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MAKING IT OFFICIAL: **Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger talks about the contributions and sacrifices veterans have made during the opening ceremony for the new, $253 million long-term care facility for veterans near Westwood.**

New home for veterans opens in West L.A.

BY NICK TABOREK
Daily Press Staff Writer

VA CAMPUS Nearly 400 elderly and disabled veterans will soon have a new housing and long-term care facility to call their own, following the official opening on Monday of the West Los Angeles Veterans Home.

The $253 million facility is located on 17 acres in Westwood that the U.S. Veterans Administration gave to the state of California to operate an assisted living and skilled nursing facility for those who were honorably discharged from the armed services.

Gov. Schwarzenegger traveled to Los Angeles for Monday's dedication ceremony.

"This will be a place where our veterans

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OCEAN AVENUE

Two busted for driving drunk through checkpoint

Santa Monica police officers arrested two people Friday for allegedly driving drunk and impounded three cars, including one in which a group of teenagers were cited for being in possession of several open beer bottles.

The arrests were made as a result of a driver's license/DUI checkpoint on the 1300 block of Ocean Avenue. Officers made contact with 193 drivers during the checkpoint, which lasted from 7 p.m. to midnight, said Sgt. Jeff Wiles.

Officers conducted 10 sobriety tests.

As for the teens, Wiles said they ranged in age from 16 to 19. They were from Los Angeles and appeared to be drinking alcohol in their car. The driver was not cited for DUI. The teens were cited for being in possession of open containers of alcohol.

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Free parking measure makes ballot

BY NICK TABOREK
Daily Press Staff Writer

SM BEACH — A trip to the beach is an inexpensive way to pass a summer day, and it could become even more recession-friendly if voters this November approve a proposed ballot initiative that would do away with parking fees for in-state drivers at all California state parks — including at Santa Monica's state-owned beaches.

Of course, there's a catch.

The proposed measure, called the State Parks and Wildlife Conservation Trust Fund Act of 2010, would add an extra $18 per year to California vehicle owners' annual registration fees to boost revenue for the ailing park system.

While the measure's passage would be great news to frequent state park visitors, those responsible for overseeing Santa Monica's beaches say it could also present a daunting enforcement and management challenge.

"It's really a logistical nightmare in terms of managing the parking," said Barbara Stinchfield, City Hall's director of Community and Cultural Services.

And it's now official: Voters will have their say on the idea in the next election. California Secretary of State Debra Bowen last Thursday officially qualified the measure for the ballot, with supporters saying they turned in 760,000 signatures — nearly twice the number required for qualification. A coalition of teachers, public health advocates and civil rights organizations are behind the initiative.

Backers say it would raise an estimated $500 million per year for state park operations and maintenance and save the state $130 million that's typically dedicated to parks. With the recent budget crisis, they say, park funding has been gutted, leading to reduced park services and $1 billion maintenance backlog that continues to grow.

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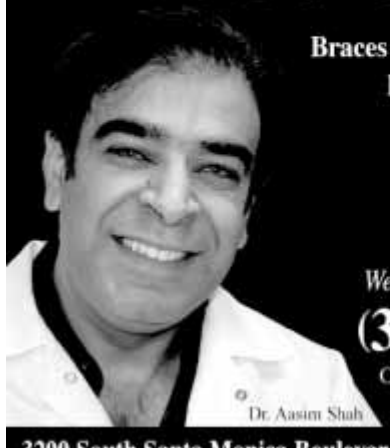
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OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA AND SURROUNDS



Tuesday, June 15, 2010

Art time
Santa Monica Bay Woman's Club
1210 Fourth St., 11:30 a.m. — 2 p.m.
The Artists League of the Santa Monica Bay Woman's Club hosts drop-in hours every Tuesday for people to work on independent art projects in watercolor, gouache and collage. It is a self-directed workshop. The program costs $3 as a donation to benefit free art programs for local youth. For more information, call (310) 310-2273.

The write time
Fairview Branch Library
2101 Ocean Park Blvd., Noon — 3 p.m.
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Wednesday, June 16, 2010

Freshen up
Downtown
Arizona Avenue & Second Street, 8:30 a.m. — 1:30 p.m.
Get the freshest fruit and produce available at this weekly Farmers' Market. There are also a variety of prepared foods available.

A Bloomsday mixer
Finn McCool's Irish Pub
2702 Main St., 7 p.m.
A group of actors will read from James Joyce's "Ulysses" to celebrate Bloomsday, the annual Irish holiday in honor of Joyce. There will also be an Edwardian costume contest, with first prize winning tickets to the Los Angeles Irish Film Festival opening night gala Sept. 30 and a Finn McCool's grab-bag. For more information, call (310) 452-1734.

Just dance
Santa Monica Bay Women's Club
1210 Fourth St., 7 p.m. — 11 p.m.
Dancers of all ages and levels of experience are welcome to come to this "Ballroom by the Bay" event. Learn to dance from 7 p.m. to 7:40 p.m. and then dance the night away to both modern hits and old standards. Dancing includes the waltz, fox trot, cha cha, tango, salsa, swing and more. Admission is $10 or $8 for students. Light snacks are included, and there is bottled water for sale. For more information, call (310) 487-0911.

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The Boys & Girls Club presents an appreciation plaque to Pacific Regional winner Basil Barkas (center right) for his musical achievement during the club meeting at Shutters on the Beach Hotel on Monday afternoon. The award was given to Barkas for the song he created for the Club Tech Digital Arts Music Tech Festival sponsored by Microsoft.

Pacifica Christian's youth doesn't get in way of success

BY DENNIS LIN
Special to the Daily Press

DOWNTOWN Pacifica Christian's baseball team may be young, but after a rash of awards and the Seawolves' recent run through the CIF-SS Division 7 playoffs, don't call them inexperienced.

Despite an 8-1 semi-finals loss to Cornerstone Christian on June 1, Pacifica built on last season's second-round appearance by outscoring its first three playoff opponents, 55-8, and watching five players earn all-league honors.

"We're proud of the guys considering they're really young," Head Coach Julian Chavez said.

Playing with a roster consisting entirely of freshmen and sophomores — save for junior Austin Cortina — the Seawolves opened the playoffs by demolishing Weaver, 34-2. They then downed Temecula Prep, 14-2, before grabbing a 7-4 victory over New Roads to set up their matchup with Cornerstone.

Such accomplishments did not go unnoticed.

Kevin Hammer was named All-Heritage League Pitcher of the Year, while Cortina and Keenan Pierandozzi-Howes were selected to the first team.

The second team featured Zach McMillan and Athen Shelp.

"I was really proud of the year," Pierandozzi-Howes said. "It was a team effort more than anything."

Chavez said the all-league rosters were decided on May 17, though he is unsure when they were officially released. He added that he expects CIF-SS honors to be announced by the end of the week.

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Student Academy Award winners experience Hollywood

SANDY COHEN
AP Entertainment Writer

BEVERLY HILLS Isaiah Powers, Jeremy Casper and Stuart Bury were just excited their Kansas City college offered an animation program. They never really expected they'd come to Hollywood to meet with their filmmaking idols, much less to do it as Student Academy Award winners.

But that's what happened to the Kansas City Art Institute graduates, who won a silver medal and a $3,000 grant Saturday for their six-minute, stop-motion film, "Dried Up."

They were among 13 students from across the country who were treated to a week full of meetings and fancy meals with some of the film industry's finest as guests of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences and winners of the 37th annual Student Academy Awards.

"This opens up so many more opportunities," said Casper, 27, who graduated last year and is working as a freelance artist in Kansas City. "I feel like we have some weight to knock on some doors."

"It's almost like you're accredited," added Bury, 22, who has been making animated e-cards as an intern at Hallmark since he graduated last month.

The Student Academy Awards recognize films in documentary, narrative, animation and alternative categories with medals and grants.

Spike Lee, Robert Zemeckis, Pixar chief John Lasseter, "Up" director Pete Docter and "South Park" creator Trey Parker all won the honor at the start of their careers. Winners of Student Academy Awards have gone on to earn 40 Oscar nominations and seven statuettes, including the won Docter won for "Up" in March.

This year's winners came from as far as the United Kingdom and as close as the University of Southern California. All stayed at a Hollywood hotel and were shuttled to meetings at the Writers Guild, Directors Guild and the American Society of Cinematographers. They dined with the academy's governors and watched each other's work at its famous theater.

Casper said meeting successful filmmakers helped demystify the profession.

"They go through the same struggles that we do when we make a film. They're talking about the same things," he said. "(Now) we don't have to put them up on this untouchable pedestal."

Academy president Tom Sherak told the students the film community welcomes them.

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Sports do little for humanity

Editor:

I've read the letter by Mr. McDonald ("Wanting more than just sports," June 4) and the response by Mr. Cassidy ("Sports have a positive impact," June 7) and I have to put my two cents in. Sports was intended as an extracurricular activity designed to teach children teamwork and camaraderie. When I was in school, there was no extracurricular activities if grades were bad. We had to earn it, but that school was based on a British education system. The problem is that sports is taken way to seriously and Americans have their priorities way off because of it. This country is under so much turmoil politically and economically and instead of taking peaceful action Americans have chosen sports over much more important issues. Look at the state L.A. is in. We're in a serious financial crisis, people are losing jobs, teachers are underpaid and losing jobs, government is cutting expenses resulting in more loss of jobs for government workers, people are getting their civil rights stripped away and denied equality and what do we do? We revere athletes as gods and throw a party for the Lakers costing city money, tying up law enforcement that should be protecting us from violent crimes and corruption. What are the athletes doing? Getting paid millions to chase balls around the field/court and showing off their bling, flashy cars and living in mansions.

OK, let's bring up war shall we. Well, killing and genocide happens because we as a human race allow it to happen and we choose to sit back and (wait for it) watch and see if the Lakers will annihilate the Celtics! Nah, that doesn't sound at all like competitive violence. In other countries, if a president passes a law the people disagree with, they hold marches and make their voices heard! This country used to throw civil wars when the people felt their rights were being violated. Now people in America sit behind beer and pizza, getting fat cheering at something they ultimately have no part of while the politicians are raping us, but we let them do it, right? Let's not forget the countless riots after soccer games, many teeth cracking on ice during a brutally bloody fight during a hockey game, and let's not forget about ultimate fighting and or boxing – extremely violent! Again, where are the athletes? Raping minors, doing drugs like steroids, in possession of illegal firearms and animal abuse. Is that the example you want to set for our children and other countries?

Sports does little for humanity but breed more violence and laziness. If people want to get involved in sports, get out of the damn house and do it. But really, Mr. McDonald's point is that there are more important things that we need to be focusing on other than shot putting! I have nothing against people that indulge in sports, or the activity itself, but come on, we need to make some important changes before we play.

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Back to Nature

Reese Halter — **Send comments to editor@smdp.com**

A brief history of humans

EARTH HAS A LONG AND RICH HISTORY that dates back to at least 4.5 billion years ago. Currently, there are well over one-and-a-half million known species in existence. Scientists believe there may be as many as another 80 million or so to discover. Yet this number pales compared to the total number thought to have existed — 40 billion — which are now extinct. The story of humankind is truly wondrous and amazingly recent in geologic times.

In 1758 the Swedish botanist Carl Linnaeus named humans Homo sapiens or "knowledgeable man." We are social animals that enjoy music, humor, literature and affection. We are also supreme game players and actually cherish the art of finesse.

Humans are 98.8 percent genetically similar to chimpanzees and bonobos. Deep down, however, we do not like the idea that we are related to the apes, monkey or Neanderthals and at times we'll go to extreme lengths to distance ourselves. Sometimes humans are too full of hubris or ignorance, or worse, a combination of both.

In fact, the earliest primates are thought to have evolved from Purgatorius, a small insectivore-like, forest-dwelling mammal, in the late Cretaceous period, over 70 million years ago. The oldest known human-related fossil — Sahel Man from Chad — dates back 7 million years. The next oldest fossil is 4.4 million years old, and it was found 1,553 miles away from Chad in Middle Awash, Ethiopia.

The most intact fossil dating back 3.5 million years, found in 1974 by Don Johanson, was named Lucy. She walked upright or bipedal rather than knuckle-walking, a strange quadrupedal gait seen in chimps and gorillas. Upright walking was significant for it freed hands and enabled another crucial step in hominid evolution — tool making. Other known tool-makers in the animal kingdom include ants, crows, elephants, dolphins and ravens.

Pollen grains and fossil animal teeth from Africa clearly show that during the mid to late Pliocene (3 to 4 million years ago) the climate changed significantly from moist and warm to arid and cool. Forests and clumps of trees or woodlands retreated or died off and Savannah grasses and drought and cold tolerant species predominated.

Climate change had a profound effect on human-related ancestry. It forced many of them to leave the forest and challenged them to make a living on grasslands.

Stone tools enabled the development of nut-cracking technology and it provided bipedal hominids with a highly nutritious supply, in excess of 5,000 calories a day, of proteins. Increased intake of proteins paved the way for the development of larger brains greater than 600 cubic centimeters. The earliest stone tools date back to 2.6 million years ago.

About 2.2 million years ago Earth entered into the Pleistocene Epoch, which is renowned for long periods of glaciation interspersed by much shorter, 12,000- to 26,000-year, warm periods. Incidentally, we are currently in a short warm period called the Holocene. The onset of glaciation a couple million years ago is believed to have increased the hunting skills of early hominids. Diets were much higher in protein from the copious amounts of mega Ice Age mammals and this subsequently helped the size of brains to double and in some cases almost triple.

Roughly 1.8 million years ago human ancestors started leaving Africa. It was a remarkable feat, but it is, of course, no more remarkable than similar migrations by successful species since the days of the dinosaurs. Even at a rate of 6,000 miles per generation, of say, 20 years — a species could easily cover 31,000 miles in 10,000 years. North American caribou migrate some 3,100 miles every year.

Five-hundred-thousand years ago the hominid brain size jumped to 900 cubic centimeters. And this coincided with the rise of the Neanderthals in Eurasia. They were excellent hunters and tool-makers who lead strenuous and dangerous lives. Eighty-thousand years ago they invented strong bonding glue from birch tree pitch. Mysteriously, Neanderthals went extinct 28,000 years ago.

Fossils from coastal Blombos Cave, South Africa 80,000 years ago revealed a diverse array of bone tools including projectiles, awls and crayons. Awls were important because they enabled furry skins to be sewn thus providing warmth during cold periods. Seven centimeter-long, intentionally scored rocks with a series of lines making diamond patterns were covered in iron-rich ochre and used as crayons in cave art.

The greatest collection of cave art is found in Chauvet in southern France which 32,000 years ago was an Ice Age game park of Europe. Equally magnificent Australian rock art dating back to 24,600 years ago depicts a number of techniques including carving, pecking and spray painting.

The emergence of language probably from manual gesticulation some 200,000 years ago was a major step in human evolution. The human larynx descends into the vocal tract enabling an astounding range of vowels and consonants that can be strung together without conscious effort to form complex communications. Fossil evidence from 60,000 years ago shows that Neanderthals were also capable of advanced vocalization including speech. Today there are over 6,000 spoken languages.

Cro-Magnon, the direct descendants of modern man, appeared about 130,000 years ago. Ninety-thousand years ago they reached Mount Carmel (in today's Israel). Cro-Magnon arrived in Australia 56,000 years ago and 4,000 years later they reached Europe. Paleo-humans crossed the Bering land bridge about 20,000 years ago and reached South America roughly 5,000 years later. By 1500 A.D. the population was 47 million. Today there are over 6.8 billion people on Earth.

Out of the long march of Africa, all living humans, whether Asian, African or European extraction share 99.9 percent of the 26,000 genes or so in our genome. Our molecular make-up has about double that of the fruit-fly (13,600 genes) and yet half that of a poplar tree (45,000 genes).

At least six species of humans have existed over the past 2 million years or more; we are the sole survivors.

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What's the Point?

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Spartan thoughts on Father's Day

I NEVER REALLY KNEW MY FATHER. Well, let me be clearer. I know who he was. He lived with me until I was 12, and then I lived with him on summer vacations and such. I have memories of going fishing once or twice with him. I recall fighting with him as a teenager, and the weekend before he died we had a great conversation, but I was 19 and in Boston for the summer.

My father was a World War II vet, but the way he told it, he was on an island in the Pacific resupplying ships and it was a blast. He went to college on the GI Bill and was a salesman. He sold printing presses, then life insurance, and then funeral plans.

He was the 13th child born and the 11th child to live in his family. He was the baby who was raised by his sisters, which partly explains his life skills, or lack thereof. Alcoholism took a hold of him fiercely, and it affected my family dramatically.

I am the baby in my family. I was the third son born, my parents were in their mid-40s and by the time I came along, alcoholism was in full bloom and its effects were being felt throughout the family. My parents fought bitterly and viciously. My brothers, who were 16 and 14 years older than me, had more fully seen the terrors that I felt the repercussions of as a child.

So when my parents finally divorced, it brought peace to the household, but there was a cost. My father became sober soon afterward, but I was a pre-teen, and parenting a pre-teen from afar is nigh on impossible. The job fell to my older brother Chris. He was an island of calm, mostly, in a household of alcoholism and anxiety. For even though my parents had divorced, the long-term negative effects of their marriage remained. My mother was struggling to make it financially, and battling with the bottle herself. My brother Chris took up the responsibility for being a father figure in my life and though he did a great job, and I love and respect him for it, he was only 28, and he had my father as his father. He was denied a good father just as much as I was, probably more.

When I look at my father's life, I see the pattern of my life. I see how he was raised by his siblings, I see the lack of strong male figures to teach the hard lessons in life. It is perhaps one of the reasons why I am attracted to the work I do. As much as a mother can nurture a child, she cannot teach a boy how to be a man. Young boys need their mothers, but the more I think about it, and the more I learn about the way men develop, I believe it is the men who teach boys how to be men.

In the ancient Greek city-state of Sparta, boys were raised by their mothers until they were 7 when they were sent to be raised by men. The understanding of boys and men, the ways in which we think and act, versus the manner in which we should act, these are lessons that need to be taught by men because we speak a common language.

Only another man intuitively understands my impulses towards anger, aggression, and sex. Only older, wiser men have been able to show me a better way of dealing with those topics. Fathers, and father figures, are vitally important to the upbringing of boys. It is a crime in our country that so many men are sidelined by the courts, and their ex-wives or girlfriends, when it comes to the raising of the children. It is the future men who are being denied vital life lessons, and it is our society that will pay the price.

The conventional wisdom that the mother is the better parent in all things is as absurd as hiring a plumber to fix a soufflé. Mothers are vitally important at certain times, just as fathers are vitally important at others. To idolize one and ignore the other is philosophically unbalanced and illogical.

This Father's Day I'd like to see an awareness of the important role that men play in raising boys, who in turn become fathers. Father's Day is a day honoring fathers and celebrating fatherhood, paternal bonds, and the influence of fathers in society, but to do that, we first have to really understand what they do. It's about more than just paying child support and every other weekend.

At least, it should be.

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The Q Line

Blowing in the wind

Some members of Santa Monica's City Council would like to change the law to make homeowners liable for gardeners using leaf blowers, which are illegal, in their yards.

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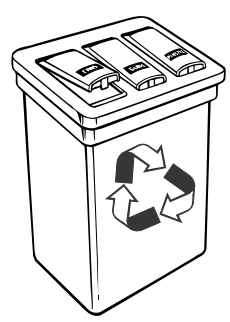
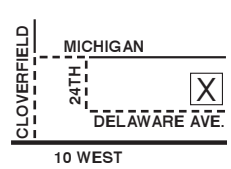

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100 years of Father's Day marks evolution of dad

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SPOKANE, Wash. Father's Day was started a century ago because inventor Sonora Smart Dodd was upset by widespread mocking of fathers in popular culture as lazy, sleazy and drunk.

This June 20 marks the 100th anniversary of Father's Day, and while today's fathers have come a long way, some would say they could once again use an image boost thanks to the much-mocked antics of the likes of Tiger Woods and Jon Gosselin.

While it is easy to take shots at dads who mess up, it's important to focus on the important role of men, said Michael Gurian, an author who specializes in the struggles of men in the modern world.

"Making fun of guys to get them to perform and prove themselves, that's always going to exist," Gurian said. "But we have to equally celebrate them and empower them."

For Sonora Dodd, the last straw was a church sermon in 1908, when her priest rambled on about the newly created Mother's Day and the importance of mothers.

"I liked everything you said about motherhood," Sonora Dodd recalled telling the priest in a 1972 interview. "However, don't you think fathers deserve a place in the sun too?"

Her father, William Smart, survived the Civil War and then moved West to seek his fortune. His wife died in the winter of 1898, while giving birth of their sixth child.

But Smart, with the help of Sonora, the eldest child and only girl, held the family together. Sonora became convinced of the importance of fathers, at a time when they were not considered that relevant to the family.

While William Smart's sacrifice might have been somewhat unique in its time, these days 15 percent of single parents are men, according to the U.S. Census Bureau.

In addition, there were 158,000 stay-at-home dads in 2009 who raised the kids while their wives worked, the Census Bureau said.

And 71 percent of 6-year-olds ate breakfast and dinner with their fathers every day in 2006, the agency said. Fathers are also good about reading to their children, praising them at least three times a day and taking them on outings, various reports compiled by the Census Bureau said.

At the other extreme, Gurian said 90 percent of homeless and runaway children are from fatherless homes. Also, 71 percent of high school dropouts and 63 percent of young people who commit suicide are from fatherless homes.

"Without fathers you would have no civilization," Gurian said.

He acknowledged that men tend to take more risks, fool around more (see Edwards, John) and suffer more crippling addictions (see Sheen, Charlie) than women. They also seem slower to mature these days, often living at home into their 20s.

"Father's Day is hopefully a time when the culture says 'this is our moment to look at who our men and boys are," he said. "If we don't protect fathering, we are going to really be messed up."

Sonora Dodd certainly did her part. She pushed for the first Father's Day celebration, which was held in June 1910, in Spokane. Fathers in church were given red roses, and people whose fathers were deceased wore white roses.

Some also credit the invention of the holiday to Grace Golden Clayton of Fairmount, W.Va., who is said to have suggested to the pastor of her church in 1908 that he hold a service in honor of fathers.

But it was Dodd who campaigned nationally for the holiday.

Mother's Day was quickly accepted as a national holiday, with Congress in 1914 designating the second Sunday in May. Father's Day had a much longer road, perhaps reflecting the societal split involving mothers and fathers. It was not until 1966 that President Johnson issued the first presidential proclamation honoring fathers and set the third Sunday in June as Father's Day. In 1972, President Nixon signed the law that made it permanent, to the delight of necktie and golf club makers everywhere.

Sonora Dodd died in 1978 at age 96 and is buried in Spokane.

"She was a businesswoman and knew how to get things done," said Barbara Hillerman, Sonora Dodd's only grandchild.

Hillerman, 75, a college professor in Vienna, Austria, will be making her first trip to Spokane in decades for anniversary festivities. Her father was Sonora Dodd's only child, John Bruce Dodd, Jr.

She did not know her grandmother well, in part because her family moved back and forth across the country as her father rose in the Forest Service.

PTA joins with Facebook to promote Internet safety

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK The PTA and Facebook are joining forces to promote Internet safety through a set of tools and resources for kids, schools and parents.

The world's largest online social network and the National PTA will work together to build a program to provide information and support about such issues as cyberbullying, good online citizenship and Internet security.

Because the partnership is just starting, officials do not have much detail on what kinds of resources they plan to offer through their respective websites and through other means. But Facebook spokesman Barry Schnitt said the plan is not just to educate kids about being on Facebook, but about being online.

He said "the sooner we can get instilling responsible behavior, the better."

The PTA will reach out to local parent-teacher groups to promote the program, while Facebook plans to do the same on its site.

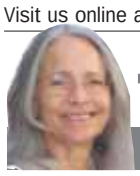
Anne Collier, co-director of Connectsafely.org, a forum about online safety issues, said the deal combining Facebook's broad reach and the PTA's relationship with schools and parents "makes a lot of sense."

"Citizenship online and offline needs to be a part of the child's life," she said. "It needs to be taught at school and at home — it's not just a digital thing."

Child safety advocate Parry Aftab also welcomed the program, and said it's important for parents not to be scared of technology but to use it to their advantage to communicate with their kids.

"It's not about turning it off any more, it's not about scare tactics," Aftab said. "It's all about teaching our kids the skills they need to survive in this digital world."





The Quackers

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When it comes to the axe these ficus have something to say

Editor's Note: The Quackers are three awesome ducks — Rusty, Richard and Sydney — from the canals of Venice who are on a mission to educate the community about the dangers of global warming and the importance of practicing sustainability, all while surfing the most gnarly waves possible.

IN THE BRILLIANT SUNLIGHT THE WATER looked like sparkling diamonds on rippling blue satin. It was beautiful. A few days of June gloom had us welcoming the sun back like a long-lost friend. We tilted our faces skyward, closed our eyes, took a long luxurious breath and smiled.

Something was different today. It must have been the return of the sun. We all felt it. Instead of racing to the water we deliberately slowed our pace to enjoy feeling the warm sand under our feet.

We paddled out with long, slow strokes. The cool water felt great as it threaded through our feathers with each pull. Before taking off, we allowed several promising waves to pass us by for the sheer pleasure of sitting a few moments longer with the sun on our backs.

Even the waves seemed to be caught up in the day's spell. They rolled in at a leisurely pace, held at the peak for a moment and then gradually unfurled toward shore for some awesome rides.

On the way home Richard stopped to grab the Daily Press while Rusty and I hurried ahead to start lunch.

Three bites into my sandwich I noticed a change in Richard. Well, two changes, but we won't count the big glob of mayonnaise on his nose. His smile had disappeared. He looked troubled and kept shaking his head as he read. Then he said, "I'm so upset! Someone wants to cut down the ficus trees in our neighborhood, again. It says here they are messy and hazardous."

He read a little further before he pushed aside his half-eaten sandwich. He put the paper down and declared, "I've lost my appetite. I need a walk."

Richard felt as if he had walked for miles. He stopped under the shade of a towering ficus tree. Sitting down, he nestled back against its trunk. He looked high into the branches and before closing his eyes for a few moments rest, he said, "I wonder what you think of all this tree-cutting talk."

Just as we began to worry, Richard came walking through the door saying, "A tree talked to me!"

A little alarmed, Rusty tried to help Richard to a chair saying, "Are you OK? Did you bump your head?"

Richard shrugged him off. "I'm fine. She even has a name. It's Philomena B. Ficus!"

We exchanged glances. Maybe it was best to just listen for now.

"Philomena, she said I could call her that, told me she has been a resident and a productive member of this community for decades," Richard said. "She went on to say that she has suffered in silence for years as disparaging remarks about her and her people have echoed throughout the neighborhood.

"Holding back her feelings all these years had made her heart heavy with sadness and despair," he added. "She was so happy for the opportunity to share her feelings with me."

Richard said her voice reminded him of a soft, whispering wind as she told her story.

"Year after year, day after day, I have served our community," she said. "Never once asking for or expecting thanks. Each day I consume your carbon dioxide and freely give back life-sustaining oxygen in return.

"Throughout the neighborhood my roots and those of other trees provide a natural water cleaning system that benefits all.

"Through water evaporation and the shade provided by my leaves I cool the temperature of the neighborhood by several degrees. In a single growing season, I have taken 11,000 gallons of water from the soil and breathed it back into the air. My mere presence can reduce air conditioning bills by 10 to 15 percent!

"We trees work so hard to contribute. Has anyone stopped to think where that baseball bat came from that hit the homer in that big game the other day? What about where the material for furniture, paper, homes and yes, even toothpaste came from? Keep in mind I am only mentioning a few of at least 5,000 items my people provide.

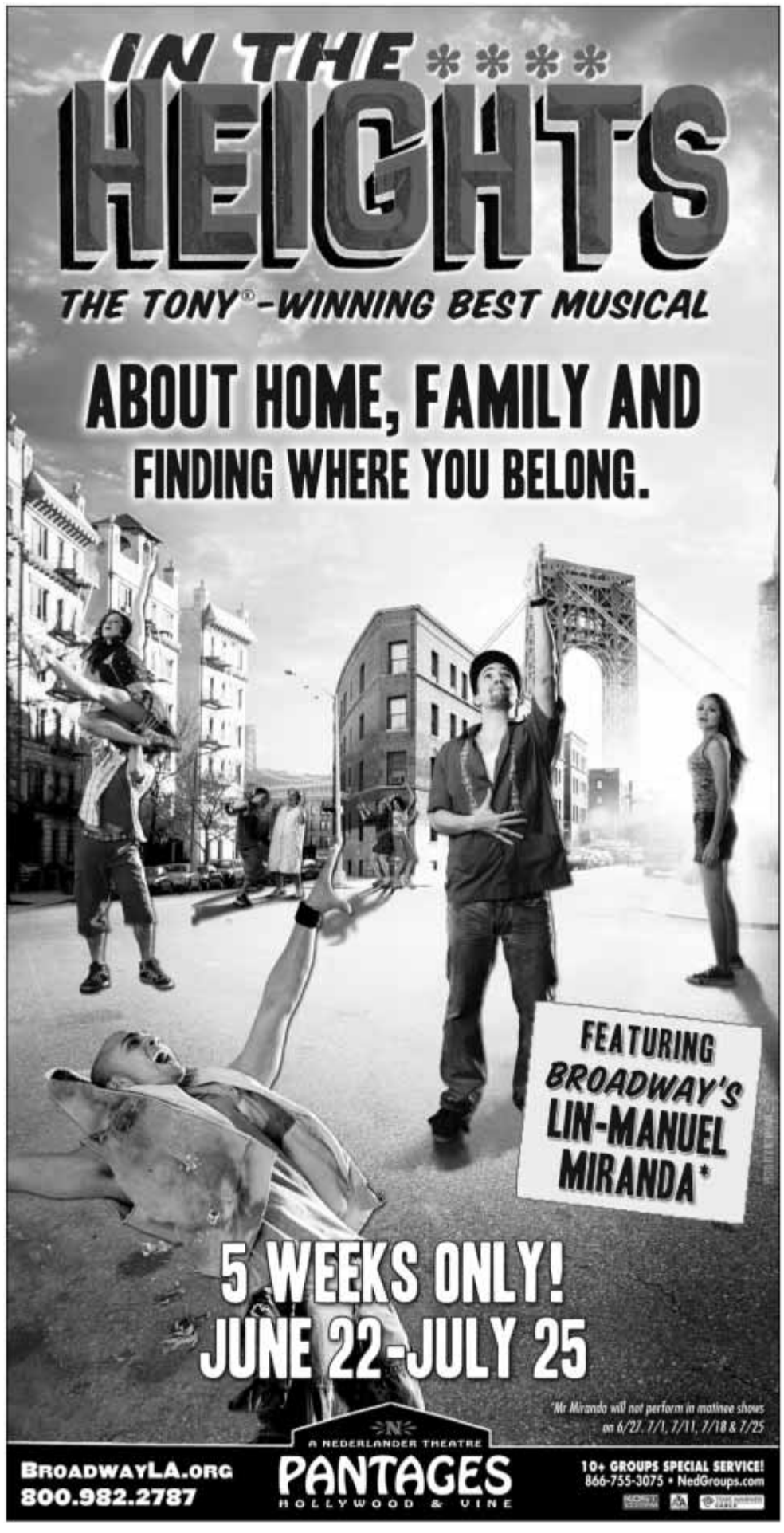
"We give so much and ask so little in return and yet the talk continues about destroying us because of the berries we drop or our roots grew too large. Do you punish your loved ones for having natural functions?

"I should mention that all of the carbon we have sequestered for you over the years is released back into the atmosphere when we are cut down. Did you know that deforestation accounts for 20 percent of the carbon emissions a year?

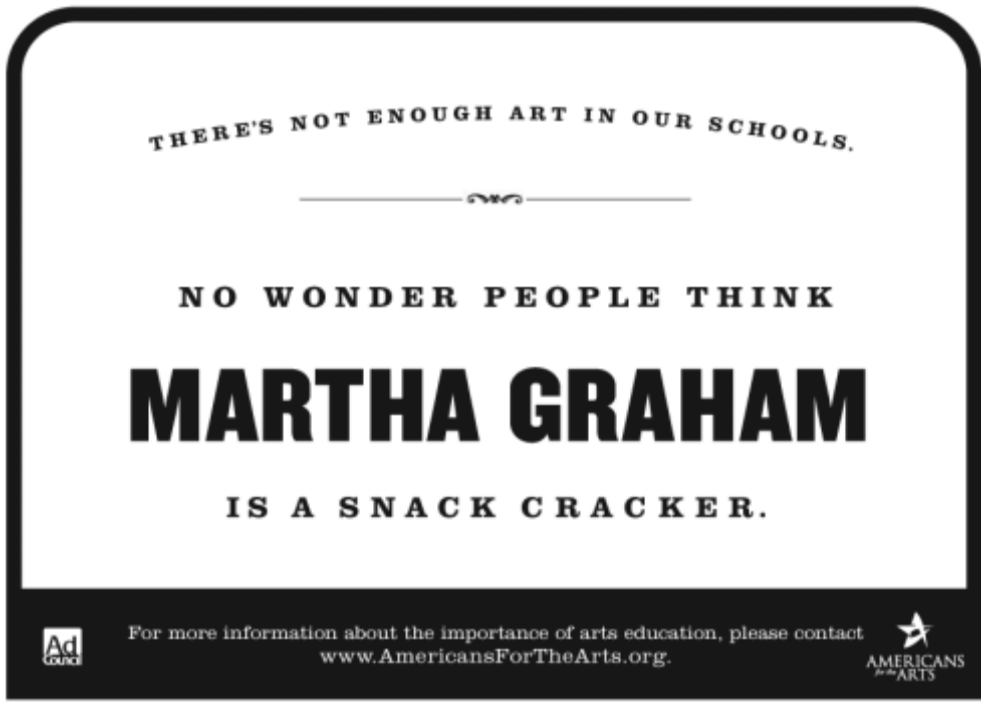
"All we ask for is a little soil, sun and water and we return to you tenfold. I hate to remind you but trees are the reason all human life exists on our Earth."

After that she spoke no more. Trees don't talk, do they? Richard said we need to stop talking ourselves and listen more closely.

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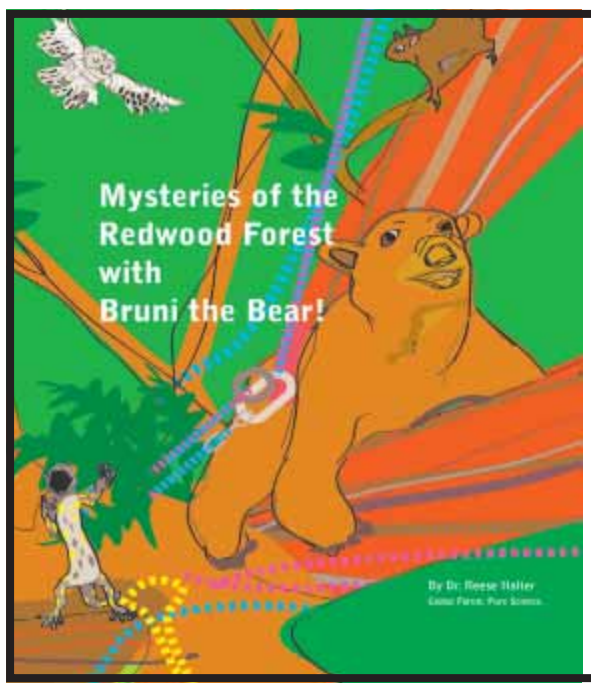
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VETS
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can be comfortable and honored, the least they deserve for serving our country in uniform," he said. "I am very proud of the work my administration has done on behalf of our military men and women and I promise that we will continue to do everything in our power to make sure all our veterans, young and old, are treated with the respect and dignity they have earned."

With 396 beds, the home will be the state of California's sixth facility for veterans once it begins admitting applicants by this fall. It will provide services and amenities for veterans who are unable to live independently, including a dementia and Alzheimer's unit.

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs contributed approximately $142 million to the project, according to a press release from the governor's office. An additional $111 million for the facility came from state general obligation bonds and lease revenue bonds.

While it's possible the facility could house homeless veterans living in Los Angeles County, the care offered at the home will be geared toward severely injured and elderly veterans who require regular attention, said J.P. Tremblay, deputy secretary for the California Department of Veterans Affairs. The facility will not be equipped to handle those with substance abuse problems or severe mental illnesses, he said. Veterans will have to be clean and sober to be admitted.

Located at 800 Bringham Ave. on the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs' healthcare campus, patients at the facility will have access to both federal and state medical personnel.

Monday's ribbon cutting ceremony came three years after CalVet broke ground on the facility, and two decades since California officials began discussing the idea of a state-run veterans home in Los Angeles, Tremblay said.

CalVet recently dedicated veterans homes in Ventura and Lancaster. State-operated facilities for veterans are also located in Yountville, Chula Vista and Barstow, and the state broke ground on two additional veterans homes last month in Fresno and Redding.

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MEASURE
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the nation, California's state parks now rank among the most endangered site in the country," said Elizabeth Goldstein, president of the California State Parks Foundation, a key supporter of the proposal.

In Santa Monica, the measure would eliminate the per-day fee charged at beach lots that in peak summer months can be as high as $10 for each vehicle. The beach lots are on state land but are operated by City Hall employees.

With 5,000 state-owned parking spaces at the beach — more than any other local entity in Southern California — Stinchfield said Santa Monica would face a significant challenge in adapting to the new rules should the initiative pass in November.

The City Council in April directed staff to work with the California State Department of Parks and Recreation to come up with a potential implementation plan. Stinchfield on Monday said staff has initiated discussions with state officials including Assemblymember Julia Brownley (D-Santa Monica) and State Sen. Fran Pavley (D-Santa Monica) regarding the initiative. But she said there are no plans to advise the council to oppose the initiative.

If it passes, the measure would take effect in mid 2011, after a period of public input during which local entities could weigh in on how it should be implemented, she said.

"It's of great benefit to residents of California and visitors to California. It's just that there's an unintended consequence that we really need to deal with that has serious impacts locally, which is unfortunate," Stinchfield said.

City Hall raises $6 million per year through parking fees charged at beach parking lots, an amount that funds the bulk of beach upkeep operations. Under the initiative the state would reimburse local entities like Santa Monica for their maintenance costs, but it's still unclear exactly how money would be distributed.

While the initiative stands to affect the beaches the most, it could also throw a wrench in plans to enact long-studied changes to parking operations Downtown.

Don Patterson, City Hall's business and revenue operations manager, said under the initiative free beach parking spaces could become magnets for Downtown shoppers and employees who want to avoid pay-by-the-hour lots.

"Obviously, the Downtown lots would be competing with the thousands of free parking spaces at the beach, and the question would be, 'At what price point do people choose convenience over free?"

There's no estimate yet on how much the initiative could cost City Hall in the form of lower Downtown parking revenues, Patterson said.

But should the measure pass, "it would be extremely challenging to redefine the parking operations strategy that we've recently had success in implementing," he said.

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DUI
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"It was like a traveling liquor store," Wiles said of the teens' vehicle. "They had all kinds of booze."

The checkpoint was the fifth conducted by the SMPD this year. Funding for the program was provided by a grant from the Officer of Traffic Safety through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

The SMPD reminds drivers if they plan on drinking, have a designated driver or call a taxi cab to take them safely home.

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GOOD FORM

Fabian Lewkowicz FabianLewkowicz.com

Santa Monica City Manager Rod Gould returns a serve during the Santa Monica Police Activities League Charity Golf and Tennis Classic at Mountain Gate Country Club on Monday. Money raised through the classic helps support scholarships for PAL youth, SAT and ACT prep courses and homework assistance.

FUTURE

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"We're excited for the work you've done," he said. "We're excited for your futures. You are the next generation."

After three days of meetings, the students learned whether they'd won gold, silver or bronze medals, and the corresponding $5,000, $3,000 or $2,000 grants, at Saturday's ceremony. Directors Penelope Spheeris and Henry Selick, and actor Jeremy Renner presented the prizes.

"I would like to thank the academy — and I've always wanted to thank the academy," said Tanel Toom of the National Film and Television School in Beaconsfield, England, as he accepted the honorary foreign film award for his 25-minute narrative film, "The Confession."

Ruth Fertig, who won the gold medal for her documentary, "Yizkor," said the award gave her faith to move forward as a filmmaker.

"I graduated feeling very uncertain as to whether I could continue to make my own films or whether I would go back to working on other people's films," she said. "What this does is make me feel very empowered in my own right as an independent documentary filmmaker, that I can, I should go on to find projects that I want to direct and produce and I should try to get them produced.

"This award makes that, I think, more possible."

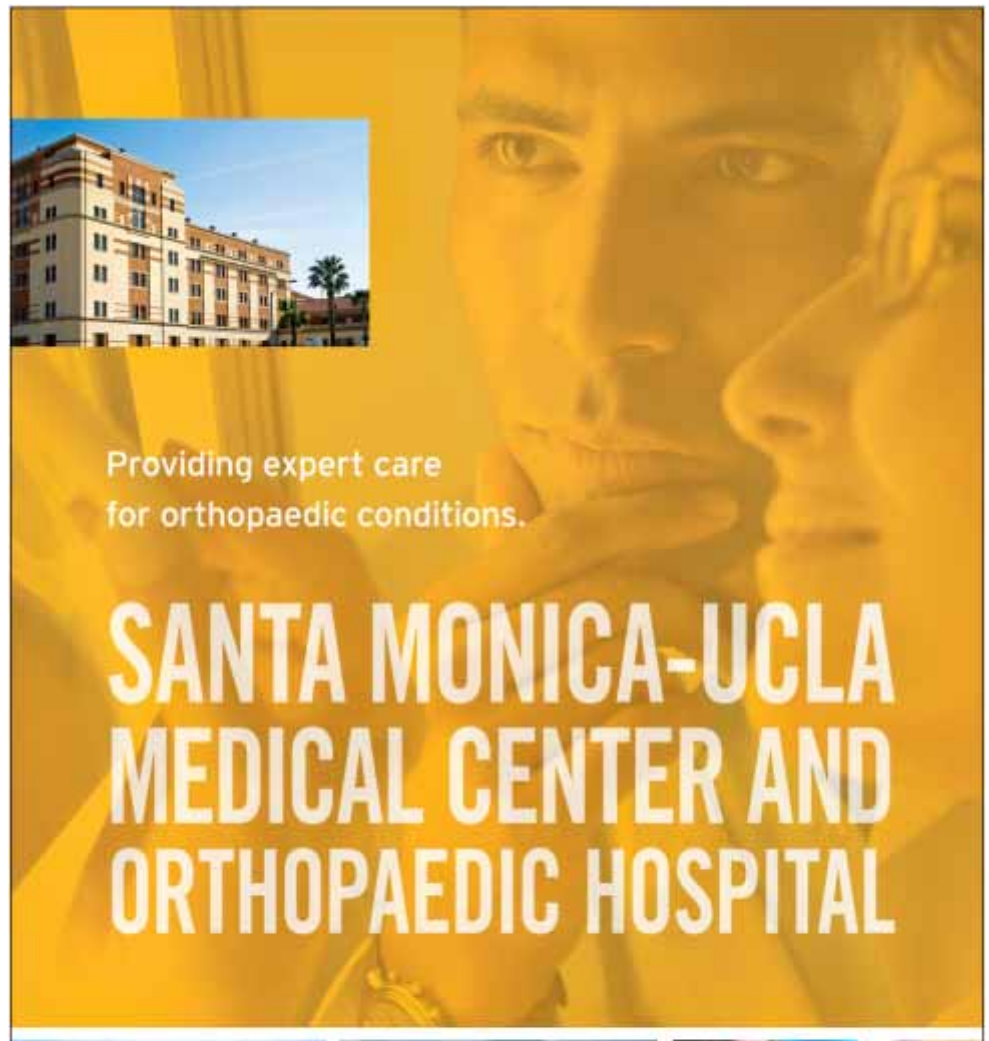
Casper, Powers and Bury say they ultimately hope to make animated movies together. For now, though, they're excited about the next step.

"It's still a ton of work ahead, but this is definitely a good stepping stone," Powers said.

Added Casper: "We've got to go home and think about this for a while."









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Killer of Calif. girl found in suitcase gets life

TERRY COLLINS
Associated Press Writer

STOCKTON A Sunday school teacher who pleaded guilty to kidnapping and murdering a neighbor girl in Northern California made a tearful apology to the victim's family Monday as she was sentenced to prison for the rest of her life.

The punishment came after Melissa Huckaby, 29, reached a plea deal with prosecutors that took the death penalty and the possibility of parole off the table in the killing of 8-year-old Sandra Cantu of Tracy, whose body was found in a suitcase pulled from an irrigation pond.

Huckaby offered no motive for the 2009 killing as she addressed the girl's mother, Maria Chavez. The victim was a playmate of Huckaby's daughter.

"I still cannot understand why I did what I did. This is a question I will struggle with for the rest of my life," Huckaby said, her voice trembling.

She said Sandra "did not suffer, and I did not sexually molest her."

"I'm asking you, Maria, for your forgiveness," Huckaby said. "I can't imagine forgiving someone who harmed my daughter. I hope someday you can forgive me."

Authorities had provided few details about the killing until Monday, when Judge Linda Lofthus lifted a gag order.

Prosecutors released a summary of their investigation that showed the cause of Sandra's death was "homicidal asphyxiation."

The summary included a pathologist's report saying she was found with a piece of bloody cloth tied around her head.

She also had injuries to her external genitalia that were consistent with a bent, bloodstained rolling pin found inside a church where Huckaby had taught, according to the report.

The blood stain matched Sandra's blood.

The victim's body also contained alprazolam, a prescription sedative commonly used to treat anxiety. Prescription bottles of alprazolam were found in Huckaby's purse and home, prosecutors said.

Huckaby entered her surprise plea last month to first-degree murder with the special circumstance of kidnapping. All other charges, including allegations that she sexually abused the girl, were dropped as part of the plea deal.

Sandra's family asked the court to play a video depicting her short life. The footage brought many in the courtroom to tears, including Huckaby.

"She changed the lives of a lot of people. A lot of people," said Daniel Cantu, Sandra's father, who broke down as he addressed Huckaby.

"All I can say right now is, repent and think about what you've done," he said.

Sandra's aunt Angie Chavez told Judge Linda Lofthus that Huckaby robbed her family of the ability to see Sandra grow up, go to college, fall in love, get married and have children.

"No amount of explanation can make any sense of what she did or why she did it." Angie Chavez said. "The only solace we have as a family is to know that she will never do this again."

Sandra was last seen on a surveillance video walking through the Orchard Estates Mobile Home Park on March 29, 2009. Prosecutors said Monday the girl can be seen looking in the direction of Huckaby's home before she goes off-camera.

Eight minutes later, the tape shows Huckaby driving her SUV from the mobile home park in the direction of her grandfather's church, where the bloody rolling pin was found.

A massive search ended April 6, 2009, when her body was found stuffed in a black suitcase pulled from the pond a few miles from the community where she lived.

A couple later told authorities that they saw Huckaby and her SUV at the pond on the day of Sandra's disappearance, and the woman told the couple that she was there to urinate.

Huckaby was arrested less than a week later after telling a reporter the suitcase belonged to her but had been stolen from her driveway the day Sandra disappeared.

Huckaby showed authorities a note that she claimed she found at the mobile home park that read, "Cantu locked in stolin suitcase thrown in water onn Bacchetti Rd. & Whitehall Rd witness."

The handwriting on the note was similar to Huckaby's, prosecutors said.

Doc charged in Jackson death to keep license

LINDA DEUTSCH
AP Special Correspondent

LOS ANGELES A doctor charged in Michael Jackson's death will keep his California medical license after a judge ruled Monday he didn't have the authority to revoke it.

Superior Court Judge Michael Pastor declined a request by California authorities to suspend the ability of Dr. Conrad Murray to practice medicine in the state.

Pastor said there were no circumstances that warranted revisiting the conditions of Murray's bail.

California authorities have sought the suspension since Murray was charged with involuntary manslaughter in February.

Murray is accused of giving the pop star a lethal dose of the anesthetic propofol last June. He has pleaded not guilty.

He showed no reaction to Pastor's ruling'.

Pastor said he may revisit the issue of Murray's medical license, but only if there was new information or possibly after a preliminary hearing.

Several members of Jackson's family, including his father Joe, mother Katherine, sister LaToya and brother Jermaine, attended the hearing.

Murray's attorneys fought the restriction, arguing that it would prompt authorities in Texas and Nevada to take similar action.

Murray operates clinics in both states, which have ordered him not to use anesthetics on his patients.

Murray's attorney Ed Chernoff said in documents filed Friday that Nevada and Texas have reached agreements to allow Murray to practice as long as he abides by a judge's order not to administer anesthetics such as propofol.

The pop music legend died June 25 after Murray, his personal physician, administered propofol and other drugs to help him sleep.

Murray maintains nothing he did should have killed Jackson.

Pastor was asked by the state attorney general to overrule another judge's decision that allowed Murray to keep practicing.

Murray remains free on $75,000 bail.

Last month, the cardiologist made news when he stabilized a woman who fell unconscious and had a weak pulse on a flight from Houston.

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Young girl is 20th Ark. flash flood victim found

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LANGLEY, Ark. Crews on Monday found the body of a young girl who was the 20th victim of a flash flood that devastated a popular Arkansas campground, but they continued searching because it wasn't clear whether the girl was the last person reported missing.

Officials had said earlier that they still were looking for a young girl missing from the Albert Pike Recreation Area campground. But State Police Capt. Fletcher said searchers weren't sure if the girl whose body they found was the same one reported missing by her family.

Police will wait to announce the girl's name until her identity is confirmed by dental records or DNA, Fletcher said.

Dozens of people were feared missing after the pre-dawn Friday flood, but authorities narrowed their search Sunday to just one person known to have been camping at the Albert Pike Recreation Area. They said they believe many others first feared missing were camping in other parts of the state, without cell phone coverage.

State police and other agencies were to decide Monday night whether to continue the search Tuesday, spokesman Bill Sadler said.

"We did have some names of individuals whose families did come to us with direct evidence or information of persons present in the park and we believe we have identified all of those individuals in one way or the other," Sadler said.

"Is that to say that there are not any other victims in the Little Missouri River? We can't say that, that is why there is a continuing search and recovery operation under way."

A heavy storm sent a wall of water rushing down the river while most campers were sleeping, leaving them scrambling in the dark for safety amid the area's steep terrain. Floodwaters rose up to 8 feet per hour, pouring through the remote valley with such force that they peeled asphalt from roads. Cabins along the river banks were severely damaged, and mobile homes were tossed on their sides.

Forecasters had warned of the approaching danger in the area during the night, but campers could easily have missed the advisories because the area is isolated and cell phone service is poor.

Crews had searched some fifty miles of river and tributaries at least twice, and three or four times in some areas, Forest Service Incident Commander Mike Quesinberry said. The terrain made it impossible to bring in heavy equipment to unlock some of the huge debris piles that collected along the river. One measured 30 feet high and more than 100 feet long, he said.

"This is an area that's so rugged, there's so much debris ... you can't get to it," Fletcher said.

Eighteen of the 20 victims have been publicly identified, among them seven children age 7 or younger. Eight of the 18 were from Louisiana, seven were from Texas and three were from Arkansas.

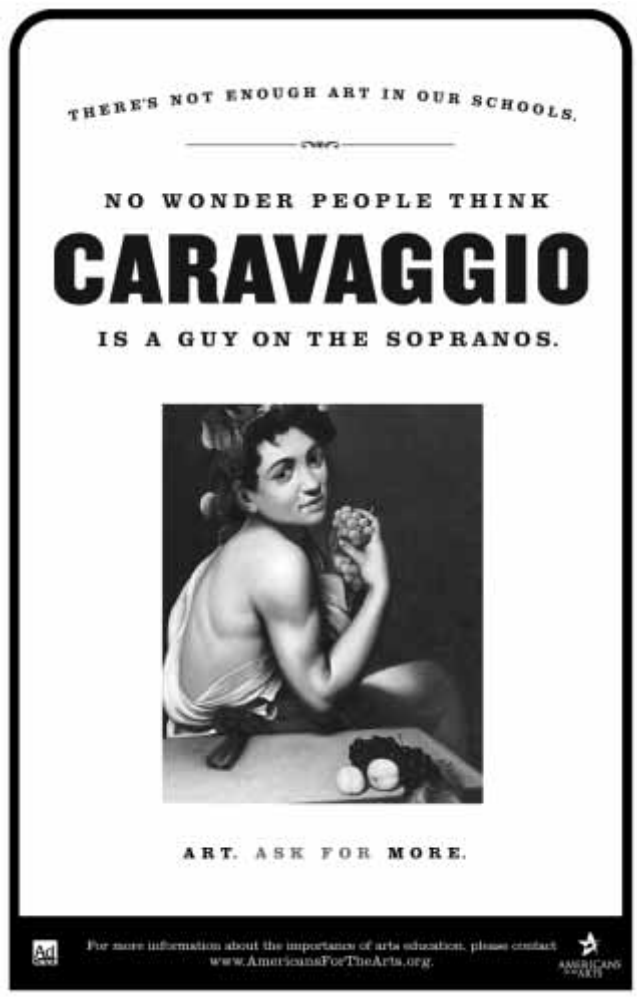
Among the victims were 23-year-old Leslie Jez and her 3-year-old son, Kaden, of Foreman, Ark., and Jez's 43-year-old mother, Sheri Wade, of New Boston, Texas. Leslie's husband and Kaden's father, Adam Jez, survived.

The family set out to the campground Thursday, a day earlier than normal because of Adam's work schedule. It was a decision that proved fatal.

"(Kaden's) only vocabulary when it wasn't 'mama' and 'daddy' consisted of tractors and horses," Leslie's grandfather, former Arkansas legislator Charles "Bubba" Wade, said Sunday. "I can just see her holding the baby" during the flood, Wade said, his words choked with grief.

Wade said camping trips and the outdoors were commonplace for his large family. His children and grandchildren went to Boy and Girl Scout events at the campground, and Kaden and Leslie rode horses and rounded up cattle together.

"Little Kaden had been up here on my 81st birthday, sitting on my lap with cowboy boots on," said Wade, who spent 18 years as a state lawmaker and introduced the legislation that created the nearby Millwood State Park.





Obama sees light ahead for oil-damaged Gulf Coast

ERICA WERNER
Associated Press Writer

THEODORE, Ala. In a newly optimistic tone, President Barack Obama promised Monday that "things are going to return to normal" along the stricken Gulf Coast and the region's fouled waters will be in better shape than before the catastrophic BP oil spill.

He declared Gulf seafood safe to eat and said his administration was redoubling inspections and monitoring to make sure it stays that way. And his White House said Monday it had wrested apparent agreement from BP PLC to set up an independent, multibillion-dollar compensation fund for people and businesses suffering from the spill's effects.

Obama said the goal was to pay legitimate claims "justly, fairly, promptly."

With Obama hoping to convince a frightened Gulf Coast and a skeptical nation that he is in command, he is marshaling the tools at a president's disposal: a two-day visit via Air Force One, helicopter and boat in the stricken region, a prime-time speech Tuesday night from the symbolically important stage of the Oval Office and a face-to-face White House confrontation Wednesday with the executives of the oil company that leased the rig that exploded April 20 and led to the leak of millions of gallons of coast-devastating crude.

From an enormous waterside staging facility here, one of 17 across Gulf Coast where cleanup crews ready themselves and equipment to attack the spill, Obama mixed warnings that the recovery could take a while with unqualified optimism about the ultimate result.

"I can't promise folks here in Theodore or across the Gulf Coast that the oil will be cleaned up overnight. It will not be," he said, after encouraging hard-hatted workers as they hosed off and repaired oil-blocking boom. "It's going to be painful for a lot of folks."

But, he said, "things are going to return to normal. ... I am confident that we're going to be able to leave the Gulf Coast in better shape than it was before."







SURF REPORT

Surf Conditions **Water Temp:** 58°

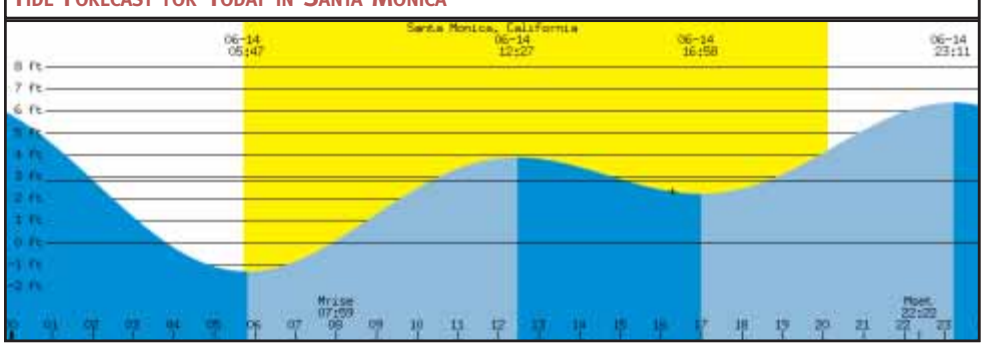
Swell Forecast

The SW should increase to chest to at times head high around south facing breaks. Wind swell looks nil.

Long Range Synopsis

Thursday the 17th looks smaller, around waist to chest at south facing spots.

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 **June 7, 2010**

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QUICK STATS (for the last 30 days)

- Number of sewage spills -- 0
- Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0
- Number of wet days -- 8
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 38 / ns
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 8 / ns

The Beach Report Card is made possible by: The Diller – von Furstenberg Family Foundation; simplehuman; SIMA

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.	A+	ns
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	ns
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechusa and Las Alisos creeks.	A+	ns
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	A	ns
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	A+	ns
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth.	F	ns
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	A	ns
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Solstice Canyon at Don Blacker County Beach.	D	ns
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth.	A+	ns
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd..	D	ns
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	B	ns
Surfrider Beach (breach location)- daily.	F	ns
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	F	ns
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	A+	ns
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero).	A	ns
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs.	A+	ns
Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach.	A+	ns
Tuna Canyon.	A+	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	F	ns
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A	ns
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence.	D	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain.	A	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain.	F	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua).	A	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain.	A+	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain.	A+	ns
Santa Monica Municipal Pier.	A	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain.	A	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms).	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 Windward Ave. drain.	A+	ns
Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south.	A+	ns
Venice Beach- projection of Topsail 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 D&W jetty).	A+	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain.	A	ns
Dockweiler Beach- opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant.	B	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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WORLD CUP

Dempsey not certain World Cup goal counted

RONALD BLUM
AP Sports Writer

PRETORIA, South Africa Clint Dempsey wasn't even sure his goal counted in the U.S.-England opener at the World Cup.

His 25-yard drive bounced twice and into the arms of goalkeeper Robert Green, then squirted out in soccer's version of hot potato.

"I didn't know exactly that it went all the way to net or not, but I just wanted to see what the linesman was doing," Dempsey said. "I saw the linesman running back with his flag, so I knew that they counted the goal and I just went and celebrated with the whole team on the bench."

Dempsey's goal tied the score Saturday and gave the United States a 1-1 draw; now it's on to Friday's game with Group C leader Slovenia, which opened with a 1-0 win over Algeria.

A victory would push the United States toward the knockout phase for the first time since 2002 and help erase the lingering memories of the 2-1 loss to Ghana that eliminated the Americans four years ago.

The 27-year-old midfielder from Nacogdoches, Texas, is becoming one of the most accomplished goalscorers in American soccer history. Having also scored against Ghana in 2006, he joined Brian McBride (1998 and 2002) as the only U.S. players with goals in multiple World Cups.

His out-of-nowhere 20-yard chip against Juventus in March, which put Fulham in the Europa League quarterfinals, is the most inventive big-goal score by an American in Europe, one that became instantly famous at Craven Cottage and caused the club to sell commemorative T-shirts.

This is not your average American trying to make it in the world's game.

"He is still a player with some flair, some attacking ability, some creativity, a guy with a great competitive edge and somebody that has a nose to get goals and an aggressiveness in the box to score, and score different kinds of goals," U.S. coach Bob Bradley said.

Known as "Deuce" for the rap recording he once cut, Dempsey developed his early soccer skills playing with Mexican immigrants. He played club soccer in Dallas, attracted attention and went to Furman, where he played alongside current national team midfielder Ricardo Clark.

After playing for Major League Soccer's New England Revolution from 2004-6, Fulham acquired him for a $4 million transfer fee. He scored six goals in his first full season with the Cottagers, eight in 2008-9 and nine last season. Many big goals, too, like the one against Liverpool in May 2007 that pretty much ensured Fulham wouldn't be relegated to a lower division.

"I think I've become more of a complete player," he said. "I think a weakness before I went over there was my defense, and I think that I've shown that, you know, now that that's a strength of mine. And I think the speed of play in which I play, being able to see passes early, I think that's improved being over there."

Paired with Landon Donovan on the midfield wings, Dempsey and Donovan give the U.S. soccer team much of their offense. Last year, Dempsey scored in consecutive games against Egypt, Spain and Brazil at the Confederations Cup as the U.S. reached a FIFA men's outdoor final for the first time.

Against England, the United States fell behind when Steven Gerrard broke in alone on Tim Howard and scored from short range in the fourth minute. Dempsey tied it on a long-range shot many American players wouldn't even try, winding up with his 19th goal in 63 international appearances.

Because they fell behind early, American players had to push the game without opening up their defense too much.

"The whole idea was, 'Don't concede early,' and that's what we did: concede early," Dempsey said. "And it's like, 'Damn!' But I thought we responded well."

World Cup goals mean far more to him than club goals, because he longed dreamed about scoring for his country in the big game. With wins against Slovenia and Algeria, he would get to move on to the next phase — the chance to score in a World Cup knockout match.

NBA FINALS

Man charged with selling fake NBA Finals tickets

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BOSTON A California man has entered a not guilty plea in Boston to charges accusing him of selling fake NBA Finals tickets.

Forty-two-year-old Edward Lopez of Whittier was arraigned Monday at Boston Municipal Court on three counts of larceny over $250 by scheme. His bail was set at $3,000.

Authorities say a Boston woman told them Sunday she paid $1,400 for three tickets she saw advertised on Craigslist. She suspected they were counterfeit when she compared them to authentic tickets. Police had the woman's sister contact the seller again, and arrested him when they met for the transaction.

Prosecutors said a Stoneham man unrelated to the women told authorities Monday he had bought four fake tickets from Lopez for $2,100.

Defense attorney Robert Proctor says Lopez denies the charges. He returns to court July 12.

WNBA

Candace Parker has dislocated left shoulder

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES Leading scorer and rebounder Candace Parker dislocated her left shoulder and is day to day for the Los Angeles Sparks.

Parker was injured in the first half of Sunday's win against Minnesota. A team spokeswoman said she was taken to a hospital for treatment.

Parker originally hurt her shoulder Friday night against Seattle and aggravated it while grabbing a rebound Sunday.

She is averaging a team-leading 20.6 points and 10.1 rebounds for the Sparks (3-7), who host Connecticut on Friday.

MOVIE TIMES

Aero Theatre
1328 Montana Ave.
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Call theater for information.

AMC Loews Broadway 4
1441 Third Street Promenade

Babies (PG) 1hr 19min
4:05pm, 9:00pm

Get Him to the Greek (R) 1hr 49min
1:45pm, 4:30pm, 7:15pm, 9:50pm

Get Him to the Greek (Digital Presentation) (R) 1hr 49min
12:30pm, 6:15pm

Marmaduke (PG) 1hr 27min
12:20pm, 2:45pm, 5:15pm, 7:40pm, 9:55pm

Iron Man 2 (PG-13) 2 hrs 5min
1:10pm, 4:00pm, 6:50pm, 9:40pm

AMC 7 Santa Monica
1310 Third St.
(310) 289-4262

The Karate Kid (PG) 2hrs 20min
12:15pm, 3:45pm, 7:10pm, 10:25pm

The Karate Kid (Digital presentation) (PG) 2hrs 20min
11:45am, 3:00pm, 6:15pm, 9:30pm

Prince of Persia: The Sands of Time (CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video) (PG-13) 1hr 55 min
1:15pm, 4:15pm, 7:05pm, 10:00pm

Shrek Forever After 3D (RealD 3D) (PG) 1hr 33min
11:30am, 2:00pm, 4:30pm, 7:00pm, 9:35pm

Get Him to the Greek (R) 1hr 49min
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Killers (Digital Presentation) (PG-13) 1hr 40min
11:35am, 2:05pm, 4:35pm, 7:15pm, 9:50pm

Splice (R) 1hr 44min
1:30pm, 4:45pm, 7:30pm, 10:10pm

Laemmle's Monica Fourplex
1332 Second St.
(310) 394-9741

City Island (PG-13) 1hr 55min
1:50pm, 7:20pm

Exit Through The Gift Shop (R) 1hr 43min
1:00pm, 5:30pm, 10:10pm

Solitary Man (R) 1hr 45min
1:20pm, 3:30pm, 5:40pm, 8:00pm, 10:15pm

Mother And Child (R) 2hrs 21min
4:20pm, 9:50pm

Breathless (NR) 1hr 45min
3:10pm, 7:50pm

The Secret In Their Eyes (R) 2hr 24min
1:00pm, 4:00pm, 7:00pm, 10:00pm

Mann's Criterion Theatre
1313 Third St.
(310) 395-1599

The A-Team (PG-13) 1hr 57min
11:20am, 12:50pm, 2:00pm, 3:40pm, 4:50pm, 6:40pm, 7:40pm, 9:30pm, 10:30pm

Letters to Juliet (PG) 1hr 45min
11:00am, 4:40pm, 10:20pm

Robin Hood (PG-13) 2hrs 20min
1:30pm, 7:10pm

Sex and the City 2 (R) 2hrs 27min
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Let go with a favorite person, Aries

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Work demands far more than you anticipated. You'll meet the demands, but at what cost? Let your creativity come into play. A brainstorming session can help. Tonight: Let go with a favorite person(s).

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ If you can work from home, by all means do. You might accomplish more. Your imagination might need some funneling, as you might go off into a daydream, no matter where you are. Consider going back to school to increase your expertise in your field. Tonight: Anchor in at home.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ Make calls; schedule meeting; have important discussions. Simply enjoy those in your daily life. Sometimes you focus so much on productivity, you lose sight of those in your life who make a difference. A friendly conversation or question might be well received. Tonight: Catch up on a friend's news.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★ Be aware of hidden costs, especially when offering a favor. You might need to spell out an agreement or your needs in a way that the other party can hear. Despite issues that come up, the initial agreement might be OK. Tonight: Buy a token of affection on the way home.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Your way might not be the only way. Be open to feedback that comes in from out of left field. Your efforts prove to be quite transformational in a situation. At work, you accomplish a lion's share. Realize that motivating someone could be a very different process than you originally thought. Tonight: Respond to a friend's invitation.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★ The smart move is to wait before expressing your feelings. Some physical exercise could take down your "steam" level. Given a few days, you might eye a situation much differently. Follow your instincts with someone who is in charge. Tonight: Get some extra R and R.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ A meeting, though at times difficult, produces many ideas. Air out other possibilities. Why make something more difficult than need be? Be careful how you direct your anger or displeasure. You could make quite a dent in a relationship. Tonight: Hop in the car to visit a friend.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★ Once more, it appears you need to take a stand and/or accept responsibility. Are you tired of playing this role? If you want something done exactly your way, you will be doing it yourself. Tonight: Working late.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★★ Keep reaching out for novel ideas. Also, detach from any situation that might trigger you, preventing you from seeing the big picture. A partner or associate also has lots of good ideas. Deal with an authority figure with care. Tonight: Let your mind wander.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Often, you find that there are no answers, but others believe there are. Let the person in question once more discover the "rightness" of his or her ideas. You might have pushed way beyond your limits with a key associate. Tonight: Go along with an appealing suggestion.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ Someone could be insisting that no other idea will work than his or her own. Let this person play it out. You might be pleased. You have nothing to lose by letting a situation play out in this manner. Tonight: Just don't be alone.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ Toss yourself into a project, and get as much done as possible. Rethink a decision that involves a key associate or partner. This person, in your eyes, might be driven but not exactly grounded. What could be the toll of continuing on this path? Tonight: Chill out.

Happy birthday

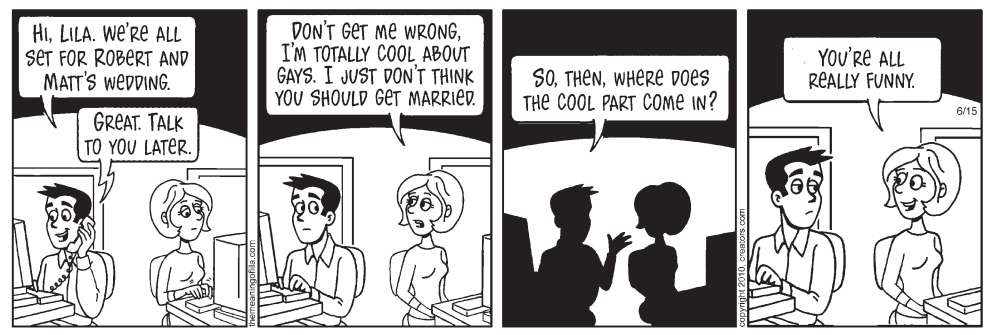
This year, spruce up your communication skills. Others appreciate your interpretations and perspective. Your words and insight make a difference. Postpone buying a new car or computer if you can. If you are single, you could meet your next sweetie while running an errand. If you are attached, don't take it for granted that your significant other knows what you think. LEO brings out the best in you.

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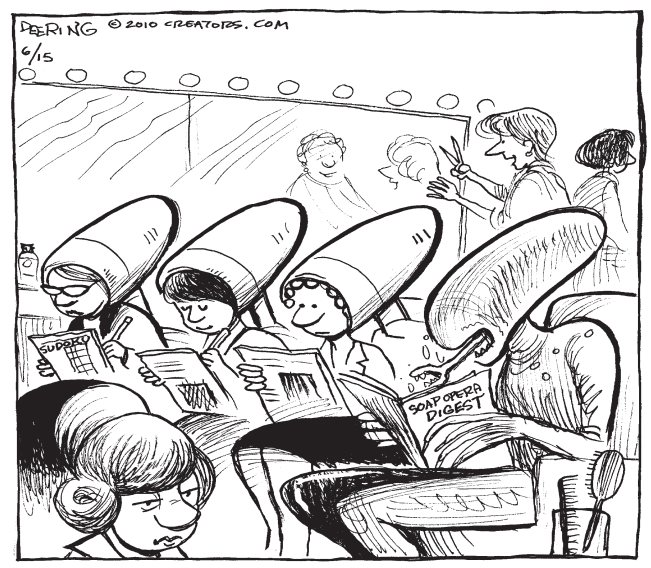
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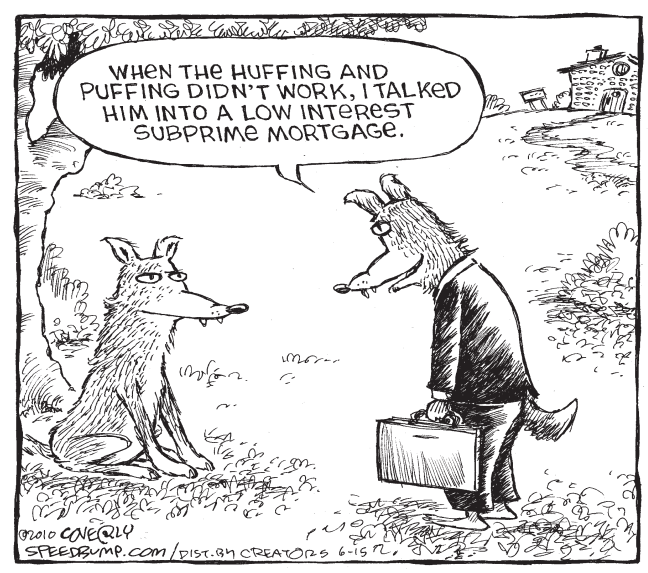
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Sudoku

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

Difficulty Level ★★

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	3			9			2	
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	7		9		5		1	
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GETTING STARTED

There are many strategies to solving Sudoku. One way to begin is to examine each 3x3 grid and figure out which numbers are missing. Then, based on the other numbers in the row and column of each blank cell, find which of the missing numbers will work. Eliminating numbers will eventually lead you to the answer.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

4	9	6	2	3	7	1	8	5
3	7	8	1	5	4	2	9	6
5	1	2	8	9	6	4	7	3
1	2	5	7	4	9	6	3	8
6	4	7	5	8	3	9	2	1
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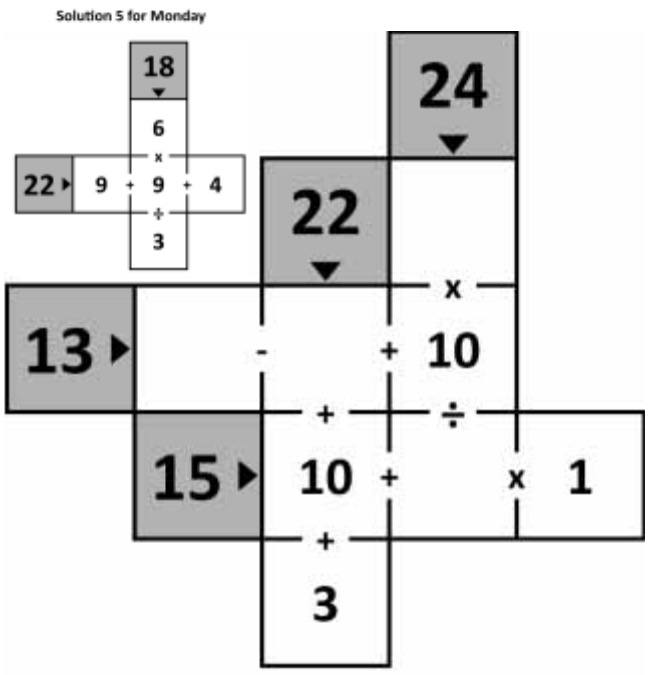
- Fill the grid with the set of given numbers (1 to 12) to satisfy the Equa demands (7 to 24) in the shaded boxes. The Equa demands represent the sum of the digits that you will insert into the empty squares.
- Each horizontal row has one Equa demand to satisfy; each vertical column also has one demand to satisfy. Each empty square in the grid dictates the math operation (addition +, subtraction -, multiplication X, and division ÷) that must be performed to meet the demands.
- You must follow the given math operations for each square and you must make sure all the numbers satisfy the demands in the shaded boxes when connected in adjacent threes and calculated together from left to right, and top to bottom.
- The numbers you insert into the grid must satisfy the Equa demands both horizontally and vertically.

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

5, 9, 12, 12

Solution 5 for Monday





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By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Below, in a contract
7 Walk unevenly
11 Homecoming group
12 Region
13 "American Idol" judge
15 Miniature
16 Saloon order
18 Squad
21 Dune makeup
22 Box
24 Antique
25 Beanie or beret
26 Restful resort
27 Impulse carrier
29 Appear
30 Go across
31 Sudan neighbor
32 Congo's former name
34 "A Room With a View" actor
40 Sneaker problem
41 One way to shop
42 Courts
43 Like Russian dolls

DOWN

1 Owns
2 Inventor Whitney
3 Toddy base
4 Hammed it up
5 Personal
6 Pleasant
7 Case worker
8 Hot blood
9 Singer Tormé
10 Chum
14 Like bar drafts
16 Hay bundles
17 Finish
19 Puzzled
20 Scooter's kin
21 Abel, to Adam
22 Soda container
23 "Platoon" setting
25 Movie barbarian
28 Stubble removers
29 Beachcombing finds
31 Wading bird
33 Computer symbol
34 Boar's mate
35 Groom's answer
36 Cattle call?
37 Set fire to
38 Low digit
39 Marry

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Federal Reserve, Securities and Exchange Commission, On Edge: Last November, the government of North Korea made an ultimately disastrous decision to radically devalue its currency, overnight making 100 North Korean won worth 1 North Korean won, and the country's citizens (as well as, reportedly, the Dear Leader himself) were not pleased. Three months later, without much fanfare, came the official announcement that the government's (i.e., the Workers' Party's) chief finance minister, Pak Nam-gi, had been executed by firing squad.

■ In May, the German manufacturer Ex Oriente Lux AG set up its "Gold To Go" vending machine in the lobby of Abu Dhabi's Emirates Palace Hotel, offering gold coins and one-, five- and 10-gram bars of gold, based on the current world price at the time of the transaction.

■ Intelligent Design: Among the new species first reported this year are a "nose" leech, a "Dracula" fish, a "psychedelic" frogfish and a "bombardier" worm, according to scientists at the University of Arizona and medical school researchers in Lima, Peru. The Peru-based leech, which is fanged and probably has been around since the time of dinosaurs, prefers nasal mucus as a habitat. The "Dracula" fish of Myanmar, with "canine-like fangs," has an extraordinarily flexible mouth. The multicolored frogfish has apparently adapted to live among the colorful, venomous coral off Bali, Indonesia. The "bombardier" worm, found in California's Monterey Bay, releases glow-in-the-dark projectiles when threatened.

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