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THE HEATING UP ISSUE

Local tech company unleashes drone software

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Editor-in-Chief

DOWNTOWN Imagine using your smartphone or tablet to order a driverless car to whisk you through town as it interacts with traffic control systems to find the best route for you to run errands, or controlling a satellite that can identify a fire in a remote area and dispatch a drone to fly over and drop water before the blaze gets out of hand.

Those are just some of the applications that could be possible thanks to Santa Monica-based DreamHammer, a software developer that has recently made available an operating system that for the first time allows unrelated, unmanned drones and robots from different manufacturers to communicate and work together. The Ballista software is poised to become the industry standard for drone and robot control for the multi-billion dollar global unmanned systems industry, with the potential to better protect workers in dangerous jobs while also increasing productivity.

"We are looking at the next industrial revolution," said DreamHammer CEO Nelson Paez, who helped found the company back in 2000 out of a home along the Venice canals. "This is the model that gets drones and robots to where we have always thought they were going to be."

Managing multiple drones is a unique challenge, due to the fact that each drone

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LIZZIE ARMANTO

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COMMUNITY PROFILES
LIZZIE ARMANTO

Santa Monican taking over skateboarding

Lizzie Armanto wins gold in X Games, smashes glass ceilings

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

DOWNTOWN Santa Monica locked in its skateboarding street cred in the 1970s when it became known as Dogtown and home of the Z-Boys skateboarding team.

Now, it will have to add Lizzie Armanto's name to its pedigree.

Armanto, 20, snagged the gold medal in the first women's Skateboard Park contest at the X Games in Barcelona this May, adding a bit of shine to her already lustrous career in which she's claimed first in the World Cup of Skateboarding points race three years running.

Renowned sponsor Vans took her under its wing, and Armanto spent the last several months traveling across the

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Keeping a tiff from turning into a lawsuit

Nonprofit provides mediations for seniors

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

FOURTH STREET A nonprofit that provides services to seniors announced a new program Tuesday that will help older adults and their families solve difficult disputes before they escalate to the court system.

The Elder Care Mediation program is a collaboration between WISE & Healthy Aging and the nonprofit Center for Civic Mediation, an affiliate of the Los Angeles County Bar Association.

The association will provide trained mediators — including lawyers, therapists and social workers — to meet with families to talk through issues like the care and treatment of their senior family member.

Unlike a court case, which has a winner and a loser, mediation allows parties to come to an agreement that works for both sides. The process still ends in a legally binding document, said Molly Davies, vice president of the organization's Elder Abuse Prevention and Ombudsman Services.

"WISE & Healthy Aging has been interested in mediation and what it could do for the clients that we serve particularly because

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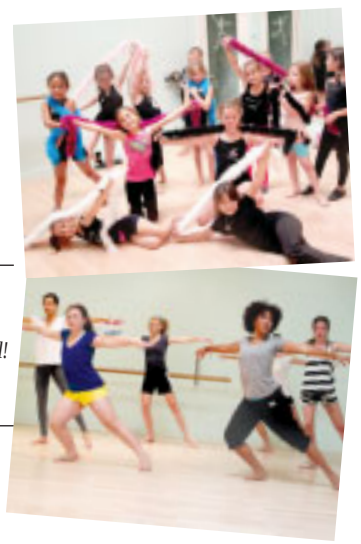
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Diary of improv
Mi's Westside Comedy Theater
1323-A Third St., 8 p.m.
We all know what really happened after you poured out your heart to your diary about your undying ninth grade love for Barry Jameson and how badly you wish he would ask you out. Nothing much, really. But what if you got the courage to talk to him the next day at school? Improv Diary is a choose your own adventure long-form improv comedy show revealing the future of your past, now. For more information, call (310) 451-0850.

Thursday, May 30, 2013

At the edge
Edgemar Center for the Arts
2437 Main St., 9 a.m. — 9 p.m.
Cinema at the Edge is giving an opportunity for filmmakers to share their films of all genres at an independent film community festival. Cinema at the Edge invites distribution companies, managers, agents, and casting directors, to discover a new generation of films. The festival will feature opening and closing parties, an award ceremony and panels. Filmmakers at the festival will receive instant feedback on their screening followed by a Q&A. For more information, call (310) 394-6162 ext. 103.

Help wanted
Del Frisco's Grille
1540 Second St., Suite 110,
10 a.m. — 6 p.m.
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Banana Republic
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12 p.m. — 2 p.m.
Bring a pattern you would like to sew and learn what all the pattern notes mean, then get hands-on help sewing it together in class. You'll need all the materials listed on the back of the pattern for the size or model you want to make. You'll also need to bring your sewing machine, scissors, pins, a chalk marking pencil, and a seam ripper. For more information, call (310) 458-2239.

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Gender a new challenge for schools

MARTHA IRVINE
AP National Writer

CHICAGO From the time they are born, we put our boys in blue beanies and our girls in pink ones. It's a societal norm, an expectation even, that you just are what you are born — a boy or a girl.

From early on, we divide toys and activities by very distinct gender lines, with superheroes and trucks and muck on one side and princesses and dolls and all things frilly on the other.

Many children land, enthusiastically, on the expected side. Others dabble in both "girl" and "boy" things. But what if your kid, even from an early age, mostly showed interest in doing opposite-gender things? More importantly, what if they wanted to BE the opposite gender — or a less-defined mix of both? And what if they wanted to test those limits in public places, like school?

Would you let them?

It's not, of course, that pat of a process. Parents don't just decide to let their kids switch genders. But, whether parents are dragged through the process, or if they decide to work it through more openly, more kids are challenging the boundaries of traditional gender, and going public at younger ages.

And they are doing so with the guidance of a growing faction of medical experts who no longer see this as something to be fixed. Last year, the American Psychiatric Association removed "gender identity disorder" from its list of mental health ailments.

Some experts predict that views on gender will evolve in much the same way they have for sexual orientation, since homosexuality was removed as a mental illness nearly four decades ago. Today, the gender spectrum includes those who are transgender, who see themselves as the opposite gender, and those who are gender variant, or gender nonconforming, whose gender is more "fluid." For kids, it means they identify part of themselves as boy and part as girl.

"Now these kids . are beginning to have a voice . and I think that's what's been making things interesting and challenging — and difficult, sometimes — depending on the family, the kid, or the school," says Dr. Robert Garofalo, director of the Center for Gender, Sexuality and HIV Prevention at Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago.

While the numbers are relatively small, it means that, increasingly, schools are having to figure out how to accommodate them, some more successfully than others.

The questions often start with the basics: Which bathroom do they use? Where do they change for gym class? What if teachers or students don't want to use the pronoun,

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IN PROCESS

Daniel Archuleta *daniela@smdp.com*

Artist Joyce Pensato works on a site-specific piece on Tuesday for her upcoming show, 'I Killed Kenny,' at the Santa Monica Museum of Art. The show opens on June 1.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

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Summer safety tips

Summer fun comes with its own unique hazards, but you can keep yourself, your family and your friends safe by following a few tips from the doctors over at the Santa Monica-UCLA Medical Center.

Although Santa Monica isn't known for brutally hot summers, a little caution is always recommended when playing in the heat.

Stay hydrated by drinking between six and eight glasses of water a day, even if you're not thirsty, and wear sunscreen wherever your clothing — made of lightweight, light-colored fabrics, please! — does not cover.

For those outdoor adventures, make sure the first-aid kit is stocked with Band-Aids, calamine lotion, Ace bandages, anti-bacterial wipes and bug spray. Pain relievers are always a good idea as well.

Keep the important pieces safe by wearing protective gear like helmets and pads while Rollerblading, biking or skateboarding, said Wally Ghurabi, medical director of the Nethercutt Emergency Center at the hospital.

"Before the summer starts, double-check that bikes, helmets, skates and hiking boots still fit whoever will be using them," Ghurabi said. "You'll be surprised how often children have outgrown items from last season."

Water presents its own challenges. Make sure that children know how to swim, and always supervise kids around pools or other bodies of water. Life jackets are a must when boating, and when at the beach, the buddy system is the best policy while swimming.

Finally, food makes any outdoor activity complete, but remember that the heat can turn your favorite snack into a sickening proposition.

Food that sits out for more than two hours is not considered safe, and when the temperatures hit 90 degrees or more, that window narrows to one hour. Keep meat and poultry in a cooler packed with ice until it's ready to use, and store that cooler in the shade.

Stay safe, and enjoy your summer!

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Cut pay

Editor:

Perhaps the city of Santa Monica can take a radical, novel new approach to its budget problems so that it doesn't have to keep raising taxes and fees on residents to provide basic services: stop spending money you don't have, and in particular cut all the bloated salaries and the golden parachute retirement packages for city employees, especially the overpaid city manager and city department heads ("City Hall calls for cuts, increased fees to balance budget," May 22).

See how simple and easy that is? Then the city can enjoy a nice budget surplus rather than a deficit.

Virginia Isaacs
Santa Monica

Hater

Editor:

I am an avid reader of your paper. I do like to read Your Column Here. I read many different articles which I do not agree with from time to time. I understand that people do have different beliefs, ideas, etc., than myself and I like to keep an open mind. What I read today ("R.I.P., Boy Scouts of America," Your Column Here, May 28), really disturbed me. Again, I may not agree with everyone's point of view, but what Matt Barber had written and what you allowed in your paper is nothing but hate and bigotry.

I'm really disappointed that someone with this much hate is allowed to continue to contribute to your paper. How can anyone gain from what he has written? I really hope you take the time to consider never printing this man's vitriolic sentiments toward anything he does not feel is Christian.

Jim Chlopecki
Venice, Calif.



Your column here

Dr. James L. Snyder

Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Many excuses can be made for a man in mid-life crisis

SOMETIMES IT IS BEST TO ERR ON THE SIDE of caution. This, however, has not always been my modus operandi down through the years. In fact, I am not very good when it comes to practicing anything, just ask the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage.

As of late, though, I have been practicing caution like I was going to Carnegie Hall. I am not very good at it yet, but my goal is to come to the point of perfection in the area of caution as it touches my person, particularly my health and well-being. This may be because I have reached that age when most men go through a mid-life crisis.

You can always tell when a man is going through his mid-life crisis. He usually wants to prove he is as good at 60-something as he was when he was 20-something. Carelessly throwing caution to the wind, he attempts to do something beyond the energy of his existing body. One sure way to tell if a man is having a mid-life crisis is to notice his recent injuries.

Personally, when I was 20 I was not good at anything, which has enabled me to skip my mid-life crisis. I am glad to be 60 (OK, maybe I am a tad over 60) because now when I get tired I can say I am tired and sit down. At 60-something I have absolutely nothing to prove. I am no better or worse than I was when I was 20. It is, as my wife notes, the ageless wonder of incompetence.

The difficulty with growing older is that the old memory juices do not flow as swiftly as they once did. Of course, some of us never had a real gusher in that department anyway. The more memories I have, the less I am able to recall them in the innocence of their reality. Like the fisherman who tells the size of the one that got away. Memory seems to add or subtract according to the benefit of the person conjuring up the memory.

A big problem a man in mid-life crisis has is that he does not remember how good he actually was when he was 20, unless of course, his wife knew him at that time. If he could, he would not have to try to replicate it when he is 60. This is one of the unique advantages of maturing. Forgetting always leads to exaggerating. Exaggerating at 60-something leads to injuries. The only purpose of this is to impress people who really are not being impressed.

As we grow older things begin to change, and some things change for the better. When I was 20, I could not admit to anybody that I was tired. I would have been the laughing stock in my community if I would admit any such phenomena. You know what they say about the unlimited energy that young people have. Now that I am in my 60s, I can blame my advancing years on just about anything.

"I love to do that, but at my age I don't have the energy." This has covered a multitude of sins, for which I am so grateful. Of course, it does have one drawback, when someone in their 80s invites me to go for a walk, what in the world can you say to that?

This next one has to be one of my favorites. "I would love to do that but I have to get home for my afternoon nap." The person will look at me, notice my maturing features and understand that I desperately do need a nap, or something resembling beauty sleep.

I found one the other week that has proved quite beneficial. I was invited to a function during the evening, which turned out to be a rather boring affair. Once the meal was over people were milling around engaged in small talk. Nothing bores me quicker than small talk. Not knowing what to do, I pondered the situation for sometime. Then, like lightning from the heavens, I was struck with a brilliant idea. I went up to my host and said, "I'm sorry, but it is getting near my bedtime and I have strict orders from my doctor to go to bed early. You'll have to excuse me."

It worked like a charm. Everybody understood that a person of my age needs to go to bed early. I do not know who thought this up, probably Benjamin Franklin, but whoever it was, I owe them a steak dinner at the restaurant of their choice. It has now become part of my get-out-of-boring-situations arsenal.

I was thinking about this the other day when another good excuse popped into my head. Somebody invited me to come and play softball. At the time, they caught me off guard and I was trying to wiggle out of such an invitation. Then it dawned on me. "I am sorry, I would like to but my health insurance does not cover that kind of activity."

Whether my health insurance would cover that, I have no idea, but neither does anybody else, only my doctor knows for sure.

While I was pondering this, I was reminded of a word from the Proverbs. "Whoso boasteth himself of a false gift is like clouds and wind without rain" (Proverbs 25:14 KJV).

Whoever boasts to others about their physical prowess is only fooling himself.

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The Taxman

Jon Coupal
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Will Republican legislators betray California taxpayers?

THIS WEEK, THE CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE will consider Assembly Bill 8, a massive $2.3 billion car tax increase. In better days, a tax increase this large and this unpopular would stand little chance of passage because virtually all Republicans and a handful of moderate Democrats could be counted on to stand up for taxpayers.

But things are not as they once were. Up to a dozen Republicans have already signaled support for AB 8 or its companion measure in the Senate, SB 11. Some of these members, including a few who have previously received an "A" grade on Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association's report card, tell us that the nine year tax increase is the best "deal" for taxpayers they can get. It is not. There is always the choice to stand and fight for taxpayers rather than capitulate to government bureaucrats and rent seeking business organizations who rarely advocate for the broader interests of taxpayers.

The crux of the matter is this: should unelected government entities like the California Air Resources Board (CARB) be able to impose strict mandates on diesel truckers and the petroleum industry and then force all taxpayers to pay for them? AB 8 would increase by millions of dollars annually the amount the state provides to assist truckers with diesel engine retrofits. Without these expensive upgrades, they will eventually be forced out of business, leading to lost jobs and declines in economic output. Stated another way, should Republicans buy into the extortion by sacrificing all taxpayers to obtain needed regulatory reform?

CARB has also imposed a regulatory mandate on the petroleum industry, forcing them to fund various alternative energy projects like a "hydrogen highway," a series of hydrogen fuel pumps across the state. AB 8 suspends this burdensome mandate, much to the relief of Big Oil. Of course, all this really means is that taxpayers will instead be on the hook to fund a hydrogen car infrastructure program few will ever use, to the tune of $200 million over the next nine years. Other programs the funds could be spent on include costly biomass energy facilities and vehicle rebates for electric cars like the Nissan Leaf.

A powerful coalition of environment regulators, the trucking industry, business associations and petroleum interests have made the deal to protect what's theirs. But working Californians get stuck with a $2.3 billion bill, a hydrogen highway, heavily subsidizing thousands of electric car and diesel truck upgrades, and other alternative energy projects. We're surprised many Republican legislators think this is the best "deal" to be had. We suspect that voters in their districts might be equally surprised.

[S]HOULD UNELECTED GOVERNMENT ENTITIES LIKE THE CALIFORNIA AIR RESOURCES BOARD (CARB) BE ABLE TO IMPOSE STRICT MANDATES ON DIESEL TRUCKERS AND THE PETROLEUM INDUSTRY AND THEN FORCE ALL TAXPAYERS TO PAY FOR THEM?

As an alternative to this deal with the devil, all of us who are not on the government side of the ledger should make the logical case for the regulatory relief without socking it to taxpayers. If Gov. Brown and some Democrats are as serious about California's economic climate as they claim, let's call their bluff. Rational regulatory reform should not be held hostage by a $2.3 billion tax increase. Regulations should be repealed when they serve no logical purpose or become unbearably burdensome.

Republicans should, if nothing else, be fearful of the template they are creating. If government regulators, environmental extremists and liberal politicians looking for their next shakedown targets get away with this drill, expect more of the same. A lot more.

JON COUPAL is president of the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association – California's largest grass-roots taxpayer organization dedicated to the protection of Proposition 13 and the advancement of taxpayers' rights.

The Q Line

Water wise

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California Senate approves bill addressing medical provider gap

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SACRAMENTO, Calif. Over the objection of doctors, the state Senate on Tuesday passed one of three health reform-related bills intended to address California's medical provider gap.

Lawmakers passed SB491 by Democratic Sen. Ed Hernandez of West Covina, which will expand the role of nurse practitioners. The 21-12 vote was the bare majority needed for the bill to move to the Assembly.

The Senate also is considering two other bills — SB492 and SB493 — to expand medical services provided by optometrists and pharmacists. For example, optometrists could check for high blood pressure while pharmacists could order laboratory testing to detect diabetes.

All three bills face heavy opposition from the California Medical Association. The doctors group has argued that the state should focus on building more medical schools, adding residency slots and expanding programs that help doctors pay off student loans in exchange for working in underserved communities.

SB491 would give greater independence to nurse practitioners to treat Medicaid and Medicare patients even if the doctors they work for do not. Supporters said the change is necessary to serve rural and minority communities as California prepares to insure million of new patients under federal health care reforms.

Hernandez said nurse practitioners already are allowed to work independently in 17 states. One of those, Arizona, saw an increase in nurse practitioners moving there after the change was made.

"We need to do something to address the provider shortage," said Hernandez, an optometrist by training. "We have to look at making sure we get more individuals access to primary care."

But some lawmakers of both parties worried that the change would create two classes of medical care and argued that not all Californians will have access to quality care provided by doctors.

Sen. Hannah-Beth Jackson, D-Santa Barbara, said she would rather get more primary care doctors into the field.

"This is a situation where we really need to make sure that even if people live in underserved communities that they get the best health care we can provide," Jackson said. "And I don't believe allowing nurse practitioners to practice without any oversight gives those people the protections that they need."

Bill would expand who can perform abortions in state

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SACRAMENTO, Calif. Women could go to a medical professional other than a doctor to end some pregnancies under a bill advancing through the state Legislature.

The bill by Assemblywoman Toni Atkins, D-San Diego, would allow nurse practitioners, certified nurse midwives and physician's assistants to perform so-called aspiration abortions during the first trimester. The method involves inserting a tube and using suction to terminate a pregnancy.

Atkins said her bill, AB154, would help expand access to abortion services in areas of the state that have few physicians. Half of California's counties do not have abortion providers, she said.

"The growing shortage of abortion providers creates a significant barrier for women's access," Atkins said. "Authorizing trained health professionals to provide early abortion services removes those barriers."

Under a state pilot program created in 2007, 8,000 aspiration abortions have been provided by non-doctors. Four states — Oregon, Montana, Vermont and New Hampshire — already allow nurse practitioners to perform these abortions.

Nurse practitioners also are allowed under state law to administer medicine to induce an abortion.

Republicans said expanding who can perform abortions would increase the risk to patients. Comparing abortion to outpatient surgeries, they said women should have health professionals with the most training performing the abortion procedures.

"Just because we are more rural, just because we are higher in poverty, does not mean we deserve less access to high-quality medical care," said Assemblywoman Kristin Olsen, R-Modesto.

Atkins and other supporters said data from the trial showed both doctors and non-doctors performing the procedures with low error rates.

The Assembly passed the legislation Tuesday on a vote of 48-24, with one Democrat, Assemblyman Rudy Salas of Bakersfield, joining Republicans in opposition. The bill now heads to the Senate.



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type has proprietary control systems. That's great for drone builders. The unique software codes and operating features lock the Pentagon and other purchasers into an exclusive and expensive relationship. That makes it difficult for smaller agencies or individuals to get into the game.

Paez is looking to change that. If the military adopts Ballista, dronemakers like Northrop Grumman and Boeing would have to license Paez' software so their unmanned systems could be plugged into the military's. Boeing declined comment for this story. Northrop Grumman did not return phone calls for comment.

"In the past, anyone wanting a unified system had to develop the actual drone hardware. Ballista allows government or commercial customers to link together machines from numerous developers performing a variety of tasks," Paez said.

He emphasized the efficiency of Ballista, which DreamHammer, located on Colorado Avenue in Downtown, has spent roughly $5 million developing.

"Some unmanned systems take as many as 200 people to manage a single drone, much more resources than manned vehicles. Ballista allows a single user to manage multiple drones simultaneously," he said.

That means farmers, filmmakers and smaller law enforcement agencies like the Santa Monica Police Department would also be able to use unmanned systems too since operating them would become less complex and relatively inexpensive.

"The key to the future of drones and robots will be their ability to work together," Paez said. "Until now, there has been no way to tie them together. Because Ballista is so intelligent and easy to integrate and operate, a user who previously required extensive training to manage one drone or robot can now manage multiple drones or robots simultaneously — all to achieve a single task or coordinated mission."

While that may boost productivity, it also means many people will find themselves obsolete and in need of training. The technology has the potential to dramatically change the labor market, which has some concerned. Who will fund the extra education and training necessary for future generations? How long will it take to adapt? Will there be enough new jobs created to meet demand?

Michael Toscano certainly thinks so.

He is president and CEO of the Association of Unmanned Systems International, the world's largest nonprofit organization devoted exclusively to advancing the industry. The association recently put out an economic impact report that said the industry has the potential to generate $13.6 billion and 70,000 high-paying jobs in the first three years following the integration of unmanned systems in the national airspace, with California reaping many of the benefits because of the already established aerospace industry and agriculture.

The Federal Aviation Administration must first allow commercial drones to operate, something which is expected by 2015 or shortly thereafter. (The California State Senate on Tuesday approved a bill that would establish standards for the domestic use of drones.) Once that happens, Toscano believes those projections could be rosier, that is if the federal government moves quickly enough to establish proper regulations and beat other countries to the punch.

"If you can make the farmer more productive by using these systems, someone has to build and maintain them," he said. "Those are high-paying jobs."

With more wealth generated, governments will have more tax dollars to invest in education, training the next generation of workers, Toscano said.

Concerns about privacy and safety are legitimate, Toscano said, and with every transformative technology there are learning curves and fears that need to be addressed. He welcomes the involvement of groups like the American Civil Liberties Union to help develop solutions.

"There is a tremendous upside to this technology, but we also must pay attention to the things that cause this technology to not be used in the best ways possible," said Toscano, who does not like to use the word "drone" because it has a hostile connotation (think war on terror) and does not reflect how unmanned systems are used domestically. "People are always going to be resistant to change because they don't know what it means to them. That's just human nature."

DreamHammer is currently licensing its Ballista software only to governments and other key players in the industry so they can test it out and identify its strengths and weaknesses before making it available to the general public. Paez would not disclose the cost of the software, but said pricing will be "invisible" to those already manufacturing or purchasing drones.

DreamHammer had revenues of $6 million in 2012 and raised its first external funding to support that growth, Paez said.

If all goes well, Paez said he will expand operations in Santa Monica. DreamHammer has offices in Virginia, Hawaii, and Belgium, with much of the software being designed in San Diego.

"Santa Monica has great developers and we plan on expanding development to Santa Monica as well," he said. "We see the entertainment industry as one of the stronger users of drones in the future."

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world of contests, exhibitions, clinics and workshops to promote her sport in developing countries.

What's more, she's only been skateboarding since 2007.

The Santa Monica resident and Santa Monica College student got her start less than six years ago in a friendly competition with her little brother, who had expressed some interest in getting into skateboarding.

The pair took on The Cove skatepark at Olympic Boulevard and 14th Street, fighting to see who could master the art of making it down the side first.

Although her brother still does skate, it's safe to say that Armanto won that contest.

Now, Armanto travels the world competing in bowls; parks designed with curved sides so that skaters do not have to stop; and verts, where skaters ride an incline. She tries to blend the technical aspects of her sport with a certain Dogtown artistry, embracing the flowing aesthetic that she grew up with in local parks.

She loves the flexibility of bowl parks, and how they force the skater to adapt tricks to their format, which can differ hugely from park to park.

"You can do the same trick in a bowl in five different places and end up with five different tricks," Armanto said.

Armanto does all her work without the benefit of a coach, instead working her way through long days at the parks in which she may complete one full run. Otherwise she's pushing herself forward working on new tricks, taking falls and bailing.

"You have a certain knowledge that you already know how to do some of these tricks, so why do something you already know how to do?" Armanto said.

Armanto has a certain nonchalance about her drive and accomplishments that belie what a rare thing it is for a woman to have risen so far and so fast in the world of professional skateboarding, a culture largely dominated by men.

Women-specific events like those in Spain this year are relatively infrequent, forcing Armanto to compete against guys in events in Brazil and Australia that she attended this year.

The young woman, who sports her Vans paraphernalia with a daisy headband when she's not wearing soft pastels, does not believe that skateboarding equates to a lack of femininity, and her style, along with her success, has earned her acclaim amongst fans that populate her Facebook page.

Others who have watched the role of women in skateboarding grow over the years call her the future of their sport.

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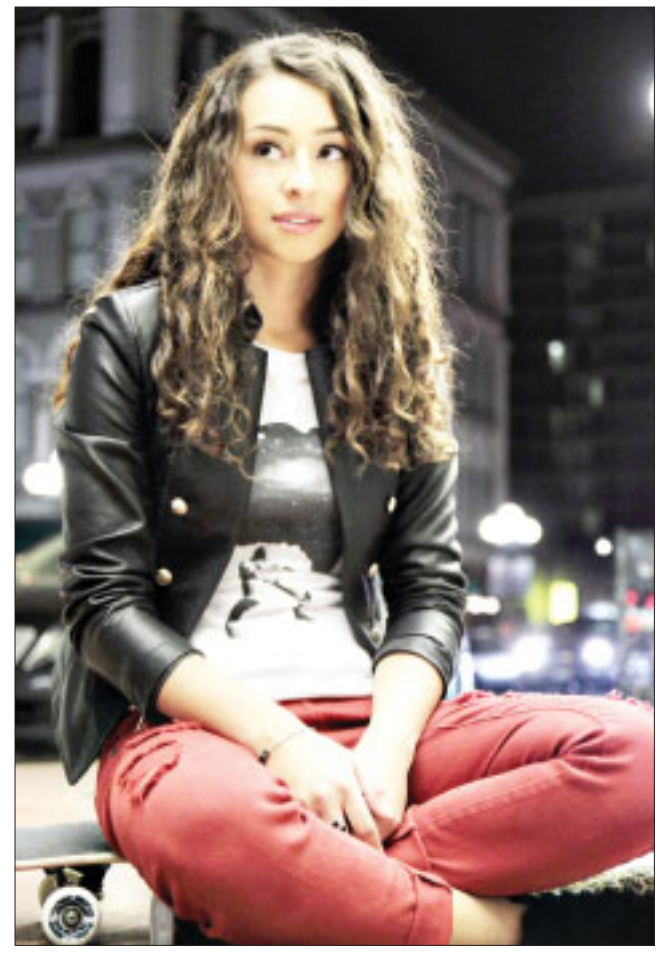


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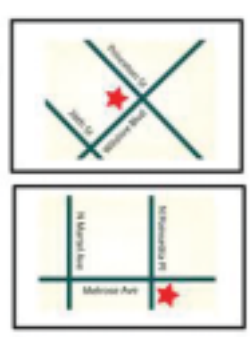

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Armanto shrinks from those kinds of labels, saying she's only doing what she enjoys and what comes naturally to her.

"It's just weird to phrase it that way," she said. "It's like someone saying that putting jam on toast is strange when you eat that every day."

She recognizes the reality that relatively few women get into skateboarding.

Of the 8 million skateboarders in the country, only 12.6 percent are women, according to 2010 industry numbers from Board-Trac, a marketing and research company that keeps an eye on action sports.

Although the company will be releasing new numbers by the end of this year, the chances that they've changed too severely are slim, said Marie Case, spokeswoman for the company.

The birth rate declined sharply in the middle of the 2000s, meaning fewer youth were available to beef up the skating numbers, she said.

"There was a major decline. It went from upwards of about 10 million skateboard participants to below 8 (million)," Case said.

While skateboarding has never been considered a girl's sport, those trying to push their way in are seeing a confluence of events that could pump up the number of women getting into it.

One aspect is access, said Lisa Whitaker, founder of Girls Skate Network, a website dedicated to women in skateboarding.

"I think one of the things that has helped girls skateboarding grow is the addition of new skateparks," Whitaker said. "Before there were skateparks, it was a little intimidating."

When skateboarding came out of the underground and into the mainstream, it opened the sport up to many who had never considered getting involved in the past. The emergence of people like Armanto, who has been dominating the scene for the past three or four years, has also helped other girls who see them in action and think, "I could do that, too," Whitaker said.

Slowly women are being drawn to skateparks, looking for ways to get involved.

Sean McNulty, skate buyer and manager at ZJ Boarding House, isn't noticing a huge increase in his female customer base, but sees them showing up at skateparks and for lessons.

"From four years ago, it's a change," McNulty said. "Contests have changed — they're paying more attention to the females there."

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in some of the programs that we have, we see different points of conflict that maybe a legal remedy is too strong or costly," Davies said.

That can happen when a senior is no longer able to express their needs or desires, leaving family members to figure out what is best for them. The problem is that under California law, each family member has an equal say in the fate of their parent, Davies said.

"They can go to court and become a conservator and make those kinds of medical decisions, but that is very costly," Davies said. "Or, you can try mediation first."

Mediators will meet with the families in a private, confidential setting, listen to all sides of the dispute and try to forge a mutually beneficial solution. The downside to mediation is that all sides have to agree to come to the table.

The Elder Care Mediation program will be available at the WISE & Healthy Aging office at 1527 Fourth St. on Mondays between 1 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. The initial meeting is actually a consultation, after which the mediator will try to contact any other people involved in the situation.

The consultation is free and the first three hours of the service are also free. There may be a cost after that, Davies said.

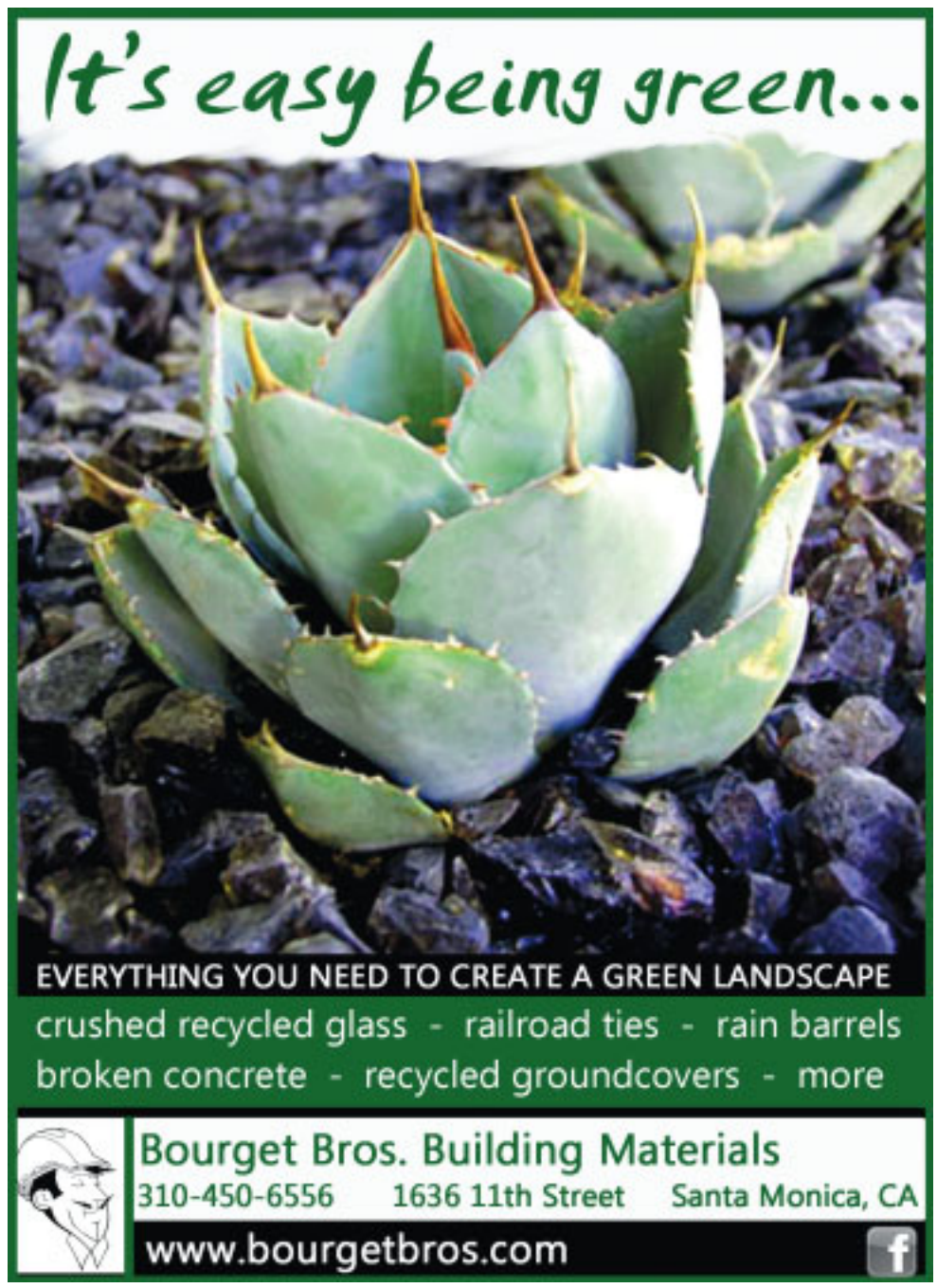
It's a "bit of a process," Davies said, but the end goal can be better for the senior and family members alike.

"We're really excited about it," Davies said. "It's a much-needed service. I think there are a lot of instances when mediation could be utilized and people don't think about it."

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"he" or "she," or a new name the student prefers?

It can be difficult, and uncomfortable. In Colorado, for instance, the parents of a 6-year-old transgender girl are suing their school district for trying to make her use a separate bathroom.

The center at Lurie opened recently, in part, to meet the demand from parents seeking guidance for children who are questioning their gender identity and to provide support to older transgender youth who sometimes struggle more in adolescence, even facing a greater suicide risk, especially if they have no backing from family and others around them.

The center also serves as a resource for schools with transgender and gender variant students.

Increasingly, those students are making the transition as early as elementary school, if not before.

Ryan, a fourth-grader in suburban Chicago, is one of those kids.

Most people, upon seeing her big blue eyes, long lashes and flowing blond hair, would never know she's anything but a girl. But underneath, she is still physically a boy.

Doctors call that gender variant, though Ryan prefers to call herself a "tomgirl."

"I feel that I'm a girl in my heart," she says, "and a boy in my brain."

Her parents allowed her to be interviewed and also agreed to speak to The Associated Press on the condition that the family's last name, the name of the town where they live and the school Ryan attends not be used in the story.

Though the decision to publicly express as a girl happened at the end of kindergarten, Ryan had slowly been becoming "she" at home for a long time, even when she still had a crew cut.

Six months after her second birthday, her parents say Ryan was drawn to all things pink and sparkly. Ryan, the boy, wore pajama pants on his head, pretending it was long hair, or acted out girl roles from movies.

"I'm wishing . for the one I love . to find me!" the preschooler would enthusiastically sing into the toilet, copying Snow White, who sings into the echoing wishing well in the animated Disney movie.

By kindergarten, Ryan would bolt through the door of the family's suburban Chicago home, leaving a trail of boy clothes up the stairway — then quickly changing into a skirt and matching T-shirt.

Ryan's parents, initially told that Ryan had gender identity disorder, tried to get their child more interested in traditional boy things. But Ryan preferred chasing butterflies instead of footballs. Her dad scheduled extra "father-son" time, thinking that might have an influence. But nothing changed.

"The next step was to eliminate all girl things — can't write about girl things, can't draw girl things, can't talk about girly things ... and that just didn't feel right," says Sabrina, Ryan's mom.

They decided to stop resisting and allowed Ryan to start taking small steps into the outside world, at a nearby park, for instance, where she wore her girl clothes.

For her kindergarten Halloween party, Ryan dressed as a princess and, shortly after, asked her parents to refer to her as "she," a request to which they agreed, though it took a few months to adjust.

Their first support came from a pediatrician who specialized in gender, as well as other parents with children like Ryan, many whom they met through an online listerv. They are, as they call themselves, "affirming parents."

"There's a realization that it's not a phase or something that's ending when the preschooler gets to kindergarten," says Kevin Gogin, the program manager for school health programs at the San Francisco Unified School District, which recently added a transgender category in student health surveys. The survey found that 1.6 percent of high school students and 1 percent of middle school students identified as transgender or gender variant. Elementary students weren't in the survey, but Gogin says the district has seen more young transgender and gender variant students, too.

Sixteen states and the District of Columbia have transgender rights laws, according to Michael Silverman, the executive director of the Transgender Legal Defense and Education Fund in New York City. He is representing the family of Coy Mathis, the 6-year-old transgender girl in Colorado.

But even in states that don't have laws, he says districts are often open to guidance.

"By and large, most educators want to do the right thing and want to know how to treat all of their children equally," Silverman says. But often, they don't know how.

In California, which has had protections for transgender people for some time, a new law requires schools to provide transgender and gender variant students with "equal and full access to programs and facilities," such as gender-neutral bathrooms, if need be, and private changing areas for gym and sports.

There can be resistance, of course — even in families and friends, as Ryan's parents discovered.

Neighbors in the Chicago suburb where the family lived when Ryan was born stopped asking about or acknowledging her when she started dressing in girl clothes. "It was as if she no longer existed," Sabrina recalls.

Early on, people in their own extended family also struggled with their decision to let Ryan live outwardly as a girl. Some said: "I think what you're doing is wrong" or "Ryan's too young to know."

Cousins made fun of her, too, and once shut her in a dryer to taunt her.

Sabrina and husband Chris sat their family members down to talk and, over time, they say they came to an understanding.

"Our commitment is that our children are in an accepting, loving environment — and if someone's not on board with that, then they're not going to be around," Chris says, calmly but firmly.

They also moved to a neighboring suburb, where some said a particular elementary school would be more open to Ryan.

They still fear a harsh reaction from people outside their community. But they say most people locally have been accepting.

And she notes how well the staff at Ryan's school has handled things. She remembers meeting with the principal and teachers at the end of Ryan's kindergarten year. She told them that Ryan would likely enter first grade as a girl, then came home to find that Ryan was ready to make the transition — right then.

"I don't want to do this anymore," Ryan told her parents, referring to what she now calls the "revolving door" of changing her appearance from boy at school to girl at home.

Her mom alerted the school. "You know how we spoke about, that it might happen next year?" she said. "Well, it's happening tomorrow."

They were ready, and allowed Sabrina to explain things to Ryan's classmates — that Ryan liked to dress in girl clothes and liked girl things.

One of Ryan's friends also stood up: "I want everyone to know this is Ryan's first day as a girl, and everyone better be nice."

One boy talked about how he'd once worn his sister's shirt when his own got wet. A girl said she'd worn her brother's boots. And then the kindergarteners moved on, Sabrina says.

Of course, how a school staff and a community react still varies widely from place to place. But overall, attitudes about differences in gender identity have been changing, even in the last decade, says Eli Erlick, a transgender student and graduating high school senior in Willits, Calif., a small town in the northern part of the state.

When Erlick began her transition from boy to girl at age 8, she says that even she didn't know what the word "transgender" meant. She just knew that she wanted to live life as a girl. "I thought I was the only person like this," she says.

School was difficult. Some teachers made fun of her in front of the class, she says. To avoid dealing with which bathroom to use, she would pretend to be sick, so she could go home and use the facilities there.

Now Erlick is the director of an organization called Trans Student Equality Resources, which provides schools with training and information about students like her. Erlick also has helped her school district and others in California develop transgender

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policies.

Some schools in other states are doing the same.

"There is definitely more awareness," says Kristyn Westphal, vice principal at Grant High School in Portland, Ore.

There, they've established a student support team to determine how well the school is meeting the needs of transgender and other students. Earlier this year, the school also created individual gender-neutral bathrooms that any student can use.

Bathrooms often become a focal point because, when children are young, the transition is often more "social," a change in clothing and hairstyle.

As some kids move into puberty, they might use hormone blockers and, eventually, start hormone therapy to help their bodies transform from male to female, or vice versa. But any kind of surgery, experts say, is still relatively rare, even in adolescence.

Ryan's parents will consider these options later. But for now, Ryan sees no reason to choose one gender over the other — "at least until I get married or something," she says. So she uses a separate bathroom at school, as the principal has arranged with her parents.

A separate bathroom was not, however, a workable solution for the parents of Coy Mathis, who are suing their school district in Fountain, Colo. Kathryn Mathis, Coy's mother, says it's about more than that.

"If it were just a toilet, then just having the gender-neutral option would be fine. But it's really about being accepted," Mathis says.

"What's happening now — they will call you a girl but you're not really a girl, so you don't get to act like one. And that's incredibly damaging."

The school district has declined to comment on an ongoing case.

Mathis says she's heard from several parents who've made the decision for their transgender children to go "stealth." In other words, they make the transition — from boy to girl or girl to boy — and then move, so no one knows.

"That's how they're doing it ... because there aren't laws to protect them," Mathis says.

Even in Ryan's case, the initial transition at school wasn't always smooth.

While her own younger classmates were accepting, older kids called her "gay" and a "fag." Early on, a few followed Ryan around on the playground. "Are you a boy or a girl?" they'd ask repeatedly.

Her parents had prepared her for this type of reaction as best they could. Ryan, who her parents say is a strong-willed, independent kid, was mostly just annoyed. Still, she was relieved when her principal quickly stepped in to enforce the school's anti-bullying policy.

One mother also recalls how, early on, a few other parents worried about their boys being around Ryan — that it might cause them to be confused about their own gender. But that talk eventually dissipated, she says.

Sabrina took it upon herself to speak about Ryan at school curriculum nights, to answer parents' questions. And now, the principal says, it as a non-issue. "Ryan is Ryan," she says.

It's not been as easy at other nearby elementary schools, where there's been more friction over the few other transgender students. Some administrators have come to Ryan's principal for advice — and she's already been in contact with her counterparts at the middle school Ryan will eventually attend.

No one expects that adolescence will be easy.

"The more challenging times are up ahead, and we're clear about that," Sabrina says.

But Scott Morrison, a transgender student at Grant High School in Oregon, says having support at home and at school, as he did, will make a big difference for kids like Ryan.

Morrison, a graduating senior, moved to Oregon from Virginia three years ago.

"Gender identity is probably the most important part of me," Morrison says. "It's the most important discovery I've made about myself."

He transitioned from female to male a year later and says support from his mom, his friends and his new school — and help from a counselor — likely prevented him from committing suicide.

According to a 2010 National Transgender Discrimination Survey, 41 percent of transgender people surveyed said they had attempted suicide. That figure rose to 51 percent for those who said they'd also been bullied, harassed, assaulted or expelled because they were transgender or gender nonconforming at school. The survey was a joint project of the National Center for Transgender Equality and the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force.

With more support and an ability to live more openly, however, some wonder if it will be better for Ryan and this up-and-coming group of transgender and gender variant kids.

"I'll be really curious to see what this next generation looks like," says Masen Davis, the executive director of the Transgender Law Center, a civil rights and advocacy organization based in San Francisco. "I'm hopeful."

Ryan is, too. "It's just made me feel more strong and confident," she says of the support she's gotten from her parents and her school.

People who know her say that's true. She is a bubbly kid, they note. She loves to draw, sing and write poetry, loves sports and running. On the school playground, she can be found in the middle of a group of girls, doing cartwheels and playing tag.

"Most people forgot that she was ever a boy," says one of her girlfriends, a fellow fourth-grader.

If her parents ever question their decision to let Ryan go public at school, they say they pull out her first-grade photo and compare it with the one from kindergarten, taken when Ryan was still hiding her girl self.

"There is a light and a twinkle in her eye that's unmistakable," Sabrina says of the first-grade photo. "And if nothing else, just looking at that picture, we're clear we made the right choice."

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Surf Forecasts

Water Temp: **67.6°**

THURSDAY – **POOR TO FAIR** – SURF: **2-3 ft** thigh to waist high
SSW swell slowly eases; NW windswell continues. Standouts through the Western portion of the region see larger sets. Potential improving winds.

FRIDAY – **POOR TO FAIR** – SURF: **2-3 ft** knee to waist high
Old SSW swell eases as new SSW-S swell shows in the PM; NW windswell pulses up. Larger sets to chest high+ for standouts in the far Western part of the region.

SATURDAY – **POOR TO FAIR** – SURF: **2-3 ft** knee to waist high
SSW swell continues; NW windswell holds. Larger sets to chest high+ for standouts in the far Western part of the region. Cleaner conditions possible, stay tuned.

SUNDAY – **POOR** – SURF: **2-3 ft** knee to chest high
Blend of SSW swell and NW windswell continues. Larger sets to chest high+ for standouts in the far Western part of the region. Cleaner conditions possible, stay tuned.

BEACH REPORT CARD

NORTH LOS ANGELES COUNTY

Grades for this report are based on monitoring data from the previous 30 days up to the ending date of: **May 22, 2013**

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

QUICK STATS (for the last 30 days)
- Number of sewage spills – 1
- Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill – 0
- Number of wet days – 5
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather – 28 / 22
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather – 0 / 0

The Beach Report Card is made possible by: simplehuman, LAcarGUY, SIMA and Grousbeck Family Foundation

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
Los Cerritos Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	A+
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechusa and Las Alisa creeks.		
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	A+	A+
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	A	A+
Winter Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	A+	A+
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	A+	A+
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Solstice Canyon at Don Blocker County Beach.	A	A+
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth.	A+	A+
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd..	A	F
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	A+
Surfrider Beach (broach location)- daily.	C	A+
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	F	F
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	F	A+
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero).	A+	A+
Big Rock Beach at 19548 PCH stairs.	A+	B
Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach.	A+	A+
Tuna Canyon.	D	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	A+	A+
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	A+
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	A+
Will Rogers State Beach at 17208 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	A+	F
Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence.	A+	F
Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain.	A+	A+
Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain.	A+	F
Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua).	A	A+
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain.	A+	F
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain.	A+	F
Santa Monica Municipal Pier.	C	F
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain.	B	B
Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms).	A+	A+
Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain.	A+	A+
Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain.	A+	A+
Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain.	A+	A+
Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain.	A+	A+
Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south.	A+	A+
Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St..	A	A+
Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- lifeguard tower.	A+	A
Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth.	A+	F
Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain.	A+	F
North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach.	A+	A+
Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of CIWW jetty).	A+	A+
Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain.	A+	F
Dockweiler Beach- opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant.	A+	A+
Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain.	A+	A+

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

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NFL

49ers trying to find WR to fill Michael Crabtree's role

ANTONIO GONZALEZ
AP Sports Writer

SANTA CLARA, Calif. The second week of organized team activities began for the San Francisco 49ers without Michael Crabtree but with the tough task of replacing the team's top wide receiver.

Anquan Boldin sure seemed up for the challenge.

As for the other wideouts, they will likely need more time — and healthy bodies — to help fill the void.

Boldin caught the bulk of the balls during Tuesday's practice, the first one open to reporters that he has participated in since coming to the 49ers in a trade with Baltimore in March. He looked comfortable as ever in a red No. 81 jersey — and later in a San Francisco Giants cap walking out of the locker room. With Crabtree out for the foreseeable future with a torn right Achilles tendon, Boldin could be the key to San Francisco's depleted receiving corps this season.

"We have to make plays. The passing game goes through us. If we don't make plays outside, we won't be successful as an offense," Boldin said. "It's definitely on us to get better as a receiver corps entirely."

Coach Jim Harbaugh has decided to put veterans on one side of the offense and have an open competition among younger players on the other for Crabtree's spot.

Last year's catchless first-round pick, A.J. Jenkins, and Ricardo Lockette and Quinton Patton are the leading contenders for the "X" role Crabtree so skillfully occupied until tearing his Achilles in 7-on-7 drills last week. Recovery time can often take as long as a year after surgery, though the team is optimistic Crabtree will return at some point in 2013.

In the meantime, the NFC champions will rely on Boldin's experience to help groom the younger receivers into a bigger role, especially with reliable wideouts Mario Manningham and Kyle Williams both coming off serious knee injuries that occurred late in the regular season.

"Anquan is not a talkative guy," Harbaugh said. "He's not a small-talk guy. He's just very serious about competing, and very serious about football and winning. I think it'll speak volumes if the young guys observe that."

Boldin had 65 catches for 921 yards and four touchdowns for the Ravens last season. He also caught six passes for 104 yards and a touchdown in Baltimore's 34-31 win over San Francisco in the Super Bowl on Feb. 3.

The 6-foot-1, 220-pound receiver said he already feels comfortable in San Francisco's complicated version of the West Coast offense. In his 11th year in the NFL, Boldin said he has run many of the same plays and routes throughout his career but the terminology with the 49ers is the major difference.

"For me, it's just translating right now," he said.

Boldin's big frame already has made him a favorite of starter Colin Kaepernick and the other quarterbacks. While it was only one practice without full pads, he was often the first read and easily targeted more than any other player on the field, including while catching a 25-yard touchdown pass from B.J. Daniels between three defenders.

"I guess I'm looked at as being able to step in right now and make plays," Boldin said. "And that's what I want to bring. I want Kaep to be comfortable. I want the other quarterbacks to be comfortable enough to, even if it doesn't look like I'm open, just give me a chance. I'll make a play for you."

That's exactly what Crabtree gave Kaepernick last season.

The 25-year-old Crabtree, the team's 10th overall pick in the 2009 draft out of Texas Tech, had career highs with 85 receptions for 1,105 yards and nine touchdowns for the 49ers last season. He was one of the biggest reasons the franchise returned to the Super Bowl for the first time in 18 years, clicking with Kaepernick after his promotion over Alex Smith in November.

More than likely, the 49ers will need a collection of players to make up for Crabtree's loss.

Williams already was participating in some individual practice drills and said he hopes to be ready by training camp. Harbaugh has said Manningham might need more time to recover.

Jenkins and Lockette both trained with Kaepernick in the Atlanta area for about two months during the offseason. The trio even lived together in Georgia and often quizzed each other about the playbook.

Back on the practice field at 49ers headquarters, now it's up to the veterans to help speed up the learning.

"It's a credit to the young guys we have, they're not afraid to come ask questions, 'How do I do this? How do I run this route? Against this coverage, what do we do?'" Williams said. "For me, I'm happy to do that stuff because I want to see these guys progress and move along and become better players. We've got it. We've got a bunch of them. Don't sleep on some of the young guys we have."

NOTES: Harbaugh said RB Frank Gore has not been participating in practice because he is "working through something," the coach's typical line for an injured player. Harbaugh said the injury is not serious. ... Second-year RB LaMichael James said he is up to 205 pounds, 10 more than his playing weight last season. He credited the offseason weightlifting program with helping him build strength and sees himself as the top option to return kicks and punts with Ted Ginn Jr. gone. ... Harbaugh said he received some tips from three-time Indianapolis 500 winner Johnny Rutherford before driving a high-performance Corvette Stinger at the track over the weekend. He said he got the car up to 118 mph the last two turns. "Of course, by next week when I retell the story it might be up to 138," he joked.

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1:40pm, 4:30pm, 7:20pm

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Happy Birthday

Karen Maruyama!

Go to a movie tonight, Cancer

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Zero in on what you want, and others will pitch in and help. This sense of hospitality and camaraderie makes your day. You might wonder how you could create an atmosphere like this long term. Tonight: Whatever you want.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ Others will wait for your instructions. How often does that happen? Seize the moment and run with it. You could be shocked by everything that comes up. Tonight: In the limelight.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ You may want to step back and be an observer. What you see by not participating on such an active level might surprise you. You will use this knowledge in many ways. Tonight: Easy works.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★ Allow greater give-and-take with a child or loved one. You might need to follow through on what needs to happen. Listen to your inner voice regarding a friend at a distance. It is easy to forget this person, as he or she isn't a part of your daily life. Tonight: Go to a movie or concert.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★ Someone will jump in and take control before you even can say "yes" or "no." You have two choices; you either can be annoyed, or you can decide just to sit back and relax. A domestic matter or real-estate issue remains complicated. Tonight: Think through a decision.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★ Act as if there were no tomorrow as far as work or a project is concerned, and you could be delighted by the results. You might want to repeat this kind of intensity again. Return calls later in the day when you can chat and catch up on news. Tonight: In the thick of things.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ You might want to listen to a loved one carefully, as there could be nuggets of truth to be heard. A serious conversation about your funds needs to happen. Tonight: Fun and games.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★ Your seriousness speaks for itself when dealing with a security issue. Others clearly get your message. Still, you might need to resolve a situation that appears to be a standoff. Try to initiate a conversation using a lighter tone. Tonight: At home.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ You have a unique way of saying things that opens up possibilities in others' minds. You might be surprised at the feedback you get. You could want to take someone's suggestion and work with that person. Do not hesitate to ask for what you need. Tonight: Chat over dinner.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★ You might need to push someone whom you admire. Getting your point across could be exhausting, but know that it's important. There always is a solution. Tonight: Your treat.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ Enjoy all of the activity that is going on around you. People are taking their cues from you. A boss demands your attention. You won't be able to lighten this person up, so don't even try. Remember that you are a role model in some form. Tonight: Be a star in your own universe.

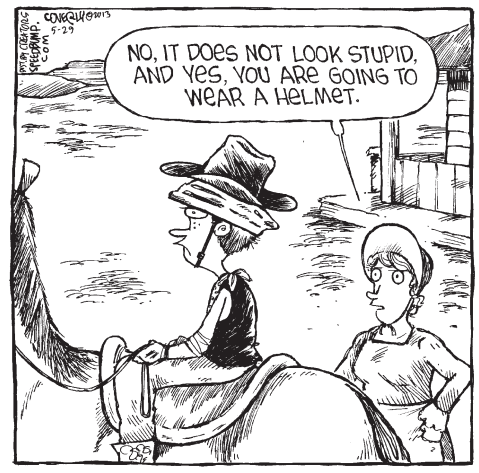
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ Be wary of someone who continues to close the door on you instead of opening it. You could be taken aback by this person's actions. Learn to expect this behavior, and you will be much happier as a result. Tonight: Get plenty of R and R -- you are going to need it soon!

Wednesday, May 29, 2013

This year you display a very positive attitude in most areas of your life; however, you also become too focused on your work or health, which eliminates some spontaneity. If you are single, your desirability and openness to different lifestyles makes relating easier. Be sure you know what you want before committing. If you are attached, the two of you opt to go on a special trip together. AQUARIUS provokes interesting reactions.

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

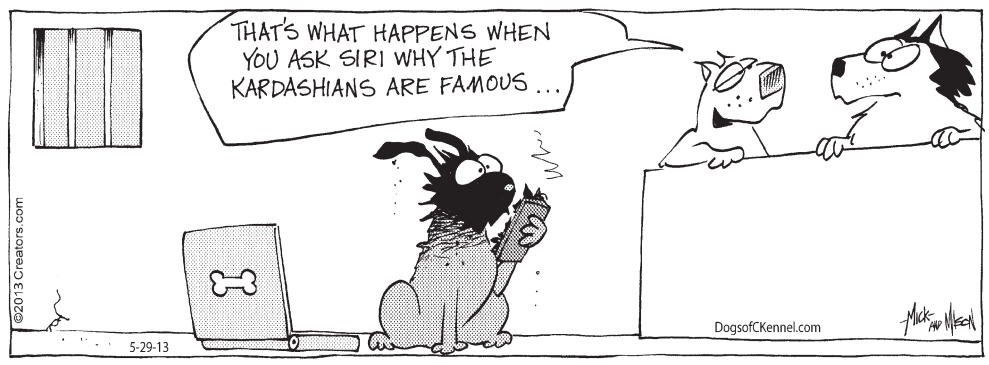
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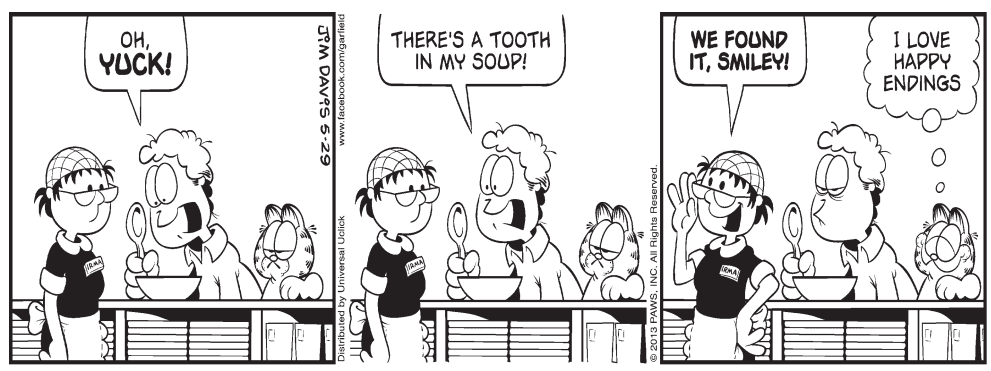
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Garfield
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The Meaning of Lila
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Sudoku

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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			3	8	6	1		

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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

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

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Make a surprise visit
6 Bath need
10 Happened
11 T-shirt choice
12 Muscular power
13 "Enigma Variations" composer
14 Carryall
15 Fries source
16 Quarterback Manning
17 Summit
18 Tennis court divider
19 Complete tie
22 Wound reminder
23 Tatters
26 Sponger
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33 Additionally
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37 Action setting
38 Wine grape
39 Like grease
40 Cartoon genre
41 Concludes
42 Out of style

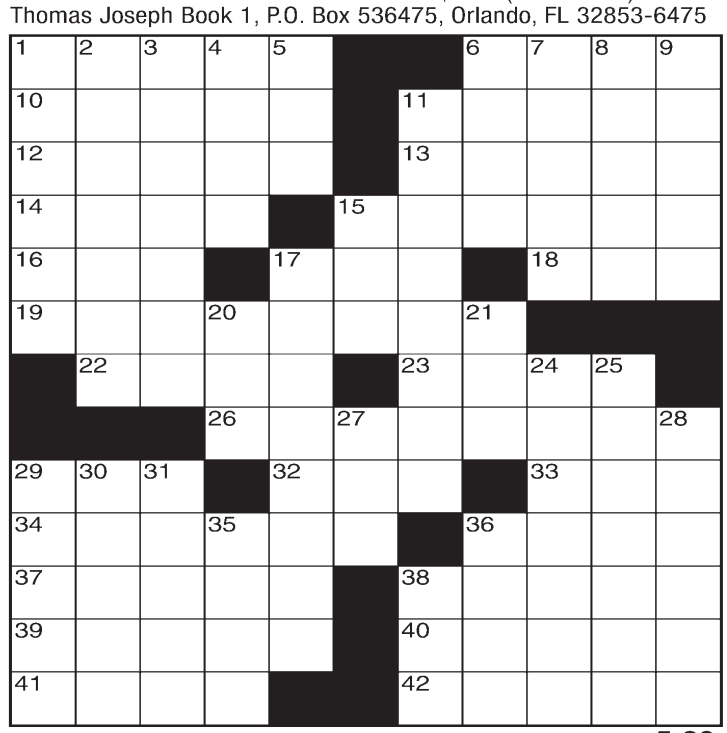
DOWN

1 Stuck, in a way
2 Baltimore team
3 Ottawa chief
4 Words of understanding
5 Fresh
6 Shaker stuff
7 Heart, for one
8 Banded rock
9 Candidate of the '90s
11 Spotted cats
15 "Lenore" writer
17 Like some holiday weekends
20 June honoree
21 Folder feature
24 "Start that job now!"
25 Island off Africa
27 Saloon supply
28 Sounded a horn
29 Wise saying
30 Second airing
31 Leaning
35 Printer's supplies
36 Singer Turner
38 Spot to jot

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ The Washington Post reported in April that the federal government is due to spend $890,000 this year to safeguard ... nothing. The amount is the total fees for maintaining more than 13,000 short-term bank accounts the government owns but which have no money in them and never again will. Closing the accounts is easier said than done, according to the watchdog Citizens Against Government Waste, because the accounts each housed separate government grants, and Congress has required that, before the accounts are closed, the grants must be formally audited -- something bureaucrats are rarely motivated to do, at least within the 180 days set by law (though there is no penalty for missing the deadline).

■ It's good to be the county administrator of Alameda County, Calif. (on San Francisco Bay, south of Oakland). The San Francisco Chronicle revealed in March that somehow, Susan Muranishi negotiated a contract that pays her $301,000 a year, plus "equity pay" of $24,000 a year so that she makes at least 10 percent more than the next highest paid official, plus "longevity" pay of $54,000 a year, plus a car allowance -- and that she will be paid that total amount per year as her pension for life (in addition to a private pension of $46,000 a year that the county purchased for her).

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1948 - Creation of the United Nations Peacekeeping Force the United Nations Truce Supervision Organization

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