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Mitzvot in memory of Mezza

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer


MEZZA

DOWNTOWN Today, Matthew Mezza would have turned 15.

The Santa Monica High School freshman, known for his joking nature and quick smile, might have had a birthday party, and celebrated with the many friends that populated his life.

But that was not to be.

In January, Matthew's life came to an abrupt end, one that left his friends and family seeking reason in a seemingly senseless act.

The bright boy who lived attentively and kept the needs of others constantly at the forefront of his mind could not be the same one that fled the baseball practice field and jumped to his death from the tenth floor of the Sheraton Delfina.

"The reason why when we think about his death it's difficult to understand is that it's completely antithetical to the way he lived. He was, in a sense, a first responder in training," said Rabbi Neil Comess-Daniels, a spiritual leader at Beth Shir Shalom who first met Matthew in 2005. "He would run into life, not away from it, which is why I'm sure that it hit him suddenly, like an emotional tsunami."

But while he lived, Matthew did so in a way that changed others' lives for the better. He was the kind of friend that shared his lunch with the hungry, the kind of person that communicated his excitement and passion with others and the kind of son that made his mother proud, even if his room was a total mess.

When his birthday got close, his mother, Ellie Schneir, began considering how best to celebrate the memory of her son.

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IN MEMORY

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The 73rd Annual Memorial Day Observance at Woodlawn Cemetery Monday included marching bands (left) and a military fly-over.

HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL

Pacifica Christian reaches quarter-finals

BY DANIEL ARCHULETA
Managing Editor

ORO GRANDE There's one Santa Monica-based baseball team left standing in the CIF-Southern Section playoffs.

Pacifica Christian defeated Riverside Prep, 11-4, Friday to advance to the quarterfinals of the Division 7 playoffs. The Seawolves advance to face Firebaugh today at North Venice Little League in the quarter-finals. The game is scheduled for 2 p.m.

The game will be a rematch. The teams faced off earlier this season. Firebaugh won that meeting, 12-1, on May 4.

"They are pretty strong top to bottom," Pacifica Christian head coach Julian Chavez said. "They are really good."

He expects his team, winners of the Heritage League, to put up a better fight this time around.

"We want to show them that we're a better team than that," Chavez said.

Also in Division 7, No. 1 seeded New Roads fell to Animo Leadership, 13-8, on Friday on the road.

New Roads, which won the Coast League this season, finishes the season 18-6 overall and 8-0 in league.

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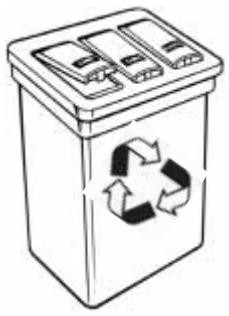
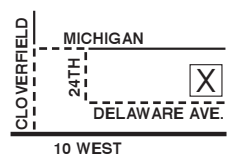
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Making funny
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1450 Ocean Ave., 12:30 p.m.
Veteran improv instructor, Brian Hamill, will host a weekly comedy improv workshop for seniors. All seniors are welcome to take part in this free workshop. If you'd rather just come watch the fun, then that's all right, too. For more information, call (310) 458-8644.

Time for toddlers
Ocean Park Library
2601 Main St., 10 a.m.
Join Mr. Jesse for stories, rhymes, songs and even puppets. For more information, call 310-458-8683.

Dance to the music
Barnum Hall
601 Pico Blvd., 5:30 p.m.
Come out and support the ROP dance team at Santa Monica High School as it performs dances from musicals "Cabaret," "Legally Blonde," and "Chicago." The show ends in a big hip-hop number with all four classes. Students have been working on their own choreography and will be premiering five original works whose themes range from isolation, to the impossible stress of perfection, to connecting fully to each other. Special guests include the Dance Combination Club and the Samohi Songs team. Admission: $5.

Wednesday, June 1, 2011

Bugliosi in person
Main Library, MLK Auditorium
601 Santa Monica Blvd., 7 p.m.
The Santa Monica Public Library presents a special evening with author Vincent Bugliosi. Regarded by many as America's best prosecutor, Vincent Bugliosi has also made his mark on the publishing world with such provocative and controversial books as "Helter Skelter," "Outrage: The Five Reasons O.J. Simpson Got Away With Murder" and "The Prosecution of George W. Bush for Murder." Now he returns to discuss his latest book, "The Divinity of Doubt: The God Question." Sure to ignite fierce debate, Bugliosi's new book takes on both true religious believers and hardened atheists and posits that both sides are wrong. A book sale and signing will follow the author's presentation. This author event is presented free to the public. Tickets for auditorium seating are required. Tickets will be released one hour prior to program on the day of event. One ticket per guest. Guest must be present to receive a ticket. The library is wheelchair accessible. For special disabled services, call library administration at (310) 458-8606 at least one week prior to event. For more information on this and other public programs, visit www.smpl.org or contact the library at (310) 458-8600.

Bike it!
Citywide
Ditch the car and hop on the bicycle for Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District's Bike It! Day. Over 3,000 people participated in last October's district-wide event and organizers are hoping to top that record. For maps showing routes to each school go to www.bikeitday.com. Sustainable Streets will also offer a bike skills brush-up class during home-base at the middle schools. In addition, we will host a free bike skills workshop on Saturday, May 21, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Samohi, which offers rules of the road, tips on selecting safer routes to school, basic bike maintenance and bike skills practice to help avoid crashes.

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Business lobby's influence will be tested this week

LIEN HOANG
Associated Press

SACRAMENTO A California business group's perennial list of bills it dubs "job killers" used to be a signal for legislation that was unlikely to survive former Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger's veto pen, but the package of legislation promoted by Democrats could fare better under the new administration of Gov. Jerry Brown, a Democrat.

The California Chamber of Commerce rolled out its so-called "job killers list" last week ahead of the final week for the state Senate and Assembly to pass their own bills before sending them to the other house.

This year's roster names 28 proposed laws the chamber says would hurt the state's economy as it emerges from recession. All are sponsored by Democrats, as has been the case almost exclusively with the hundreds of bills to which the chamber has given its stamp of disapproval over the years.

Many of the 28 bills, which have until Friday to make it out of their house of origin, promote environmental regulation and union-aligned interests — agendas that the business group says come at the expense of employers.

A bill in the Senate, for instance, would stop restaurants from packing to-go food in foam containers. Another in the Assembly mandates the state Air Resources Board and Energy Commission to adopt policies that would cut the use of traditional fuels in favor of alternative and renewable sources.

Another proposal, SB535, sets aside 10 percent of all money generated from the state's cap-and-trade program to go to poor communities most hurt by climate change. It would dedicate a fund for creating green jobs, addressing the health repercussions of pollution and reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

Sen. Kevin de León, D-Los Angeles, reintroduced the bill this year after his previous attempts were dashed by Schwarzenegger, who vetoed the original bill in 2010.

"I'm feeling very confident," de León said. "We have a new governor, we have a new horizon."

The prospect of a fellow Democrat wielding the governor's pen has breathed new life into some of the Democratic legislation Schwarzenegger previously rejected.

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TO THE SEA: **Last year's Paddleboard Race and Ocean Festival attracted a good turnout for the event's first run.**

Paddling at the pier

Race, festival honor local surf culture

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

SM PIER Longtime Santa Monica residents hearken back to the days when their quiet little beach town was just that — a bohemian paradise perched on the doorstep of the Pacific Ocean where locals could ride the waves and revel in the natural beauty that surrounded them.

The Santa Monica Pier, in partnership with the Honolulu Surf Co., will evoke that peaceful time with its all-day Paddleboard Race and Ocean Festival, an event scheduled for June 11 featuring live music, paddleboard and dory races and a display depicting the history of water sports at the pier.

The "museum for a day" will be set up in the south parking lot, and will include dories and paddleboards built by expert craftsman and noted Santa Monica surfer Pete Peterson, as well as items used by lifeguards throughout the decades and displays on the history of the pier and skateboarding.

Proceeds of the festival will benefit Heal the Bay, a Santa Monica-based nonprofit that promotes ecological practices to protect the health of the ocean.

For those left scratching their heads at the concept of "paddleboarding," a primer.

According to the Encyclopedia of Surfing, paddleboarding is a sea sport invented by surfers but used almost exclusively outside of the surf zone. People literally get on the boards and paddle from point A to point B, either in a kneeling or prone position.

The first paddleboard on record was invented by surfer Tom Blake in the 1920s as part of his strategy to compete in the Pacific Coast Surf Riding championships. It weighed 110 pounds, and was modeled after the Hawaiian olo surfboard, the type used by royalty in ancient Hawaiian culture.

Blake took his new invention to the 26-mile race between Catalina and the Manhattan Beach shore. His win, with a time of five hours and 53 minutes, launched paddleboards into the spotlight.

Paddleboards tend to measure 15 to 20 feet in length and 20 inches wide. As new materials like fiberglass and balsa wood came into the picture, the average weight dropped precipitously to between 25 and 35 pounds.

Others, including Peterson, jumped on the paddleboard bandwagon.

Peterson created a chambered mahogany paddleboard in 1939 that, as the New York Times reported, was comprised of over 1,500 screws. His other boards and inventions were slightly more accessible to the average boarder, and will be on display in the museum.

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Penis envy?

Editor:

The very thought of a law against this procedure is utterly ridiculous and obscene ("Initiative seeks to protect penises," page 1, May 24).

Ms. Troutman and Ms. Smith should be treated for their mental illness of either penis envy or penis worship or both. Can you just imagine if there was a law against cesarean sections instead of natural childbirth? After all, surgery is surgery.

Herb Silverstein
Santa Monica

Many options for Civic

Editor:

A number of appropriate concerns were raised at the City Council meeting discussion on the Civic Auditorium: the huge cost, the risks, the need for $25 million more for underground parking, the rush to spend the RDA money ("Civic Auditorium to get $47M makeover," page 1, May 28).

A few more quick thoughts:

• In recent years, many more theaters have appeared throughout the region that would compete with the remodeled Civic.

• The Fourth Street parking structure was built to allow the surface parking lot to be developed into a park; it presently loses money and would lose more if underground parking was built.

• Barnum Hall is an underutilized gem a block away. With improved access and quality management, it could be used for concerts, etc., in the evenings and weekends. The city will be working with the school district on joint uses with the high school. In those discussions, attention could be given to Barnum Hall.

• Perhaps the hotels and restaurants would kick in money to make the Civic a mid-sized conference center.

• A significant amount of money will be needed to build the park adjacent to the Civic. That should be given a high priority.

• If money proposed for the Civic was shifted to Parking Structure 6, the revenue anticipated for that project could be later used for the park or even the Civic once a broad community process considers alternatives.

As co-chair of the group that developed the original Civic Center Plan, I can say that greening the Civic Center was our highest priority. Let's make that happen.

Paul Rosenstein
Santa Monica

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Building a case for circumcision

THE REFORMING ZEALOTS ARE AT IT again! This time their latest cause is infant male circumcision, a procedure that has been practiced in western culture for thousands of years. Making their case that infant male circumcision "mutilates" the boy child in the same way that female circumcision mutilates girls, the group Male Genital Mutilation (MGM), which hails from San Diego, is seeking to place a measure on Santa Monica's 2012 ballot that would make infant male circumcision, including circumcisions done for religious purposes, illegal and the doctors and mohels who perform circumcisions guilty of a misdemeanor and subject to a year in jail and a $1,000 fine.

Banning circumcision is a bad idea and hopefully will not qualify for the ballot in this city. As a Santa Monica pediatrician, I have done hundreds of circumcisions over my career. As a potential future felon, I know my crime well. My style is not to "push" the procedure on my patients, but if families press me for a recommendation, I do explain to them the medical benefits of circumcision, but emphasize that it should be considered an option, not a requirement.

Here's how I present the issue to my patients:

First, cleanliness is a factor in the lives of young boys. Circumcised penises are cleaner than uncircumcised penises and infections do occur under the prepuces of little boys. These infections, called balanitis, can be quite painful and often require drainage and antibiotic treatment. Boys who are circumcised do not have to worry about balanitis.

Second, boys who are uncircumcised can experience an event, thankfully rare, in which the foreskin, when "rolled back," becomes circumferentially entrapped around the head or glans of the penis. We call this situation "paraphimosis." When this happens, the head of the penis becomes grossly swollen and an emergency circumcision is required. If there is a delay in resolving this problem, dry gangrene of the penile head can occur. Boys who are circumcised do not have to worry about paraphimosis nor do they have to worry about their penises becoming gangrenous. (Perish the thought!)

Third, as men age and become sexually active, the potential of infecting their sexual partners with sexually transmitted diseases (STDs) increases in men who are uncircumcised. Viruses and bacteria hide under the uncircumcised prepuce. HIV, in particular, has been shown to live longer under the uncircumcised foreskin and it is now becoming a common practice in sub-Saharan Africa for uncircumcised men to undergo circumcision in an effort to decrease the HIV transmission rate in countries that are struggling with the AIDS epidemic.

Fourth, infant male circumcisions done in hospitals are performed under sterile conditions after the child has received a local nerve block. Done with either a Gomco clamp, Mogen clamp or plastic bell around the penile glans, the procedure is safe and well tolerated. Complications are exceedingly rare.

BANNING CIRCUMCISION IS A BAD IDEA AND HOPEFULLY WILL NOT QUALIFY FOR THE BALLOT IN THIS CITY.

Fifth, circumcision is often performed for religious reasons. The Jewish faith commands that their male children undergo circumcision on the eighth day. Performed by mohels in a ceremony called a brit milah, circumcision is a solemn confirmation of the Jewish faith. Many Christians also circumcise their male children for religious reasons as well. Outlawing the procedure would represent a literal frontal attack on these religious practices. The First Amendment of the United States Constitution protects against such governmental tampering with religion. But if the procedure was "outlawed" in Santa Monica, legal challenges would undoubtedly arise.

Sixth, the American Academy of Pediatrics has chosen to not officially endorse circumcision. The AAP does, however, recognize the medical value of circumcision, but wisely recommends that the procedure be the personal choice of the family. This official position is a far cry from banning. Another issue the academy considers in their recommendations is cost. If the academy did issue a blanket recommendation for circumcision, the cost of medical care would increase substantially for a procedure that is optional.

Finally, equating female circumcision to infant male circumcision is utterly ridiculous. Female circumcisions, which remove the entire clitoris, are done with the malicious intent of denying women the pleasures of sexual relationships. Female circumcision often results in substantial perineal scarring, interference in normal urination and painful and joyless sex. This is not the case with male infant circumcision in the least.

Circumcision is a procedure that has long-standing precedence in western culture. Santa Monica should not be tempted to enter this fray and voters should not sign the MGM petitions. Instead, the citizens of Santa Monica need to resist MGM's attempt to interfere with our medical and religious circumcision practices by chasing these wrong-headed, carpet bagging shills out of town … with Gomco and Mogen clamps in hand.

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Man celebrates 85 years of living with diabetes

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Associated Press

LOS ANGELES When Bob Krause turned 90 last week, it was by virtue of an unflagging determination and a mentality of precision that kept his body humming after being diagnosed with diabetes as a boy.

A leading diabetes research center named the San Diego resident the first American known to live 85 years with the disease, a life that has paralleled — and benefited from — the evolution in treatment.

Krause's wife of 56 years, his family and friends celebrated his longevity Sunday with a party and a medal from the Joslin Diabetes Center to commemorate his 85-year milestone.

"Bob has outlived the life expectation of a normal healthy person born in 1921," said his physician, Dr. Patricia Wu, attributing Krause's success to his strong character. "He knows that he has to deal with this and he sees this as a part of his life, he doesn't let this get him down."

The trim, white-haired Krause puts it more succinctly: "I'm a stubborn old man. I refuse to give up."

That trait certainly plays into how closely he has tracked his body's chemistry and become expert in the life-saving math that has kept his diabetes under control.

About 18.8 million Americans have been diagnosed with diabetes and an estimated 7 million more live with the disease unwittingly. Krause's form of diabetes, type 1, was once known more commonly as juvenile diabetes, and the more common form of diabetes often tied to obesity is type 2.

About 3 million Americans live with type 1 diabetes, a chronic illness in which their bodies don't make enough insulin, which is needed to convert blood sugar into energy. The exact cause is unknown, though genetics and autoimmune problems are thought to play a role.

Life expectancy is diminished for many diabetics because they face a higher risk of serious health complications, including heart disease, stroke, blindness, kidney damage and limb amputations. Many struggle to manage blood pressure.

The former University of Washington mechanical engineering professor says he's succeeded because he treats his body like a car and he only eats enough food to fuel the machine.

"To keep your diabetes under control you only eat the food you need to before you have activities to perform," Krause said. "I eat to keep me alive instead of eating all the time, or for pleasure."

He says he's not as active as he once was, so he doesn't need a lot of fuel — or variation in diet. For breakfast every day, he eats a bowl of nuts and five pitted prunes. He usually skips lunch and eats a salad with some lean meat for dinner.

"I was surprised when they told me I was the oldest, because I knew there were others out there. I certainly didn't think I was a loner," Krause said after being presented the medal.

The first time Krause met Dr. Wu at Kaiser Permanente San Diego, he came into the endocrinologist's office with a briefcase full of meticulous hand-drawn graphs charting months of his blood sugar levels, caloric intake and insulin doses.

He tests his blood up to a dozen times a day and he brings in updated charts every visit, Wu said.

"I think that's a testament of why he is successful in living with this very difficult to live with condition," she said. "Because of his persistence, his consistency, his hard work."

Krause's careful attention is not unlike many others who have been awarded by Joslin for successfully living with the illness for decades, according to researcher Stephanie Hastings.

The Boston-based center has honored long-time diabetes survivors since 1948, and 34 have earned 75-year medals.

Hastings said Krause is like many long-time successful diabetics, who "always have more information than we need."

If anything, Wu has worked with Krause over the past three years to be a little less rigid so that he doesn't overdose himself with insulin and push his blood sugar too low.

It can be tough to change the patterns of a patient who has dealt with an illness for so long.

Krause was lucky to be diagnosed with diabetes not long after the commercial production of insulin made it widely available. It was 1926, and he was 5 years old and living in Detroit where his father worked for the U.S. Rubber Co.

Krause's younger brother Jackie died of diabetes after being diagnosed a year earlier because insulin wasn't yet available.

Before the discovery of insulin, a diabetes diagnosis was a death sentence, with an expected survival of a couple years at most if patients undertook starvation diets to buy more time.

"I watched Jackie die by starving to death," Krause said. "Before insulin, diabetics would just die because eating doesn't make any difference: anything that you ate couldn't be converted and you literally starved to death because your body couldn't absorb anything."

Canadian scientists Frederick Banting and John Macleod made the discovery in 1921 through experiments with a mixture of ground cow pancreas water and salts that eventually became insulin.

When experimenting with the mixture in humans began in 1922, scientists found they were literally injecting life into people who were wasting away. The discovery led to a Nobel Prize in 1923.

The Q Line

Circumcision or not?

A San Diego-based group that opposes circumcisions for newborns has filed paper work in Santa Monica to place a measure on a future ballot that would ban the practice.

So, this week's Q-Line question asks:
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OLD SCHOOL: **A vintage photo of the Santa Monica Paddleboard Club on Santa Monica Beach.**

PADDLE

FROM PAGE 3

Santa Monica became the de facto home of water and beach sports in general, but paddleboarding in particular. The pier hosted two paddleboarding clubs, the Santa Monica Paddleboard Club and the all-female Manoa Paddleboard Club, and held regular competitions.

The width, length and relative stability of the paddleboard endeared them not only to athletes, but to lifeguards, who used them and dories, also built by Peterson, for surf rescues.

In the early days, before Santa Monica had cemented itself as the go-to beach city, companies hired lifeguards to provide extra security to attract families to the area, both for the weekend and to settle down.

It was, in part, how Blake and Peterson got their start. Both served as lifeguards in the Santa Monica Bay during the first half of the century, and their experiences led them to invent new tools to keep safe both swimmers and the lifeguards that tried to help them.

Paddleboards and dories were used before the creation of the "Baywatch boat" to pick hapless swimmers out of the water, said Nick Steers, a lifeguard of 40 years and docent at the Annenberg Beach House.

In those days, swimsuits were made out of wool, and got heavy in the water, Steers said. Inexperienced swimmers new to the ocean and its currents could find themselves in a jam, and it was up to lifeguards like Blake and Peterson to get them out.

A dory is similar to the paddleboard in that it's a hollow vessel, but otherwise it's a great deal bigger (between 400 and 500 pounds of wood coated in fiberglass) and usually seats two.

"I was a dory guy, when I was in shape and lifeguarding," Steers said. "I started in 1966 with a wood type dory, which was difficult because it was much heavier than the fiberglass ones."

Both "dory guys" and paddleboarders can celebrate their sport of choice at next Saturday's event, which celebrates not only the history of the sports, but also the practice.

Dory aficionados can compete in either a 1-mile sprint or three-lap race, while paddleboarders will get a chance to prove themselves in the 2-mile fun paddle or the "long course," a 5-and-a-half mile course that takes participants around the pier.

Registration is required for both events, and can be found at www.pierpaddle.com.

The event is a good time for people who enjoy the water and want to keep it safe for future generations.

Santa Monica had a reputation for gnarly water around its pier, which received failing grades from Heal the Bay in its Beach Report Card for years.

This year, the water quality improved leaps and bounds, getting an "A" grade.

Heal the Bay President and CEO Mark Gold credited the shift to a resident-approved tax, Measure V, which has funded repairs to storm drain, netting to prevent pigeons from roosting under the pier and a fix for an aging sewer pipe.

The reputation for bad water has scared off a lot of people, Steers said, and events like this that highlight improvements and the work of Heal the Bay are needed to bring people back.

"People should be aware they can have fun at the beach," Steers said.

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NEW SCHOOL: **Local athletes take part in last year's Paddleboard Race and Ocean Festival.**

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MEZZA
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"I wanted it to be something that would really honor him," she said. "I don't want him to be remembered for how he died. I want him to be remembered for who he was."

That person was a positive, upbeat young man always willing to help people out, or, in the verbiage of his Jewish faith, perform mitzvot — moral deeds done out of a sense of religious duty.

"Matthew was the kind of person who actually fulfilled what we would call mitzvot, or keeping of mitzvot, which is 'commandments,' in a very beautiful way," Comess-Daniels said.

Therefore, to honor the boy lost too soon, Schneir decided to put out a request to friends, family and acquaintances to live for a day as Matthew did, aware and open to the possibilities of reaching out and touching lives.

"If someone asks you about your generosity," Schneir said, "tell them that it is to honor a boy named Matthew, who was a great son, brother, cousin, teammate and friend, who would have turned 15 on May 31."

To spread the word, she created a Facebook profile page for Matthew, and reached out to as many of his friends and classmates as she could using the feature that suggests likely acquaintances.

At first, Schneir received a tepid response.

"They were very suspicious," Schneir said. "They would send back messages that said, 'Who is this?' and 'This isn't funny.' But when I explained it to them, they said 'Oh, OK, cool.' He has over 400 friends now."

One of those friends, Max Spivak, will be participating in the informal event. Performing mitzvot, even a simple act like giving someone a compliment, could change someone's perspective on the day, and perpetuate positivity in the world.

"It's like a ripple effect," Spivak said. "It isn't going to be going around the whole world, but it could possibly make someone, or even many people, happy. It will give you self pride, and give Matthew's memory a lot of dignity, which he deserves."

In the end, Schneir doesn't believe that this day of kindness would have thrilled its inspiration.

"I don't know that it would make him happy. It's about honoring him," she said.

So today, if a person opens a door for you, buys you a cup of coffee or in any way reaches out in an unexpected or unnecessary fashion, ask why. It might be a small deed done in the memory of a boy who would have turned 15, but left this world too soon.

Pay it forward.

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LOBBY
FROM PAGE 3

If party affiliation were the only indicator, Brown would sign most of the bills from the chamber's list that make it to his desk, but Brown indicated in his campaign for governor and since taking office in January that he will buck some Democratic interests and weigh legislation on its merits.

Former Gov. Gray Davis, a Democrat, approved 32 out of 44 bills sent to him that the business group deemed "job killers." The rate is much higher than that of Schwarzenegger and former Gov. Pete Wilson, both Republicans, who signed six out of 69 and zero out of 20 of the bills on the list, respectively.

Brown so far has not hued strictly to the party line. His budget proposals have opted to cut spending and shrink government and he has garnered some support for his plans from the business community. The chamber has not endorsed Brown's specific budget proposal, but has signaled support for many of his ideas, including extensions of temporary increases in the vehicle, sales and income taxes for as long as five years if they are coupled with regulatory reforms.

"Governor Brown will evaluate each bill independently and will base his judgment on whether he believes it's good for the state," spokesman Gil Duran said.

That's exactly the approach chamber officials are hoping for.

"I wouldn't bootstrap anything that any other governor has done, to this governor," said chamber President and Chief Executive Allan Zaremberg. "Brown will get greater pressure from his colleagues from the same party, but I still think this governor will make his own determination."

Moreover, he said the chamber cares not just about who is in the governor's seat, but also the extent to which it can dissuade lawmakers from passing bills on the list.

Out of 504 proposed laws the business lobby has blacklisted since 1997, just 133 have made it out of both houses of the state Legislature.

The chamber says many of those bills hurt job growth by placing further demands and restrictions on companies.

Among the other measures the Assembly is expected to take up this week is a bill that would prevent employers from conducting credit checks on applicants. A handful of other bills would make it easier for workers to take time off for medical, family or bereavement leave.

Here are some other bills from the list that are heading to the Legislature's floors this final week:

• Sen. Mark DeSaulnier, D-Concord, thinks the state's Occupational Safety and Health Appeals has not been living up to its purpose. His bill, SB829, outlines several reforms he says would make the appeals board fairer to employees. It would increase the list of people, such as family members and unions, who can assist workers in filing complaints and appeals. The legislation also would require employers to address workplace hazards even as the appeals board is considering them.

• SB129 by Sen. Mark Leno, D-San Francisco, would bar employers from discriminating against medical marijuana patients during hiring, firing and nearly everything in between. Bosses could still punish those who let the drug hinder their work, but employees would be able to sue for marijuana-related discrimination. The chamber says it would endanger workplace safety.

• Health insurance companies would need permission from the state Department of Managed Health Care or Department of Insurance to raise rates under AB52 by Assemblyman Mike Feuer. Companies would be required to explain, in applications available online to the public, factors such as medical expenses, salaries, bonuses and reserves. The Los Angeles Democrat's bill prohibits rate hikes that are "excessive, inadequate, or discriminatory."

• AB350 by Democratic Assemblyman Jose Solorio of Santa Ana would extend a law that requires new companies that take over building and property service contracts to keep janitors from previous contracts for a 60-day period to 90 days. Solorio's bill would also extend the employment protection to security, landscape, cafeteria and other workers.

• A pair of bills in the Assembly would expand workers' compensation. Assemblywoman Nancy Skinner, D-Berkeley, introduced AB375 to let hospital employees collect benefits if they acquire certain diseases, infections and chiropractic complications on the job. Legislation by Assemblyman Luis Alejo, D-Watsonville, would prohibit discrimination based on supposed risk factors, such as age, race or gender. In explaining AB1155, Alejo cited the case of a black man who developed hypertension from exposure to toxins on the job but could not get redress because a doctor said his race increased his risk of hypertension.

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How long can photographic film last?

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Associated Press

ROCHESTER, N.Y. At Image City Photography Gallery, Gary Thompson delights in pointing out qualities of light, contrast and clarity in one of his best-selling prints — a winter-sunset view of Yosemite National Park's El Capitan peak shot with a hefty Pentax film camera he bought in 1999 for $1,700.

His wife, Phyllis, a latecomer to fine-art photography after they retired from teaching in the 1990s, favors a Hasselblad X-Pan for panoramic landscapes, such as a time-lapse shot of a harbor in Nova Scotia.

Of 11 partners and resident artists at the private gallery in Rochester — the western New York city where George Eastman transformed photography from an arcane hobby into a mass commodity with his $1 Brownie in 1900 — the Thompsons are the only ones left who haven't switched to filmless digital cameras.

But that time may be near.

"I like the color we get in film, the natural light," says Phyllis Thompson, 70, who married her high-school sweetheart 50 years ago. "But digital cameras are getting much better all the time, and there will come a time when we probably won't be able to get film anymore. And then we'll have to change."

At the turn of the 21st century, American shutterbugs were buying close to a billion rolls of film per year. This year, they might buy a mere 20 million, plus 31 million single-use cameras — the beach-resort staple vacationers turn to in a pinch, according to the Photo Marketing Association.

Eastman Kodak Co. marketed the world's first flexible roll film in 1888. By 1999, more than 800 million rolls were sold in the United States alone. The next year marked the apex for combined U.S. sales of rolls of film (upward of 786 million) and single-use cameras (162 million).

Equally startling has been the plunge in film camera sales over the last decade. Domestic purchases have tumbled from 19.7 million cameras in 2000 to 280,000 in 2009 and might dip below 100,000 this year, says Yukihiko Matsumoto, the Jackson, Mich.-based association's chief researcher.

For InfoTrends imaging analyst Ed Lee, film's fade-out is moving sharply into focus: "If I extrapolate the trend for film sales and retirements of film cameras, it looks like film will be mostly gone in the U.S. by the end of the decade."

Just who are the die-hards, holdouts and hangers-on?

Among those who still rely on film — at least part of the time — are advanced amateurs and a smattering of professionals who specialize in nature, travel, scientific, documentary, museum, fine art and forensic photography, market surveys show.

Regular point-and-shoot adherents who haven't made the switch tend be poorer or older — 55 and up.

But there's also a swelling band of new devotees who grew up in the digital age and may have gotten hooked from spending a magical hour in the darkroom during a high school or college class.

Others are simply drawn to its strengths over digital and are even venturing into retro-photo careers.

"In everything from wedding to portrait to commercial photography, young professionals are finding digital so prevalent that they're looking for a sense of differentiation," says Kayce Baker, a marketing director at Fujifilm North America. "That artistic look is something their high-end clients want to see."

Kodak remains the world's biggest film manufacturer, with Japan's Fuji right on its tail. But the consumer and professional films they make have dwindled to a precious few dozen film stocks in a handful of formats, becoming one more factor in the mammoth drop-off in film processing.

Scott's Photo in Rochester finally switched this year stopped daily processing of color print film because fewer than one in 20 customers are dropping off film. A decade ago, "we could process 300 rolls on a good day, and now we see maybe 8 or 10 rolls on the few days we actually process," owner Scott Sims says.

For the hustling masses, there's no turning back the clock.

"There's so many digital images taken every day, especially with mobile media, that never will hit a piece of paper," says Therese Mulligan, administrative chair of the School of Photographic Arts and Sciences at Rochester Institute of Technology.

Even at major photography schools, film is an elective specialty.

"Our entire first two years' curriculum is digital in orientation," Mulligan says. "Those that follow a fine-art option are the first to gravitate toward film. Other genres we teach — photojournalism or advertising or biomedical — have a stronger digital emphasis because of the industry itself."

In a rich irony, film's newest fans — not unlike music aficionados who swear by vinyl records — are being drawn together via the rise of the Internet.

"The technology that enabled the demise of film is actually helping to keep it relevant with specific types of users," says IDC analyst Chris Chute.

But with the film market shrinking by more than 20 percent annually, most other signs point downhill. Analysts foresee Kodak offloading its still-profitable film division sometime in the next half-dozen years as it battles to complete a long and painful digital transformation.

Kodak will churn out a variety of films as long as there's sufficient demand for each of them, says Scott DiSabato, its marketing manager for professional film. It has even launched four new types since 2007.

While digital has largely closed the image-quality gap, DiSabato says a top-line film camera using large-format film "is still unsurpassed" in recording high-resolution images.

"The beauty with film is a lot of wonderful properties are inherent and don't require work afterward" whereas digital can involve heavy computer manipulation to get the same effect, DiSabato says.

"In the extreme, they call it 'stomped on,'" he said. "But a lot of photographers want to be photographers, not computer technicians. And some prized film capabilities — grain, color hues, skin-tone reproduction — can't quite be duplicated no matter how much stomping goes on."

Gary Thompson, who's been exhibiting his best photos for 32 years, captured his Yosemite picture on medium-format slide film — which is 4 1/2 times bigger than 35 mm film — during one of many weeks-long photo jaunts with his wife.

In the digitally scanned, 24-by-30-inch print, the shadow from a dipping sun has climbed halfway up El Capitan. The wooded, black-and-white foreground with its lacy snow patterns stands in stark contrast to the golden glow on the granite cliff face under a blue sky.

"I don't know if I could have gotten this print that large with that kind of detail" using a digital camera without "shooting several images and blending them together in Photoshop," he says. "What attracts me to shoot in almost all instances is the quality of light and there's something about film and working with it and the way it records that I just like."

At 84, he's still the 'guardian angel' of old Route 66

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SELIGMAN, Ariz. Just after lunchtime in a town that is a monument to yesteryear, an old man is cruising down Route 66 using an eight-speed bicycle. He is tidily dressed in khaki slacks, a navy polo and a baseball cap that protects a mostly threadbare crown, save for a few strands of silvery white.

At 84 years old, he has an ever-so-slight hunch, a crinkled forehead and hearing aids in both ears.

Angel Delgadillo does not look like a rock star. And yet ...

Two tour buses are parked along the nation's most historic byway, and dozens of adoring fans await: Leather-clad Harley riders. A Parisian wearing a Route 66 tee. Norwegians wanting to shake his hand. Japanese tourists who literally "ooh" and "ahh" as their Angel nears.

All along the sidewalk, Nikons are ready — and this unassuming gentleman is mobbed the moment he parks his bike. The fans clutch Route 66 license plates as Delgadillo flashes a toothy grin and says, over and over, "Cheese, cheese, cheese, cheese, cheeeeeese."

In the midst of this surreal scene comes a question: Are these camera-toting, guidebook-grasping 66 buffs here for the legendary road — or for the now-legendary man who helped to save it?

"This guy here ... every time I get a chance I come in and shake his hand," says one of these many admirers, Jerry Stinson of Lake Tyee, Wash., who plans to someday retire along Route 66 and open a business — "because of you," he tells Delgadillo as they pose for a picture.

They call him many things: The Father of the Mother Road. The Guardian Angel of Route 66. Sometimes, simply, The Ambassador.

His story has been related in travel guides, even on a website for a Route 66 association in the Czech Republic. He and his town were the inspiration for the animated film "Cars," but he has inspired many others, too, with a vigor that age hasn't diminished — a passion for the road he grew up on, and old with.

Telling this tale has become his life's work, and he does it without prompting. How he was born right on Route 66 back when Seligman was a railroad town ferrying explorers West. How he followed in his father's footsteps and became a barber, opening his own shop and pool hall along Route 66. How he was a witness to history: the Dust Bowl migration, the transport of equipment during World War II.

And how he saw it all change on Sept. 22, 1978 — the day Interstate 40 replaced Route 66 as the main thoroughfare through northern Arizona.

"Can you imagine how it was?" says Delgadillo, whose eyes widen as if recounting this for the very first time. "Golly Moses. At first it was so sad, and then I got so angry. Everybody just forgot about us."

His own place in history was cemented nine years later when he became a driving force behind the formation of the Historic Route 66 Association of Arizona, which lobbied the state to dedicate the road as "Historic Route 66." Highway signs were erected, the association launched an annual "Fun Run" of classic cars, tourists and media began converging — and Seligman was reborn. More historic associations followed in other Route 66 states.

It was the beginning of the Route 66 revival, and also Delgadillo's own. He and his wife, Vilma, opened a souvenir store next to the barber shop peddling Route 66 keepsakes to the many visitors that began finding Seligman — looking not just for kitsch but for history. In Delgadillo, they found an emphatic raconteur.

"People want to taste the road — the sights, the smells, the sounds. And he's there to hold your hand," says Lorrie Fleming of Vancouver, British Columbia, who first met Delgadillo in 1994 and has returned to Seligman every year since for the annual Fun Run. "You can't get that on Facebook, what Angel gives you. He reaches his arms out to you.

"That concrete has to have a vein to still pump blood, and he's the life of the road."

In 1996, Fleming founded the Canadian Route 66 Association — and she credits Delgadillo. So does Emily Priddy of Tulsa, Okla., an ex-newspaper editor who says she became involved in Route 66 preservation — even writing a guidebook for children — because of him. And Jerry Stinson, who's already bought land in Arizona and counts the days until retirement brings him permanently to Route 66. "He IS the inspiration," Stinson says.

Today, Seligman thrives because of the many Route 66-themed businesses. Delgadillo has long-since retired as a barber, and two of his four children run the gift shop now. They try to keep their father at home when possible, only because they know that once he sets foot in the store visitors will occupy him for hours.

"They just don't happen upon Seligman because they got lost and got off the freeway. They're here for a reason," says daughter Mirna. "And that reason is to see my dad."

But Delgadillo can't stay away. As he says: "Can you imagine getting out of bed into a recliner? You die young." Besides, his life has always been intertwined with this road. Route 66 was commissioned on Nov. 11, 1926, and Delgadillo was born in a house alongside the road just five months later.

And so he wakes early, has breakfast with his wife and rides his bicycle over to help open the store. He goes home at noon for lunch, and then often returns to the store before taking an afternoon siesta.

Sometimes, of course, the nap must wait, and a weekday afternoon in May is one of those times. The larger tour buses have departed, but smaller vans and several campers remain. Outside of the gift shop, a Japanese tour director whom Delgadillo knows well waits with several vacationers. For tour groups, Seligman and Delgadillo's Route 66 Gift Shop are popular stops on routes to the Grand Canyon, Zion National Park and Bryce Canyon. They have become wonders unto themselves.

"Konnichiwa," Delgadillo greets the group in Japanese before settling onto a bench outside of his store. Two-by-two, the tourists approach, sitting on either side of him with big smiles.

"Cheese, cheese, cheese, cheese, cheeeeeese," he says.



Joplin tornado victims offered existing homes

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Associated Press

JOPLIN, Mo. Some of the people left homeless by the Joplin tornado could be placed in rental homes nearly an hour's drive away, and the Federal Emergency Management Agency said Monday it will consider bringing in trailers, as it did for New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina, if enough homes are not available.

FEMA's first option for housing the thousands of displaced is to find them existing rental housing within a 55-mile radius of Joplin, because isn't much housing left in in the city of nearly 50,000 residents that was left badly damaged by the May 22 tornado, spokeswoman Susie Stonner told The Associated Press. Nearly a third of the city was damaged by the violent storm.

Stonner said that despite the distance, putting people in permanent housing is preferable to trailers — especially in an area prone to tornadoes and severe weather.

"Wouldn't you prefer to be in a stable building over a mobile home?" she asked. Stonner also noted that getting things like water, sewer lines and developing pads for trailers would take substantial time.

Temporary housing will be made available for up to 18 months. Some people along the Gulf Coast still live in FEMA trailers nearly six years after Hurricane Katrina.

Another FEMA spokesman, Bob Josephson, said the agency will consider bringing trailers to Joplin if enough existing housing isn't available. He said every effort will be made to find existing rental units closest to Joplin and that many residents may simply choose to find their own housing options.

People who lived in the 8,000 structures smashed in the storm have scattered to the homes of friends and relatives or camped out in emergency shelters in the city. Some may leave town — New Orleans lost nearly one-third of its population after Katrina.

Penny Musgraves is happy — and almost surprised — to be alive. But for Musgraves, whose low-income townhouse was ripped away above her head as she protected her cowering 6-year-old daughter, the joy of surviving is beginning to give way to confusion and anxiety about the future.

"I'm kind of scared," said the 45-year-old mother, who is unemployed and currently living with her daughter at the Red Cross shelter set up at Missouri Southern State University. "There isn't much low-income housing. I can't rent a place. I don't know what I'm going to do."

While many of the survivors had insurance, it could be months, if not years, before they can rebuild. Removing the millions of tons of debris and remaking the city's destroyed infrastructure will likely take well into the summer if not longer.

Rebuilding homes can't start until that work is finished. For low-income residents, the Housing Authority of Joplin provides some housing. But it was not known how many, if any, of the homeless it can accommodate.

Recent history suggests many people won't be able to wait for the answers to emerge or for the rebuilding to be completed. The current population could drop substantially.

New Orleans lost 29 percent of its population after Hurricane Katrina as residents left and settled elsewhere. Greensburg, Kan., which was leveled by a tornado in 2007, lost about half its population even though the town was rebuilt. It dropped from 1,574 before the tornado to 777 in 2010.

At the Red Cross shelter, 150 people seemed grateful for the cot, warm food and donations of clothing. Many were trying to figure out where to go next.

Ask 64-year-old William Whittenback where his home is, and he has a quick answer. "Plum off the map," the retiree said.

Whittenback and his 67-year-old wife, Lorna, narrowly made it through the tornado. The roof of the home they've lived in for 15 years collapsed, leaving Lorna with a massive gash on her forehead and her cheeks black and blue. Every house in their neighborhood was a total loss.

The couple has insurance, and Whittenback said he'll rebuild in the same spot. With no family in the area, though, he's wondering where they can live until then.

The weather brought Gerry Guitierrez to Joplin. Now it's forcing him to leave.

"What brought me here? Snow," said Guitierrez, a 29-year-old massage therapist who arrived in Missouri just last month from San Banito, Texas. "I love the cold weather and the snow. I wanted to stay. Now I've got to come up with the money to go back."

Guitierrez lived in an apartment with a friend. But since his friend's name was on the lease, not his, he doubts that FEMA will provide for him since he wasn't a registered resident of Joplin.

"How does it feel being homeless? Honestly, horrible," he said. "It's just so bad."







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Mount Washington road celebrating 150 years

KATHY MCCORMACK
Associated Press

PINKHAM NOTCH, N.H. It has been hiked blindfolded and backward. It has seen multiple evolutions of transportation, from horse-drawn carriages to steam-powered automobiles to high-powered race cars to a Segway.

In 1857, one man even counted his steps to the top (16,925). It's been traveled via sled dog team and a camel. In September, motorsports competitor Travis Pastrana zoomed up at 72 mph.

For 150 years, the steep, narrow eight-mile road to the 6,288-foot summit of Mount Washington has been delighting and scaring the living daylights out of visitors, with its lack of guardrails and harrowing sheer-cliff drop-offs.

To celebrate the Mount Washington Auto Road's anniversary this summer, officials are preparing tributes to daredevils, record-holders and drivers whose only claim to fame is a copy of the bumper sticker, "This Car Climbed Mt. Washington."

David Roy recently recalled his first trip as a tour guide on the road in 1974. He had driven more than halfway, reciting the road's history when suddenly his two female passengers disappeared from his rearview mirror. They were lying on the seat, afraid to look out.

"Boy, I wonder if they're all like this," Roy recalls thinking.

Visited by about 250,000 people a year, the road up the highest peak in the Northeast is billed as America's oldest man-made tourist attraction. Mount Washington itself has been dubbed "Home of the World's Worst Weather" for its extreme cold, fog and wind, including a 231 mph gust in 1934 that stood as a world record for more than six decades.

This summer, there will be a car race, horseback- and carriage-only days, in addition to motorcycle climbs and foot and bicycle events.

The anniversary events got started on Saturday with "Alton Weagle Day," who during the 1950s did a series of "firsts": trips barefoot, blindfolded and backward, then one pushing a wheelbarrow with a 100-pound sack of sugar in it the whole way. Participants on Saturday accomplished their own first-time stunts, such as unicycling, roller skiing and backing a car all the way up.

Alton Weagle died in 1984 at age 73. "He was always jolly. There wasn't too much that had got him down," recalled Weagle's niece Barbara Weagle, 62, of Groveton.

The toll road's story begins in 1853, when Col. David Macomber obtained a charter from the New Hampshire Legislature to build it.

The first company to undertake construction blasted a path with black powder — there was no dynamite then — but ran out of money. Another firm, known as the Mount Washington Summit Road Co., took over and still maintains the road.

When it opened in Aug. 8, 1861, the crude, dirt road was known as the Mount Washington Carriage Road. Hikers were charged 16 cents, those on horses or driving carriages more.

Today, the road is about 80 percent paved, but otherwise hasn't changed much in the intervening 150 years.

Visitors can drive themselves or take tours by guides, still called "stage drivers." The rate for driving yourself in a car is $25, plus additional fees per passenger. Guided tour rates are a little higher.

"We've kept it environmentally and aesthetics-wise intact," said Sam Appleton, president and great-great grandson of the original owner. "To me, it's important to keep the integrity of it."

As a business, the road had its early challenges.

In 1869, eight years after it opened, the Mount Washington Cog Railway started bringing passengers to the summit, and ridership in the carriage road started to drop off.

"It was the modern means of transportation" and much faster, notes Howie Wemyss, the road's general manager.

The first automobile was driven up on Aug. 31, 1899, by steam-car impresario Freelan Stanley and his wife, who made the ascent in two hours, 10 minutes.

Not everyone was a fan of the auto access.

In 1904, the first "Climb to the Clouds" car race was held at the mountain. A Manchester Union Leader editorial lamented, "The whole thing is an unmitigated nuisance. The lives and property of perfectly helpless people have been menaced for no reason other than to provide amusement for total strangers. ... If these people think of coming up another year, let 'em stay in jail a couple of days and everyone will be the better for it!"

Car traffic built slowly, but driving up the road didn't really blossom until after World War II, Wemyss said.

Special anniversary events include the return of "Climb to the Clouds" (June 23-26) after a 10-year absence and a Carriage Road Weekend on July 16-17, during which the road for a time will be open only to horseback riders and horse-drawn carriages.

There also will be sunrise drives; a day with hot air balloon rides and pie-eating contests; and a sesquicentennial gala on the weekend of Aug. 6-8.

Roy, 60, of Berlin, is looking forward to an August auto road staff reunion.

"Anybody who drives there and works there — it holds a special place in their heart and mind for all time," he said.

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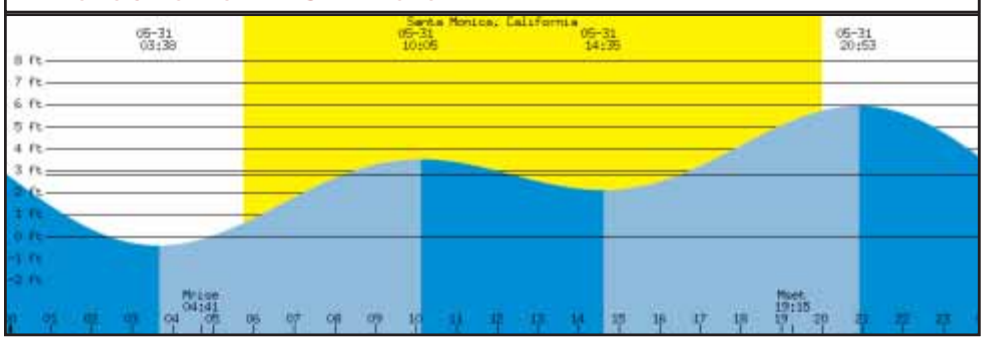
Swell Forecast

ETA for the Easter Island south swell. This one is expected to be spotty and come from a nearly direct southerly angle. Direct south facing breaks are looking at head high sets.

Long Range Synopsis

Looks similar, but with periods running 18 seconds.

Tide Forecast for Today in Santa Monica



BEACH REPORT CARD

NORTH LOS ANGELES COUNTY

Grades for this report are based on monitoring data from the previous 30 days up to the ending date of **May 25, 2011**

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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 -- 27 / 8
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 0 / 0

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

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth.	C	ns
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	ns
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechasa and Las Alisa creeks.	A+	A+
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	A+	A+
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth.	C	ns
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	D	ns
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	A+	A+
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth.	A	ns
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	F	F
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	A	ns
Solstice Canyon at Don Blocker County Beach.	F	D
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth.	A	ns
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd..	F	F
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	ns
Surfrider Beach (breach location)- daily.	F	F
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	F	ns
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	A+	A+
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero).	A+	D
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs.	F	ns
Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach.	B	A+
Tuna Canyon.	A+	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	F	F
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	F
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	F	A+
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	A+	ns

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

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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NCAA FOOTBALL

Tressel resigns as Ohio State's coach

RUSTY MILLER
AP College Football Writer

COLUMBUS, Ohio Jim Tressel, who guided Ohio State to its first national title in 34 years, resigned Monday amid NCAA violations from a tattoo-parlor scandal that sullied the image of one of the country's top football programs.

"After meeting with university officials, we agreed that it is in the best interest of Ohio State that I resign as head football coach," Tressel said in a statement released by the university. "The appreciation that (wife) Ellen and I have for the Buckeye Nation is immeasurable."

Luke Fickell will be the coach for the 2011 season. He already had been selected to be the interim coach while Tressel served a five-game suspension.

Ohio State spokesman Jim Lynch said he was unaware of any buyout or severance package. He added that Tressel had returned from vacation Sunday night and met with athletic director Gene Smith, who then met with staff. Tressel typed his resignation and submitted it to Smith, he said.

Under terms of Tressel's contract, which was worth around $3.5 million a year through the 2012 season, Ohio State is not required to pay him any money or provide any benefits upon his resignation.

The resignation was first reported by The Columbus Dispatch.

Clearly, the turmoil had been building. The resignation comes nearly three months after Ohio State called a news conference to announce it has suspended Tressel for two games — later increasing the ban to five games to coincide with the players' punishment — and fined him $250,000 for knowing his players had received improper benefits from a local tattoo-parlor owner. The school said at the time it was "very surprised and disappointed" in Tressel. Yet, the school still managed to crack jokes.

Asked if he considered firing Tressel, Ohio State President E. Gordon Gee said then: "No, are you kidding? Let me just be very clear: I'm just hopeful the coach doesn't dismiss me."

Gee was not joking about the Tressel situation over the weekend. Ohio State released a letter from Gee to the university's board of trustees which said, "As you all know, I appointed a special committee to analyze and provide advice to me regarding issues attendant to our football program. In consultation with the senior leadership of the university and the senior leadership of the board, I have been actively reviewing the matter and have accepted coach Tressel's resignation."

Tressel's downfall came with public and media pressure mounting on Ohio State, its board of trustees, Gee and Smith.

"We look forward to refocusing the football program on doing what we do best — representing this extraordinary university and its values on the field, in the classroom, and in life," Smith said in a statement Monday. "We look forward to supporting Luke Fickell in his role as our football coach. We have full confidence in his ability to lead our football program."

Tressel and Ohio State were to go before the NCAA's infractions committee Aug. 12 to answer questions about the player violations and why Tressel did not report them. He denied knowledge of improper benefits to players until confronted by investigators with emails that showed he had known since April 2010.

After several NCAA violations by him or his players over the years, Tressel's problems deepened after learning several players received cash or discounted tattoos. Contrary to NCAA bylaws — and his own contract — Tressel received emails from a former player about this and did not tell his athletic director, university president, compliance or legal departments or the NCAA for more than nine months.

The 58-year-old Tressel had a record of 106-22-0 at Ohio State. He led the Buckeyes to eight Bowl Championship Series games in his 10 years. Combined with a 135-57-2 record in 15 years at Youngstown State, where he won four Division I-AA national championships, Tressel's career mark was 241-79-2.

The author of two books about faith and integrity, he remains a scapegoat to many and a hypocrite to others. Even though he has many backers, a rising chorus of detractors had stepped forward during the ongoing NCAA investigation. There were also questions about his players and their friends and family members receiving special deals on used cars from two Columbus dealers.

But at one time his image was that of an honest, religious man who never said or did anything without thinking it through first. His nickname was "The Senator" for never having a hair out of place, praising opponents and seldom giving a clear answer.

City of Santa Monica

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING ISSUANCE OF MULTIFAMILY HOUSING REVENUE BONDS FOR BELMAR PLACE APARTMENTS PROJECT AKA "CIVIC CENTER VILLAGE AFFORDABLE HOUSING"

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, at 6:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, on Tuesday, June 14, 2011, at the Council Chambers, 1685 Main Street, Santa Monica, California, the City Council of the City of Santa Monica (the "City") will conduct a public hearing as required by Section 147(f) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, at which it will hear and consider information concerning a proposed plan of financing providing for the issuance by the California Statewide Communities Development Authority of multifamily housing revenue bonds in one or more series issued from time to time, including bonds issued to refund such revenue bonds in one or more series from time to time, and at no time to exceed $50,000,000 in outstanding aggregate principal amount, to finance the acquisition, construction and development of a 160-unit affordable multifamily rental housing project located at 1725 Ocean Avenue, Santa Monica, California. The facilities are to be owned by Santa Monica Housing Partners, L.P. (the "Borrower") or related entities, operated by Related Management Company, and are generally known as Belmar Place Apartments (the "Project"). The Project is part of the Civic Center Village development.

Those wishing to comment on the proposed financing and the nature and location of the Project may either appear in person at the public hearing or submit written comments, which must be received by the City prior to the hearing. Written comments should be sent to City of Santa Monica at 1685 Main Street, Room 102, Santa Monica, California 90401, Attention: City Clerk. The meeting facility is wheelchair accessible. For disability-related accommodations, please contact (310) 458-8701 or TTY (310) 450-8696 a minimum of 72 hours in advance.

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1:10pm, 3:50pm, 6:20pm, 9:00pm

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Hangover Part II (R) 1hr 42min
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Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides (PG-13) 2hrs 17min
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Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides in Disney Digital 3D (PG-13) 2hrs 17min
12:45pm, 4:00pm, 7:15pm, 10:30pm

Bridesmaids (R) 2hrs 05min
10:40am, 1:40pm, 4:35pm, 7:35pm, 10:40pm

Thor 3D (PG-13) 1hr 54min
10:30am, 1:20pm, 4:10pm, 7:00pm, 10:00pm

Kung Fu Panda 2 3D (PG-13) 1hr 31min
10:50am, 12:30pm, 1:10pm, 3:00pm, 3:30pm, 5:30pm, 8:00pm, 10:15pm

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Beaver (PG-13) 1hr 31min
9:55pm

I Am (NR) 1hr 16min
1:00pm, 5:30pm

Midnight in Paris (PG-13) 1hr 28min
1:00pm, 2:00pm, 3:20pm, 4:30pm, 5:40pm, 7:00pm, 8:00pm, 9:30pm, 10:15pm

How to Live Forever (NR) 1hr 32min
3:10pm, 7:40pm

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Thor (PG-13) 1hr 54min
1:50pm, 7:35pm

Kung Fu Panda 2 (PG) 1hr 31min
11:30am, 2:00pm, 4:30pm, 7:15pm, 9:45pm

Hangover Part II (R) 1hr 42min
11:00am, 1:40pm, 4:20pm, 7:00pm, 9:40pm

Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides (PG-13) 2hrs 17min
11:45am, 3:30pm, 6:45pm, 10:00pm

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11:10am, 4:45pm, 10:30pm

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Touch base with a loved one, Scorpio

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Your finances need to take precedence. If you don't have the funds, you don't have the funds. Accept that premise, and an alternate path will open up. Give up hitting your head against the same brick wall. Tonight: Hang out with some fun buddies.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ Use the daylight hours to the max. You will accomplish whatever you feel must be done. Remain clear about your limitations. Honor what needs to happen in order to move forward and change your perspective. Tonight: Purchase that item you have been eyeing.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★ You might feel funky now, but late today you start feeling better and better. Handle what you must behind the scenes, and don't stress yourself out. You can count on your energy returning. Remain present, knowing you have limits. Postpone important decisions. Tonight: Are you feeling your Wheaties?

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★ Keep reaching out for someone at a distance, knowing there is much more to discuss on a deeper level. The conversation could be a tad overdue, but it's doable. Make the first effort to communicate. Think positively. Tonight: Take some much-desired personal time.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★★ "Visualize and create" needs to be your slogan today. If you can think it, there is a strong possibility you can make that thought a reality. Follow your heart, and you will make an authentic choice. Tonight: Where the gang is.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★ Clearly, not everyone has the same response as you. Open up to new possibilities. You can and will make a difference. Realize what is important ultimately to your professional situation, and head down that path. Tonight: A force to be dealt with.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★★ Your perception could be sort of avant garde. Perhaps being rational might not serve you. A brainstorming session could reveal some exciting news. Tonight: Don't sit on your haunches; go forward.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Listen to the drums beat. A partner might have a lot to say. Utilize this person's thoughts in a functional way, perhaps incorporating some of his or her ideas into a project or work-related matter. Tonight: Make a point of touching base with a loved one.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★★ Let your fiery temperament dominate. You know what must be done, but you do need to include others. Share ideas. Let them feel as if they are part of what is going on. Creativity surges even more when two minds play off each other. Tonight: Go with another person's ideas.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★ Of all signs, you understand the role of a strong foundation and long-term thinking. Allowing for more innovative thinking might threaten the status quo, but it also could make life better. Infuse a situation with that energy. Tonight: Your pad.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ Move forward. You might be tempted to share an important revelation. Until you feel more sure of yourself, hold off. Creativity surges in a conversation, especially if you plug in an idea or two. Be willing to work with what evolves. Tonight: Act on the moment.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ Listen to what you know is important. Refuse to sell yourself short. By nature, you will see a situation differently in a few days. A smile goes a long way in helping others feel more at home. Use care with an investment involving property, real estate or your home. Tonight: Order in.

Happy birthday

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

This year, you often will experience confusion about plans and what to do. Learn to confirm times and places as well as what you are hearing more often. Work on your ability to home in on what people are really asking. Network more. If you are single, you might feel as if you've met "the one." Let time determine if this is true. If you are attached, the two of you might not always click. Work on your communication. Another GEMINI can be quite challenging.



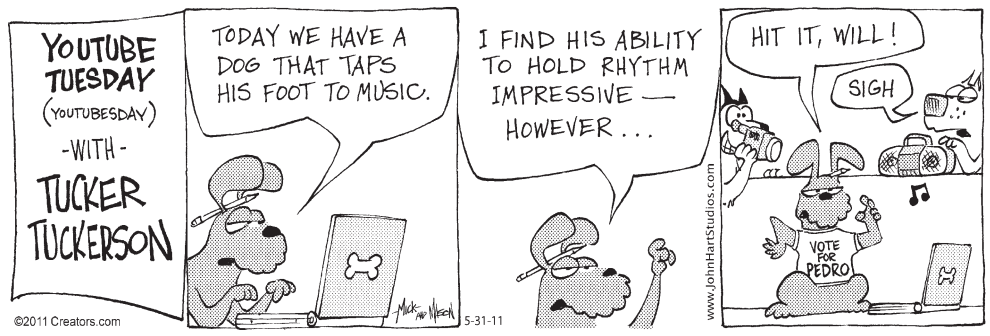
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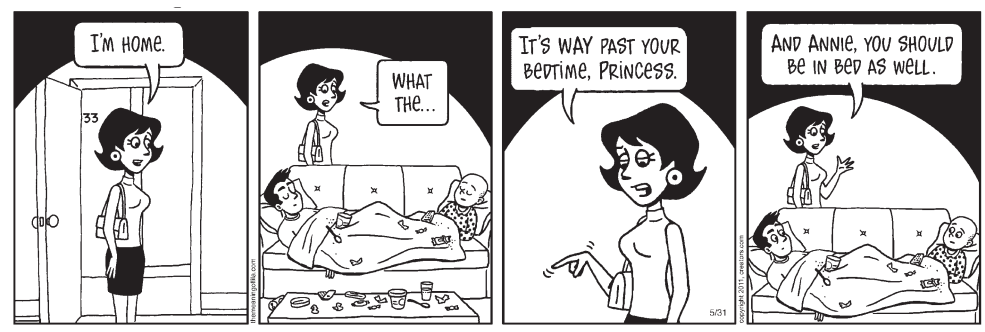
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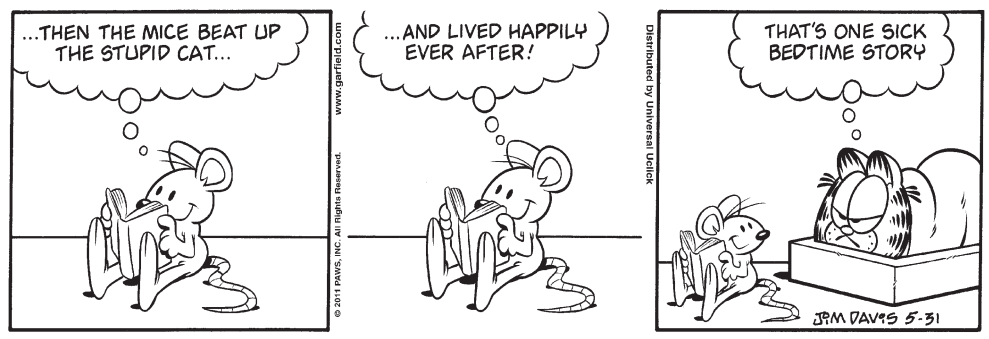
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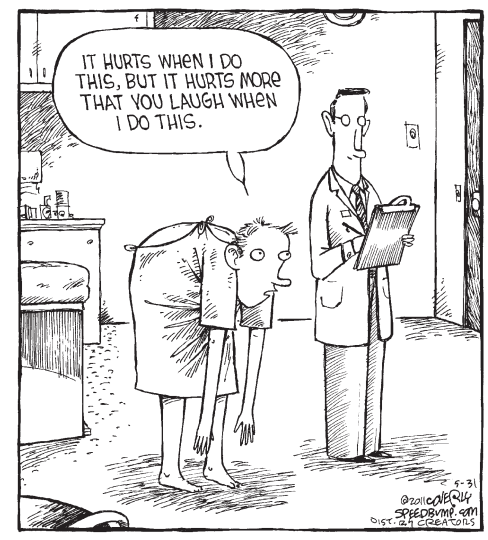
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Sudoku

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

Difficulty Level ★★

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

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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

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



CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Loses color
6 Soak in the tub
11 Singly
12 Zac of "Hairspray"
13 Tele-marketer's work
15 Common title word
16 Wheel track
17 Big snake
18 Makes blue
20 Mess up
21 Hallow-een mo.
22 Passed easily
23 Fog-enshrouded
26 Ice-skate part
27 Inquires
28 Diner dessert
29 Attempt
30 Audio download
34 Crow cry
35 Hoary
36 Maui souvenir
37 Like some missiles
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41 Washer cycle
42 Levees
43 Villain's look

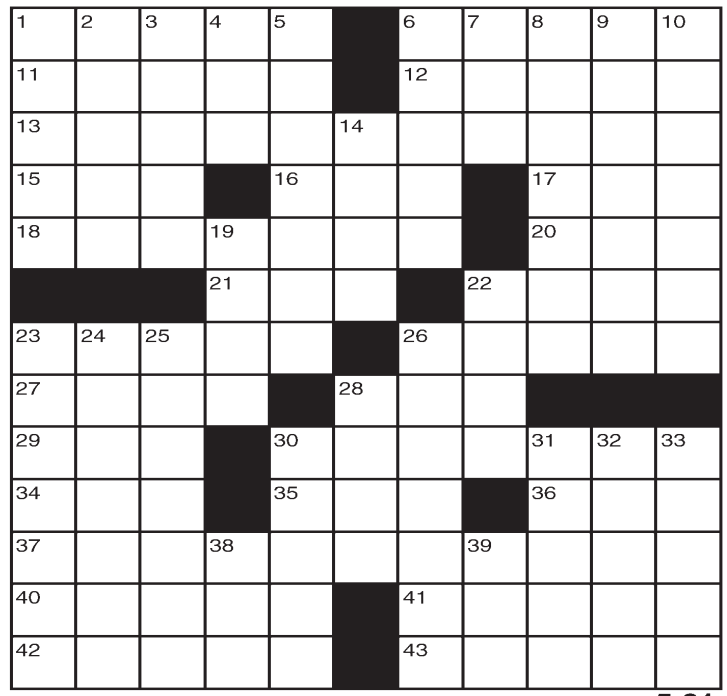
DOWN

1 Almanac fill
2 Hilo hello
3 Parceled
4 Conclu-sion
5 Spy's byword
6 Karate levels
7 CIO's partner
8 Soho neighbor
9 Paid tribute to
10 Fencing cry
14 Mom's sister
19 Periods
22 Tina's TV co-star
23 Identical
24 Tel Aviv native
25 Pedestrian bridge
26 Auction buyers
28 Barber's symbol
30 Models
31 In — (straight)
32 Intuit
33 Bengal beast
38 Tether
39 Family

S	A	T	E	D	■	A	S	T	A	■
T	R	O	V	E	■	G	A	R	B	S
R	I	T	E	S	■	I	D	E	S	T
U	S	E	■	I	S	T	■	A	T	A
M	E	M	O	R	I	A	L	D	A	Y
■	■	■	B	E	T	■	A	L	I	E
D	O	M	E	S	■	S	P	E	N	D
I	R	I	S	■	F	E	E	■	■	■
S	I	D	E	R	E	A	L	D	A	Y
B	O	D	■	O	W	L	■	A	L	E
A	L	L	O	W	■	S	A	N	T	A
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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Imprisoned rapist Troy Fears, 55, had another four years tacked onto his sentence in April by a federal judge in Phoenix after he was convicted of swindling the IRS out of $119,000 by filing 117 fake tax returns from 2005 to 2009. According to prosecutors, IRS routinely dispatched direct-deposit refunds while indifferent to matching the payment recipient with the person whose Social Security number was on the return. (In fact, Fears was caught not by the IRS but by a prison guard who happened upon his paperwork.)

■ Apparently, the federal government failed to foresee that fighting two wars simultaneously, with historically high wound-survival rates, might produce surges of disability claims. Just in the last year, according to an April USA Today report, claims are up over 50 percent, and those taking longer than two months to resolve have more than doubled. (Tragically, Marine Clay Hunt, who was a national spokesman for disability rights and who suffered from post-traumatic stress, killed himself on March 31, ultimately frustrated that the Department of Veterans Affairs had lost his paperwork. "I can track my pizza from Pizza Hut on my BlackBerry," he once said, "but the VA can't find my claim for four months.")

TODAY IN HISTORY

1961 Republic of South Africa created.
1962 The West Indies Federation dissolves.
1962 Adolf Eichmann is hanged in Israel.
1970 The Ancash earthquake causes a landslide that buries the town of Yungay, Peru; more than 47,000 people are killed.
1971 In accordance with the Uniform Monday Holiday Act passed by the U.S. Congress in 1968, observation of Memorial Day occurs on the last Monday in May for the first time, rather than on the traditional Memorial Day of May 30.

WORD UP!

avoirdupois \av-uhr-duh-POIZ; AV-uhr-duh-poiz\ , noun;
1. Avoirdupois weight, a system of weights based on a pound containing 16 ounces or 7,000 grains (453.59 grams).

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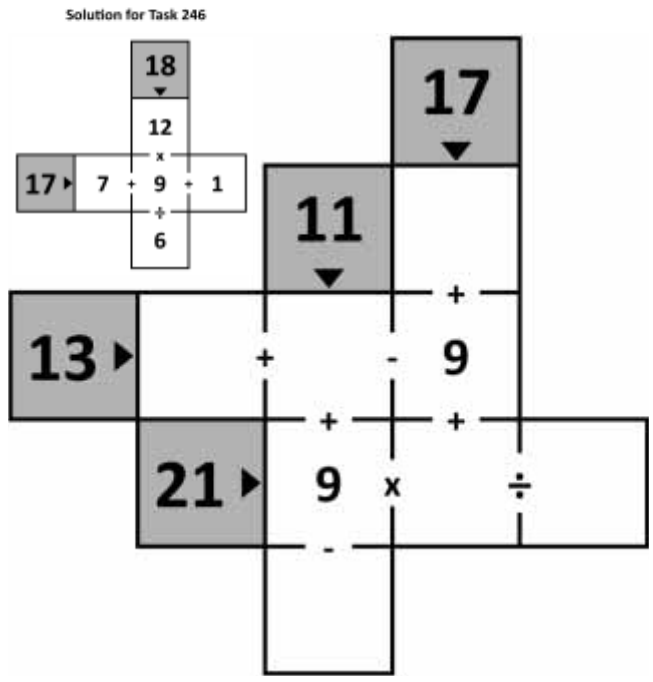
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