child-star image as he tried to resurrect his entertainment career in recent years, appearing on late-night shows and "The Surreal Life," a VH1 show devoted to fading celebrities.

His role as a car-washing plantation slave in the 2008 conservative political satire "An American Carol" was cut from the final print. The actor also appeared in last year's "Midgets vs. Mascots," a film that pits little people against mascots in a series of silly contests for a chance to win \$1 million. Coleman met with producers of the film earlier this year to ask

them to remove a brief scene of frontal nudity that he says he didn't authorize.

Coleman was among 135 candidates who ran in California's bizarre 2003 recall election to replace then-Gov. Gray Davis, whom voters ousted in favor of Arnold Schwarzenegger. Coleman came in eighth place with 12,488 votes, or 0.2 percent, just behind Hustler magazine publisher Larry Flynt.

Running for office gave him a chance to show another side of himself, he told The Associated Press at the time.

"This is really interesting and cool, and I've been enjoying the heck out of it because I get to be intelligent, which is something I don't get to do very often," he said.

Coleman's health problems went beyond kidney failure. Last fall, he had heart surgery complicated by pneumonia, said his Utah attorney Randy Kester. In February, he suffered a seizure on the set of "The Insider."

Legal disputes also dogged him. In 1989, when Coleman was 21, his mother filed a court request trying to gain control of her son's \$6 million fortune, saying he was incapable of handling his affairs. He said the move "obviously stems from her frustration at not being able to control my life."

In a 1993 television interview, he said he had twice tried to kill himself by overdosing on pills.

He moved to Utah in fall 2005, and according to a tally in early 2010, officers were called to assist or intervene with Coleman more than 20 times in the following years. They included a call where Coleman said he had taken dozens of Oxycontin pills and "wanted to die."

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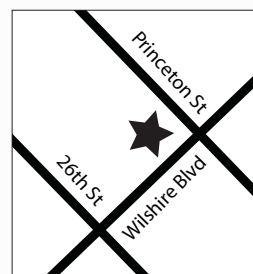
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Stocks retreat as Fitch Ratings downgrade Spain's debt

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NEW YORK Stocks closed out their worst month in more than a year by sliding again on more unsettling news about Europe.

The Dow Jones industrials dropped 122 points Friday after Fitch Ratings gave Spain the second downgrade of its credit rating in a month. The rating agency's action was another reminder to traders of the long-term economic problems still facing several European countries, and perhaps the rest of the continent and the global economy as well.

May was difficult as persistent and intensifying worries about Europe's debt problems sent the Dow down 7.9 percent and the broader Standard & Poor's 500 index down 8.2 percent. Both indexes had their worst monthly performance since February 2009, the month before stocks began their recovery from 12-year lows. The Dow lost nearly 872 points, its biggest point drop ever for May.

The last trading day of May fit the pattern of the rest of the month. Stocks alternately plunged and recovered, then dropped late in the day as investors facing a three-day holiday weekend decided to play it safe and sell.

Fitch cut Spain's rating by one notch, saying the country's plan to cut its budget will likely slow economic growth. Mounting debt forced Spain, among other European countries, to recently impose austerity measures to try and contain its rising deficit.

The rating agency also cited the recent bailout of a regional bank by Spain's central bank as a sign that the country's economic recovery will lag. Earlier this month, Standard & Poor's lowered its rating of Spain's debt. Greece and Portugal have also suffered downgrades.

Stocks were already down before the news about Spain broke in the early afternoon.

"People are worried about Europe and we're seeing a knee-jerk reaction, particularly ahead of a long weekend," said Joe Heider, a principal at Rehmann in Cleveland. He said traders won't want to be holding some investments since U.S. markets are closed Monday, while European ones are open.

Heider noted that the new rating, just one short of Fitch's highest, is still quite good. It was more the timing of the cut before the holiday weekend than the actual downgrade itself that surprised investors, he said.

The market's reaction was an example of how quick investors have been to sell during May. Although the day didn't see the huge swings stocks had earlier this month, there was still plenty of emotion. The biggest shock of the month came May 6, when the Dow took a dive of 1,000 points in less than 30 minutes before recovering most of its losses.

Greece, the most troubled European country, has received a bailout and several other countries are also cutting their spending, but investors fear that the region's debt problems can't be contained. They're also worried that austerity measures will stifle economic growth, and that Europe's slowdown will become the world's slowdown.

The market's drop this month has given it what's called a "correction." That's considered a drop of 10 percent or more from a recent high. The S&P 500, the index most watched by market pros, ended May down 10.5 percent from its high for the year, reached April 23. The Dow is down 9.5 percent from its 2010 high, reached April 26. The Dow has regained some ground from the low of 9,974.45 it closed at on Wednesday.

On Friday, the Dow fell 122.36, or 1.2 percent, to 10,136.63, its ninth drop in 12 days. The S&P 500 index fell 13.65, or 1.2 percent, to 1,089.41, while the Nasdaq composite index dropped 20.64, or 0.9 percent, to 2,257.04.

The Russell 200 index of smaller companies fell 8.90, or 1.3 percent, to 661.61.

About two stocks fell for every one that rose on the New York Stock Exchange, where consolidated volume came to 5.09 billion shares, down from Thursday's 5.5 billion.

With investors pulling out of stocks, bond prices rose. The yield on the benchmark 10-year Treasury note, which moves opposite its price, fell to 3.29 percent from 3.36 percent late Thursday.

The anxiety about Europe sent interest rates tumbling in May. Investors were buying U.S. government debt because of its reputation for safety. The yield on the 10-year Treasury note rose to around 3.70 percent at the beginning of the month, but then fell to a 2010 low of 3.07 percent this week. Since mortgage rates are tied to that note, mortgage rates fell to 4.78 percent, their lowest level since December when they touched a record low of 4.71 percent.

However, corporate borrowing rates rose, particularly junk bond rates, as investors grew uneasy about company bonds. Barclays Capital's index that tracks high-yield U.S. corporate debt fell nearly 4 percent in May.

The problems in Europe led investors to ignore continuing signs of improvement in the U.S. economy during May. Investors' fear is that forced cutbacks in government spending in Europe in the coming months will curb the continent's economic growth, and in turn, the U.S. recovery.

Next week will bring a series of economic reports that will test the market, including the Labor Department's May employment

report and readings on manufacturing, consumer spending and housing.

If there are any signs that the U.S. economy is being affected by news of Europe's problems — for example, if consumers seemed to be spending less — investors are likely to start selling again. And if the jobs report is disappointing, the market is also likely to suffer.

A report Friday showed that the U.S. recovery might be slowing a bit. The Commerce Department said consumer spending was flat in April, compared with the previous month. Economists polled by Thomson Reuters had forecast spending would rise 0.3 percent. It was the first time in seven months that spending had not risen in a month, indicating that consumers are still somewhat tentative about the health of the economy.

Personal income rose 0.4 percent, slightly worse than the 0.5 percent growth forecast by economists.

"This month was damaging to the psychology of investors, so consumption may taper in the near term," said Jamie Cox, managing director at Harris Financial Group in Richmond, Va.

Cox said consumers are more tentative after last year's market drop and recession, so they are more likely to cut back quickly at any signs of economic weakness. Investors, particularly retail investors, are also more likely to sell stocks at the first sign of a pullback, he said.

"We're not far enough removed from the 2009 drop," Cox said. "People are saying 'not again.'"

Overseas, Britain's FTSE 100 fell 0.1 percent, Germany's DAX index was down less than 0.1 percent, and France's CAC-40 fell 0.3 percent. Japan's Nikkei stock average rose 1.3 percent.

Obama visits Gulf Coast, listens to 'heartbreaking stories'

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GRAND ISLE, La. Kneeling to pick up tar balls on an oil-fouled beach and listening to "heartbreaking stories" of loss, President Barack Obama personally confronted the spreading damage wrought by the crude gushing into the Gulf of Mexico — and the bitter anger that's rising onshore.

"What can he really do?" said Billy Ward, a developer who comes to his beach house here every weekend and, like many other locals, had little positive to say about Obama's trip to the beleaguered region on Friday. "If he wants to do something, let him get out there and pump some mud and cement into that hole. Just fix it. Help us."

BP PLC, even less popular here, kept up its efforts to "just fix it," using its "top kill" procedure to try to stop the deep oil well leak by pumping in heavy mud. If it doesn't work, something BP says will be known within a couple of days, Obama's own problems will only compound.

He said he understands people "want it made right" and that their frustration won't fade until the oil is stopped and cleaned up.

"It's an assault on our shores, on our people, on the regional economy and on communities like this one," the president said from this small barrier island town threatened by

what is now established as the largest oil spill in American history. "People are watching their livelihoods wash up on the beach."

A BP drilling rig in the Gulf of Mexico exploded on April 20, killing 11 workers and beginning to send millions of gallons of oil spewing into the water. That oil is now beginning to foul beaches, kill wildlife and cripple the tourism and fishing industries on which this area depends. With the crude still flowing freely, criticism has been increasingly aimed at Obama and his administration.

Amid concern that the environmental and economic disaster could also engulf his presidency, Obama has stepped up his public appearances this week to demonstrate that he is engaged. He held a rare White House news conference on Thursday, focusing almost entirely on the spill. And Friday, he flew to the coast for an inspection tour and meetings that lasted about four hours — his second visit in the 39 days of the crisis.

He noted that all may not go well in such a massive, unprecedented undertaking. Mistakes are possible, Obama said. But a lack of urgency about plugging the leak and restoring the region is not, the president declared.

"There are not going to be silver bullets or a lot of perfect answers for some of the challenges that we face," he said in front of an incongruously pristine backdrop of sparkling blue water with dolphins, fish and

seabirds frequently spotted. "But we're going to keep at this every day."

Obama made an unqualified promise to coast residents reminiscent of previous presidents speaking after disasters — such as George W. Bush after Hurricane Katrina in 2005.

"I'm here to tell you that you are not alone, you will not be abandoned, you will not be left behind," Obama said. "The media may get tired of the story, but we will not. We will be on your side and we will see this through."

With more than 20,000 people already working to contain and clean up the oil, the president announced he was tripling the manpower in places where the sticky mess has come ashore or is about to.

As for specific advice for beleaguered local residents and the concerned U.S. public, he pointed them to the White House website, www.whitehouse.gov, for guidance.

Obama directed those in the region who are filing claims for damages to count on the government — state and federal — to help cut any red tape. He was joined by the governors of Louisiana, Florida and Alabama.

To the public at large, he pleaded for volunteers to join the cleanup and for tourists to flock to the majority of the region's coastline that is untouched.

His first stop of the day was Fourchon Beach, where absorbent boom and sandbags have been laid for miles to try to keep more oil from darkening the beach. A shirt-sleeved

Obama walked to the water's edge, kneeling in the sand as Adm. Thad Allen of the Coast Guard explained what he was seeing.

Obama called over reporters traveling with him and picked up a few of the pebble-sized tar balls. "Obviously the concern is that, until we actually stop the flow, we've got problems," the president said.

He then was off to nearby Grand Isle for his statement and a formal briefing from Allen, who is overseeing the spill response for the federal government. One woman along his route held up a sign saying, "Clean Up the Gulf."

Asked as he was walking off if he was confident in the latest fix attempt, the president demurred. "All I can say is we've got the best minds working on it, and we're going to keep on at it."

"I like the man, but I personally feel he's only here to please everybody," said local resident Virginia Smith.

Ward was in the midst of building a gated fishing community here when the oil rig exploded. "We don't know if it's going to be six months or six years before we get back to normal, if ever," he said.

Early in the morning in advance of the president's arrival, hundreds of workers clad in white jumpsuits and rubber gloves hit the beaches to dig oily debris from the sand and haul it off. Workers refused to say who hired them, telling a reporter they were told to keep quiet or lose their jobs.

MOVIE TIMES

<p>Aero Theatre 1328 Montana Ave. (323) 466-FILM</p> <p>Triple Feature: Raiders of the Lost Ark (PG) 1h 55min, Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom (PG-13) 1hr 58min, Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade (PG-13) 2h 7min 5:00pm</p> <p>AMC Loews Broadway 4 1441 Third Street Promenade</p> <p>Babies (PG) 1hr 19min 10:30am, 12:35pm, 2:45pm, 4:55pm, 7:05pm, 9:20pm</p> <p>Iron Man 2 (Digital Presentation) (PG-13) 2hr 5min 10:00am, 1:00pm, 4:00pm, 7:00pm, 10:00pm</p> <p>Kick-Ass (R) 1hr 57min 11:35am, 5:05pm, 10:20pm</p> <p>Date Night (PG-13) 1hr 28min 12:25pm, 2:50pm, 5:10pm, 7:35pm, 9:55pm</p> <p>Just Wright (PG) 2:30pm, 7:50pm</p> <p>AMC 7 Santa Monica 1310 Third St. (310) 289-4262</p> <p>Iron Man 2 (PG-13) 2hrs 5min</p>	<p>10:40am, 1:40pm, 4:40pm, 7:45pm, 10:45pm</p> <p>Iron Man 2 (Digital Presentation) (PG-13) 2hrs 5min 12:30pm, 3:35pm, 6:30pm, 9:30pm</p> <p>MacGruber (R) 1hr 28min 11:15am, 1:45pm, 4:30pm, 7:00pm, 9:30pm</p> <p>Prince of Persia: The Sands of Time (PG-13) 1hr 55min 10:15am, 11:10am, 1:15pm, 2:10pm, 4:15pm, 5:10pm, 7:20pm, 8:10pm, 10:20pm, 11:05pm</p> <p>Shrek Forever After 3D (RealD 3D) (PG) 1hr 33min 10:30am, 11:15am, 1:00pm, 2:15pm, 3:30pm, 4:45pm, 6:00pm, 7:15pm, 8:30pm, 9:45pm, 11:00pm</p> <p>Laemmle's Monica Fourplex 1332 Second St. (310) 394-9741</p> <p>City Island (PG-13) 1hr 55min 12:25pm, 4:20pm, 7:20pm, 9:50pm</p> <p>Exit Through The Gift Shop (R) 1hr 43min 1:10pm, 3:20pm, 5:30pm, 7:50pm, 10:10pm</p> <p>Looking for Eric (NR) 2hrs 12min 11:00am</p> <p>Princess Kaiulani (PG) 1hr 52min 11:00am</p>	<p>Oceans (G) 1hr 24min 11:00am</p> <p>Holy Rollers (R) 1hr 44min 1:00pm, 3:10pm, 5:20pm, 7:40pm, 10:00pm</p> <p>Here & There (NR) 1hr 25min 11:00am</p> <p>Solitary Man (R) 1hr 45min 1:20pm, 3:30pm, 5:40pm, 8:00pm, 10:15pm</p> <p>Mann's Criterion Theatre 1313 Third St. (310) 395-1599</p> <p>Letters to Juliet (PG) 1hr 45min 11:40am, 2:10pm, 4:40pm, 7:10pm, 9:40pm</p> <p>Robin Hood (PG-13) 2hrs 20min 12:10pm, 3:20pm, 6:40pm, 9:50pm, 11:15pm</p> <p>Sex and the City 2 (R) 2hrs 27min 10:45am, 11:30am, 12:30pm, 2:00pm, 2:45pm, 3:45pm, 5:15pm, 6:00pm, 7:00pm, 8:30pm, 9:15pm, 10:15pm, 11:45pm, 12:30am</p> <p>Shrek Forever After 3D (RealD 3D) (PG) 1hr 33min 11:00am, 1:30pm, 4:05pm, 6:30pm, 9:00pm</p>
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The world is your oyster, Capricorn

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ Whether you are making travel plans or reaching out for someone at a distance, you will be thinking about taking off. Your instincts help you take charge in touchy situations. Tonight: A must appearance. Everyone will miss you if you don't show up.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★★ A friend uses a situation to share something important. At times you might be overwhelmed by what is being presented. Let this person express his or her ideas. You might need to rethink your opinions. Tonight: Detach from an issue. The answers will come sooner.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ Others seek you out, but don't assume you will like everything you hear! Get out of the house and clear out. No more routine! Recharge your batteries in a situation where people surround you. Tonight: The only answer to a request is "yes."

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★ Jump into a project early in the day. You could hit a difficult point where you might want to rethink your direction. Tap into a friend's or loved one's ideas. Others want to help. Let them. Tonight: In the whirlwind of living. Have fun!

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ Your imagination easily fills in the blanks. You might feel like you must say "no" to spending and perhaps try to be realistic about a partner or loved one. Pace yourself as the day gets older. Tonight: Do what feels good for you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★ You could be harder on a family member or roommate than you intended to. To this person, when you close down, you frighten him or her. Opt for an open conversation, and state your boundaries. Tonight: Let your hair down.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★★ Keep up talks, even though you might be imagining or sensing the response from others. Work through a sense of being ill at ease with the help of a pal. You need to open up and lessen stress. Tonight: Stay close to home.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★ Expenses could soar, especially if you need to do some specific shopping. Rethink what you are deciding to do. Is there another more cost-effective manner of handling this purchase? Tonight: Get together with friends.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ Use the morning for a key project. You also might decide to just let go of errands and responsibilities and go out and join a friend. Whether hiking or playing a game of racquetball, you feel great. Everyone needs a timeout. Tonight: Indulge a friend.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★ Try to plan a low-key morning without a lot of interaction. By the afternoon, you recycle and feel ready to take your world by storm. Others demonstrate their delight to see you. Tonight: The world is your oyster. Act that way.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ Friends yank you out the door early in the day. Whether you meet for brunch or go for a day outing, you are happiest among people. Still, by midafternoon, a private conversation occurs. Share, too, even if you're a bit uncomfortable. Tonight: Only with one person.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ Others ask you to chip in. The end result is that you could carry more responsibility than you wish. You were well chosen, as you cruise through the task with speed. Make midafternoon plans that please you. Tonight: The center of the party.

Happy birthday

This year, you will swing between socializing and networking and intense one-on-one conversations. Others often seek you out for different reasons, but many cherish your advice, enjoy your presence and like your personality. If you are single, you easily could meet "the one" through this circle of admirers. If you are attached, the two of you learn to be more open, as difficult as it can be. Let a partner take the lead more often. CAPRICORNS like your thinking. They respect new ideas.

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

Procrastination is a problem

when it comes to doing my disaster plan. As a business owner I have a lot to do. It's not like a disaster is going to happen tomorrow. Besides, we have that new business pitch. I've been waiting for this to happen for a while now. I'll get the disaster plan finished eventually. Nothing to worry about, it'll happen.

Whether natural or man-made, at least one in four businesses affected by a disaster never recovers. Though emergencies are unpredictable, when you have a plan in place you can adapt, recover and stay in control.

It's never too late to protect your business world it is.

Make a plan.

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Sudoku

Fill in the blank cells using numbers 1 to 9. Each number can appear only once in each row, column, and 3x3 block. Use logic and process of elimination to solve the puzzle. The difficulty level ranges from ★ (easiest) to ★★★★★ (hardest).

Difficulty Level ★★★★★

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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

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

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

1, 2, 3, 5, 9, 9, 10, 12

Solution 42 for Friday

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22 ▶	5	+	5	+	12			
	13		21		22			
14 ▶		÷		+				
16 ▶		÷	+	+	x			
17 ▶		+	x	x	+			
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CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

- 1 Amor-phous mass
5 Computer pro
9 Memo from the boss

- 10 Studio sign
12 Forum talk

- 13 Scout's rider
14 "Understood!"

- 16 Doc's org.

- 17 Pole worker
18 Rooftop landing spot

- 20 Knee jerk, e.g.

- 22 Wallet bills

- 23 Saw

- 25 Thunder sound

- 28 Chess opening

- 32 Home of the Rockets

- 34 Hydro-carbon suffix

- 35 Attention

- 36 Personalize, in a way

- 38 Decorate

- 40 Squad car sound

- 41 Liquefy

- 42 Software buyers

- 43 Concord

- 44 Saucy

DOWN

- 1 Darwin's ship

- 2 Excuse from punishment

- 3 Overlook

- 4 Taken out of the game

- 5 Utter

- 6 Rock's Brian

- 7 Party snack

- 8 Torpedo

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Yesterday's answer

- 9 More crafty

- 11 Map lines

- 15 Nut shape

- 19 Gossip bit

- 21 Pool-swimming count

- 24 Joins forces

- 25 Tight-fisted

- 26 Eat a lot, in slang

- 27 Dawn

- 29 Check recipient

- 30 Flop

- 31 Many new drivers

- 33 Conviction

- 37 Increase

- 39 VCR button abbr.

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

■ The Wonder Drug: (1) Donald Wolfe, 55, was charged with public drunkenness in March in Brookville, Pa., after neighbors spotted him giving, as he described it, mouth-to-mouth resuscitation to a roadkill possum along Route 36. (2) A 62-year-old man suffered second-degree burns after launching himself on a makeshift, rocket-powered sled in Independence Township, Mich., in January. Witnesses said he put on a helmet, then strapped a contraption consisting of a motorcycle muffler, a pipe, gunpowder, match heads and gasoline on his back, and had someone light the wick to send him blasting through the snow.

■ Overconfident "Artists": (1) Clair Arthur Smith, 42, of Cape Coral, Fla., was charged with forgery in May after he allegedly tried to doctor the amount of a check he had received from Bank of America. Converting the "\$10.00" check to \$100, or even \$100,000, would seem plausible, but Smith tried to deposit the check into his account after he had marked it up to "\$269,951.00." (2) A 17-year-old was arrested in College Station, Texas, in January and charged with trying to pass a homemade \$5 bill at a restaurant. Police said the bill's front and back had been computer-scanned and then pasted together but that the front of the bill was longer than the back.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1985 Heysel Stadium disaster: At the European Cup final in Brussels, Belgium, 39 football fans die and hundreds are injured when a dilapidated retaining wall collapses after Liverpool F.C. fans breach a fence separating them from Juventus F.C. fans.

1985 Amputee Steve Fonyo completes cross-Canada marathon at Victoria, British Columbia, after 14 months.

1988 U.S. President Ronald Reagan begins his first visit to the Soviet Union when he arrives in Moscow for a super-power summit with Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev.

1990 The Russian parliament elects Boris Yeltsin president of the Russian SFSR.

2001 U.S. Supreme Court rules that disabled golfer Casey Martin can use a cart to ride in tournaments.

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2. Extremely delicate or refined.

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