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These sweets aren't for kids

'Meth Candy' hits the streets; Santa Monica may be next

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Daily Press Staff Writer

DOWNTOWN From lollipops to high-sugar sodas, law enforcement officials say they are finding methamphetamines cut with a variety of candies, drinks and other materials, making the "designer meth" easier to sell to

kids, who may mistake it for Pop Rocks or other tasty treats.

While the drug has not made its way into Santa Monica, narcotics officers are aware that it exists and are keeping an eye out for the deceptively-packaged, and highly-addictive stimulant, said SMPD Lt. Alex Padilla.

"We have primarily seen it up north," Padilla said, referring to Northern California. "We are being kept informed as it makes its way around. So far we have not seen it here yet."

An e-mail about the drug was circulated recently by law enforcement agencies including the Los Angeles County Sheriffs

Department and the California Highway Patrol. The e-mail said the meth "smells like strawberry ... and it is being handed out to kids in school yards... It also comes in chocolate, peanut butter, cherry, grape and orange — It looks just like Pop Rocks."

Officials with the DEA said mixing the meth with candy or strawberry-flavored drink mix can smooth the chemically rough ingestion of the drug, making it easier for first-time users to try.

Because of its chemical properties, meth easily mixes into any water-based



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CLEVER DISGUISE: Meth is being cut with candy according to the L.A. County Sheriff.

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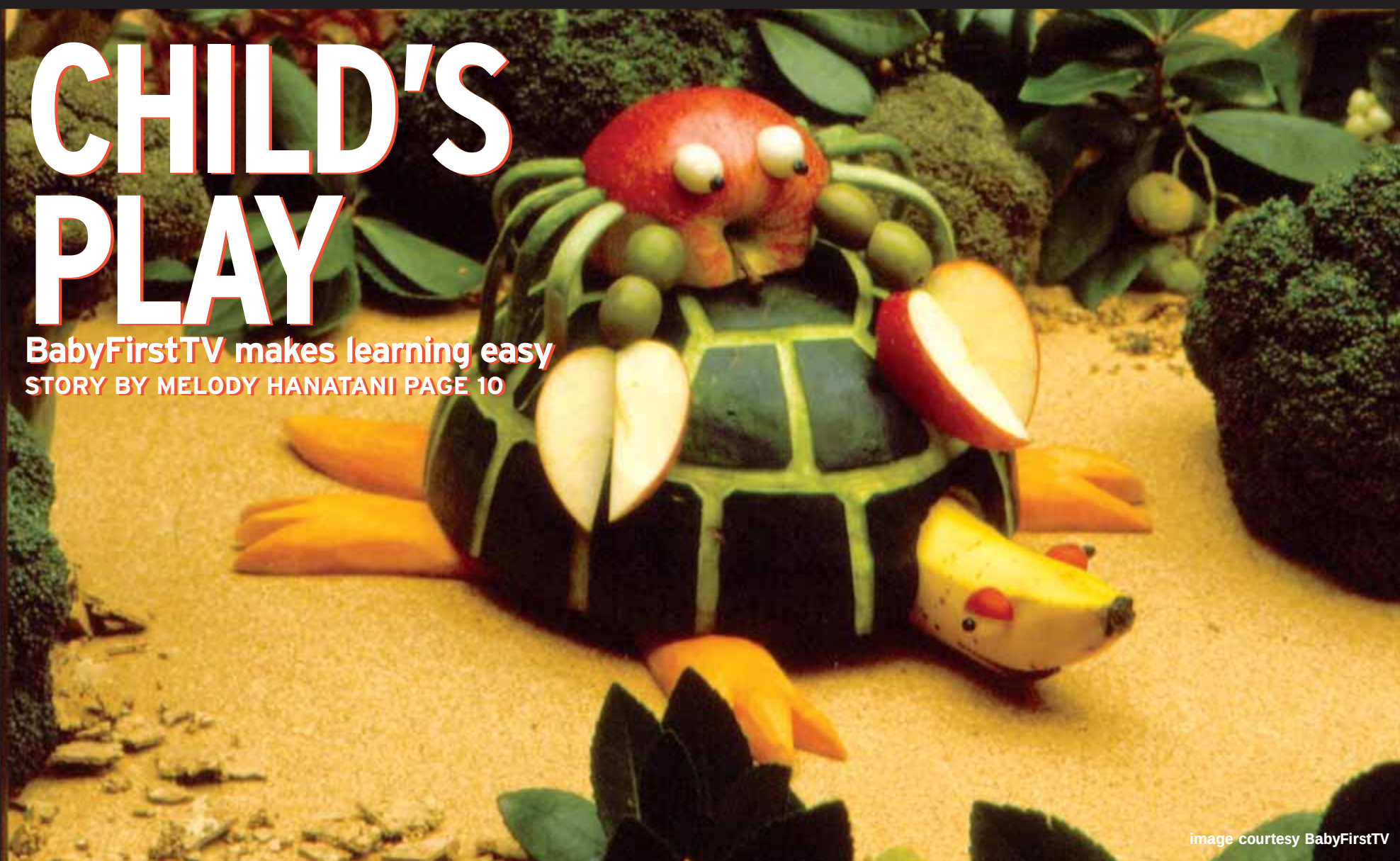


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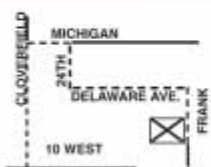
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Learn to save Fido

2101 Ocean Park Blvd., 7 p.m. — 9 p.m.

The Fairview Branch Library hosts Denise Fleck, who will demonstrate how to check your pet's vitals, do a snout-to-tail check of your pet and handle emergency situations such as heat stroke, poisoning and seizures. The presentation will include a CPR demonstration.

Montana Avenue screening

1704 Montana Ave., 3 p.m. — 4:30 p.m.

The Montana Avenue Library will screen the documentary, "The U.S. vs. John Lennon." The film focuses on Lennon's increased

political activism in the latter part of his life.

Write-Away

2101 Ocean Park Blvd., noon — 3 p.m.

Inspiration, guidance, direction and support for writers. Group meets at the Fairview Branch Library. Contact John Smith at (310) 458-4675 for further information.

Wednesday, June 6, 2007

'Pure'

1700 Ocean Park Blvd., 11 a.m. — 6 p.m.

Daniel Francisco's current exhibit, "Pure," is on display at Kulturas Books. For more information, call (310) 450-8707.

Kiwanis Club weekly meeting

1332 Sixth St., noon — 1:30 p.m.

The Santa Monica Kiwanis Club holds a weekly luncheon with guest speakers at the YMCA.

Enchanted Lunchtime Theatre

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



'Pirates' a big winner at MTV's award show

BY SANDY COHEN

AP Entertainment Writer

UNIVERSAL CITY Captain Jack Sparrow was the big winner at the MTV Movie Awards Sunday as "Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest" was named best movie and its star, Johnny Depp, won for best performance.

Depp joined "Pirates" producer Jerry Bruckheimer to accept the Golden Popcorn trophy.

"This is the man who did it all right here, Johnny Depp," Bruckheimer said. "Without him, we wouldn't be here."

"I'd like to thank this man and Disney for not firing me first," Depp quipped.

Other big winners during the live broadcast from the Gibson Amphitheater included Mike Myers, who won the MTV Generation Award, and Sacha Baron Cohen, who collected two trophies.

Cohen earned the comedic performance prize for his starring turn in "Borat: Cultural Learnings of America for Make Benefit Glorious Nation of Kazakhstan."

"Unfortunately, Borat can't be here tonight," he joked. "He's been feeling the pressures of fame and had to check himself into rehab."

Cohen also claimed best-kiss honors for his smooch with Will Ferrell in "Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby."

The two comedians shared a long, passionate kiss — culminating in a roll-around-on-the-floor makeout session — as they accepted their awards.

The movie prizes were almost upstaged by a star who wasn't up for any: Paris Hilton.

The heiress, who must report to Los Angeles County Jail by midnight Tuesday, caused a commotion when she arrived on the ruby carpet outside the amphitheater. Wearing a ruffled black dress and dazzling jewels, she flashed her trademark coy smile as she posed for photos and talked with reporters.

"I'm really scared but I'm ready to face my

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Transient's body found

Dead man discovered in Palisades Park appears to be beaten

BY KEVIN HERRERA

Daily Press Staff Writer

PALISADES PARK Police continue to investigate the possible murder of a 37-year-old man found beaten on a park bench over the weekend.

The victim, who suffered from blunt-force trauma to the head, is believed to have been homeless, according to police.

"There was a pretty big gash on his forehead," said SMPD Lt. Alex Padilla.

The identity of the man had not been released as of Monday afternoon. The Los Angeles County Coroner has identified the victim, but could not release his name until the next of kin had been notified.

The body was found shortly before 8 a.m. on Sunday in the 1500 block of Palisades Park. A passerby saw the man lying dormant in a park bench adjacent to the Senior Citizen Center, his face bloodied.

Police responded, thinking the man was simply sleeping or had passed out. When they arrived, they determined he was dead, and based upon the evidence at the scene, began their murder investigation.

No description of the suspect was available.

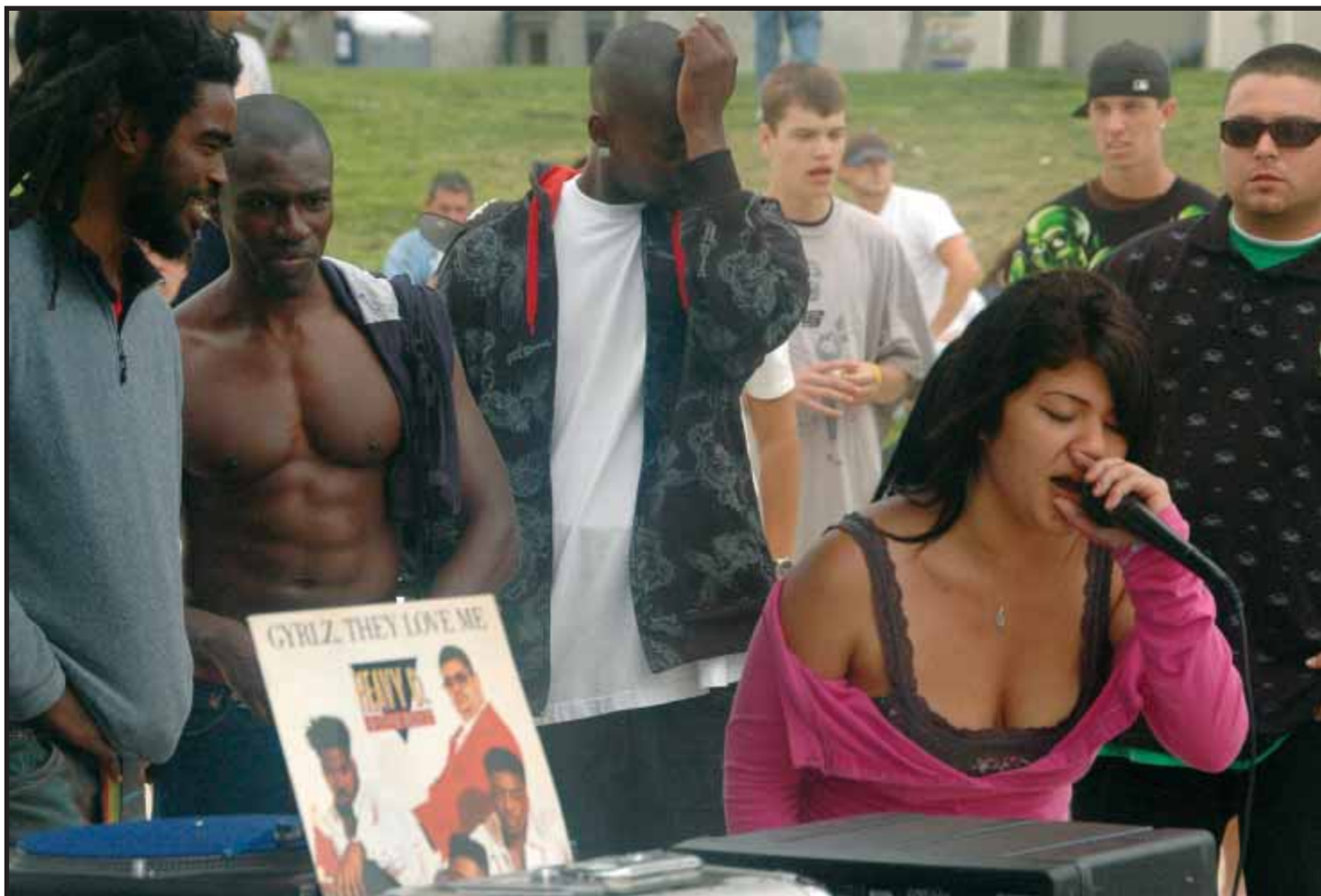
Anyone with information on the incident is urged to contact the robbery/homicide unit of the SMPD.

Three homeless people have been found dead in Santa Monica in the last three months, according to police reports.

George Hernandez, 52, was found lying on the sidewalk on Ocean Avenue in May. Police found no signs of foul play and believed the man died from complications brought on by chronic alcohol abuse.

On the morning of March 29, the body of Elizabeth Bernice Celaya was discovered outside the beach bathroom about a mile south of the Santa Monica Pier, according to police. No evidence of foul play was found in that case either.

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SAY IT AND SPRAY IT

"Germ Free" raps on Venice Beach during the Paint Out Festival on Sunday. The day-long event was geared toward joining the artistic community and Venice Beach residents in a cooperative effort to encourage creativity and support the Public Arts Walls.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Right place, right time for memorial Editor:

We spent three hours at the Arlington West beach display on Sunday (May 27) and Memorial Day. We talked to a cross-section of Americans and foreign visitors, including folks from Tasmania, Atlanta, South Carolina and New York. Varied professions: Teachers, current and ex-military (and families) who have recently returned from Iraq duty; one officer had lost 11 members of his unit. He sat in the middle of the sand, next to a cross, silently, hugging his wife and child for 20 minutes.

I wish Bill Bauer ("Arlington West exploits the dead," May 28, page 4) was with me as I watched a sandy-footed, bikini-clad teenager happily walking back from the beach with her two male friends. She approached the photo display of the first 1,000 Americans who died. Stopped. Stared. Then drew deathly silent. She made a quick call on a cell. She paused and was on the brink of tears. I approached. "Does this mean something to you?" I said. After checking the list for a name from all who died, she replied, "I was at his funeral two weeks ago." For a moment, I couldn't breathe and choked back tears.

I want Bill (Bauer) to know: None of these folks made a critical comment or felt offended. My wife and I experienced heartfelt, tearful, and passionate personal conversations and emotions. We don't share Bauer's view. Bill would be welcome to come down any Sunday, spend a few hours talking to visitors and the veterans, as we did, and reconsider his "arms-length" view of feeling offended or "over the top." I urge him to reconsider.

Our city should feel justly proud of this nationally acclaimed, serious, respectful, touching presentation of the true cost of this indefensible, unwinnable, bankrupting, lied-to-from-the-start, devastating unprovoked attack and occupation of Iraq.

The "Arlington West" presentation created by dedicated military veterans deserves our respect and appreciation, not criticism.

Rachel Sene & Jay Johnson
Santa Monica

Shades of protests to come Editor:

I think that I shall never see, a poem lovely as a ficus tree ("Shedding light," May 22, page 1).

How do I love thee? Let me count all the ways. Your leaves. An endless source of precious shade. Because of you, I won't get skin cancer. I plan my walks according to where the shade is. If I walk down Arizona by the post office, I don't anymore. I take my car because there's no shade. I love shade. I think it's very friendly. And inviting.

Are you serious? You think tourists are going to flock to Second and Fourth (streets) because the trees are cut down? I hold my head in astonishment. Et tu, Brutus?

I really don't blame the arborist/forester. The higher-ups give him the orders to slash away. No, no, no. I will chain myself to my beloved ficus trees. Let's all do it together!

Caroline Jacobs
Santa Monica

Bagging it once again Editor:

As a lifelong recycler (or as long as recycling has been around), I wholeheartedly support banning plastic bags at grocery stores. But the reason for my e-mail is ... that CGA members Ralphs and Albertsons "pay customers anywhere from 3 cents to 5 cents for each plastic bag they bring in." ("Putting plastic on notice," April 18, page 11). I have recycled plastic bags at every single grocery store in Santa Monica and none has ever paid me anything.

And how exactly would customers know they can get paid? The current grocery store recycle bins are very small and always full and overflowing (which I have pointed out to stores frequently when I am dropping off my bags). So I don't think that was an accurate statement on the part of the CGA. If they truly support recycling efforts, they would address the small bins and also promote that they are paying to have plastic bags recycled. Then more people might recycle.

Anita Roglich
Santa Monica



What's the Point?

David Pizarra

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Discrimination is not inherently bad

I DISCRIMINATE. SO DO YOU. SO DOES everyone, every day, on all sorts of topics. When I make a choice that it is healthier for me to eat a six-pack of sushi than a six-pack of hamburgers from a fast food drive-thru, it is a discriminatory act. When I choose to go to Wild Oats over Albertsons because I think that their sushi packs are better, it is a discriminatory act.

Ice cream tastes better than frozen yogurt, Lexus is better than BMW and educated people are more interesting to me than uneducated ones.

Sports talk is profoundly boring to me, but I can discuss marketing and business plans all day long. A life without the responsibilities of children is freer to me than the rigors of schools, sports, birthday parties and endless illnesses that come with kids.

I've made choices, you've made choices, we all make choices. Those choices affect our lives in sometimes minor ways, and sometimes major ways. The more sushi I eat, the less I weigh. The more I work, the more money I bring home.

The freedom to choose how I live my life is a fundamental right, and no one should be told how to live their life. But that does not mean that I am free from the consequences of those choices. I have to pay the price for the choices in my life.

Our state senator, Sheila Kuehl, of whom I am generally a big fan, has introduced legislation that has passed the Senate and goes to the Assembly, which will bar employers from discriminating against people who have family responsibilities in hiring and promotions. This is dangerous territory for legislation to encroach upon.

Currently the Fair Employment and Housing Act, quoting from SB836, "protects and safeguards the right and opportunity of all persons to seek, obtain and hold employment without discrimination or abridgment on account of race, religious creed, color, national origin, ancestry, physical disability, mental disability, medical condition, marital status, sex, age or sexual orientation."

That's a long list of protected categories. Most of those 12 protected categories are beyond a person's ability to control or influence, and I think that barring discrimination based on those is appropriate. A person should not be discriminated against because they are born Albanian or because they believe that the Flying Spaghetti Monster created the world. A woman should have the same opportunities to be in management as a man, and be paid equally for that job.

But thanks to the changing demographics of our world, and the fact that many people are now having to raise their kids as a single parent, or care for their parents as they age, careers are now being impacted as a result. As someone who took care of my mother for the last years of her life, I know about the

conflicts and concerns of taking care of family versus career.

Perhaps that is why I find the Senators' proposed amendment to the Code so hard to swallow. It might also be because I have two companies, and look at things from the perspective not only of the employee, but also of the employer. As an employer, it is hard enough right now to stay within the boundaries of what is legal, let alone fiscally acceptable.

THE FREEDOM TO CHOOSE HOW I LIVE MY LIFE IS A FUNDAMENTAL RIGHT, AND NO ONE SHOULD BE TOLD HOW TO LIVE THEIR LIFE. BUT THAT DOES NOT MEAN THAT I AM FREE FROM THE CONSEQUENCES OF THOSE CHOICES.

The proposed change to the law seems small, adding a protected category. Its motivations are certainly high-minded. No one wants to have to make the choice between family and career. Choosing to take care of mom at home versus a nursing home is a heartrending choice. But the fact is, it will impact one's ability to work longer hours. It will impact one's emotional resources. And its' impact will be felt not just on the one worker who chooses to increase their family responsibilities with children, or who cares for an aging parent, but it also increases the work that must be spread around to co-workers; or it means that the employer must hire an additional staff member to pick up the slack, which affects the bottom line, and that affects year-end bonuses.

The fact is that choices have consequences. We all must live with them. Trying to legislate away consequences is just not something that we can live with, however. As much as I empathize with people who "sacrifice to have kids" or "are giving back to my parents," as an employer, I should be allowed to recognize that someone who is devoted to their family simply cannot be as devoted to their job as someone who is free of those responsibilities.

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Word in Edgewise

Kenny Mack

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Donkey rising: Dems know what time it is

SOME SAY THE FACT THAT THE SPENDING bill funding military operations in Iraq passed — without the support of the majority — shows Democrats in Congress aren't unified, and Nancy Pelosi is a Speaker who can't control her caucus. In the past, that may have been true, but the 110th Congress is very different from any Congress in recent memory. The leadership in this Congress isn't legislating for a 51 percent majority while ignoring 49 percent of "My Fellow Americans." The Democratic leadership of the 110th Congress is legislating from the center, making the Republican party irrelevant in the process.

For six years, Republicans had unapologetically misused their congressional majority. They shut Democrats out of the process while rubber-stamping the reckless foreign policy and negligent domestic policies (remember New Orleans? It's still not rebuilt) of a cowboy president who, if you'll forgive my mixing metaphors, is off the reservation. They over-reached in passing legislation so a Florida judge could stop the removal of Terri Schiavo's feeding tube, and under-reached when Rep. Mark Foley of Florida was preying on teenage boys serving as congressional pages.

Since January, the Democratic majority has behaved as advertised: They fulfilled their "six for '06" campaign promises and they fought so hard on military funding they forced the Commander-in-Chief to veto a bill to fund troops in harm's way. Further negotiation didn't lead to a bill which would end military operations in Iraq, but it accomplished two things: It got the president on the record saying we should see results from his "surge" tactic by September, and, because Democratic leaders negotiated with the White House directly, it marginalized the Republicans.

So when Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell of Kentucky said, "I think that the handwriting is on the wall and that we are going in a different direction in the fall, and I expect the president to lead it," he was mistaken. The president has had every opportunity to "lead" in a different direction and hasn't taken it. The Democratic majority will be leading the way, followed by a kicking and screaming president, with Congressional Republicans reluctantly dragging behind.

For Republicans, party unity is and

always will be the issue and the problem, as they see it, is too many RINO's (Republicans In Name Only). Any "true" Republican candidate must be opposed to leaving Iraq, reproductive freedom, equal rights for same-sex couples, gun control and opposed to forgiving undocumented immigrants for the unspeakable crime of crossing the current, post-1848 border illegally in order to work. The Republican party in 2007 is almost totally defined by the people whose rights it believes should be denied.

By contrast, the Democratic Party is becoming the party of the "big tent." From the "old line coalition" to the "new left coalition," there is room for everyone from progressives to "yellow dogs" to "blue dogs" to Libertarians. Even on its signature issue — military operations in Iraq — the voices of those wanting to "get out now" are no more or less important than the voices of those who favor a more cautious approach to re-deployment. Of the 226 Democratic members of the House of Representatives, almost two out of three voted against the funding bill, including the Speaker, while 194 of 196 Republicans voted in favor. In the Senate, four out of five Democrats rejected the measure (which 43 of 45 Republicans supported).

This shows the Democratically controlled 110th Congress did something three previous Congresses would never have done: Brought a bill to the floor for a vote knowing it didn't have the support of a majority of the majority. Nobody was called a "DINO" (Democrat In Name Only) for their "yes" vote. No Democrat was accused of not supporting the troops for voting "no." The Democrats in Congress simply did their job: They used their majority status to pass the bill they were elected to pass (which the president vetoed), they negotiated a bill the president would sign, then they allowed members to vote their consciences.

Democrats are one giant step closer to reducing our military footprint in Iraq, picking up seats and keeping control of Congress. It's Karl Rove's dream turned into a nightmare — a permanent Congressional majority and the inside track to White House for the next 16 years, but for the Democratic party.

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By DANIEL G. WOOD
UNIVERSAL MEDIA SYNDICATE

Have you heard about the free money giveaway that's sweeping the nation?

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These valuable coins are being

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So, what's the catch?

Just be absolutely sure to call in your claim before the 72 hour deadline if you want to get the entire first year's coins free.

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these coins are uncertain because each dollar is only minted for just 93 days and all of them will be delivered according to the U.S. Mint's release schedule.

"These new Presidential Coins are beyond compare because they're actually carved with edge lettering bearing the date, Mint mark, IN GOD WE TRUST and E PLURIBUS UNUM, which results in the coin's rare tactile feel," said Director Aaron T. Stryker from the World Reserve Monetary Exchange.

"Once they're gone, they're gone

and by law once the U.S. Mint shuts off, they will never be minted again. That's why the World's premier private numismatic exchange is widely advertising its plans to issue the Presidential Money Gallery. We want to make absolutely sure readers of this newspaper know that there are only 3 days left on this announcement to get the entire first year of Presidential Dollar Coins free, in never-circulated condition," Stryker said.

Those who get in on this free giveaway by claiming the World Reserve's exclusive Presidential Money Gallery will be able to show off the entire collection of all 40 of the U.S. Presidential Coins. That's why it's so important to beat the 72 hour deadline right now.

"At the rate we are giving these away we will be forced to hand out more than \$1 million of these valuable new Presidential Dollar Coins free to the general public," Stryker said.

Collectors are trying to get all they can because these are no ordinary coins. These are real U.S. Treasury first issues in never-circulated condition. Smart collectors know how valuable first issue coins can be.

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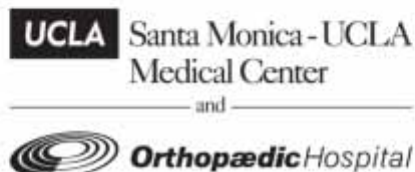


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Dear Dorie

Dorie Meek

Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Daddy has success with potty sessions

Dear Dorie,

For the last few weeks, my 22-month-old son has started to tell me when he wants to use the potty. I've noticed that he's more successful using it when he's with my husband than with me. Is that normal? I had heard that it was usually the other way around.

Potty Partner

Dear Partner,

First of all, congratulations on your toddler beginning the toilet learning (aka potty training) process. In this country, 22 months is considered early for boys. Most children, regardless of gender, begin the process between two and three years of age. Remember that this is a process; it is not accomplished overnight. You will have good weeks and bad weeks. How he behaves with your husband or any other adult will vary.

That written, boys typically have less modeling opportunities than girls and it makes some sense that your son would be more successful in his attempts when he's with his Daddy. If there is a minor difference when he's with you, I would do nothing. If, however, you notice that he's increasing in reluctance with you, and only using the potty when he's with Dad, I would go over your verbal suggestions and cues to make sure that you and your spouse are on the same page.

Remember that to be ready for toilet learning involves physical (capacity of bladder and muscle control), cognitive (aware of the adult behavior expectation) and emotional (able to give up a part of self) awareness. If your son is displaying these, then a preference for Dad is nothing to worry about. Good luck.

Dorie

New books: Keep the kids busy and have fun

BY DIANE DAVIS

Associated Press Writer

School's out. They're bored. You're stressed.

So make like a parent: Take charge and create a little fun — for everyone.

Get your plans in place the night before, set up the kids in the morning, supervise as needed and see what magic happens. Here are some ideas from current books:

TODDLERS

■ Make a "cave" by hanging a blanket over a card table. Tuck one side up to be a door and throw in supplies like toys and a snack. You've got "deluxe toddler accommodations," Roni Cohen Leiderman and Wendy Masi say in "Gymboree's 365 Activities You and Your Toddler Will Love" (Key Porter, 2007).

Divided into four sections from birth to 30 months, this book covers a lot of short, simple ideas. Some are obvious, but leafing through it on a rainy day and looking at its bright illustrations could provide the inspiration to keep the TV off.

YOUNGER ELEMENTARY KIDS

■ Sworn off long-range travel until the kids are older? Take them on a tour of their hometown instead. Get a map, pick up brochures from a local travel office and see the sights and sites like visitors do, says Joanne O'Sullivan in "101 Things You Gotta Do Before You're 12!" (Lark Books, 2007).

While her book is aimed at children, many activities could be fun for the whole family. Most call for parental partnering, travel or some cash (see a Shakespeare play, visit a tidal pool, etc.). Kids will have fun putting the accompanying stickers on activities as they check them off.

OLDER ELEMENTARY KIDS

■ Sure, lemonade is always a good seller on a hot day. But if you want to make a little more money, tap into current food trends and sell preservative-free, low-sugar lemonade or sweets made with natural and healthy ingredients, advise Arthur Bochner and Rose Bochner in "The New Totally Awesome Business Book for Kids" (Newmarket, 2007).

Written for older kids or young teens, the book covers the basics of how to run a business, including accounting and marketing, and offers some small business ideas.

MAKE A 'CAVE' BY HANGING A BLANKET OVER A CARD TABLE. TUCK ONE SIDE UP TO BE A DOOR AND THROW IN SUPPLIES LIKE TOYS AND A SNACK.

TWEENS

■ Ask your daughter to teach you one of the crafts that's the rage among her friends, like how to make a friendship bracelet. "This activity has the added bonus of giving your daughter the pride of knowing that there's something she can do better than her hero," Joe Kelly says in "The Dads & Daughters Togetherness Guide" (Broadway Books, 2007).

Kelly covers both spontaneous activities and larger projects, many of which sound like fun — even for mothers and sons.

An incredible climbing baby trying to live

BY ANGIE WAGNER
Associated Press Writer

LAS VEGAS We have a little game we have to play every day. From morning to night, my husband and I try to keep the baby alive.

I'm serious. My baby is one crazy, fearless baby who nearly sends me into cardiac arrest three times a day. That's because she's a climber.

I'm not talking about climbing on top of the coffee table or onto the couch.

Nope, it's worse.

It started with standing on the ledge of the fireplace and precariously walking along it with a big grin on her face. She knows she is not supposed to be up there, which is why she does it as much as she can.

Then she moved on to standing on the kitchen table. She is 17 months now, but this started a few months ago. She crawled up into a kitchen chair, then hiked her chubby leg up onto the table and swung herself up.

I found her in a sea of white napkins, happy as could be.

All the chairs in our house now are on their sides. If occasionally someone forgets, the baby is back up in the chair, eyeing the table.

Some days I utter: "Be careful," or "Aubrey NO," or "DON'T" so often that the phrases are losing their effect. As if there ever was any.

She is the Incredible Hulk, super baby with super strength.

When I am unloading the dishwasher, she grabs the bottom dish rack and yanks it out and throws it on the floor.

Guest Commentary
Jean Illsley Clarke Ph.D.

Send comments to editor@smdp.com

It's not my fault

AT THE CHECKOUT COUNTER IN THE GROCERY STORE, Rob couldn't help hearing the young cashier commiserate with the check out boy. "I hear you got yelled at."

"Yeah, again! She's a witch."

The teenage employees were complaining about their supervisor who they said was always hounding them.

"What was it this time?"

"I usually catch a nap okay, but today she caught me out back."

"The snooper!"

The boy frowned and rolled his eyes. "Then she yelled at me for eating a bagel. She is so picky. She said I have one more chance. Can you believe she did that?"

"Yeah, who does she think she is?"

Rob considered whether it would be more effective to tell the supervisor or to talk to the boy. On the way to the car, in a light tone, Rob remarked, "Sounds as if you have job trouble."

"No, it's not me, the supervisor has it in for me. I was thinking of quitting anyway."

"What will you do then?"

"I'll get a job at McDonald's."

"You think it will be different there?"

"Sure, if I'm lucky."

Rob spoke seriously. "What do you want to do when you get out of school?"

"I don't know, but do know that I am always going to be my own boss."

"Will you work alone?"

"No, not me. I'll have employees."

"Well, then you'll be lucky if you get fired now. If you are going to be a boss, you need to be learning about what to do with employees who don't do their work. And those who steal, too."

The young man paused, his mouth slightly open, but no sound came out. A bag of groceries hung suspended in midair.

Looking into the boys' face, the older man used his gentle but powerful tone. "I wish you well."

As Rob pulled away, he noticed the boy still standing stock-still, staring straight ahead.

Think about it. These two teenage employees were supporting each other's irresponsible and unethical behavior with no concern about the adult who could not avoid overhearing them.

Lucky kids, to have a supervisor who was doing her job. Lucky boy to have a customer offer some words of wisdom.

How did these adolescents get that way? It's okay to steal time. It's okay to steal bagels. If the supervisor doesn't like it, that's her fault. It doesn't matter what we say in front of customers. We don't know the history of these particular young people, but we do know what the Overindulgence Studies told us.

The more children are raised with no rules or rules that are not enforced, the more likely they are to:

- have an overblown sense of entitlement
- behave irresponsibly
- expect immediate gratification
- have trouble learning how much is enough
- have lax personal boundaries
- display uneven competencies
- believe they are the center of the universe

A part-time job is a window of opportunity for teens to learn about responsibility and how to become competent.

You can learn more about overindulgence and how to avoid it by reading the book *How Much is Enough?*

JEAN ILLSLEY CLARKE PH.D., CONNIE DAWSON PH.D., AND DAVID J. BREDEHOFT PH.D. are co-authors of *How Much is Enough?* To read more about overindulgence go to www.overindulgence.info.

Get outdoors and get together

What to do when school's out and the kids are bored

BY ANNE WALLACE ALLEN
Associated Press Writer

BOISE, Idaho We met a lot of our neighbors the week some helpful Home Depot guys dropped off six large cardboard boxes when delivering our new washer and dryer.

When my two kids, ages 7 and 8, came home from school that day, they never even made it into the house.

They went to work on the boxes immediately, setting up a fort with an inner courtyard and a complex, maze-like entrance. Neighbor kids joined in; alliances were formed and boxes shared.

The boxes soon lost their integrity. But the kids used packaging tape, sticks, and other reinforcements to revive them.

And just before the boxes were consigned to the recycling bin, the kids found a new use for them — as a sort of multiple-person lopsided gerbil wheel. At times the boxes lurched across the yard seemingly on their own. The only sign of the teams of kids inside were the balls or stuffed animals that would roll out,

to be pulled back inside quickly by an outstretched arm.

It was a lovely, spontaneous experience in an over-scheduled, media-saturated children's world.

Barring an arrival of big boxes on your lawn, what are some other ways to get satisfying and unstructured play into your kids' lives?

"What people remember about their childhoods is often the outdoor stuff," said Cindy Finch, director of the private Children's School in Boise. For little kids, it might be as simple as putting out a basin of water in the yard.

Journal radio show, has put such ideas for kids ages 1-10 in her "The Unplugged Play Book," due out June 30. One good idea in there for ages 6 to 9 is building an obstacle course.

"They can use everything from lawn chairs, hula-hoops, flower pots turned upside down" and compete against the clock on a miniature golf-type course said Conner, a mother of three, who noted having kids race the clock, rather than each other, can tame rivalries.

We road-tested another of Conner's ideas, which involved two kids tightly holding a beach towel and

“BECAUSE PERSONALITY COMES SO MUCH INTO PLAY, YOU NEED A RICH ASSORTMENT OF PLAY EXPERIENCES FOR KIDS TO GRAB HOLD OF TO SEE THE ONES THAT GET THEM MOST EXCITED.”

Bobbi Conner, author and longtime host of The Parent's Journal radio show

"You help children with an idea and then you give them some time and space," Finch said, advising that parents supervise without directing the play. "Once you provide the structure for them, there's very little effort on the adults' part."

South Carolina author Bobbi Conner, longtime host of The Parent's

bouncing a ball high into the air on it. Two of them loved it, and it prompted them to work unusually hard on working together. The two others dropped the towel and started kicking the ball around the yard.

Kelly, who runs workshops for fathers, suggests having your child teach you something.

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TV for a drooling audience

BY MELODY HANATANI

Daily Press Staff Writer

BRENTWOOD Move over Teletubbies and Barney.

When Ebony Hodge first installed a Dish Network satellite system in her Long Beach home more than a year ago, she was rewarded with an added bonus — free subscription to a newly launched network for newborn babies and toddlers.

Having recently given birth to her daughter Blossom, the free two-month trial of BabyFirstTV was a welcome surprise.

After the two-month trial period was over, Hodge decided to sign up for a full subscription, noticing that her daughter had actually improved her communication skills thanks to the children's programming featured on the channel.

"She went from pointing at things to trying to make phrases," Hodge said of now 14-month-old Blossom. "She still babbles, but it's babbling phrases as opposed to 'eh, eh.'"

The Brentwood-based cable and satellite network is the brain child of Guy Oranim and Sharon Rechter who both sought to create a channel solely dedicated to enhancing a child's development through programming.

Called "the only TV network in the United States that is catering to babies and toddlers," BabyFirstTV initially launched Mother's Day 2006 on Dish Network, DirecTV and in select Comcast markets. The network is considered to be a premium channel, similar to HBO, and is available at an additional cost.

The idea to start a television network came to Rechter one day a few years ago when a friend visited with one baby, two bottles, three diapers and five baby DVDs in tow. Rechter inquired about the DVDs, curious as to why her friend was carrying so many at once.

"They make my child smarter," her friend said at the time, pointing to a description on the DVD case that claimed watching the video would improve a child's intelligence.

But the DVD was not backed by a child development expert or any sort of authority in the field, which meant that anyone could've produced and marketed the DVD as improving a child's intelligence, Rechter said.

After discovering that the baby DVD market generates about \$1.5 billion a year, Rechter, who formerly headed an ethnic network, and Oranim, who previously worked in DVD advertising, decided to join forces to create a network that offered high quality

Baby-only television network helps parents interact with young children while learning



Images courtesy BabyFirstTV

HEY, KIDS, LET'S PUT ON A SHOW: Programs from BabyFirstTV, a newly launched network for newborn babies and toddlers, beckon newborns with bright, attractive shows that assist toddlers in developing their communication skills. The Brentwood-based cable and satellite network is considered a premium channel, similar to HBO, and is available at an additional cost.



programming and had the "best of the best people supporting it," according to Rechter.

There are currently more than 80 different programs airing on BabyFirstTV, the majority of which are original programming. The remainder comes from baby DVDs pre-

approved by the network's advisors.

Each program is between 2 and 7 minutes long, catered to its audience as the visual and the audio run slowly to avoid overstimulating the baby. Many of the programs focus on teaching about color, words and numbers

and do so repetitively to ingrain the concepts in the child's head.

"One of the things we say is repetition is good," said Dr. Arthur Pober, the network's chief educational advisor.

All of the original programs are derived through a creative team led by Pober. With 20 years of experience in early childhood development and media under his belt, every program is signed off by Pober, who approves the shows in two minute-segments.

"The segments are basically there to provide a soothing and calming experience," Pober said.

The programming facilitates interaction between the parent and the child through occasional pop up "subtitles" that instruct the parents on how they should explain the segment to their child.

Some of the most popular programs on BabyFirstTV are the ones in which parents

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Dr. Arthur Pober
chief educational
advisor, BabyFirstTV

say they can see actual improvement in their children. Two of the most popular shows include a Spanish foreign language segment for babies of English speaking parents and a children's sign language course. Children actually learn to communicate through motioning before speaking, Rechter said.

"All research indicates babies develop best by interacting with their parents," Rechter said. "Our mission is to give them another way."

Another popular show retells famous fairy tales through an age-appropriate tone.

The network's adaptation of "Sleeping Beauty" tells the story of a little girl upset that her father is leaving her to go to work. The little girl falls asleep after a busy day and is awoken by her father's kiss.

The Disney versions of the fairy tales usually involve evil queens and witches, which can be frightening to a young child, said Pober, who used to work with the Walt Disney company.

BabyFirstTV is now available in 24 countries on four continents.

"We're very proud, I have to say," Rechter said. "That's my baby."

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MTV Movie Awards a big hit

FROM AWARDS PAGE 3

sentence," she said. "Even though this is a really hard time, I have my family, my friends and my fans to support me, and that's really helpful."

Host Sarah Silverman cracked a crude joke at Hilton's expense to open the show. When the camera panned to Hilton, she was not smiling.

Then the focus turned to films. MTV's irreverent mix of honors includes prizes for best fight and best villain, plus awards for aspiring filmmakers.

Jack Nicholson was the winning villain, capturing the Golden Popcorn trophy for his mobster role in "The Departed." The fight prize went to Gerard Butler, who battled "The Uber Immortal" in the epic "300."

The breakthrough performance prize

went to 9-year-old Jaden Smith, who starred opposite his father, Will Smith, in "The Pursuit of Happyness." He accepted his award by video from Toronto with his dad by his side and his mom behind the camera.

The two-hour program was punctuated by musical performances. Rihanna and Jay-Z paired up on her new song, "Umbrella," and soul songstress Amy Winehouse sang her megahit, "Rehab."

The 16-year-old awards show unveiled two new categories Sunday: best movie spoof and best summer movie you haven't seen yet. Andy Signore, a filmmaker from Pennsylvania, won for "United 300," a hybrid spoof of "300" and "United 93."

"Transformers," due July 3, was named the best as-yet-unseen summer film.

MTV viewers voted by telephone, text message and Internet.

New designer meth a growing problem

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liquid. Caffeinated, high-sugar energy drinks and sodas often litter areas where meth cookers manufacture the drug, sometimes used as a chaser to the stimulant, authorities said.

“Strawberry Quick,” as it is also called, first surfaced in large numbers in January, after the Nevada Department of Public Safety issued a bulletin describing the new substance. Since then, DEA agents have heard reports of the flavored meth appearing in Missouri, Texas, Washington and Wisconsin.

Authorities said that by cutting the drug, dealers are trying to make it not only more appealing to youth, but also make it seem less dangerous.

“Traffickers are out there and are trying to sell it to customers, whether they are young customers or older, brand-new customers by changing the color or the taste or just giving it a less-intimidating name, they are trying to make it seem less dangerous and lure this new customer base,” Steve Robertson, a spokesman for the DEA said in an interview with CBS News.

The drug has lawmakers alarmed. Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., introduced legislation in April to increase penalties for drug dealers who entice children with the candy-flavored speed.

“This bill will send a strong and clear message to drug dealers — if you target our children by peddling candy-flavored drugs, there will be a heavy price to pay,” Feinstein said. “It’s all about hooking young people, and we have to stop this practice before it grows any further.”

The Saving Kids from Dangerous Drugs Act would apply criminal penalty enhancements to anyone who “manufactures, creates, distributes or possesses with intent to distribute a controlled substance that is flavored, colored, packaged or otherwise altered in a way that is designed to make it more appealing to a person under 21 years of age, or who attempts or conspires to do so.”

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THAT'S RUBBISH

Fabian Lewkowicz fabianl@smdp.com

SMPD K9 Officer Roberto Villegas and his partner Nero, a 4-year-old Belgian Malinois trained to find explosives, search along the Third Street Promenade last week during their routine practice drills. Nero successfully found the 'explosive.' SMPD K9 officers spend 24/7 with their dogs, taking them home after duty.

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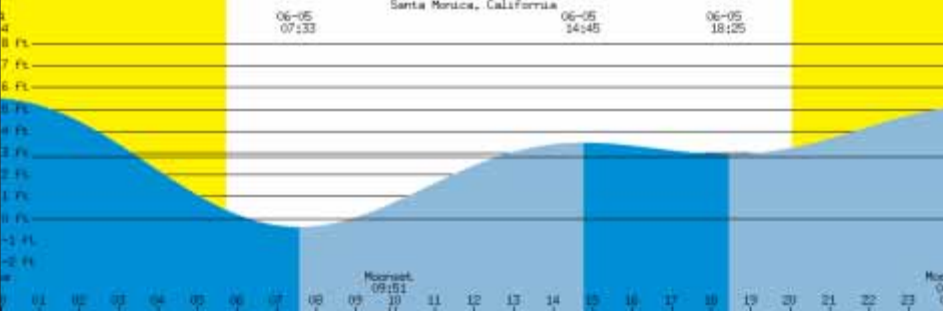
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Today looks smaller for SW ground swell (waist to maybe chest high), but this is when the wind and wind swell trend should kick in. While AM sessions should remain fairly clean, look for onshores to increase late morning, reaching 20+ by early afternoon. The tide will also be quite low early on.

LONG RANGE SYNOPSIS

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Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 4 / 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 2 days after a rainstorm. After a rain, indicator bacteria counts at beaches throughout California usually far exceed health criteria in the state's Beach Closures and Health Warning Protocol.

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sepul Creek mouth	A+	ns
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth	A+	ns
El Pescador State Beach, between Lachusa and Los Alamos creeks	A+	ns
Encinal Canyon at El Morado State Beach	A+	ns
Broad Beach at Tomacal Creek mouth	A+	ns
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth	A+	ns
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildfire Rd. (private)	A+	ns
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth	A	ns
Escalante Creek, just east of Escalante State Beach	A	ns
Lariga Canyon Creek mouth	F	ns
Saltine Canyon at San Bonifacio County Beach	C	ns
Panero State Beach at creek mouth	A	ns
Marin Canyon storm drain at Panero Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd.	F	ns
Serfider Beach at Malibu Colony fence	A+	ns
Serfider Beach (beach location) - daily	A	ns
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east	A+	ns
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon	A+	ns
Los Flores State Beach at Los Flores Creek (joint vent)	A+	ns
Big Rock Beach at 15948 PCH stairs	A	ns
Pena Creek at Los Flores County Beach	A+	ns
Tuna Canyon	A+	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth	A	ns
Castroville Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	A+	ns
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at 17280 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain)	A+	ns

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Will Rogers State Beach at Del Air Bay Club drain near fence	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Palpa Canyon storm drain	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Tomacal Canyon drain	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chetoway)	A+	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Mountain Ave. drain	A+	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain	A	ns
Santa Monica Municipal Pier	F	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Venice storm drain	A+	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restaurants)	A+	ns
Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain	A+	ns
Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain	A+	ns
Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain	A	ns
Venice Beach at Woodward Ave. drain	A+	ns
Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south	A+	ns
Venice Beach - projection of Topail St.	A+	ns
Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach - lifeguard tower	A	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth	A+	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain	A+	ns
North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach	A+	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of DWW jetty)	A+	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain	A+	ns
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Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain	A	ns

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Out and about, Taurus

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS
The stars show the kind of day you'll have:

★★★★★	Dynamic	★★★★★	Positive
★★★	Average	★★	So-So
		★	Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★★ Don't add drama. Extremes punctuate people's moods. If you're on a roll, please don't jinx it by stopping. Someone from a distance or someone who has expertise points to a new direction. Tonight: With your friends.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ Demands and responsibilities meet. How you choose to deal with them could be far different from the norm. Tap into one of your strongest resources, a partnership. This person also views situations differently. Tonight: Out and about.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ As a mental sign, you easily trip into never-never land. Today your mind easily wanders to those realms. People seem to be enthusiastic about nearly anything. Tonight: Take off for a movie if you can.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★★ A partner or associate wants a stronger say – at least for today, if not for longer. You might be relieved if you let this person do what he or she wants. Treat yourself to a new item for your wardrobe or a good book. Tonight: Say "yes" to a discussion.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ You might be wondering what is going on with key people in your life. Could they be trying to claim their power? Don't get into lengthy discussions. Let others have their head – for better or for worse. Good news weaves toward you. Tonight: Think possibilities.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ You certainly can say that you are doing your "thing," but you cannot say it is the same old thing over and over. Whether it is the people around you or your choices, there is an undertone of the unexpected running through your day. Tonight: Where you want to be.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★★ As one of the most romantic signs in the zodiac, you are exactly where you want to be. Allow a little more flirtation and lightness into your personal dealings. Be careful of enticing another's interest just for fun. Tonight: In the whirlwind of fun.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ You might want to rethink a decision that surrounds your home life. Perhaps you want to invest more in your life or be slightly more freewheeling. Go for a walk or visit the gym before making any grand conclusions. Tonight: Too much energy for your own good! Head home.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★★ You are the spark that starts the flames and fireworks. Wherever you turn, your interest is where the action is going to be. Make conversation; reach out for others. A partner makes an effort to get closer. Tonight: Where exchanging feelings and ideas happen naturally.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★ Take a hard look at an investment and your spending. You could have gone overboard, as unusual as that behavior might be for your sign. Your instincts direct you to be a bit wild. Tune in to logic and what works. Tonight: Rethink spending.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ The Moon in your sign hands you what you want on a silver platter. You could be overwhelmed by your options and choices. Know when to walk away from a proposition that you feel might be risky. Let your personality speak. Tonight: What would make you happy?

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ You could be out of sorts if you have time to stop and think. What might be expected from you could be overwhelming, at best. Your positive profile helps you gain friends. Be careful and check details. Tonight: Get some extra R and R!

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Happy Birthday!
You have energy, enthusiasm and emotional support this year. With this combo, it would be quite difficult to stop you. Make it a point to always look at the big picture. The more you understand, the better equipped you are to handle different situations. Empathize. Walk in another's shoes. Let others share their enthusiasm, even if they might not be on the same page as you. A little discussion will ease them there. If you are single, this year you might meet that special person. You could be faced with two choices. If you are attached, your significant other becomes livelier.

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Game on

Crowe, LaPaglia talking about building sports stadium in Sydney, Australia

ANTHONY LAPAGLIA AND RUSSELL CROWE are in preliminary talks about building a new sports stadium in Sydney.

LaPaglia, star of CBS' "Without a Trace," is a director and shareholder in Sydney FC, a soccer team in the domestic A-League. Crowe, who won an Oscar for 2000's "Gladiator," is co-owner of the South Sydney

Rabbitohs in the National Rugby League.

LaPaglia said he and Crowe are in preliminary talks on constructing a 25,000-seat stadium that both teams could use during their respective seasons.

"You're the first person I'm going to tell this, Russell and I have been talking to each other about the possibility of ... joining

forces to achieve that goal," the 48-year-old actor said.

"He wants a stadium, I want a stadium, and we think together there is a possibility we might be able to pull it off. We would combine forces to have a home field, and training facilities," LaPaglia said Saturday.

LaPaglia said talks with Crowe have been ongoing

for about four months.

"We're still trying (to work out) how to do it exactly, but there's a bunch of e-mails flying backwards and forth," he said.

"(Crowe) is as driven and as passionate about the Rabbitohs as I am about Sydney FC," he said. "And we both appreciate each other at that level."

LaPaglia said he hadn't spoken to Sydney FC offi-

cials about the plan.

"It's not something I've really discussed with the club yet, so it will come as a bit of a surprise to them," he said.

Screen credits for Crowe, 43, also include "A Beautiful Mind" and "The Insider."

LaPaglia won an Emmy in 2002 for his guest-starring role on "Frasier."

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ZMUDA'S COMIC RELIEF

Comic Relief, founded 20 years ago to help the homeless, has donated \$155,000 to upgrade an animal shelter as part of its Hurricane Katrina relief effort, group founder **BOB ZMUDA** said.

Katrina left tens of thousands of pets homeless, and some of them will be available for adoption at El Dorado County Animal Shelter after the project is completed in November.

Plans call for an expansion of the shelter by 700 square feet, as well as improved kennels and additional parking.

Officials said one animal at a time will be brought to the facility from shelters on the Gulf Coast. When one pet is adopted, another will be sent to the shelter.

"Animal groups across the nation have contacted Comic Relief, but I'd rather see the funds work in my own community," said Zmuda. "My house is five minutes from here."

AP

Iron Mike wants to act in Indian Bollywood movies

MIKE TYSON wants to try something new – acting in Bollywood movies.

Tyson said the energy on the sets of a music video he recently shot for a new comedy got him thinking about trying to do more Bollywood work, The Times of India reported Monday.

The former heavyweight boxing champion said in an interview that Firoz Nadiadwala, producer of "Fool n Final," had

approached him with a script.

"Firoz has discussed a movie with me," the newspaper quoted Tyson as saying.

"We seriously intend to work toward it," he said, without disclosing any details.

Tyson, 40, danced to Bollywood music at a two-day shoot in Las Vegas last month for a music video to promote "Fool n Final," about a diamond heist.

"The atmosphere was very congenial, happy and energetic," the newspaper quoted Tyson as saying.

Tyson plays himself in the music video, set for release later this month.

He said Nadiadwala explained the concept of the music video to him earlier this year.

"I was, anyway, in that phase when I didn't mind trying out something different," he said. "The script

seemed very interesting, with lots of excitement thrown in."

Tyson said there are similarities between acting and boxing.

"In both the fields, in order to survive and triumph, you need focus and to be highly disciplined and determined," he said.

A judge in Phoenix gave Tyson permission to travel to Las Vegas.

AP

Seacrest a laugh-maker in 'Knocked Up'

RYAN SEACREST is known as a lot of things – slick "American Idol" ringmaster, hotshot radio deejay, ubiquitous E! channel host – but funny guy's not one of them. Which makes his scene-stealing cameo in "Knocked Up" such an amusing surprise.

Even more so because he's the butt of the joke.

Seacrest sends up his pompous image in the Judd Apatow-directed comedy

about an ambitious entertainment reporter (Katherine Heigl) whose life is flipped when she learns she is pregnant. She takes her job seriously at E! Entertainment Television – but not as seriously as the film-version Seacrest, who launches into a riotous rant during a scene that lasts barely two minutes.

Seacrest, playing himself, becomes ticked off on the set when Jessica

Simpson throws off his busy schedule by arriving at her leisure for an interview.

He angrily suggests that maybe he'll retaliate by asking for her thoughts on an "exit strategy" in the Middle East.

"I don't understand the young talent in this town," the movie Seacrest goes on. "It doesn't make any sense. I got four jobs – hell, I'm more famous than half the people

we talk to anyway!"

The rant then escalates into an R-rated diatribe with Seacrest dropping the F-bomb and denouncing the superficial workings of the entertainment industry. The apoplectic host finally has to be ushered into the green room with a promise of a cookie in an effort to calm him down.

Seacrest is not nearly as divalike in real life. ... Or is he?

AP

Paris Hilton checks into Los Angeles-area jail

Hours after strolling the red carpet in a strapless black dress,

PARIS HILTON traded her designer duds for a jail-issued jumpsuit.

The 26-year-old heiress checked into the Century Regional Detention Facility in Lynwood just after 11:30 p.m. Sunday. She's expected to serve three-weeks for violating her probation in an alcohol-related reckless driving case.

Hilton surrendered to sheriff's deputies after making a surprise visit to the MTV Movie Awards in

the afternoon.

"I am trying to be strong right now," she told reporters on the red carpet. "I'm ready to face my sentence. Even though this is a really hard time, I have my family, my friends and my fans to support me, and that's really helpful."

Sheriff's spokesman Steve Whitmore said Hilton was easy to work with.

"Her demeanor was helpful. She was focused, she was cooperative," he said.

Hilton turned herself in at the Men's Central Jail in

downtown Los Angeles just after 10:30 p.m., then was escorted to the all women's facility in Lynwood, where she was booked, fingerprinted and issued a jail uniform, Whitmore said.

She also was given her first meal: cereal, bread and juice.

So far, Hilton does not have a cellmate, Whitmore said.

The "Simple Life" star will be housed in the "special needs" unit of the 13-year-old jail, separate from most of its 2,200 inmates. The unit contains 12 two-

person cells reserved for police officers, public officials, celebrities and other high-profile inmates.

Like other inmates in that unit, Hilton will take her meals in her cell and will be allowed outside the 12-foot-by-8-foot space for at least an hour each day to shower, watch TV in the day room, participate in outdoor recreation or talk on the telephone. No cell phones or BlackBerrys are permitted in the facility, even for visitors.

The jail, a two-story concrete building next to train

tracks and beneath a bustling freeway, has been an all-female facility since March 2006. It's located in an industrial area about five miles southeast of downtown Los Angeles.

"I did have a choice to go to a pay jail," Hilton said Sunday, without giving details. "But I declined because I feel like the media portrays me in a way that I'm not and that's why I wanted to go to county, to show that I can do it and I'm going to be treated like everyone else."

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Pirates of the Caribbean: At World's End
11:30am, 3:00, 6:30, 10:15

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Pirates of the Caribbean: At World's End (PG-13)
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Pirates of the Caribbean: At World's End DLP-Digital Projection (PG-13)
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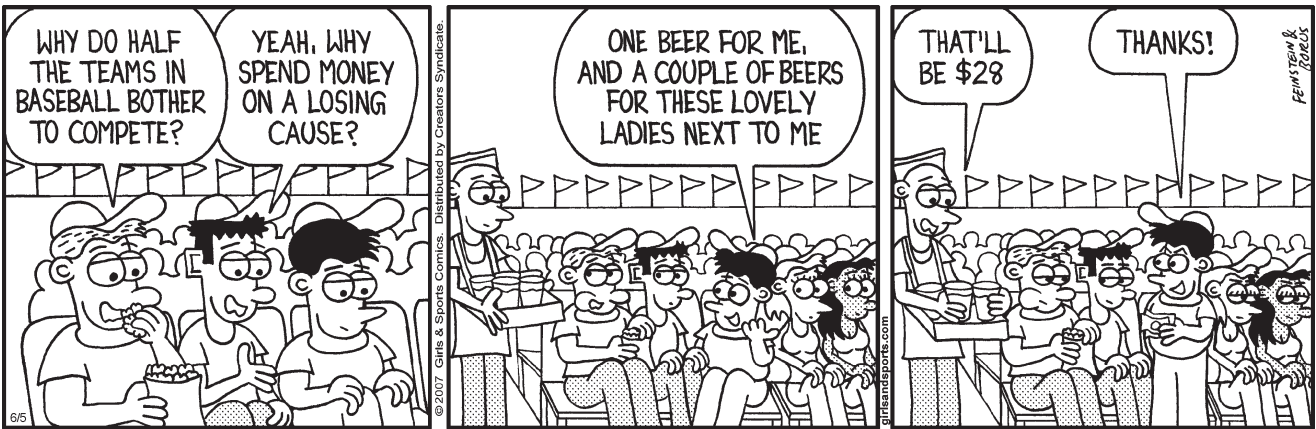
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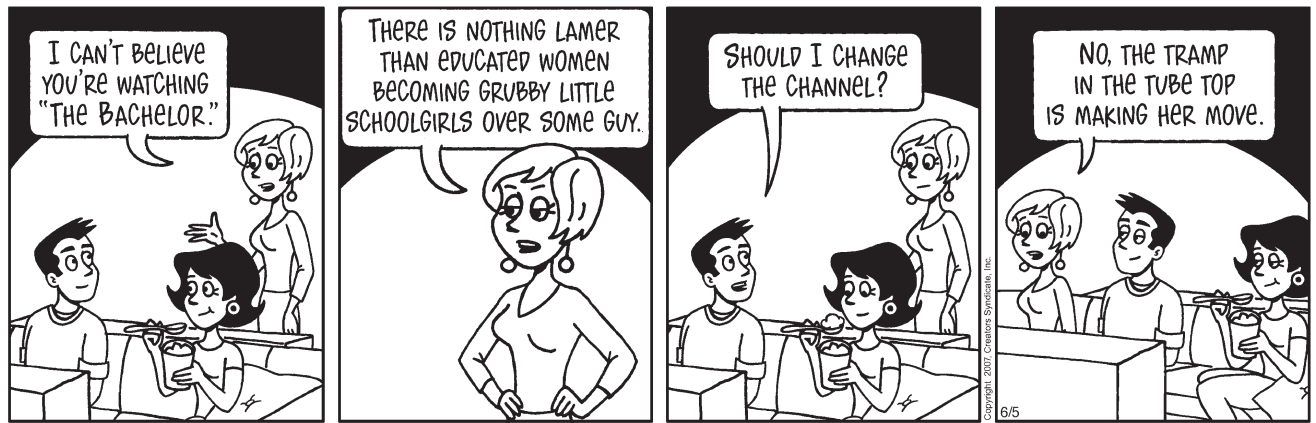
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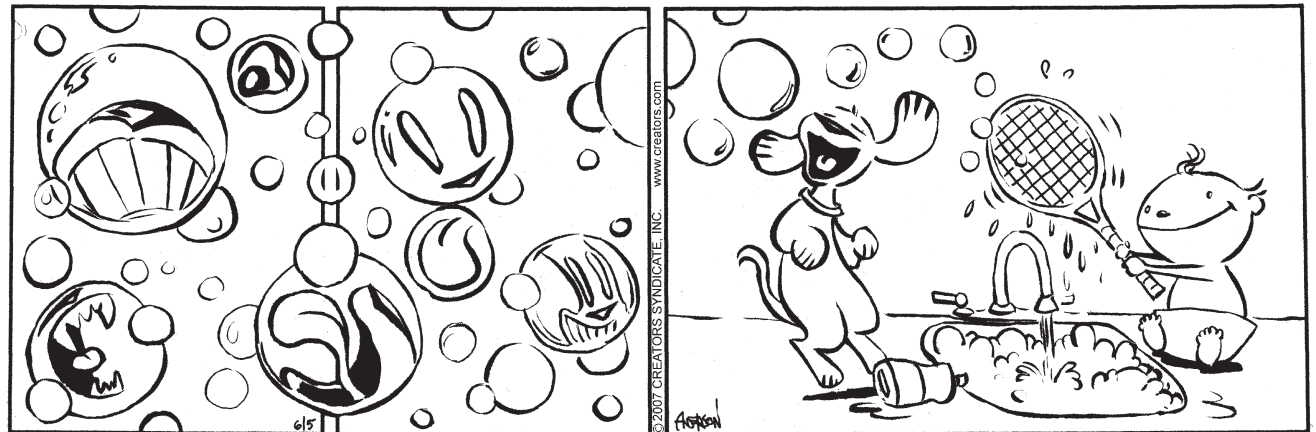
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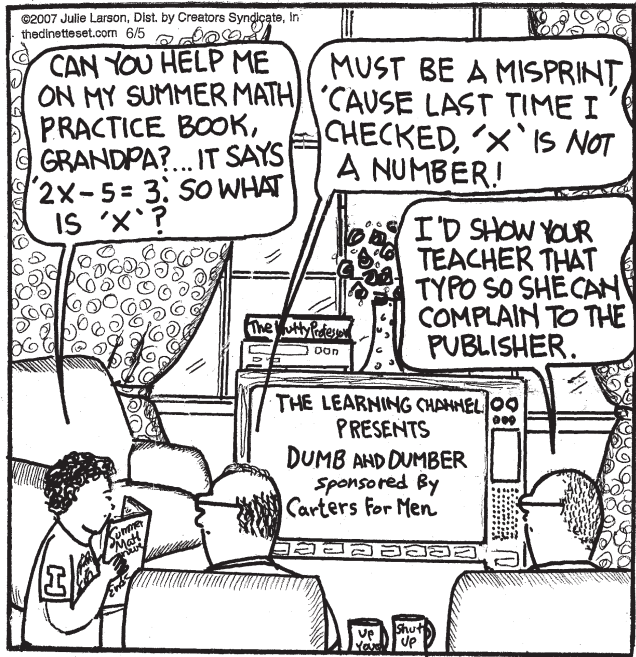


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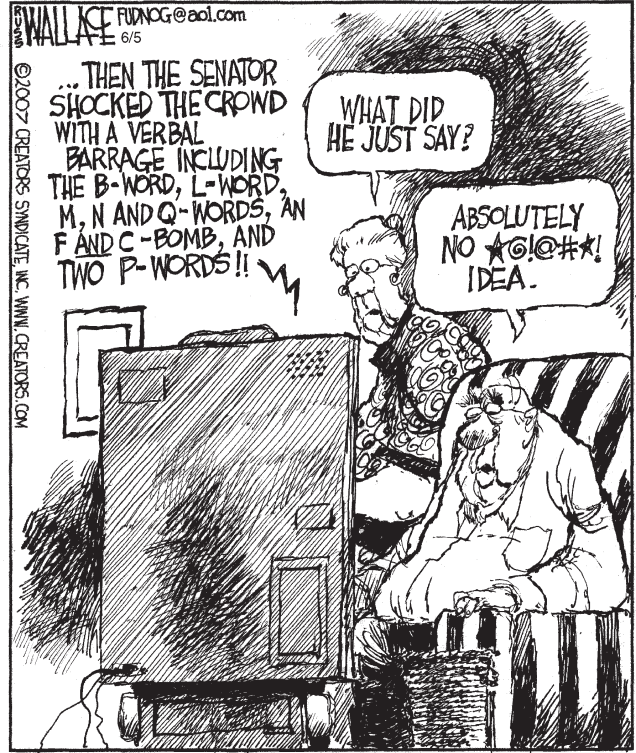
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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ In January, a judge in Benton County, Ore., acquitted a 46-year-old man of sexually abusing his 10-year-old stepdaughter after he told the judge that he suffers from "parasomnia" and sometimes commits acts that appear volitional but during which he is actually sound asleep. Men in Canada and Great Britain in 2005 were also acquitted of sexual assault after courts heard medical testimony about what is now called "sexsomnia."

■ Nigerian Internet scams were thought for years to be so transparently fraudulent that they would work only on the very gullible, who would send thousands of dollars overseas in the naive expectation of receiving millions in return. However, it was also too good to pass up for a professional money manager, the longtime treasurer of Alcona County, Mich., Thomas Katona, who admitted in court in January 2007 that he had lost \$1.25 million of taxpayer money, plus his own life's savings, in a Nigerian scam.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1305 Pope Clement V is elected.

1798 Battle of New Ross: The attempt to spread United Irish Rebellion into Munster is defeated.

1817 First Great Lakes steamer, the Frontenac, is launched.

1829 HMS Pickle captures the armed slave ship Voladora off the coast of Cuba.

1832 Parisian student uprisings of 1832 begin.

1837 Houston, Texas is incorporated by the Republic of Texas.

1849 Denmark becomes a constitutional monarchy by the signing of a new constitution.

1851 Harriet Beecher Stowe's anti-slavery serial, Uncle Tom's Cabin or, Life Among the Lowly starts a ten-month run in the National Era abolitionist newspaper.

1864 American Civil War: Battle of Piedmont: Union forces under General David Hunter defeat a Confederate army at Piedmont, Virginia, taking nearly 1,000 prisoners.

1900 Second Boer War: British soldiers take Pretoria.

1907 BAPS Swaminarayan religion established.

1915 Denmark amends its constitution to allow women's suffrage.

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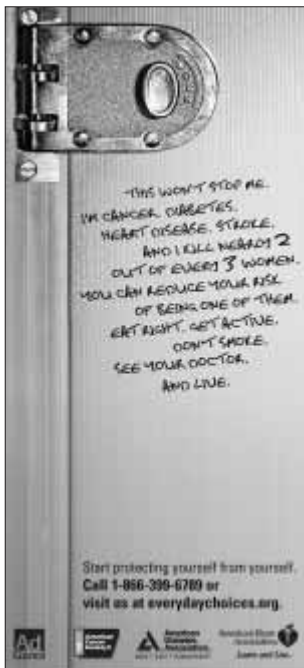
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Average Price of Properties Listed for Sale As of Early-June 2007

		<u>Single Family Homes</u>	<u>Condos & Townhomes</u>
Santa Monica Canyon	=	\$ 2,106,333	No Listings
North of Montana	=	\$ 3,971,882	\$ 2,407,323
Between Wilshire & Montana	=	\$ 1,923,286	\$ 964,355
South of Wilshire	=	\$ 973,400	\$ 604,353
Sunset Park	=	\$ 1,507,933	\$ 582,000
Ocean Park	=	\$ 1,494,000	\$ 895,575

Statistics updated weekly

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