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ONE MAN'S TRASH ...

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Visitors to the Main Library over the weekend got a good look at works of art by local elementary school students in the Resource Recovery & Recycling Division's 'Art of Recycling' sculpture contest. Giving students a chance to create art from trash, the theme of this year's contest was 'rethink, repurpose, reuse.'

SMMUSD nurses will keep their jobs

All layoff notices rescinded after board action

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

SMMUSD HDQTRS All 10 nurses currently working in the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District will keep their jobs for the 2011-12 school year, although the details of what kind of support staff they will have haven't been worked out.

The decision, approved by a 6-0 vote by the Board of Education on Thursday, created a synthesis between a concept put forward by Superintendent Tim Cuneo to retain fewer nurses and hire more full-time support staff and that of an ad hoc committee which wanted all the nurses retained with some part-time support staff.

Cuneo recommended that for the first year, the district retain nine full-time nursing positions and hire one full-time licensed vocational nurse (LVN) and three full-time health clerks to assist with clerical work and other duties.

The ad hoc committee, on the other hand, presented its recommendation in May to retain all 9.6 full-time nursing positions, which totals out to 10 employees, and hire only one full-time LVN, two part-time LVNs and two part-time health clerks.

In reality, even the 9.6 figure represents a reduction of two nurses who were kept on with one-time funds from the previous school year.

Members of the ad hoc committee defended the retention of all nurses considering the challenges in the coming year of preparing schools for new vaccination requirements.

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Backer of circumcision ban pulling out

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITYWIDE In response to the rising backlash against a proposed initiative that would have made circumcision for minors a criminal act, the main proponent of the measure announced her intention to withdraw the measure Monday.

Jena Troutman, administrator of www.wholebabyrevolution.com and certified lactation educator, said that it was never her intention to get into the "religious aspect" of the circumcision debate. Jewish groups feel the initiative is an attack on their religion, which calls for infants to be circumcised.

"You've got to do what's right for the city that you're in and I think that I could do something much better that's more representative of what we want locally to inform parents that the procedure is not recommended by the National Academy of Pediatrics," Troutman said.

Troutman submitted the original petition, entitled the Santa Monica MGM Bill Ballot Initiative, on May 19. She would have had 180 days after publishing information about the bill to collect over 6,000 signatures.

Had she done that, the measure — which would have made circumcising a child under the age of 18 a misdemeanor offense punishable by a $1,000 fine or a year in jail — would have gone on the November 2012 ballot.

However, the hue and cry raised within the religious community, and what she felt was a misrepresentation of her goals by news media, caused Troutman to seek another way of furthering her real agenda.

"It's about educating parents that they have options," Troutman said. "That's the goal."

The initiative that Troutman submitted to the Santa Monica City Clerk's Office in May was written by a San Diego-based group called MGMbill.org, headed by

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What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Tuesday, June 7, 2011

Talking books
Fairview Library
2101 Ocean Park Blvd., 7 p.m.
Author Mar Preston reads from and discusses her latest mystery novel, "No Dice," in which a City Councilwoman is murdered on the eve of a vote allowing a casino in Downtown Santa Monica. For more information, call (310) 458-8681.

Defending women in Colombia
Unitarian Universalist Church of Santa Monica
1260 18th St., 7:30 p.m. — 9:30 p.m.
Rev. Wayne Christensen of the League of Displaced Women in Colombia will show slides of the work being done by this group. The league is defending the status of women in Colombia who have been displaced by the continuing conflict between the Colombian government, paramilitary groups, and the FARC guerillas. It is also participating with these women in building a self-help community that provides some refuge from the conflict. For more information about this free event, call (310) 410-4420.

Making funny
Senior Recreation Center
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.

Wednesday, June 8, 2011

Be prepared
YMCA
1332 Sixth St., 11 a.m. — 12 p.m.
Are you prepared in case of a major natural disaster? If not, attend this seminar on emergency preparedness and learn from the experts. Residents will have the opportunity to speak with someone from the Red Cross to get one-on-one assistance with creating their own emergency plans. Registration in advance is required. Picture ID is required for non-members. Cost: Free. For more information contact Lidia Magarian, senior program director at the YMCA at (310) 393-2721 Ext. 129 or e-mail: lidiam@ymcasm.org.

Bingo!
Santa Monica Senior Center
1450 Ocean Ave., 1:30 p.m. — 2:30 p.m.
Come to the Senior Center and play some Bingo. You could win some creative prizes! Cost: Free for those 50 and up. For more information call (310) 458-8644.

Art in the aquarium
Santa Monica Pier Aquarium
1600 Ocean Front Walk, 7 p.m. — 9 p.m.
Artists are invited to sketch, paint, and take photos of any of the aquarium's more than 100 local species on exhibit, including the new seahorse exhibit. Space is limited. Please RSVP in advance, (310) 393-6149, ext. 106. Cost: $5 suggested donation.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

SMC
Celebrating July 4th in June

Those planning to attend the "Celebrate America" fireworks show and festival can once again picnic on Corsair Field, something which was prohibited the past couple of years because of concerns about the new artificial turf, officials with Santa Monica College said Monday.

SMC's popular festival and fireworks show will be held on June 25. All the standard favorite features of the festival, held in honor of Independence Day, will be back, including live entertainment, community service booths, beach balls and food.

New this year will be a live auction from the stage with prizes donated by Santa Monica area businesses.

Gates open at 5 p.m. and entertainment, including the Texas Jump and Louisiana Blues sounds of Chris Mulkey and Deluxe begins at 6:30 p.m. Pyro Spectaculars' fireworks go off at dusk, around 9 p.m.

Entry to the event is free but donations are welcome. Parking is $5. Alcoholic beverages, glass containers, barbecues, fireworks and chairs with pointed legs are prohibited.

Presenting sponsors of the event are SMC and the city of Santa Monica. Major sponsors are the SMC Associated Students and Bourget Brothers Building Materials in Santa Monica.

– KEVIN HERRERA

Art funds art program

A fundraiser for Santa Monica Alternative School House (SMASH) last Friday evening generated $6,800, money which will be used to purchase art supplies and materials for the school.

Parents and friends designed 170 postcards, which featured photos, paintings and sketches and were sold for $40 each. Guests were encouraged to trust their instincts and select art without knowing the name of the creator.

Local artist Ed Moses and actress Sean Young attended, along with approximately 120 guests.

– KH

CYBERSPACE
City Hall releases videos

The California Sustainability Alliance, a market transformation program managed by Navigant and the city of Santa Monica, has released three new videos showcasing City Hall's sustainability efforts.

"The City of Santa Monica Leadership in Sustainability Videos" feature government practices in solar energy, Farmers'

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BIG GAME JAMES

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Former Los Angeles Lakers great James Worthy (center) talks with Santa Monica Police Chief Tim Jackman and Fire Chief Scott Ferguson (left) about their golf games during the Police Activities Legue's annual golf tournament and auction at Mountain Gate Country Club on Monday.

Watt Companies gets new president

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

SUNSET PARK Nadine Watt will step into the role of president at Watt Companies, one of the largest owners, developers and managers of commercial real estate in the Western United States, it was announced Monday.

Watt is currently vice president of the Santa Monica-based company.

Her appointment, effective July 1, "reflects a strategic shift in direction away from traditional property management and leasing, and toward increased activity in acquiring and developing real estate assets, and pursuing entrepreneurial joint ventures to diversify the company's existing portfolio of investments," according to a company statement.

Jim Maginn, who joined Watt in 1986 as chief financial officer and was named president and CEO in 1995, will spearhead a newly created investment division in partnership with Chief Investment Officer Dean Pentikis that focuses on acquiring retail and multifamily assets.

"The real estate market has changed dramatically over the past few years, and the best way to adapt to the new landscape is to shift our focus to investment, joint ventures and acquisition activities," said company Chairman Scott Watt.

"We are thrilled to see Nadine make the logical progression to lead the company through this exciting next phase," he said. "Watt Companies prides itself on being a family-run organization, and Nadine will do a wonderful job carrying out the vision of my father and her grandfather, Ray Watt."

Over the past 12 years, she has helped

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Preserving history

Editor:

Regarding Bill Bauer's column My Write, "Civic Auditorium plan a waste of $46.8 million," page 4, June 6:

Far from being a "big, ugly box designed by a mediocre mid-century architect," the Santa Monica Civic Auditorium is a beautiful example of the best of mid-century regional architecture. Although it is true that what has been built since has failed to create a cohesive whole, a credible urban design effort can allow this historic venue to take its rightful place within an engaging Civic Center Master Plan. Saving the Civic Auditorium is one of the most important decisions that has been made to give planners that opportunity.

I commend city staff and the City Council for their wise, although fiscally risky, decision. A risk well worth taking given that the preservation of our aesthetic and communal history is at stake.

Aleks Istanbullu
Santa Monica

No sympathy

Editor:

The letter by an Arizona pilot ("Not in my column," Letters to the Editor, page 4, April 29) complained about our city's airport commissioner's efforts to curb late-night noise at Santa Monica Airport. The letter's author, Arthur Rosen, suggested that we have the Chamber of Commerce help determine our airport's policies, and then informed us that his column in Plane and Pilot News will recommend that people stay away from Santa Monica. Mr. Rosen, according to his letter, will no longer come here to do his shopping.

Mr. Rosen mentioned his magazine column, but did not mention his general-aviation blog (http://aviation-myopinion.blogspot.com) in which can be found such pearls of wisdom as these (found here: http://tinyurl.com/3eqbgjh):

"15 differences between airplanes and women ...

"1) Airplanes usually kill you quickly, a woman takes her time.

"6) Airplanes have strict weight and balance limitations.

"13) Airplanes expect to be tied down.

"15) Airplanes don't whine unless something is really wrong."

In his letter Mr. Rosen shows no sympathy to airport neighbors who are sickened by jet fuel exhaust fumes, kept up all hours of the night by the hundreds of jet arrivals and departures and in general have their lives made miserable by the inappropriate activities at this airport. As can be seen from his blog, his sympathies appear to be more with his airplane than with other human beings.

Thank you for your advice, Mr. Rosen, but please stay home. We have quite enough shoppers here already.

Dan Jansenson
Santa Monica





That Rutherford Guy

John W. Whitehead — **Send comments to editor@smdp.com**

John Wayne was true grit

SOME PEOPLE CAST INCREDIBLE shadows that grow even stronger before their deaths. And when they die, they metamorphosize into myths — such as Hitchcock in film, Mozart in classical music, the Beatles in popular music, Hemingway in literature, Einstein in science, etc. Such was John Wayne. Indeed, a Harris Poll, released in January 2011, placed Wayne third among America's favorite film stars — the only deceased star on the list and the only one who has appeared on the poll every year since its inception in 1994.

Born in May 1907, Marion Michael Morrison set the standard for the tall, strong, silent type. A former USC football player, Wayne broke into movies in the 1920s by doing bit parts. The lowly paid actor rose to stardom when he was cast as the Ringo Kid in John Ford's classic western "Stagecoach." From there, he never looked back.

Wayne's imitators and those he influenced, while too numerous to list, range from tough guys like Clint Eastwood to comedians such as Jim Carrey, who caricatured Wayne's mannerisms in "Ace Ventura: Pet Detective."

Some have criticized Wayne for making too many films, and he did make some mediocre movies, but seeing Wayne acting is how most of us know him. Thus, there's no better way to remember Wayne than watching his movies. And Wayne's popularity as a film star has not waned.

This year, FOX is releasing Blu-ray editions of two of Wayne's films, "One Horse Soldiers" and "The Comancheros." And Paramount is releasing "Rio Lobo" and "Big Jake." While they are worth a look, these films are not among Wayne's best. Here are what I consider John Wayne's best films:

"Stagecoach." The first pairing of Wayne and director John Ford. By the time Ford called upon Wayne to play the Ringo Kid, "Wayne had developed the distinctive stop-and-start speech patterns that give his line readings the swinging cadences of black verse," writes Dave Kehr for The New York Times, "and the peculiarly delicate, dancerlike way in which he carries his big (and ever bigger) body along, coming to rest with his hip cocked in the contrapposto pose of classical statuary." Orson Welles so revered this film that he made his crew watch it before making "Citizen Kane."

"Angel and the Badman." Wayne is a notorious gunslinger who, when wounded, is taken in by a pacifist family that nurses him back to health. While he is recuperating, the daughter (Gail Russell) in the family falls for the Duke. One of Wayne's better performances.

"Red River." This Howard Hawks' epic of a grueling cattleman and the battle of wills between father and son (Montgomery Clift) is one of the best westerns ever made. This classic film captures a great fight scene as Wayne and Clift duel across the earth and between cattle hooves. A great Wayne performance as the cattle boss and one that should have won him an Oscar.

"The Sands of Iwo Jima." Wayne earned his first Oscar nomination as the tough, gritty Marine sergeant who trains a group of wisecracking troops for one of the pivotal battles of World War II. Later, his squad would help capture Iwo Jima from the Japanese.

"The Quiet Man." Wayne plays Sean Thornton, a weary American ex-boxer who returns to the Irish village of his childhood and tries to take a spirited woman (Maureen O'Hara) as his wife despite the strenuous objections of her brawling brother (Victor McLaglen). Of course, Wayne has to fight for the woman, and a great fight it is.

"The Searchers." This John Ford film is, along with "Shane," one of the two best westerns ever made. Wayne plays a hard-hearted frontiersman who spends years searching for his niece who was kidnapped by the Indians — a much-copied storyline in other film genres. A great performance by Wayne. And Wayne's often-repeated phrase in the movie, "That'll be the day," so inspired Buddy Holly that he wrote a classic rock song of the same title.

"Rio Bravo." When Sheriff John T. Chance (Wayne) takes a killer into custody, the killer's cattle baron brother comes to break him out with a blockade of gunmen. Great supporting cast — Dean Martin, Ricky Nelson, Walter Brennan and Angie Dickinson. Overlooked at the time by critics, this film has proven very influential and has been remade in other contexts, such as John Carpenter's "Precinct 13."

"North to Alaska." Wayne, as a gold prospector, picks up his partner's fiancé and brings her home to Nome, Alaska. Great supporting cast, including Stewart Granger. This slapstick film shows Wayne's obvious comedic talents.

"The Man Who Shot Liberty Valance." This fine John Ford film has tough cowboy Wayne protecting an idealistic lawyer (James Stewart) against a mean, nasty villain (Lee Marvin). Wayne's use of the word "pilgrim" in this film became a standard for his impersonators. Strong but subtle performance by Wayne.

"True Grit." Based on the Charles Porter novel, Wayne plays the cantankerous marshal, Rooster Cogburn, who is hired by a girl to find her father's murderers. With good support from Kim Darby and Glen Campbell, this film won the Duke his only Oscar. Remade in 2010 by the Coen Brothers.

To those who followed Wayne's development as an actor, it was somewhat disheartening that his greatness as an actor was not recognized until he was nearing death. He was diagnosed with cancer a few years after winning the Oscar. However, despite the criticism heaped on him for his ultra-conservative stands, when his death came it moved many.

On May 26, 1979, several weeks before his death, Wayne's enduring status as an American icon was finally recognized when he won the Congressional Gold Medal. Hollywood stars and leaders from across the political spectrum testified before Congress about the merit of conferring the award on Wayne.

John Wayne was the real deal. Off-screen, he was much like the characters he played on-screen. And he fought courageously to the end, dying on June 11, 1979. After all, he was only following his own philosophy. As Wayne once said, "Courage is being scared to death but saddling up anyway."

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What's the Point?

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Love the one you're with

SAGE ADVICE ON LOVE AND LIFE HAS been handed down from time immemorial. We've all heard our parents, friends, coaches and those talking heads on TV who have a book, a program or a dating service to hawk, spout off about the secrets to finding true love and the one person who will satisfy us forever.

As a divorce lawyer I'm pretty sure that a person cannot find permanent satisfaction and happiness based on someone else. Humans are just too complex and capricious to provide the security and permanency of guaranteed happiness based on a relationship to one another.

This weekend I was walking the dog on Montana Avenue and it occurred to me that in a world where there is always a better, younger, richer model of whoever you are to compete with for love and relationships, temporary dissatisfaction with the one you love today, or them with you, seems almost a foregone conclusion.

Which brings me back to my original point, you have to love yourself first because you are the only person you will spend all your life with, and you are the only person who can truly make you happy.

I see the devastating effects of people who are not happy with themselves all the time. Either as petitioners or respondents, it's what causes most divorces, I believe. People always ask me what is the most common cause of divorce, and then go on to suggest the answer they want to hear. The men say, "she quit wanting sex" and the women say, "he wasn't the man I thought he was."

The finger pointing in both statements is what shows the profound problem in looking to another to make us happy. Neither party is saying that they are happy independent of their spouse. And if a person is not happy independently of their spouse, how can they bring anything to the relationship?

If a man is solely bringing money to a relationship, his partner is not going to be happy for long because financial wherewithal provides creature comforts, but not love. I dare say there are more than enough examples in our fair city of celebrities who have more money than they can use in two lifetimes, but who cheat on each other.

If a woman brings only the rush of lust to a relationship and does not continue to engage her partner, it won't be long before the partner will go shopping for a diversion, and then the end is in sight, no matter how far off it may be.

In my experience these observations apply in both gay and non-gay relationships. All people must be happy with themselves before they can be happy in relation to others.

The question then becomes how does one become happy with one's self, and how does one find someone else who is happy with themselves?

To become happy in our own skin is not easy. We are a society that fosters images of what is "right" that are unreasonable. From the macho male imagery of certain action movie heroes, to the twiggy sexuality of runway models, we are force fed ideals that are not possible for the majority of us to live up to. We must set aside the images and ideals we are shown and develop our own sense of self.

Loving one's self is not as easy as it sounds. Take this test: name 10 character traits about yourself that are positive. I'll give you a short list to get started: charming, funny, loving, attentive, gentle, compassionate. Now go create your own list.

It's not so easy. That's because we rarely take the time to examine who we are.

In the movie "Runaway Bride," with Julia Roberts and Richard Gere, she molds her breakfast preference to the men she's dating. If he likes scrambled eggs, she likes them. If he likes them over easy, that's how she'll order her eggs. Gere's character at one point tells her how out of touch she is with her own wants and desires, "you don't even know how you like your eggs in the morning." As the movie progresses there's this wonderful view of her at a table with a dozen or more different egg dishes. The next scene is her at the door of Gere's apartment and as he opens the door to find her she says, "Benedict. I like Eggs Benedict."

Knowing ourselves is key to finding a relationship with others. We must start with our own likes and dislikes before we can find a compatible mate.

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The Q Line

Happy birthday, St. Monica

St. Monica Catholic Church this past weekend kicked off a year-long celebration of its 125th anniversary.

So, this week's Q-Line question asks:
Do you have a fond memory of the venerable church?

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Expungements: Burying Those Skeletons In Your Closet

Have you ever applied for a job, professional license, and/or school application where they asked if you have ever been convicted of a crime? If so, did you get nervous and distraught at the thought of having to circle "yes" and then explaining the circumstances of what happened years and years ago with your minor run in with the law? If this is a likely scenario for you or someone you know, help make those skeletons in the closet disappear by filing an expungement/dismissal motion. California Penal Code Sections 1203.3 and 1203.4 set forth the basic rules for expungements. This article focuses on some need to know legal rules and consequences with regard to expunging your record in California. Please note that this article examines the basic elements and procedures of expungements. If you or someone you know is filling out an application or reporting a past conviction to anyone in an official capacity it is advisable to speak with a criminal attorney about whether you must report the past conviction, even after the expungement process.

In terms of filing an expungement and clearing up your record, there are a couple preliminary questions that must be answered. First, was your past conviction for a felony or misdemeanor crime? Second, was probation granted and if so have you successfully completed probation? And lastly, once you have determined that you are eligible for expungement, what do you do?

If the answer to the first question is a misdemeanor, then you're on the right path! If the answer to the first question is felony, then there is another step that must be completed prior to filing an expungement. In order to expunge a felony conviction or have it dismissed from your record, a motion must be made pursuant to Penal Code Section 17(b) to first have the conviction reduced to a misdemeanor. Certain felony crimes, however, are never capable of being reduced to a misdemeanor and can never be expunged. Convictions that cannot be expunged or dismissed by law include any misdemeanor listed in Vehicle Code section 42001(b), any violation of P.C. 286(c), 288, 288a(c), 288.5, or 289(j), a felony under P.C. 261.5(d), and any infraction. Moreover, if you were never granted probation and instead went to State Prison, although there are options for clearing your record, the basics of expungements as explained in this article will not apply to your given scenario.

Once you have determined that your past conviction was a misdemeanor or capable of being reduced to a misdemeanor, move on to question number two: Was probation granted and have you successfully completed all the terms and orders of your probation? Typically, in misdemeanor cases, courts order that a defendant be placed on 1-3 years of probation and to follow all rules and regulations. If the court does not order probation, you're ready to file the motion! If probation was granted, the time period is over and done with, and you have fulfilled all the terms of the probation (including completing any classes, service work, and/or paid all fines) then you are also ready to file the motion! If probation is still open and has not been completed, a separate motion for early termination of probation must first be filed. If granted, and probation terminated early, then you are ready to file the motion! In sum, before a motion for expungement/dismissal is filed, probation must typically be successfully completed either by the passage of time or by early termination from the court.

Now that the motion is ready for filing, what do you do and how do you do it? California courts vary in terms of requirements for expungement/dismissal motions. For instance, some courts require a filing fee (usually around $60) and attached declaration (preferably by an attorney). All courts, however, require that a P.C. 1203.4/1203.4(a) Petition For Dismissal be completed and filed. In order to fill out this form correctly, a petitioner needs to obtain the case number, date of conviction, conviction charges, date of birth, driver's license number, last four digits of social security, and if possible the Criminal Identification and Information (CII) number. After entering the requisite information simply check the applicable boxes and sign/date the form. Additionally, along with the Petition, you should also attach a Court Order. The same information must be filled out on the Court Order; however, this form is for the judge to review and then sign/date. The signed Court Order is then stamped and recorded by the clerk certifying that a judge has ordered the case dismissed/expunged. Expungement/Dismissal Petitions typically take anywhere from one to three months for the court to review and complete.

Avoid the headaches and problems associated with explaining away your past minor run-ins with the law and get rid of skeletons in your closet today by filing an expungement! Call the Legal Grind to schedule an appointment to meet with a skilled and experienced attorney to help you navigate through this tricky process and answer any questions that you might have.

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Children of fallen troops turn to each other

BY KIMBERLY HEFLING
Associated Press

ARLINGTON, Va. After Brooke Nyren's dad died in Iraq, she sat alone at recess because her classmates didn't know what to say. One of Alexis Wright's fellow kindergarteners questioned if she was telling the truth about her dad's death in the war, while others told her it was too confusing to understand why she didn't have a father.

More than 4,300 children of U.S. troops killed in the Iraq and Afghanistan wars are growing up, forging their own paths while keeping the connection to their mom or dad alive in ways ranging from annual backyard barbeques on the anniversary of the parent's death to keeping a music box of his favorite song.

They've endured awkward conversations with people unsure how to respond when they describe how their parent — typically their father — died in the war and unkind remarks from friends at school. Many of them lost not just a parent but their home, too, because they had to move off a military base. As painful as their memories are, those interviewed at a camp for children of the fallen say the experience has made them more compassionate.

The kids interviewed describe the annual "good grief" camp organized by the nonprofit Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors every Memorial Day weekend as one outlet that's allowed them to learn to work through their feelings, and many attend every year. The activities range from going to a baseball game and seeing the horses used at Arlington National Cemetery to writing a letter to their deceased parent that's released in a balloon. Each kid has a mentor for the weekend — many of them current members of the military sporting crew cuts. While the kids participate in the camp, hundreds of other adult survivors meet for sessions designed for them.

Danielle Miller, 16, of Flint, Mich., said she's gotten used to people apologizing profusely for asking questions that led to her saying her dad, Capt. Lowell Miller II, died at war. Eleven at the time of her father's death in 2005 from small arms fire in Iraq, she said she's planning to study business and pastry making because her dad was the chef in the house.

"I'm like, thank you for your concern, but it's OK, I've learned to deal with it, I'm OK talking with it. You don't have to be sorry for bringing it up," said Miller, sporting a red T-shirt worn by all the camp kids at a hotel not far from the Pentagon.

Nyren, now 14, has attended for at least six years, and she said she looks for those who are new. She knows what it's like to feel alone.

"When it first happened when I went back to school, no one talked to me because they were afraid that whatever they would say would hurt me, but I think they should understand that we're still the same people that we were before," said Nyren, of Reston, Va., the daughter of Staff Sgt. Nathaniel Nyren, who died in 2005 in Iraq in a Humvee accident.

Even though she doesn't want to join the military, she said like her father, she plans to one day work for the government. She keeps photos of him in her room.

Wright, now 9, of Flint, Mich., said that at school, she doesn't talk about the 2007 death of her dad, Sgt. Thomas Wright, because "no one else understands me." She said one classmate even went up to her mom and asked her if she was lying about his death. Others couldn't comprehend it when she tried to explain. Her dad died of a heart-related condition while deployed.

"They were like, 'How come I still have my dad and you don't. That's just confusing,'" Wright said. In her room, she said she keeps a music box that plays, "What a wonderful World" — her father's favorite song, and she said she looks forward to camp where she can talk openly about her father with others who understand.

The kids who attend aren't just the children of the more than 6,000 troops who have died in the current conflicts, but also children of service members or veterans who died stateside from causes such as suicide or the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.

In sessions, they are encouraged to maintain close ties with the parent who died by talking about them and honoring them in other ways. Research shows that the kids are going to grieve throughout their lifetime, said Ami Neiberger-Miller, a spokeswoman for TAPS.

"What we're trying to give them is the ability basically to grow up and cope as this comes along because it's going to keep coming back. It will come back for a child when they hit major milestones like when they graduate, learn to drive or get married," Neiberger-Miller said. "If we can give them some support, people are going to find that children will do a little better."

Zach Laychak, 19, Manassas, Va., was in elementary school when his father, David W. Laychak, died in the Pentagon on 9/11, and he just completed his freshman year in college. He said he likes to be asked about his father because it keeps his memory alive, and he rarely takes off a bracelet with his father's name engraved on it. For high school sports, he wore the number four, which was the number his father wore when he played college football.

He's attended for several years now, and said he was back this year to be a support to some of the younger participants.

"You just cope with it and you live with it, and you kind of realize it's a part of your life and you just do what you can to keep the memory alive, and you just be there for other people and you just hope this isn't something everyone has to deal with," Laychak said.

NM boy, 9, becomes youngest to fly balloon solo

BY JERI CLAUSING
Associated Press

TOME, N.M. Nine-year-old Bobby Bradley floated into history early Saturday, taking off solo in a hot air balloon and landing perfectly about a half-hour later to become the youngest trained pilot to accomplish such a feat.

Showing maturity and composure well beyond his years, Bradley proved any doubters wrong as he strategically touched down on a dirt road — exactly as his parents had instructed. Some among a small crowd gathered for the event then doused the boy with non-alcoholic champagne and silly string as he knelt to drink his celebratory glass.

"It was awesome. It was amazing. I loved it," he said.

"Absolutely perfect," is how his mother, Tami, described the landing.

His father, Troy Bradley, proudly remarked that his son "flew the way we knew he could."

The boy took off to the cheers of more than 50 friends, family and classmates who gathered at 5 a.m. in Albuquerque to drive in a caravan to a remote field that was chosen for its lack of power lines and other potential hazards.

Takeoff came shortly before 7 a.m., along with three other balloons whose pilots included a designated balloon examiner for the Federal Aviation Administration and a balloonist who helped make Bradley's special ultra-light craft.

The boy's flight lasted 26 minutes.

"I didn't want to land," he said afterward. "I wanted to keep going. It's fun out there."

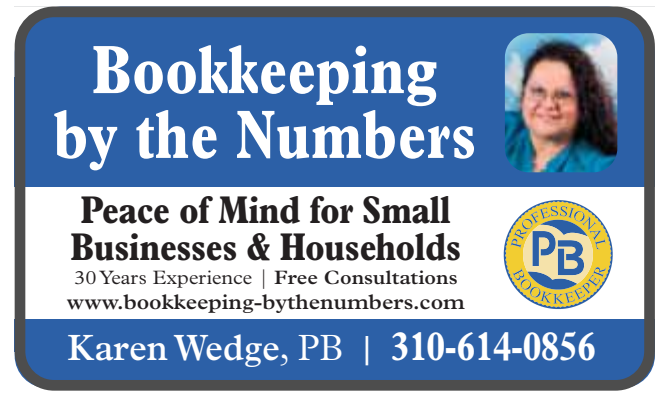
Although his mother said she would not normally recommend that 9-year-olds fly solo, she said it was a natural progression for her son, who is "not your normal 9-year-old."

Bobby is a fourth-generation balloonist and has been flying in them for more than half his life, with his parents and some of the sport's most experienced and decorated pilots. He has nearly 30 hours of flight time with his father in a standard hot air balloon. But he can't get his pilot's license until he's 16, so his family and friends built the smaller balloon that is classified as an ultra-light aircraft to enable Saturday's solo flight.

Both of his parents have been licensed pilots since they were teenagers. The two won the America's Challenge Gas Balloon Race, one of the country's biggest events in balloon racing, in 1998. Troy Bradley also helped pilot the first balloon to fly from North America to Africa and has set dozens of world records in ballooning.

Two days before the landmark flight, his maternal grandmother Jan Stevenson — who sewed the panels of the blue, red and yellow balloon together — gave him a jacket his late grandfather Bob Stevenson used to wear, complete with all the ballooning pins he was so proud of. Although Bobby had planned to wear it for the flight, it was getting warm out by the time he took off so he carried it in his gondola, along with two beanie bears belonging to him and his sister that he said his father always takes with him when he competes in balloon races.









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BAN
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Matthew Hess.

It's the same group that wrote the measure to ban circumcision that will be on the ballot in San Francisco this November.

Hess is also the author of a comic book called "Foreskin Man," which depicts a blonde superhero taking on a character called "Monster Mohel."

A mohel is a Jewish religious figure that performs the bris ceremony in which eight-day-old infants are circumcised.

Hess, of MGMbill.org, could not be reached for comment.

Troutman found the organization and requested the initiative so that she could submit it in Santa Monica because it was the only group she could find that was trying to fight circumcision on a legislative level.

"I wanted to take a step that could immediately impact our doctors here in Santa Monica to not perform unnecessary circumcision," she said.

Since the proposed ban in San Francisco is forcing the conversation about circumcision nationwide, she felt that her measure would be "redundant."

Instead, she intends to focus on informing parents that they have other choices than circumcision when their babies are born.

"I'm not a politician, just a mom who cares," Troutman said.

Rabbi Neil Comess-Daniels, of Beth Shir Shalom in Santa Monica, called the decision "wonderful news."

"I'm stunned, but pleasantly so, because it sought to make circumcision criminal in Santa Monica, which was pretty horrible," Comess-Daniels said.

The bris ceremony is a fulfillment of a covenant with God in the Jewish faith. Some Muslim sects also perform circumcision for religious reasons.

The initiative, as worded, was a breach of separation between church and state, and a violation of rights, Comess-Daniels said, and he praised Troutman for making the decision to end it.

"It's not an easy thing to take a public stance and retract it," Comess-Daniels said. "I give her credit for that, and I hope it's the last we see of this."

Mayor Richard Bloom, who announced the news on his Facebook page shortly after Troutman called him to tell him of her decision, said that when the initiative is formally off the table, it will be time to fight the San Francisco version.

"From my perspective, this is definitely a positive thing for Santa Monica, but it's still pending in San Francisco. Now that it won't be moving forward here, those that are strongly opposed to this will need to turn our attention to San Francisco to defeat it there," Bloom said.

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Markets, and urban forestry.

The videos were created to highlight some of the leadership qualities that led the city of Santa Monica to win the grand prize of the 2009 California Sustainability Alliance Awards.

"We are thrilled to be featured in this creative video series from the alliance. At the city we work hard across many departments and community partnerships to pull off what we do – it's nice to be able to see the fruits of these efforts so ably presented in the videos. They came out great." said Dean Kubani, director of the City of Santa Monica Office of Sustainability and the Environment. "We are proud of our association with the alliance and hope that efforts like these help introduce similar initiatives in other communities."

While the nuances of sustainability efforts are often complex, the videos are presented in simple terms, and are designed to appeal to a wide audience by featuring compelling stories about local residents who are making sustainable choices in Santa Monica, Kubani said.

Using a distinctive brand of film-making combining animation with live footage, the videos provide examples that may inspire viewers to make smart sustainable choices in their everyday lives.

To view all of "The City of Santa Monica Leadership in Sustainability Videos," go to: http://sustainca.org/showcase/santa_monica/features/video.

– KH

NURSES
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Nurses will be working non-stop to ensure that all 5,000 students entering high school in the fall have their tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis vaccine, or they will not be given their schedules to start classes. Students can present a waiver signed by their parents.

Both staffing plans would cost the district exactly $1,155,355.

The plans differed primarily because of cost of the various kinds of employees. A nurse costs the district approximately $110,000, while a full-time LVN costs only $55,000.

Even less expensive are part-time workers. A part-time health clerks cost just over $13,000, while a part-time LVN costs approximately $17,000.

Cuneo's objection to the ad hoc plan was its reliance on these cheaper, part-time employees in favor of keeping all nurses on board.

"It will be hard to attract part-time instructional aids, or health clerks or LVNs," Cuneo said Monday. "It's one reason I recommended full-time."

Another is the amount of stress it could put on nurses to train and manage various part-time employees in a transition period already complicated by the Tdap requirement.

Some board of education members seemed hesitant to rock the boat too much.

"I appreciate the superintendent's proposal, but I think it's better to keep whole now and phase in and test other options," said board member Oscar de la Torre.

A compromise solution was to retain the 9.6 nurses, and leave it up to staff to figure out how to best spend the remaining $128,155 of the budget on either health clerks or LVNs.

"We need to do some additional planning," Cuneo said Monday.

Members of the ad hoc committee also requested the ability to continue their work with a long-term task force to look at the future of health care provision in the district.

People felt that it would allow the school district to plan for the future and make the potential transition away from registered nurses in the district smoother.

"When resources are scarce, the community should work together so that costs are minimized and benefits are maximized," said committee member Leslie Butchko. "That's why we recommend a long-term task force."

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WATT
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develop more than 300 apartment units along with two shopping centers currently under her management. She has also overseen management and operations at Watt Plaza, a 920,000-square-foot office building in Century City that underwent a multimillion-dollar renovation, and served as vice president of Watt Genton Associations, where she identified and analyzed urban, mixed-use and multifamily development opportunities throughout the greater Southwest Region.

"My grandfather Ray Watt taught me more than anyone can imagine," she said. "I will work hard to protect his legacy and carry on the business with the same kind of vision and care he modeled during his seven-decade career."

As part of its new strategic focus, the company will consolidate all of its investment in homebuilding ventures under the leadership of Scott Watt and Howard Press, president of Watt Communities.

Press has worked in the homebuilding industry for 27 years, 20 of which have been spent at Watt.

In addition, the leasing and property management activities traditionally performed in-house will be transferred to outside firms, which will be selected within the next 60 days to help manage a portfolio of 40 shopping centers as well as industrial buildings, apartments and mobile home communities.

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CA governor urged to fund student tracking system

BY TERENCE CHEA
Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO A California lawmaker and prominent business advocacy group on Monday urged Gov. Jerry Brown to restore funding to develop statewide data systems to track student and teacher performance.

State Sen. Joe Simitian and the Bay Area Council called on Brown not to cut funding for the California Longitudinal Pupil Achievement Data System, or CALPADS, and the California Longitudinal Teacher Information Data Education System, or CALTIDES.

CALPADS, which was created to help California comply with the federal No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, is designed to collect information about each of the state's 6.2 million students in kindergarten through 12th grade and track their academic progress over time.

The Democratic lawmaker said the two systems are needed to improve California's public schools, which rank near the bottom among 50 states in many measures of student achievement.

"This is about what works and what doesn't and what gives us the best results in the classroom," said Simitian, D-Palo Alto.

The governor's revised budget plan calls for suspending about $8.5 million in federal funding for the CALPADS and CALTIDES systems and using that money for other purposes, said Brad Strong, education policy director at the advocacy group Children Now.

Asked about that decision, Brown last week said that local educators can already use existing data to improve student achievement at the district level.

"I see education as a local responsibility. The data is there and the superintendents and the teachers and the principals and the school boards should make use of it," Brown said at a June 2 event hosted by the California Chamber of Commerce.

The lack of a robust student tracking system was among the issues cited by the Obama administration last year when California lost out on millions of dollars in education reform grants from the federal Race to the Top competition.

STATE BRIEFS

WASHINGTON

Court won't look at tuition for illegal immigrants

The Supreme Court has rejected a challenge to a California policy that gives tuition breaks to illegal immigrants to attend public colleges and universities.

The justices on Monday refused to review a California Supreme Court ruling that upheld a state law giving California high school graduates reduced tuition at state schools, regardless of their immigration status. The court did not comment on its action.

The law's challengers say it conflicts with federal immigration law that prohibits post-secondary education aid to illegal immigrants.

Eleven other states grant similar benefits to illegal immigrants. They are: Illinois, Kansas, Maryland, Nebraska, New Mexico, New York, Oklahoma, Texas, Utah, Washington and Wisconsin.

– ASSOCIATED PRESS

HACIENDA HEIGHTS

Chinese-language class foes drop recall effort

Residents of an east Los Angeles County suburb have abandoned efforts to recall four members of their five-person school board over their support for a language program funded by the Chinese government.

Recall petition organizer Rudolph Obad said Monday that he and the other opponents of the so-called Confucius Classroom language program decided to use their funding to support sympathetic candidates in an upcoming school board election instead.

The four Hacienda La Puente Unified School Board members voted last year to accept funding and books for the program as part of an agreement with a Chinese government education agency.

A notice circulated by the recall backers accused the members of believing that the United States will be subservient to China and manipulating students to serve China's government, among other allegations.

– AP

EAST PALO ALTO

Mistaken ID blamed in infant's shooting death

A 17-year-old boy has been arrested in a drive-by shooting that killed an infant in the San Francisco Bay Area, in what authorities are calling a case of mistaken identity.

East Palo Alto acting police Capt. Jeff Liu says the Sunday shooting was apparently in retaliation for a May 31 beating the teen received in a fight between rival street gangs.

Authorities say the teen thought he saw two people involved in the fight in a car that belonged to the infant's parents.

The parents were leaving a baby shower with their two young children in tow when two gunmen fired multiple shots inside the couple's car and fled.

The infant's wounded father drove to the hospital as the mother who was also shot tried to shield her 3-month-old and 3-year-old children. The 3-year-old was uninjured, but the infant boy died.

The teen and a 16-year-old were taken into custody Sunday on weapons charges. The 17-year-old also faces a murder charge.

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Weiner admits he sent lewd picture; won't quit

BY BETH FOUHY
Associated Press

NEW YORK After days of denials, a choked-up New York Democratic Rep. Anthony Weiner confessed Monday that he tweeted a photo of his bulging underpants to a woman and admitted to "inappropriate" exchanges with six women before and after getting married. He apologized for lying but said he would not resign.

Weiner said at a news conference that he had never personally met any of the women he corresponded with online and sometimes via telephone, and was not even sure of their ages. He also said he had never had sex outside of his marriage.

"This was me doing a dumb thing, and doing it repeatedly, and lying about it," he said.

He said he did not feel the scandal affected his work as a lawmaker but would understand if his constituents decided not to re-elect him.

"I'm going to work very hard to win back their trust," he said at the half-hour-long news conference.

A conservative website that last week started a furor over the underwear photo sent from Weiner's Twitter account posted new photos Monday purportedly from a second woman who said she received shirtless shots of the congressman.

Weiner had earlier said of the underwear photo that his account was hacked and that he'd hired a lawyer and a private security firm to get to investigate the incident involving the underwear shot. But he could not say for sure if the underwear photo was of him.

Weiner called the underpants photo a joke and a "hugely regrettable mistake."

"I haven't told the truth and have done things I deeply regret," he said. "I brought pain to people I care about."

BigGovernment.com, the website run by conservative activist Andrew Breitbart, had posted the latest photos and said they were in a cache of intimate online photographs, chats and email exchanges the woman claimed to have. The website did not identify the woman.

One photo showed Weiner on a couch with two cats nearby. The website said Weiner sent the photo using the anthony-weiner(at)aol.com account with the subject line "Me and the pussys."

The celebrity website RadarOnline.com said a woman claimed to have 200 sexually explicit messages from Weiner through a Facebook account that Weiner no longer uses. It was not clear whether the woman who claimed to have the new photo was the person who claimed to have received the text messages.

In a strange turn before Weiner's planned news conference, Breitbart took to the podium, defending the accuracy of his posts and saying his reputation was being smeared by the congressman.

The photo showing Weiner shirtless was reminiscent of a photo of former Rep. Chris Lee, a New York Republican who resigned from office earlier this year after a shirtless photo he sent a woman on Craig's List became public.

Weiner, 46, married Hillary Rodham Clinton aide Huma Abedin last July, with former President Bill Clinton officiating. Before that, Weiner had been known as one of New York's most eligible bachelors.

Weiner began his career as a legislative assistant to then-Rep. Chuck Schumer, who is now the state's senior senator. He was elected to the New York City Council before winning Schumer's House seat in 1998, representing parts of Brooklyn and Queens.

He gained a national profile during the debate over President Barack Obama's health care plan when he outspokenly professed support for a government-run "single-payer" program for everyone and later a "public option" to compete with private health insurance. He got the notice of liberals even though both proposals failed to make it into law.

Economic concerns sink stocks for 4th straight day

BY DAVID K. RANDALL
MATTHEW CRAFT
AP Business Writers

NEW YORK Stocks were lower for a fourth straight day with banks and energy companies leading the decline. Continued concerns about a slowing economy also weighed on the broader market.

The Dow Jones industrial average fell 61.30 points, or 0.5 percent, to 12,089.96. The Standard & Poor's 500 index dropped 13.99 points, or 1.1 percent, to 1,286.17. It was the first time the S&P index closed below 1,300 since March 23. The Nasdaq composite fell 30.22, or 1.1 percent, to 2,047.39.

Losses came across the stock market. All 10 industry groups in the S&P index fell. Energy and financial companies each lost 2 percent.

The biggest U.S. banks saw declines of 2 percent or more, following a speech by a Federal Reserve governor Friday indicated that banks may be required to set aside more cash to cover potential losses. If the proposal were to take effect, banks would be left with less money to lend, which could hurt their earnings. Citigroup Inc. and Bank of America Corp. each lost more than 4 percent, and JP Morgan Chase dropped 2.5 percent.

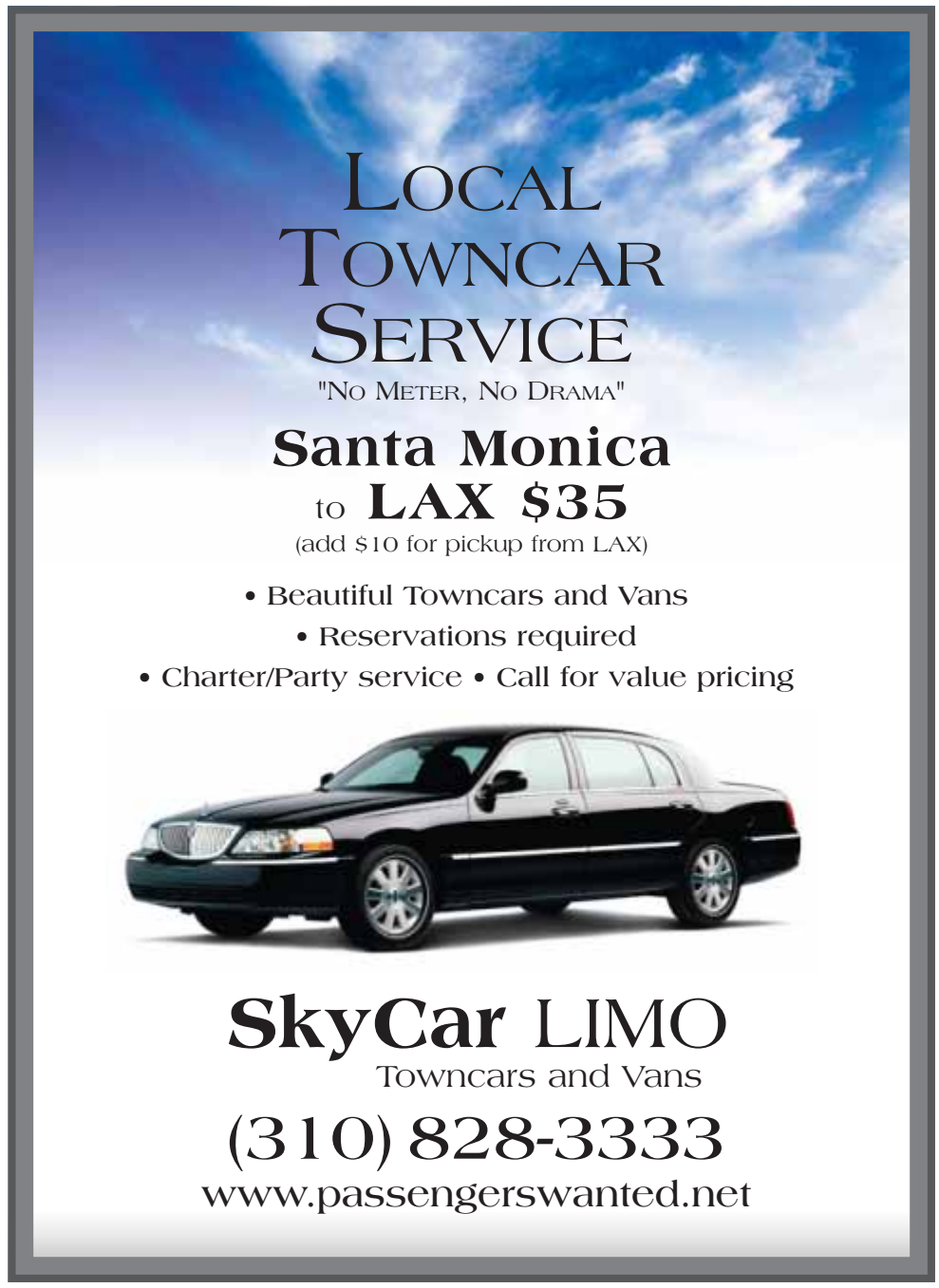
Airlines stocks dropped after an industry group cut its profit estimates for this year by half. The group blamed disasters in Japan, unrest in the Middle East and higher fuel prices. Delta Air Lines and AMR Corp., the parent company of American Airlines, each lost more than 3 percent.

Investors also remained focused on Friday's grim unemployment report.

"Wall Street came back, quickly and very strongly, at a time when the populace was still weak in terms of low job growth and low wage growth," said Daniel Penrod, a senior industry analyst at California Credit Union League. "That appeared to be overly optimistic."

A dismal jobs report sent stocks sharply lower on Friday. The Labor Department reported that employers added only 54,000 new workers in May. The unemployment rate inched up to 9.1 percent from 9 percent.







SURF REPORT

Surf Conditions **Water Temp:** 61°

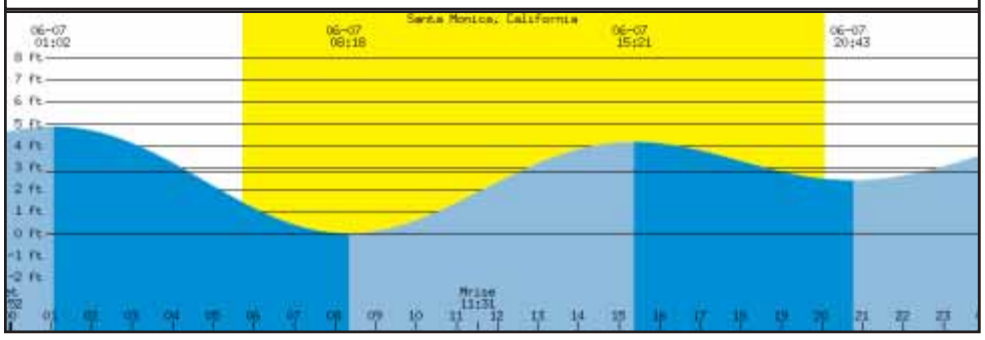
Swell Forecast

Today should see wind swell drop to nil. Chest high waves can be expected at south facing breaks with some head high pluses at times at standouts.

Long Range Synopsis

Thursday should see a slight decline in SW swell, more along the lines of chest max.

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 31, 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 -- 28 / 8
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 0 / 0

The Beach Report Card is made possible by: The Diller – von Furstenberg Family Foundation, Grousbeck Family Foundation, simplehuman, LAcarGUY, SMA

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

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth.	F	ns
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	ns
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechusa and Las Alisos creeks.	A+	A+
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	A+	A+
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth.	A	ns
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	D	ns
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	A+	A+
Paradise Cove Pier at Rominer 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 Blacker County Beach.	F	D
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth.	C	ns
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd..	D	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.	A	ns
Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach.	A	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.	B	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	F
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain.	B	F
Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms).	A+	ns
Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain.	A+	F
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.	A	ns
Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St..	A	ns
Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- lifeguard tower.	A	F
Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth.	A	F
Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain.	A+	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

USC stripped of 2004 BCS title

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The Bowl Championship Series stripped Southern California of its 2004 title on Monday, leaving that season without a BCS champion.

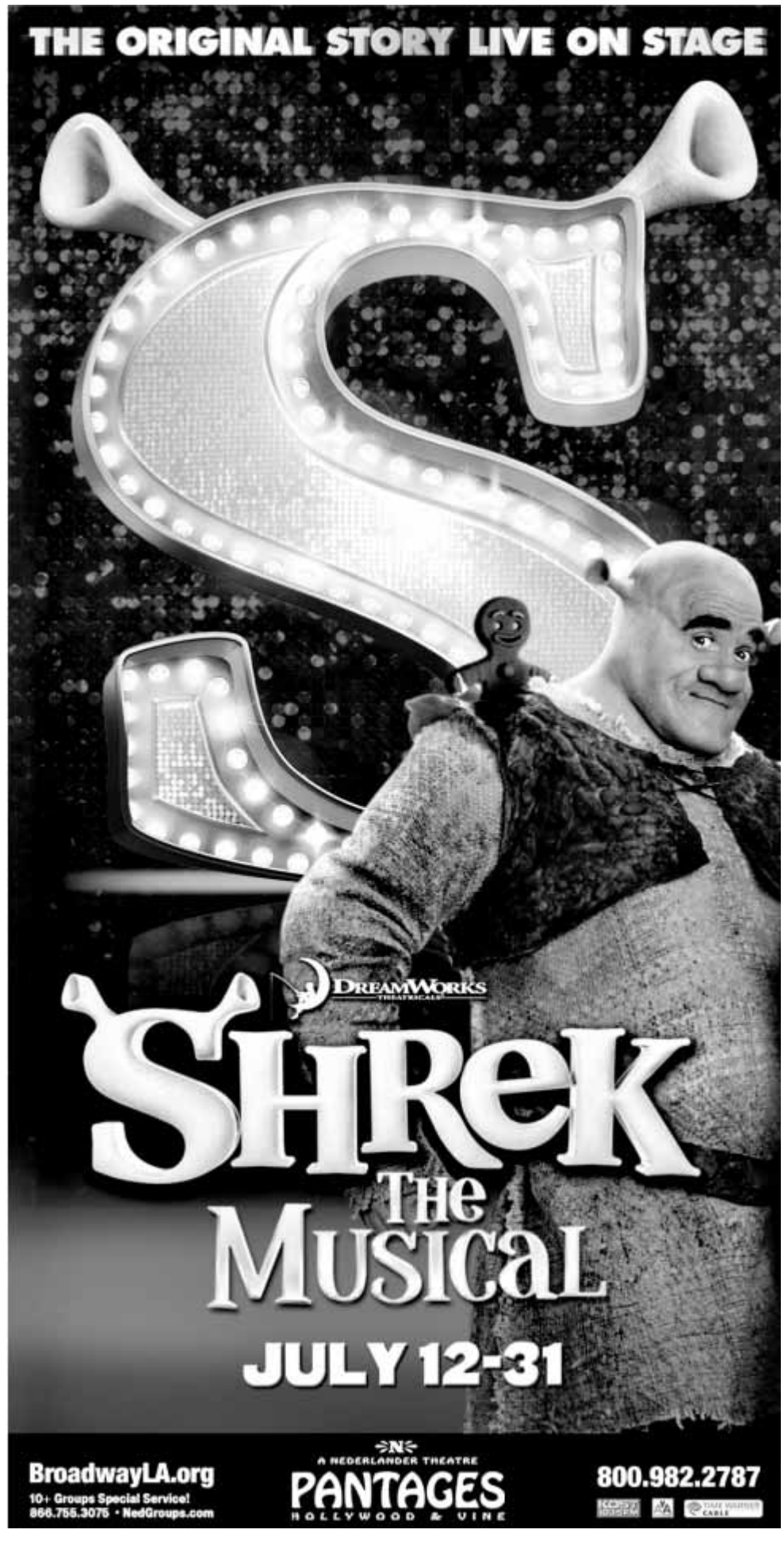
The announcement was no surprise. BCS officials had said USC was in danger of having its championship vacated after the Trojans were hit with heavy NCAA sanctions last year for rules violations committed during the 2004 and '05 seasons.

"The BCS alerted us today that their presidents have voted to vacate USC's 2005 BCS championship game victory," USC athletic director Pat Haden said. "This was not an unexpected outcome. We will comply with all requirements mandated by the result of this BCS vote."

The NCAA ruled star tailback Reggie Bush received improper extra benefits during those seasons and was ineligible when he played.

One of Haden's first moves when he took over as AD last year was to give back the school's copy of the Heisman Trophy that Bush won in 2005. Bush later relinquished his own Heisman and the trust in charge of handing out the award announced the '05 winner would be left vacant.

The BCS waited until USC appealed the NCAA sanctions, which included a two-year ban from postseason play and a loss of 30 scholarships over three seasons, to make a decision about its championship. The NCAA denied USC's appeal on May 26.



MOVIE TIMES

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(310) 260-1528

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AMC Loews Broadway 4
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(888) 262-4386

Hangover Part II (R) 1hr 42min
2:15pm, 5:00pm, 7:45pm, 10:30pm

Fast Five (PG-13) 2hrs 10min
1:05pm, 4:15pm, 7:20pm, 10:25pm

X-Men: First Class (PG-13) 2hrs 11min
12:30pm, 3:45pm, 7:00pm, 10:00pm

Bridesmaids (R) 2hrs 05min
12:50pm, 3:50pm, 6:50pm, 9:50pm

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

Hangover Part II (R) 1hr 42min
10:50am, 12:15pm, 1:35pm, 4:20pm, 5:40pm, 7:00pm, 9:45pm

Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides (PG-13) 2hrs 17min
11:30am, 2:45pm, 6:00pm, 9:15pm

X-Men: First Class (PG-13) 2hrs 11min
10:30am, 1:40pm, 2:40pm, 4:50pm, 8:00pm, 8:30pm, 11:05pm

Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides in Disney Digital 3D (PG-13) 2hrs 17min
1:10pm, 4:15pm, 7:30pm, 10:45pm

Bridesmaids (R) 2hrs 05min
11:15am, 2:15pm, 5:15pm, 8:15pm, 11:10pm

Kung Fu Panda 2 3D (PG-13) 1hr 31min
10:45am, 1:15pm, 3:40pm, 6:15pm, 8:45pm

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

Double Hour (La doppia ora) (NR) 1hr 45min
1:50pm, 4:40pm, 7:20pm, 9:50pm

Incendies (R) 2hrs 10min
1:10pm, 4:10pm, 7:10pm, 10:10pm

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

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

Thor (PG-13) 1hr 54min
11:15am, 5:00pm, 10:40pm

Kung Fu Panda 2 (PG) 1hr 31min
11:45am, 2:15pm, 4:40pm, 7:15pm, 9:45pm

Hangover Part II (R) 1hr 42min
12:45pm, 3:30pm, 6:15pm, 9:00pm

Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides (PG-13) 2hrs 17min
12:25pm, 3:40pm, 7:00pm, 10:15pm

Empire of Silver (Baiyin diguo) (NR) 1hr 52min
11:05am, 1:55pm, 4:45pm, 7:30pm, 10:20pm

Thor 3D (PG-13) 1hr 54min
2:05pm, 7:50pm

Cave of Forgotten Dreams 3D (G) 1hr 30min
11:30am, 2:00pm, 4:15pm, 6:45pm, 9:15pm

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

Get some rest tonight, Aries

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ You can take in a different view and see situations more easily. You hit roadblocks, one after the other. Your serious approach kicks in, allowing a lot to be accomplished. Calm, cool logic has its place. The unexpected plays a role in your decisions. Tonight: Get some rest.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ You might feel jolted by everything that heads down your path. Remain sure of yourself, though test your insights. Creativity bestows many ideas on you. A surefire concept could have surprisingly dynamic results. Tonight: Have fun.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Imagine that you are a film director, doing many takes over the same issue. The multiple manifestations you see could be overwhelming at first. There is logic and reason behind this activity. Tonight: Head home. Order in. You have much to consider.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Stick to your budget. Stay on target with your action plan, too. Excitement surrounds a situation. You also could experience some awkwardness. The unexpected pulls you in a new direction, once you stop reacting! Tonight: Make it easy.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★★ Realize what is going on in your immediate circle, and understand what might be needed. Others could be uncomfortable with your perceptions, especially about funds. The key is to honor what you know. Tonight: Visit with a friend over dinner.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★ You attempt to regain a stronger footing by gaining greater insight into a situation. Try not to live in denial. When you indulge in this behavior, you are preventing yourself from receiving the full benefits of your insight and logic. Tonight: You need some wild fun.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★ Use the morning to push a cause and/or get to the bottom of a problem. Someone's reaction could point to a distortion in your perception. Rethink your logic here. Tonight: Take some much-needed personal time.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Take a stand about what to do with a changing panorama. Confusion might surround a meeting, your goals being somewhat different from the perceived group directive. Ask yourself what would be the best and most diplomatic way to deal with this. Tonight: Where the action is.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Look to the long term. Your ability to achieve better results is highlighted. Once you are clear about your objectives involving work or a community involvement, take the lead. There is an element of chaos throughout your day. Tonight: As late as need be.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★ If someone doesn't return your call, don't take it personally. An element of confusion and misunderstanding exists. Don't play into it. A partner is more available for a conversation than you thought. Listen to what is revealed rather than be judgmental. Tonight: Reach for the stars.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ Choose to deal with individuals rather than the many. If you're feeling unsure about a specific situation, ask a question, and another, if need be. Tonight: Digest a conversation before starting a new one.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ You are exhausted and probably dealing with someone far differently than usual. Slow down. Conversations carry mixed messages. Not feeling sure of yourself is normal as well. Don't push yourself, or anyone else. Tonight: Say "yes" to an invitation.

Happy birthday

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

This year, opportunities appear out of the blue. The issue might be that you need to slow down. Think about your choices. Sometimes you will see that what appears to be too good to be true vanishes. Make that OK. Meeting someone will be a snap, but creating a real relationship is another issue. If you are attached, the two of you gain through sharing more one-on-one time. You also might make a change to your immediate environment. VIRGO serves as an anchor.



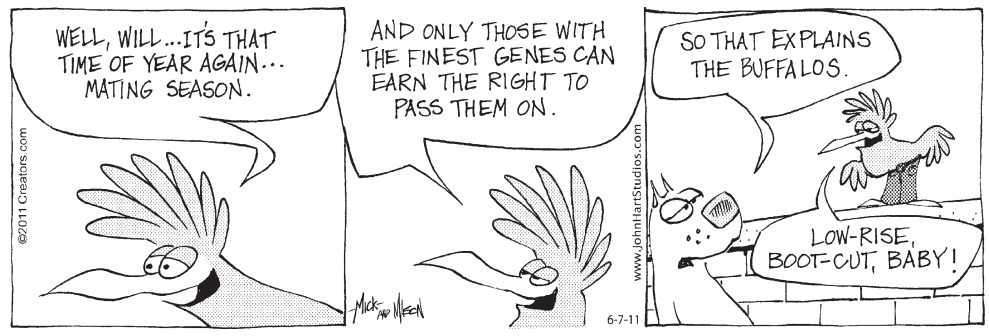
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Dogs of C-Kennel

By Mick and Mason Mastroianni



The Meaning of Lila

By John Forgetta & L.A. Rose



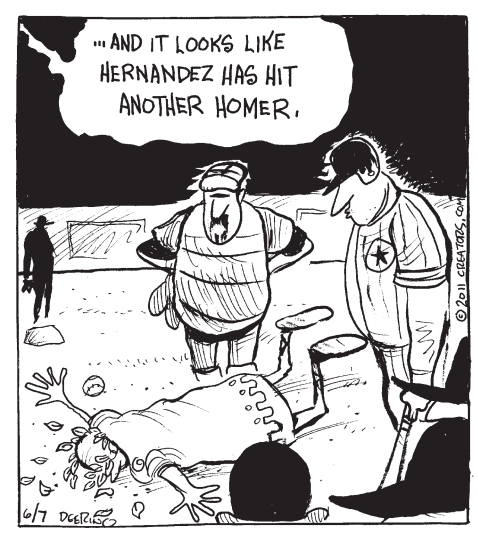
Garfield

By Jim Davis



Strange Brew

By John Deering



Speed Bump

By Dave Coverly



Sudoku

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

Difficulty Level ★★

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3		2			8			7
	6				2			
		7		1		4		6

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

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

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

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

Make a plan.

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Exam for high-school jrs.
5 "Hush!"
10 Land units
12 Draw out
13 Have a favorable result
15 History segment
16 Zodiac sign
17 Bowler, for one
18 Calm
20 Hip-hop record exec
Knight
21 Airport aid
22 Copied
23 Insecure feeling
25 Swindle
28 Alex Haley book
31 Golf goals
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35 Color
36 Swindle
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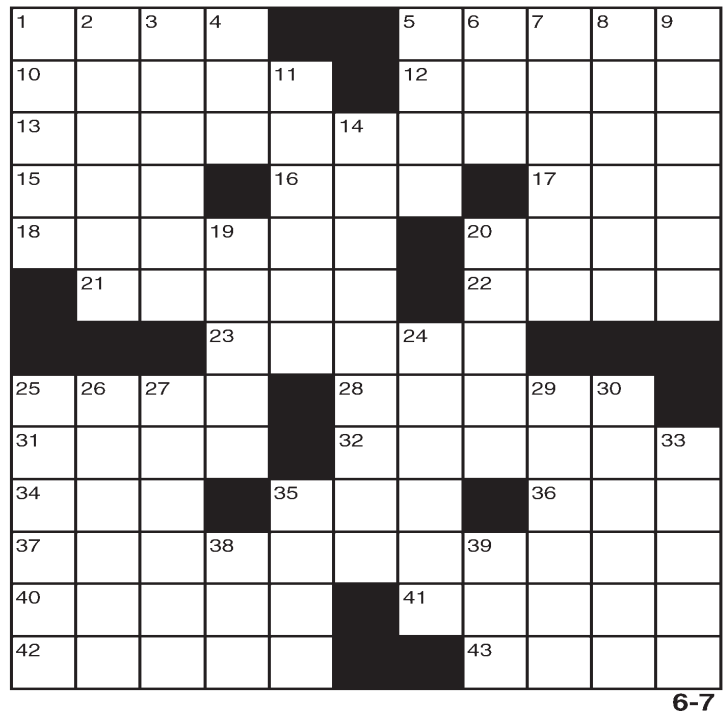
DOWN

1 Walks nervously
2 Game official
3 Spanish fleet
4 Golf peg
5 Goose egg
6 Wedding words
7 Gym exercise
8 Glacial period
9 Did lab work
11 Arabian ruler
14 Source of pressure
19 Second President
20 Squelched
24 Most in need of massage
25 "Carrie" star
26 King of music
27 Friend of Athos and Porthos
29 Washington city
30 Put away
33 Doorway
35 Long in politics
38 Summer in Paris
39 "2001" computer

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Yesterday's answer

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• Insert the given numbers in the empty squares so when they are calculated in threes from left to right and top to bottom they satisfy the demands in the shaded boxes both horizontally and vertically.

• Each empty square dictates the math operation that must be performed to meet the demands.

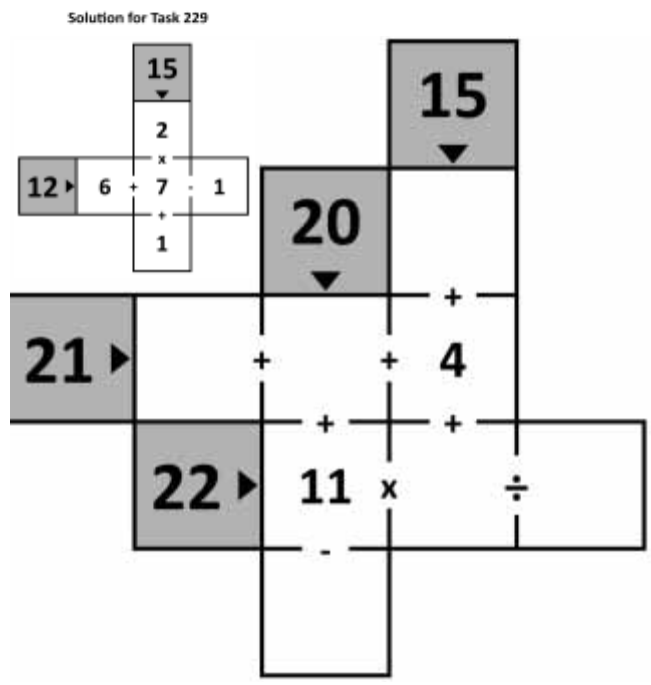
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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Ellenbeth Wachs, 48, was arrested in Lakeland, Fla., in May on a complaint that she "simulated" a sex act in front of a minor. In a March incident, Wachs, after receiving medication for her multiple sclerosis, was awakened at 8:30 a.m. by her 10-year-old neighbor boy's clamorous basketball game, near Wachs' window. After unsuccessfully beseeching the boy for quiet, Wachs -- hoping, perhaps, to make a point about noisy neighbors -- began moaning out the window (while remaining out of sight), "Oh, John! Oh! John!" over and over at increased shrillness as if in the throes of orgasm. The basketball-playing stopped, but the incident was not a teaching moment. The boy's father, Otto Lehman, called the police and filed for an order of protection against Wachs.

■ Dalia Dippolito, 30, of Boynton Beach, Fla., was convicted in May of hiring a hit man to kill her husband, but not before offering an ultra-modern defense: Her lawyer told the jury that it was all a fake scheme to pitch a reality-TV show about one spouse's ordering a hit on the other (and that her husband, Michael, had originally come up with the idea). As Dippolito's plan unfolded, her boyfriend alerted police, who set up a sting and witnessed Dippolito dictating exactly what she wanted done. (In fact, the sting itself was captured on video for the "Cops" TV show.) Michael denied any involvement, and the jury appeared not to give her story any credence.

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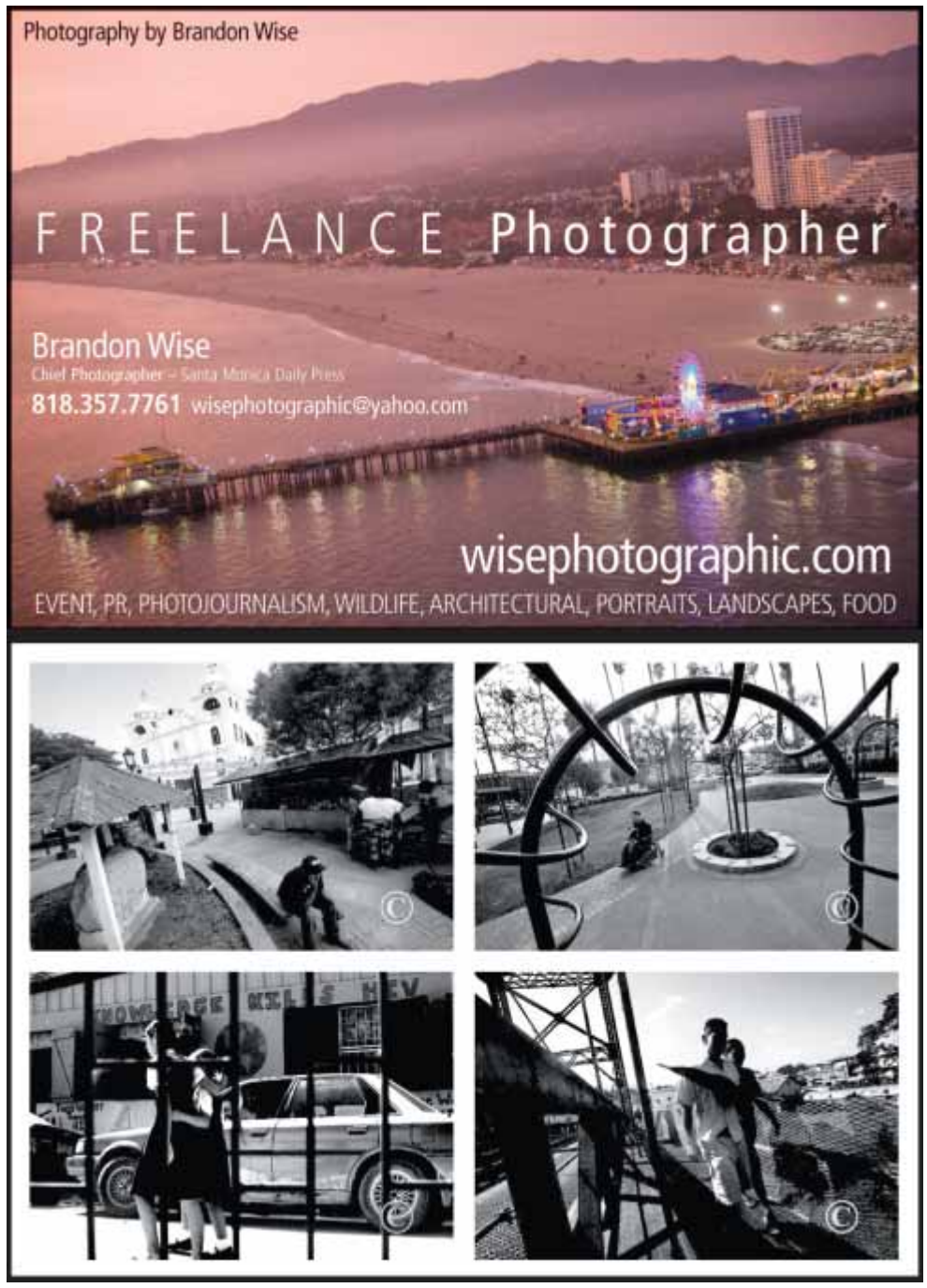
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