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THE WE HEART MILK ISSUE

Mobile clinic to help with access to health care

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

OCEAN PARK Come August, health care will be rolling on the Westside.

At least, that's what the Westside Family Health Center hopes will happen with its brand

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Resident charged with tax fraud

BY SERLI POLATOGLU
Special to the Daily Press

LOS ANGELES A Santa Monica man is currently facing federal fraud charges for allegedly filing tax returns that included fake donations to charity.

"The indictment was in response to an audit he submitted with a false charitable donation letter," said Alka Sagar, assistant United States attorney.

51-year-old Howard Hal Berger was arrested on Friday morning because he falsely reported $1 million in gifts to charity in a 2006 federal tax return.

Federal officials said Berger filed a partnership income tax return for Lab Holdings, LLC and claimed the $1 million deduction, substantially reducing his income tax liability. Additionally, he filed an individual tax return for 2006 in which he falsely reported gifts to charity of $991,700, officials said.

While being audited, Berger allegedly submitted a false charitable donation letter in an attempt to support his deductions.

Berger plead not guilty last week. If convicted on all counts, he faces a maximum of nine years in federal prison and $750,000 in fines, officials said.

Berger is currently free on bail.

A trial is scheduled for Aug. 9, 2011, when Berger will appear in the United States District Court before Judge John F. Walter.

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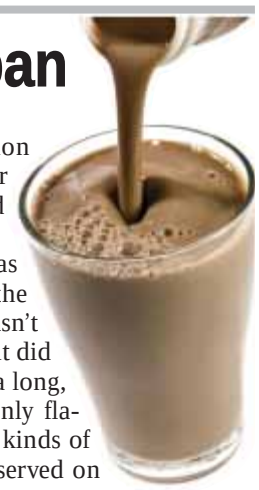


HOW THE OTHER HALF LIVES

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Locals read testimonials of refugees under a mock refugee tent during the a World Refugee Day celebration at Reed Park on Monday.

Santa Monica parents call for flavored milk ban



BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

SMMUSD HDQTRS First it was eggs (too high in cholesterol), and then carbohydrates in everything from a slice of bread to that found in your "apple a day" — every category of food gets maligned for the ever-increasing problem of childhood and adult obesity in the United States.

Locals have their sights set on yet another malfeasant food group, that of flavored milk, which has been demonized in recent months for adding unnecessary sugars into the diets of school-age children.

Parents spoke before the Board of Education during a public comment period on Thursday to request that the board consider going the way of the Los Angeles Unified School District and ban flavored milks from school sites.

LAUSD, the largest school district in the nation, banned chocolate and strawberry flavored milk last Tuesday on the recommendation of Superintendent John Deasy. Deasy is a former superintendent of the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District.

Deasy put forward the proposal after celebrity chef Jamie Oliver criticized the district for serving flavored milk, which has more added sugar than plain low- or non-fat milk.

Parents, both at the meeting and in e-mail communications with the board, said that they felt the time has come to make a similar move at SMMUSD.

"They thought that L.A. Unified had done a good thing," said Board President Jose Escarce, who is also a medical doctor. "Several came and made public comment, and really urged the district to follow L.A. Unified's decision here to consider banning flavored milk."

The board was unable to discuss the topic because it wasn't on the agenda, but it did direct staff to take a long, hard look at not only flavored milks but all kinds of flavored beverages served on district campuses.

"The issue is, of course, bigger than flavored milk," Escarce said.

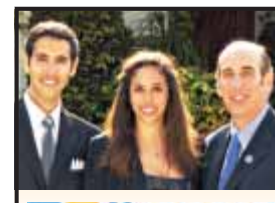
There are many sources of empty calories in children's diets, particularly artificially sweetened drinks, of which flavored milks are just one kind, Escarce said.

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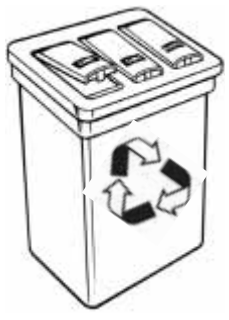
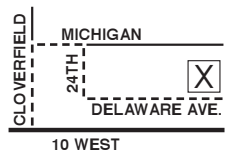


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Historical Gossip of Pacific Palisades
Santa Monica Bay Woman's Club
1210 Fourth St., 7 p.m.
Spend the evening in the company of Randy Young, past president of the Pacific Palisades Historical Society and a well known raconteur. In this free lecture, Young reveals the secrets of Santa Monica and the Palisades from the early 1900s to mid-century. For more information, visit www.smbwc.org.

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HIGH SCHOOL BOYS' VOLLEYBALL

Samohi rakes in the honors

BY DANIEL ARCHULETA
Managing Editor

SAMOHI Fresh off winning the CIF-Southern Section Division 4 championship last month, Santa Monica High School's boys' volleyball team is still reaping the rewards of their dream season.

Senior outside hitter Charles Levy was named division Player of the Year with Head Coach Liane Sato taking home Coach of the Year honors, it was announced Monday.

"This is awesome," Sato said of the recognition. "I'm super stoked."

Sato and Levy aren't alone on the team.

The first team features three Vikings: junior Trevor Pye, sophomore Dane Keckin and senior Julian Hess.

These latest accolades come just a week removed from the announcement of the All-Ocean league team that saw a bevy of Vikings make the squad.

Hess was named Most Valuable Player with Levy earning Most Outstanding Player.

In all, the Vikings had eight players who received all-league honors.

The first team included juniors Pye and Ethan Kahan. They are joined by senior Jack Cramer and Keckin. The second team featured senior David Cline and junior Cody O'Connell.

"I'm so happy for them," Sato said. "They worked hard for the past four years to get their rings."

Sato said that her core group of seniors made a pact during their first year on campus to win a title.

"That's all they would talk about," she added.

The chances of Samohi repeating as champs rest squarely on the shoulders of underclassmen Pye and Keckin, Sato said.

She called Pye the Vikings' most efficient attacker and blocker. While not as dynamic as Levy or Hess, Sato had high praise for Pye's ability to be at the right place at the right time.

As for Keckin, Sato couldn't say enough about the sophomore playing his first year on varsity.

"He really stepped up," she said. "Even when he was on JV, he would come to all of our playoff practices and sit in the stands. That kind of commitment has made him the player he is today."

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SWAT: **Samohi's Charles Levy (center) makes a play against Windward during the playoffs.**

Future of state's budget debate unclear for now

JUDY LIN
Associated Press

SACRAMENTO With 10 days left before California starts a new fiscal year, Democratic and Republican lawmakers on Monday turned to Gov. Jerry Brown for his next move.

What that is, he's not saying.

Lawmakers returned to the Capitol after having little communication with the administration since Brown vetoed a spending plan passed last week by majority Democrats. The governor continues to talk to certain Republicans by telephone as he tries to court four of them to support a special election on tax extensions, Brown spokesman Gil Duran said.

Senate President Pro Tem Darrell Steinberg, D-Sacramento, said he has not spoken to Brown since last week and says no meetings are scheduled. Assemblyman Tom Berryhill, R-Modesto, described it as "silent over the weekend."

Sen. Mark Leno said the governor holds the key to the negotiations because his central budget proposal has not yet received sufficient support and he vetoed the Democrats' proposal.

"What is his plan? We showed ours; he didn't like it. What's his?" said Leno, D-San Francisco.

Brown wants the Legislature to call a special election for later this year so voters can decide whether to extend a series of expiring tax increases for up to five years. So far, he has been unable to get support from the two Republican lawmakers he needs in each house to place a measure on the ballot.

The last of those tax increases expire June 30. After that, any tax proposal would be for new taxes rather than existing ones, putting lawmakers in a politically perilous position.

It's not clear whether Brown has a Plan B, even as time is running out to find compromise.

Democrats passed a spending plan last week to meet the state's June 15 constitutional deadline for the fiscal year that begins July 1. They said they believe that action allows them to continue receiving their paychecks, but state Controller John Chiang will decide whether it meets the language of a voter-approved initiative that halts pay if lawmakers miss their budget deadline.

Brown angered lawmakers from both parties with his swift veto. Democrats com-

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Too much Bloom

Editor:

As an L.A. native and resident of Santa Monica for 17 years, I'm writing to you regarding your June 14 article on Julia Brownley's endorsement of Torie Osborn for the 41st Assembly seat. Frankly, I'm perplexed. I was at Torie's June 12 campaign kick off and the political star power and energy were palpable. Brownley's early endorsement is huge, yet you minimized it, giving more print space to Richard Bloom's reaction and his experience.

As a local paper, I understand that our hometown mayor running for state government is news, but don't forget that Torie is a hometown gal, too. You do mention that Torie is a 25-year Santa Monica resident, but you failed to mention (and I'm still shaking my head about this), Torie's eight-year tenure as executive director of the Liberty Hill Foundation, a nationally-recognized social justice organization based in Santa Monica for 35 years. Under Torie's leadership, Liberty Hill tripled its revenue and grantmaking, and attracted the attention and resources of leaders and the philanthropic community nationwide.

In an article about a key endorsement for Torie, you gave Richard Bloom the most lines to talk about his "accomplishments," but made no mention of Torie's record. For the record, as senior policy advisor to L.A. Mayor Villaraigosa on homelessness, poverty and economic development, Torie actually developed the mayor's plan on homelessness.

As a resident of Santa Monica, when I think of our local hero on homelessness, I think of Bobby Shriver, not Bloom. As a nonprofit sector professional, Bloom did not come to mind when I was looking for speakers and experts on homelessness for a national conference (Torie not only came to mind, she moderated the session and helped me recruit a stellar panel). And again, it was Torie, not Bloom, who facilitated a conference panel on the environment, promoting GREEN LA. Bottom line, Torie's endorsement and early supporters lists speak for themselves: Brownley, Villaraigosa, Kuehl, U.S. Congresswoman Karen Bass, former Santa Monica Mayor Denny Zane, NRDC's Joel Reynolds, former Heal the Bay President Paula Daniels, and a who's who of leaders, service providers, and organizers against homelessness and for affordable housing.

I think you said it best in your May 21st article, "Assembly field taking shape" that "Bloom is not as well known outside the confines of Santa Monica." As opposed to Torie, who is known and respected at the local, state and national levels for her work on key social issues. Your statement leads me to wonder if our mayor's experience can carry him outside the confines of Santa Monica. If the Hines-26th Street project and revelations of campaign contributions to five of the seven City Council members, which reeks of small town politics, is any indication, I'm doubtful. But that's beside the point. We have two candidates from our fair city running for the 41st District Assembly seat, and even though one candidate is mayor, we expect – and should expect – fair and equal reporting from our local paper. Your June 14 piece failed in this respect.

Full disclosure. I'm a Liberty Hill alum. I joined the foundation because someone told me that an organization is only as good as its ED, and proceeded to tell me about Torie. Torie inspired and continues to inspire me, as she does so many people young and old. Julia Brownley is one of these people (she said it, I heard it, you wrote it), and her early endorsement of Torie is not a quid pro quo for Sheila Kuehl's support of her (Brownley) as Bloom would like you to think.

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What's the Point?

David Pisarra — Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Toasting the Toastmasters

TOASTMASTERS INTERNATIONAL IS A group that helps people confront one of their greatest fears — public speaking. It is a nonprofit organization that has over a quarter million members worldwide in 12,000 plus clubs. There are TI clubs from Burbank to Bahrain and inside of companies like American Airlines and the Walt Disney Co.

I joined the Westside Toastmasters club here in Santa Monica and began attending weekly meetings at the Santa Monica Place community room every Wednesday at 7 p.m. for two reasons; one, to become a better public speaker, and two, because when I was looking at the club I was intrigued by the wide selection of people who attended, and I enjoyed the feeling of camaraderie.

As a divorce lawyer, I am in front of people speaking constantly. When I am arguing a case to a judge, in a packed courtroom downtown, and I have only five minutes to make my point, the pressure is on. Usually I am not nervous or anxious when I speak. I've been at this long enough that I know how to handle the butterflies and I realize they go away very quickly.

But judges do not give feedback on my performance, and tips on how to be more effective. They make rulings that impact my client's lives, but they do not critique my presentation, other than saying I won or lost.

To be a more effective presenter, whether on stage or in a courtroom, it takes both practice and training. I have the practice, I needed the training. So I signed up and jumped in to the Toastmaster pool. The meetings are broken down into three parts.

There is a "Table Topics" portion where you have two minutes to answer some impromptu question. This is to build the "thinking on your feet" skill. Next there are prepared speeches, where someone gives a five to seven minute presentation. Finally, there are evaluations where the prepared speech presenter gets critiqued and receives feedback.

Directed speaking and topical evaluations makes for a positive learning environment. It also breeds a sense of community as members become better speakers, and when they participate in contests, the club cheers them on.

Community is a strong element in the success or failure of most organizations. It goes by many names, from team spirit to service work, but at its core it is people helping people to achieve their dreams.

The community feeling of my Toastmasters club is strong. There usually is a group of people who go out afterwards for beers and chicken wings at Barney's Beanery and that's a great time to get to know someone better. Because Toastmasters is a worldwide organization, I've had the fun of meeting a young German engineering student who came to visit our club.

It is this "shared endeavor" experience that leads to closer connections. For example, my friend Rona Lewis is a physical trainer, dietitian, and she's a paid public speaker. Like me, Rona is also an author. Her book series, "Does This Cookbook Make Me Look Fat?" are works that feature light and healthy recipes mixed with large doses of her wicked funny humor. The latest book she has written, "Does This Cookbook Make Me Look Fat — Healthy Recipes for Entertaining" has just been accepted by Barnes & Noble, and is available on her website at www.ronalewis.com.

TO BE A MORE EFFECTIVE PRESENTER, WHETHER ON STAGE OR IN A COURTROOM, IT TAKES BOTH PRACTICE AND TRAINING. I HAVE THE PRACTICE, I NEEDED THE TRAINING.

It's a snappy read with great low-fat recipes, each of which has wine pairings by three different sommeliers. The recipes are long on flavor and short on fat. They are easy to prepare with the basics of most family kitchens. I have used her books, tasted her cooking and been inspired by her to continue growing in my public speaking ability.

The beauty of this self-paced, club environment is that anyone who wants to improve themselves can — and do so at a pace that is comfortable for them. From the terrified newbie who squeaks out a two-minute table topics speech on the joys of chocolate chip cookies, to the professional speaker, Toastmasters can provide helpful feedback.

With the help of my fellow club members, on the outside I've improved my speaking ability to become more effective. On the inside, the butterflies go away quicker, but best of all, I've made some great friends who have shared with me their life experiences.

That's why I wanted to raise a toast to Toastmasters.

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How politicians can honor fathers

AFTER BEING INUNDATED WITH NEWS reports of male public figures behaving badly, Father's Day gave us a much-needed opportunity to turn attention to the many fathers and husbands who work tirelessly to support their families — and to call on elected officials to move policies that allow all men to be good fathers, sons and husbands without being punished for it at work.

First, we saw Mark Kelly take time off from his space training to be at the bedside of his wife, Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords, as she recovered from the traumatic shooting.

Then, in a more celebratory moment, Colby Lewis and Ian Desmond told the baseball league and fans that while they loved the game, the birth of a child warranted missing one or two.

Happily but not surprisingly, the Texas Rangers are still in first place, and the Endeavor shuttle launch was a success.

The iconic photos of Mark Kelly camped out at Gabrielle Giffords' bedside and holding her hand offer poignant evidence that men, as well as women, respond to a loved one's crisis by wanting to be right by that person's side.

Scientific evidence demonstrates that the presence of these men is not just sentimental or symbolic. Babies whose fathers have been more actively involved with their care score higher on a key infant development test and are more socially responsive. A year later, these babies show more resilience when faced with stressful situations.

Similarly, the involvement of loved ones is critical to the recovery of brain trauma patients. According to Dr. Stephan Mayer, director of the Neurological Intensive Care Unit at Columbia University Medical Center, "the common denominator is a present, loving and supportive family. I can't say how important it is to have your loved ones around you helping you battle through."

It's awesome that these men were able to take time off to support their wives and welcome their babies into this world, and they could do it all without worrying about their job. But the policies that allowed these high-profile and high-powered fathers and husbands to be with their families at critical junctures are sorely lacking for most the dads who are working hard to support their families.

Consider this: the law allowing men to take family leave covers only half the country's workers. Of those who have it, many cannot afford to take it because the time is unpaid.

Two in five private sector workers have no paid sick days, and the vast majority of workers who do are not allowed to use the time to care for a sick family member.

Without paid sick days or paid family leave, which are policies in nearly every other country around the world, too many of our dads miss the births of their children and are unable to stay home to care for their kids when they're sick because of the fear of losing their job, or being unable to miss a day's wages.

In this season of commemorating fathers and mothers, leaders across the country have a chance to give families a really meaningful gift: support for policies that allow men to be caregivers as well as breadwinners.

Recently, Gov. Dan Malloy signed the country's first statewide law letting workers earn paid sick days that they can use for their own illness or that of a family member. City Council members in Philadelphia are considering a similar bill, and may be joined this year by decision-makers in Seattle and New York and voters in Denver.

In other states and cities across the country, leaders are realizing that paid sick days is a policy that's good for the public health, good for working families and good for the economy. And members of Congress can sign on to the Healthy Families Act, a national paid sick days bill re-introduced by Sen. Tom Harkin and Congresswoman Rosa DeLauro.

Congress can also support the president's inclusion of $23 million in the federal budget for grants to states to help establish family leave insurance funds that will ensure men and women are able to afford to take care of themselves and their families after the birth of a child or during longer term illnesses. This policy is also gaining traction: California and New Jersey have established programs, Washington has passed one; several others are exploring paid family leave insurance.

Few men can throw a ball 90 miles an hour or hurtle into space at 17,500 miles an hour. But all our dads are working hard, and they deserve time to be loving family members.

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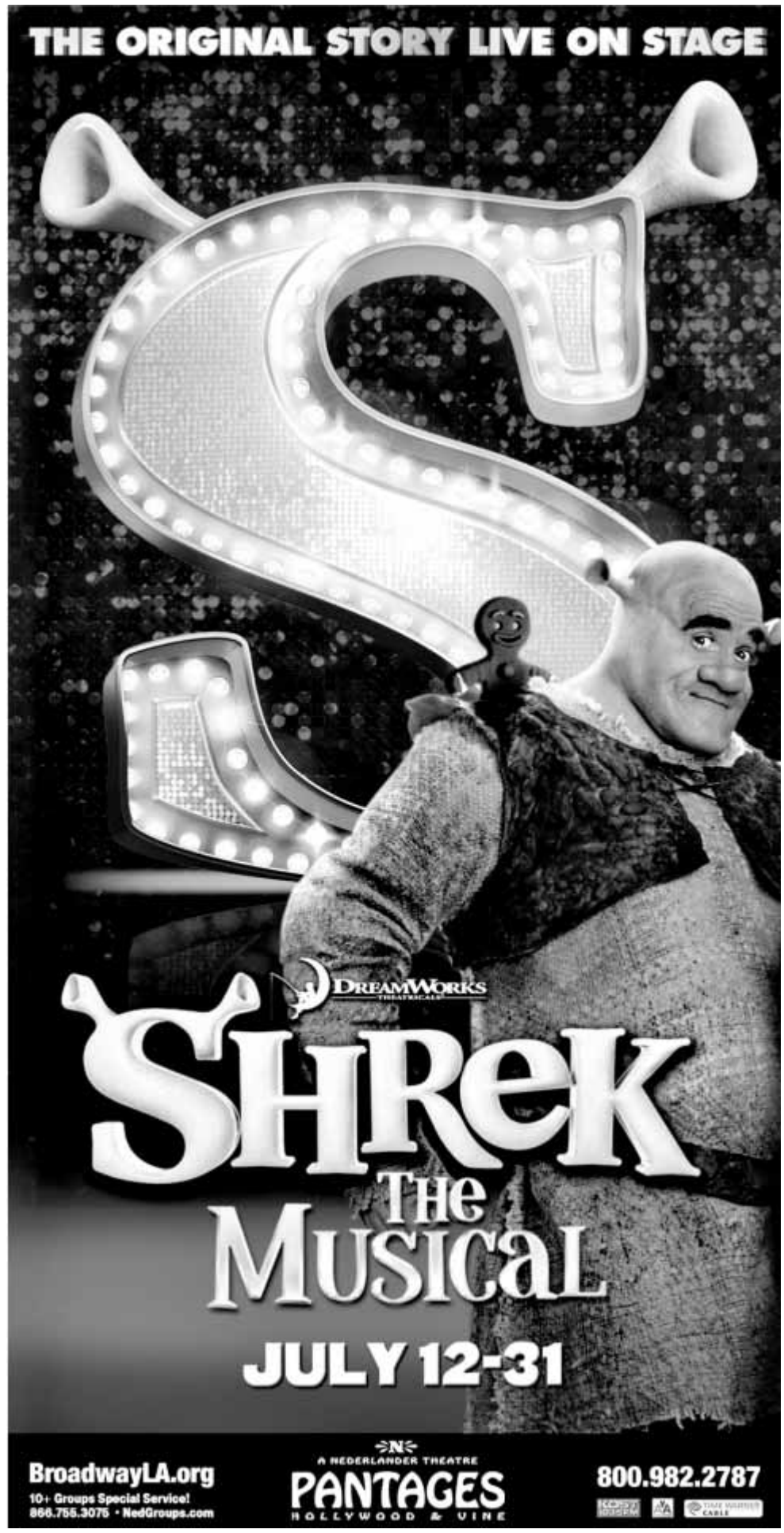
The Planning Commission last week absolved Saint John's Health Center of building a promised parking structure. With the commission's approval, the matter will go before the City Council for a final decision.

So, this week's Q-Line question asks:
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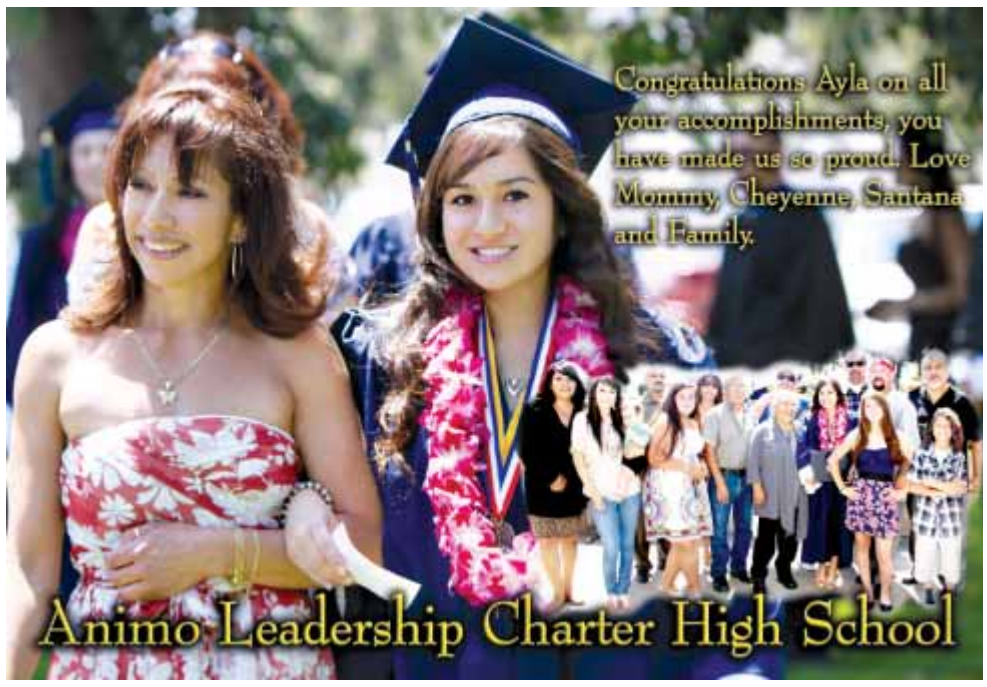




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Suspect in Giants fan beating to be held for 10 months

THOMAS WATKINS
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES The main suspect in the brutal beating of a San Francisco Giants fan outside Dodger Stadium was sent back to prison Monday for 10 months for a parole violation.

Giovanni Ramirez, 31, has been in custody since May 22, when police arrested him in connection with the attack on Bryan Stow.

Investigators said they found a handgun in a laundry basket at the house where Ramirez was staying, which meant authorities could detain him for investigation of violating parole.

At Monday's hearing to determine if Ramirez should remain in custody, a commissioner found there was cause to believe the convicted felon had violated his parole by having access to a weapon. That charge was amended from an initial allegation of being a felon in possession of a firearm.

Ramirez's parole attorney said he would appeal the finding.

"The fight's not over," J. Christopher Smith said after the hearing.

Court records show Ramirez was convicted in 2005 of possession of a firearm by a felon.

Ramirez has not been charged in the attack on Stow and police have been in no hurry to present a case to prosecutors while he is in jail. It was not clear if Ramirez would be sent to state prison or if he would serve his parole violation term in county jail.

Ramirez's lawyers assert their client was nowhere near Dodger Stadium at the time of the March 31 attack.

Attorney Jose Romero has said 11 family members and friends have provided an alibi for Ramirez, saying he was at an aunt's house. Neighbors are also supporting the claim, Romero said.

Smith has said he did not believe authorities had sufficient evidence to show his client was in possession of a firearm. The Police Department declined to comment.

Stow, a 42-year-old paramedic, remains in critical but stable condition under heavy sedation to prevent seizures caused by traumatic brain injury.

Police say they're still looking for a second attacker and a woman who drove the car carrying the men.

Feds seek order banning motorcycle gang's logo

GREG RISLING
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES Federal prosecutors sought a final order Monday barring members of the notorious Mongols motorcycle gang from wearing or distributing its trademarked logo and using its name.

The move came after nearly three years of legal wrangling between the Mongols and prosecutors over the insignia that shows a ponytailed Genghis Khan-like figure aboard a chopper.

The order, if signed by U.S. District Judge Otis Wright, would make the government the owner of the logo and the club's name, Assistant U.S. Attorney Steven Welk said.

The prosecution's request marked the first time in the U.S. the government has sought control of a gang's identity — via its logo — through a court order.

The effort is part of a 2008 racketeering indictment that accused gang members of murder, drug trafficking and torture. More than 100 people faced charges in state and federal courts, and dozens have pleaded guilty to crimes ranging from drug possession to conspiracy.

Prosecutors argued the logo should be forfeited because the trademarks were acquired and maintained by former Mongol president Ruben "Doc" Cavazos while the club was involved in criminal activity. Cavazos has pleaded guilty to racketeering conspiracy and is expected to be sentenced later this year.

"During his tenure as national president, Cavazos personally controlled the distribution and use of the registered marks, also with the knowledge and consent of the gang membership," prosecutors wrote in court documents filed last week.

However, attorney George Steele, who represents the Mongols club, said a person cannot own a collective membership insignia.

"That is the key issue here," Steele said at the hearing Monday before Wright, who took the matter under submission.

Another judge issued an injunction in late 2008 prohibiting Mongol members from wearing the logo. The move led to numerous seizures across the nation of Mongol-related gear. Wright last year entered a preliminary order of forfeiture.

However, Wright found in favor of the Mongol Nation Motorcycle Club Inc. in September, ruling that none of the defendants had a forfeitable ownership interest in the logo, and vacated his order.

Over the past several months, prosecutors have culled more evidence to show the judge that Mongol members knew Cavazos was the sole owner of the logo. Cavazos said during a deposition in April that the insignia was his property.

"They were in my personal control to begin (with)," Cavazos said. "Mongol Nation is mine."

Prosecutors had planned to play an August 2008 recording at Monday's hearing in which then-Mongol president Hector Gonzalez is heard at a club meeting telling members that Cavazos was the logo's rightful owner, Welk said. Wright opted not to hear oral arguments, though.

The club's website displays the logo on its home page and promises to have an online store with its black-and-white apparel soon.

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Silence less golden during movies with talking, texts

CHRISTY LEMIRE
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES It seems like such a quaint notion: Folks would go to the movie theater, buy their tickets at the box office, then sit down, shut up and pay attention for two hours to what was on the screen.

Now, the piercing glow of cell phones lights up the darkness like so many pesky fireflies, and people talk to each other in a packed auditorium as if they were sitting in the privacy of their own living rooms.

The Alamo Drafthouse Cinema in Austin, Texas, did something about this trend by kicking out a patron who refused to adhere to the theater's rule against talking or texting, then turned the ranting, profane voice message she left into a hilarious public service announcement. It's gotten over 1.75 million hits on YouTube in just a couple of weeks.

But what happened to our attention spans? Why must we talk, text and tweet in the middle of a movie? And what — if anything — can theaters do to stop this erosion of cinema civility?

Matt Atchity, editor-in-chief of the Rotten Tomatoes film review website, crafted "10 Commandments for Movie Audiences" including "Thou shalt not text." But the ubiquity of cell phones makes these sensible suggestions hard to enforce.

"Even 10 years ago, not everyone had a phone, not everyone was text messaging. The younger generation grew up and the kids who were texting in class are now the kids who are texting in movies," Atchity said.

He added that Hollywood's focus on the 18-24 demographic is also a factor. "A big opening release is like going to Chuck E. Cheese," Atchity said.

While adults might believe what's on screen deserves their full attention, kids nowadays view the movie-going experience as interactive, said Bill Goodykoontz, film critic for The Arizona Republic and father of four.

"They can't imagine seeing anything, including a movie, without immediately supplying their reactions," said Goodykoontz, who's also chief film critic for Gannett.

Producer Barry Mendel ("Bridesmaids") believes the reliance on social media and 24-7 information has bled into every part of our lives — even places that are meant to provide an escape.

"It's very rare in our society to sit and stare at something intensely and without distraction for two hours. People just don't have that muscle anymore," said Mendel, a two-time Oscar nominee for best picture for "The Sixth Sense" and "Munich."

"It makes me worry for my profession, for making movies," he continued. "In order for a movie to be good, someone needs to sit down and read a screenplay and help the writer make it better. Instead they start reading a script, then they stop reading it and pick it up later."

Rachael Harris ("The Hangover," "Diary of a Wimpy Kid") said a guy recently walked in late to a private screening of the new independent film she stars in, "Natural Selection," sat down next to her and immediately checked his BlackBerry.

"As an actor, you do have a sense of: 'How dare I not be riveting enough that you have to check your email?' You react personally but then you realize it's not personal. It's just bad manners," she said.

But many of the young people who engage in these practices don't think it's a problem because everyone does it. Thirteen-year-old Will Barnes of Frisco, Texas, says he texts sometimes during movies, but tries to be courteous.

"I didn't really like 'Thor,' so I just pulled out my phone and texted a little bit. It was during the day so nobody was really in the theater at the time," Barnes said. "I'm just looking at the screen, I'm not paying attention to what other people are doing. But you see adults doing it and I think it's a little immature for their age to be texting during a movie."

Fourteen-year-old Andrea Lopez of Newhall, Calif., says she leaves her phone on during movies but keeps it on silent: "Normally I'll just text during the end of the movie to have my mom or dad come pick me up."

But when others are blatantly using their phones, Lopez said, "that's ridiculous. Then they're just ruining the movie for everyone else. The least they can do is go outside and talk."

But not all offenders are adolescents: "I am the worst. It annoys my kids," said Tracy Tofte, a 40-year-old real estate agent and mother of two in Santa Clarita, Calif. "If it's a slow part of the movie I can't help looking at my phone and going, 'Oh, I have an email.'"

Theater owners have tried a variety of methods to get folks to keep quiet and stay off their phones, from showing amusing messages beforehand to having ushers sweep through the auditorium during the show, said John Fithian, president of the National Association of Theatre Owners. Some have experimented with dividing moviegoers into over-21 and under-21 auditoriums, but that can get disorganized.

"It's an educational process but we and our members and the people who write about our industry know that the beauty of cinema, first of all, is that it's a shared experience. That means there are shared responsibilities," said Fithian.

With the expansion of the international movie market, mobile phone etiquette has also become an issue in overseas theaters.

Before a movie starts in India, warnings flash on the screen asking people to switch off their phones or put them on silent, yet some folks continue to chat anyway and theater workers don't kick them out.

Compliance is far better in Hong Kong, where patrons generally heed a message urging them to turn off or silence their phones before the movie.

In Britain, peer pressure usually keeps theaters quiet. Moviegoers are familiar with a long-running series of ads shown beforehand under the slogan: "Don't Let a Mobile Phone Ruin Your Movie." The comic promos feature well-known actors having their movie projects destroyed by a clueless mobile phone executive.

Theaters in China range from plush auditoriums in large cities to basic theaters in smaller towns that may even lack concession stands. So the demographic of moviegoers tends to vary, too, along with their attention to etiquette, with audiences in the higher-end theaters typically more compliant.

Around 2004, the National Association of Theatre Owners investigated technology that would block cell phone signals in U.S. theaters. When word of that got out, responses came flooding in, said Fithian, the NATO president.

Sixty percent were in favor of the idea, with 40 percent against it, "but the 40 percent was violent," he said. "Parents have to stay in touch with their babysitters. People are so focused on how important their jobs are that they had to be in touch 24/7. I felt like asking these people, 'What did you do 15 years ago?'"

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BIG DAY

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The Santa Monica PONY All-Stars from the Mustang Division pose after winning the United States Specialty Sports Association Annual Father's Day Classic over the weekend in Chino Hills.

BAN

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"The idea is using this as a catalyst in looking at the drinks we're serving and what to do about it," he said.

Flavored milks are getting a bad reputation, but they have good and bad points, according to the American Heart Association.

According to the association's website, sugars make foods more enjoyable for kids and adults alike. When they're added to nutrient-rich foods, like milk, studies show that the quality of children's diets improve and "there is no negative impact on their weight."

Erin Neistat Morse, the chief clinical dietitian at the Santa Monica-UCLA Medical Center and UCLA Ronald Reagan Medical Center, said that the issue of flavored milk can go both ways.

Childhood obesity, which has tripled since 1980 to 17 percent of children aged 2 to 19 years old, must be blamed on more than chocolate milk, Neistat Morse said.

"We live in a nation where kids live on the computer and don't go outside," she said. "There's also soda consumption, and the availability of affordable fruits and veggies."

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Of course, the added colors and flavors in strawberry and chocolate milk don't add any nutritional benefit to the base product, and would be better left out.

"It'd be great if the schools got together and did an exciting campaign around plain milk," Neistat Morse said. "It might help if they don't have all the options and just drink what's there."

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BUDGET

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plained that he has been unable to persuade Republicans to agree to his special election, while Republicans were miffed that he blamed them for the fiscal impasse. The handful of Republican lawmakers who have been negotiating with Brown say they want pension reforms and a spending cap in return for their support of a special election.

The governor said the Democratic budget plan didn't go far enough. He said he did not want to see "more billions in borrowing, legal maneuvers that are questionable and a budget that will not stand the test of time."

Duran said Monday that Brown will keep pursuing tax extensions because he doesn't want to "just kick the can down the road and paper over the holes."

Brown wants to ask voters to extend for up to five years the increases in the sales, vehicle and personal income taxes enacted in 2009. The higher sales and vehicle taxes expire June 30, while the increased personal income tax rate expired in January.

In the meantime, he wants the Legislature to approve funding that would extend the vehicle and sales tax increases until the special election, which could come as soon as September.

Democrats have majorities in the Assembly and Senate but need at least two Republican votes in each house to pass tax increases or place measures on a ballot.

Some Republicans remain optimistic that the Legislature could work out a compromise by the end of the month.

"Both sides are going to have to sit down and have some conversations, because there's 10 days until a budget needs to be passed. So it's getting down to time to make those decisions," said Sen. Bill Emmerson, R-Hemet.

Emmerson said four Senate Republicans remain willing to put the tax issue before voters based on the reforms they feel are needed to solve the state's long-term problems. But he said he doesn't know if the Legislature's passage and Brown's veto of the budget last week changes the dynamics of the budget discussions.

"That's one I can't answer," he said.



CLINIC
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new mobile health clinic that will be coming off the assembly line in coming months.

The mobile unit, paid for using funding from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, better known as the stimulus bill, cost $250,000, and is under construction right now in Perris, Calif., a process which takes anywhere from six to eight months to complete, said Debra A. Farmer, president and CEO of Westside Family Health Center.

The Ford F Series motorhome chassis fits two complete exam rooms, outfitted with a small lab, vaccine freezer, refrigerator, clinician area and a small waiting room.

It will also have a wheelchair lift and bathrooms built to comply with Americans with Disabilities Act regulations, said Mary Hall, a spokeswoman for University Specialty Vehicles, the company that's building the vehicle.

The company is working on a full exterior graphic wrap that will be colorful and "cute," Hall said in a phone message.

Adding a mobile unit to the center's toolkit will expand its ability to extend services to low-income families that don't have the time or resources to make the trip to the center.

"People don't understand that freeways act as mountain ranges in Los Angeles," Farmer said. "It's really hard. Even though we have this massive transit system, taking two or three buses when you have kids with you is difficult."

Much of the center's work away from its Ocean Park Boulevard clinic has focused on education, but without the facilities to provide clinic services, it had hit a wall on what it could do to benefit the community.

At the same time, the lagging economy reduced donations and increased demand, usually by the most needy who were also seeing their bus services decreased by budget cuts.

With the new unit, center employees can make trips to schools, churches, day labor sites or make other arrangements to go where they're needed, Farmer said.

Schools could benefit from the services, particularly with new requirements that high school students get their tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis vaccine before the administration will give them their class schedules.

"Wouldn't that be easier, with us sitting outside of the school for the last week in August or the first week in September?" Farmer said. "They could just go to the mobile clinic and get it."

The health center is in talks to get agreements in place with a variety of agencies to provide health services on-site, which could include providing reproductive health resources to local middle schools, according to school health officials.

It already has signed agreements with St. Joseph Center, Jewish Family Services of Los Angeles and the Didi Hirsch Community Mental Health Center.

Farmer hopes to get the mobile clinic up and running by August.

It's been a long time coming. Westside Family Health Center did three months of research prior to applying for the grant to make sure it was worthwhile for both the community and the center.

A year after the grant was awarded, in September 2010, the center actually put the project out to bid.

"We did a lot of research," Farmer said.

Their quest for information took them to San Diego, Ventura and Orange county health clinics to get information on what services were offered and how the mobile clinics fit into the wider picture of each health center.

The clinic was supposed to be up and running by now, but unusually heavy snows in Detroit over the winter stalled the delivery of the chassis, which Universal Specialty Vehicles needed to begin construction on the medical unit.

In the meantime, Westside managed to secure more funding to not only hold onto its staff — which was looking dicey — but also to hire five more and retain a nurse and doctor.

Some of those staff will be manning the mobile clinic.

According to the center's website, the stimulus grant covered just the purchase price of the medical mobile unit. It's actively seeking funding partners to cover additional costs of the vehicle, like maintenance or fuel.

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Student visa program has new rules, same problems

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JACKSON, Miss. The State Department is publicly acknowledging that one of its most popular exchange programs leaves foreign college students vulnerable to exploitation, but it's unclear if new regulations the agency is pushing will do enough to stop the abuses.

The revised rules aim to shift more responsibility onto the 53 entities the department designates official sponsors in the J-1 Summer Work Travel Program. Historically, many sponsors have farmed out those duties to third-party contractors, making the sponsors "mere purveyors of J-1 visas," according to the State Department's proposed new rules published this spring in the Federal Register.

Federal auditors have criticized the department for years for depending on sponsors, some of whom make millions of dollars off J-1 students, to oversee the program and investigate complaints. Yet the new regulations would require little or no direct oversight by State Department employees, leaving sponsors free to continue policing themselves and their partners.

The changes are to take effect July 15, too late for thousands of students already in the country for another season of cleaning hotel rooms, waiting tables and working checkout counters.

Students visiting under J-1 visas make ideal victims since they are here temporarily and may not know how to seek help. An Associated Press investigation published six months ago found that many participants paid thousands of dollars to come to the U.S., only to learn the jobs they were promised didn't exist. Some had to share beds in crowded houses or apartments, charged so much for lodging and transportation that they took home no pay. Others turned to the sex industry, while some sought help from homeless shelters.

In posting the proposed new rules, State Department officials detailed problems that largely mirrored the AP's findings, then blamed lack of oversight by the sponsors, and expressed confidence the changes will help clean up the program, partly by requiring sponsors to verify that students have jobs and that the employers are legitimate.

A review of the new regulations shows they have few teeth, however. While the changes spell out how sponsors are to vet third-party brokers and how often they are to touch base with visiting students, the rules are vague on how vigorously the State Department will check to verify those duties are done.

The proposed rules call for sponsors to compile reports, including background checks, on overseas brokers who put students in touch with them, and to submit those reports to U.S. consulates. The department also will conduct a spot check of the biggest sponsors.

But the agency has just a handful of employees who keep track of this and other foreign exchange programs, which handle more than 300,000 participants, according to the Economic Policy Institute, a nonpartisan think tank that plans to publish a report on the program.

While the State Department acknowledged that housing and living conditions have been a problem, there's nothing in the new regulations that addresses oversight of those issues. The revised policies also contain no mention of penalties if sponsors are found lacking.

State Department spokesman John Fleming said rules already on the books allow sanctions ranging from written reprimands to revocation of sponsors' designations.

But the department also acknowledged that no Summer Work Travel sponsor has ever been removed from the program for its treatment of students, despite years of complaints of exploitation and deplorable living and working conditions, according to documents obtained by the AP. And only a few sponsors have ever been reprimanded, according to the State Department.

"You can have all the rules and the regulations in the world, but if you don't have enforcement, the rules are worthless. They're not worth the paper they're written on," said George Collins, an Okaloosa County, Fla., sheriff's inspector who has been complaining to the State Department for 10 years about the problems.

Prompted in part by the AP project and by complaints from visiting students, the House Judiciary Committee's immigration subcommittee had planned a hearing on the program Wednesday, but the hearing was postponed.

The Summer Work Travel Program allows foreign college students to live and work in the United States for four months. It brought more than 130,000 men and women to the United States last year alone.

Participation has increased dramatically over the last decade, but so have the problems. In one of the worst cases unearthed by the AP, at least two J-1 students from Ukraine were beaten and forced to work in strip clubs in Detroit. One said she was raped by her captors.

"This is a dangerous program because the State Department has outsourced its oversight role to the program sponsors and employers who hire the participants," said Daniel Costa, an immigration policy analyst who is working on the Economic Policy Institute's report.

State Department officials insist the "safety and well-being of all J-1 exchange participants is our top priority," and note that the vast majority of visitors under the sprawling program enjoy their stays and return home with little trouble.

The new regulations also promise closer scrutiny of participants from several nations, including Belarus, Bulgaria and Russia, that are "known sources of the types of criminal activity that the State Department wishes to avoid," according to the Federal Register. Students have been used to launder money stolen from U.S. banks, and women forced into the sex industry through the J-1 program often come from Eastern Europe.

The State Department, again shifting blame, said in the Federal Register that it wanted to publish the proposed rules changes sooner but waited after sponsors complained they had already signed contracts to provide workers this season to resorts and other employers.

"Inadequacies in U.S. sponsors' vetting and monitoring procedures contribute to potentially dangerous or unwelcomed situations for these participants," the State Department said in the Federal Register. "This past summer the Department received a significantly increased number of complaints from foreign governments, program participants, their families, concerned American citizens."

Yet the AP found that while law enforcement and others had complained to the State Department for years about abuse in the J-1 program, the agency didn't start tracking complaints until last year — after the AP asked for the documents in a Freedom of Information Act request. Once the agency began keeping a log of complaints, the list quickly grew into the dozens, according to documents the AP obtained through the Freedom of Information Act.

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Push presents give moms a little bling

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NEW YORK Rachel Zoe has a beautiful baby boy. To celebrate, husband Rodger Berman gave her a "push present" in the form of a 10-carat diamond ring that cost $250,000.

Mariah Carey got a push present, too — a $12,000 pink diamond and sapphire necklace from husband Nick Cannon with the names of their twins, Moroccan and Monroe. Peggy Tanous of "The Real Housewives of Orange County" turned her mega-mommy gift into a tagline:

"Soccer moms drive a minivan, but this girl drives a Bentley."

Back here on earth, where the rest of us live and spend, can new dads get away with a simple bouquet of flowers, a token bauble with the new arrival's birthstone or — as one father suggested — a kiss and a smile? And what do feminists make of the arguably medieval notion of rewarding a woman for producing an heir?

Gina Crosley-Corcoran, who writes The Feminist Breeder blog, was pregnant with her third child in April when she found herself ruminating on the subject, in response to some doubters on her Facebook page:

"As I sit here in my hugely pregnant state, suffering from heartburn, gas, leg pain, hip pain, insomnia, fatigue, irritability, anxiety, heat flashes, gastric upset, swelling, and everything else that comes with having an entirely formed human being kicking around in my womb, who will soon demand on coming OUT of my womb through a relatively small orifice in a not-at-all-pleasant feeling manner, I cannot help but think Seriously?!?! Seriously. A freaking diamond is the LEAST he can do."

It was a girl for the 33-year-old pre-law student, women's rights advocate, doula and former rock chick in a band. She live-blogged the birth, her first at home, and received a tiny diamond (her baby girl's birthstone) for a pendant she and her husband had begun with the birthstones of their two boys.

"I was surprised that people equated push presents to, like, giving a horse a prize at the end of the race," Crosley-Corcoran said. "I agree the term push present could be changed. Let's just call them birth presents."

There's no official history of push presents, a term some object to on grounds that it cheapens the occasion. By some accounts, post-partum bling seems to have made its way to the United States over the last decade or so from England, where a ring was in order, and from India, where gold jewelry was the way to go (boys apparently meant more gold than girls, traditionally speaking).

The idea wasn't lost on jewelers. The retailer Mayors took on the tradition in a 2005 ad campaign for diamond studs: "She delivered your first born, now give her twins." Fortunoff thought up a push present registry in 2007. That was the year BabyCenter.com surveyed 30,000 women and found 38 percent of new moms got a push present — and 55 percent of the still-pregnant wanted one.

In fact, it's hard to find a naysayer.

"Giving birth is hard work and I am not going to quibble with anyone piling any kind of gift at any woman's feet," said Naomi Wolf, the third-wave feminist author of "The Beauty Myth" and — more to the point — "Misconceptions." In that book, she chronicled the not-so-smooth experience of having her first child and her angsty start on motherhood.

"I think women do expect more than flowers because of what our society and media have told them they should expect," said Jessica LeRoy, founder and clinical director of the Center for the Psychology of Women, a feminist-based psychotherapy practice in Los Angeles. "It is a status symbol, and women feel this need to measure up, their child to measure up and their partner. This is an actual outward expression of their status and family."

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Kristen Burris in Eagle, Idaho, used to be a push present skeptic. The acupuncturist and herbalist thought the idea was "self-indulgent and ridiculous," yet another way to turn childbirth into an over-the-top outgrowth of a consumer-driven culture.

Then she got pregnant. While attempting natural childbirth, Burris pushed for 12 hours without success and was treated to an emergency C-section, done, she said, without adequate anesthesia. After, her husband's grandmother gave her a pair of diamond studs she had previously borrowed for seven hours to wear at her wedding.

Her second baby came with an upgrade of the center stone in her engagement ring.

"In my heart I feel these pieces of jewelry already belong to my two sons, honoring who they are and where they came from," Burris said.

Emily Loen is single without children, but she hopes to become a mother eventually. She's also an organizer for the Bay Area Coalition for Our Reproductive Rights in San Francisco.

To follow up childbirth with a "trivial trinket" seems "very shallow, stupid and insipid," Loen said. But, in the end, she added, "Feminism is about choice. It comes down to whatever floats your boat."

Does Gloria Steinem approve of push presents?

"Unfortunately Gloria doesn't have a comment on this — not having much personal experience with it nor the experiences of friends to go off of," her office said in an email.

Loen is 29. Steinem is 77, so maybe there's a generational shift. "Marriage is socialism among two people," women's rights thinker Barbara Ehrenreich once said. Nearly a decade Steinem's junior, she, too, had never heard of push presents.

"I mean, the baby used to be enough of a reward," Ehrenreich said. "But I suppose that if you're not really into babies, you might need a little more 'incentivization.'"

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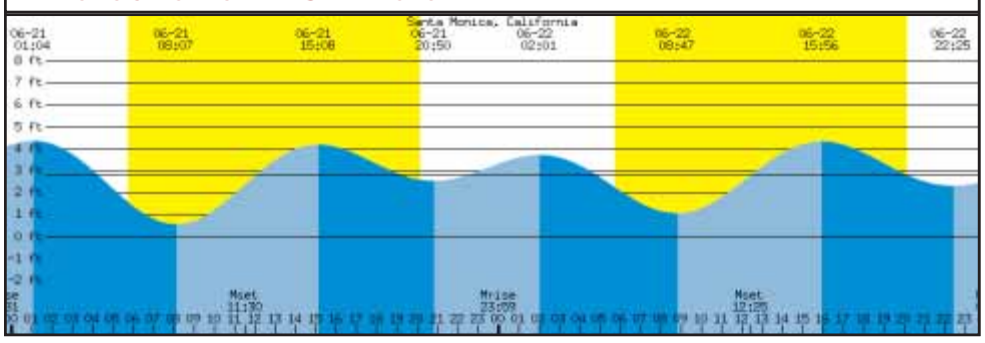
Swell Forecast

About knee to waist most everywhere.

Long Range Synopsis

Looks fairly small but a weak swath of southern hemi swell should place most south facing breaks in at least waist high surf.

Tide Forecast for Today in Santa Monica



BEACH REPORT CARD

NORTH LOS ANGELES COUNTY

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QUICK STATS (for the last 30 days)

- Number of sewage spills -- 1
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- 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

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LOCATION	DRY	WET
Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth.	B	ns
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	ns
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechusa and Las Ailso 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.	F	ns
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	A+	A+
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	F	F
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	F	ns
Solstice Canyon at Don Blocker County Beach.	D	D
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth.	D	ns
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd..	B	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
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.	B	D
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain.	A	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..	B	ns
Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- lifeguard tower.	A	D
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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MLB

League rejects proposed Dodgers TV deal with Fox

GREG RISLING
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES Baseball Commissioner Bud Selig has rejected a proposed television deal between the Los Angeles Dodgers and Fox that voids a recent divorce settlement between team owner Frank McCourt and his ex-wife, Jamie McCourt.

In a statement released Monday, Selig said the TV contract would further divert Dodger assets to McCourt's "personal needs."

"Given the magnitude of the transaction, such a diversion of assets would have the effect of mortgaging the future of the franchise to the long-term detriment of the club and its fans," Selig wrote.

The McCourts reached an agreement Friday that was contingent on Selig's approval of a TV deal with Fox reported to be worth up to $3 billion. Under the settlement, Frank McCourt would receive $385 million upfront. However, the settlement terms showed about $150 million would be used toward paying attorneys' fees, existing debt and an account that would be monitored by the divorce judge.

Messages left for both Frank and Jamie McCourt's spokesmen were not immediately returned. On Friday, Frank McCourt said he had met criteria set forth by Major League Baseball in order for the TV contract to get approval.

The former couple has been embroiled in a contentious divorce where their lavish spending habits were exposed.

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> MLB Commissioner

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11:35am, 2:45pm, 6:10pm, 9:25pm

Submarine (NR) 1hr 37min
12:05pm, 2:30pm, 5:00pm, 7:30pm, 9:55pm

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X-Men: First Class (PG-13) 2hrs 11min
12:50pm, 4:05pm, 7:10pm, 10:25pm

Super 8 (PG-13) 1hr 52min
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Bridesmaids (R) 2hrs 05min
12:55pm, 2:00pm, 4:00pm, 7:00pm

Bridesmaids (R) 2hrs 05min
10:00pm, 10:45pm

Kung Fu Panda 2 3D (PG-13) 1hr 31min
10:30am, 1:00pm, 3:30pm, 6:00pm, 8:30pm

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Tree of Life (PG-13) 2hrs 18min
1:10pm, 4:10pm, 7:15pm, 10:15pm

Queen of the Sun: What Are the Bees Telling Us? (NR) 1hr 23min
1:50pm, 4:20pm, 7:00pm, 9:20pm

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

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Kung Fu Panda 2 (PG) 1hr 31min
12:15pm, 2:35pm

Green Lantern (PG-13) 1hr 45min
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Hangover Part II (R) 1hr 42min
7:20pm, 9:30pm

Beginners (R) 1hr 44min
11:35am, 2:10pm, 4:55pm, 7:30pm, 10:05pm

Mr. Popper's Penguins (PG) 1hr 35min
12:00pm, 2:35pm, 5:10pm, 7:45pm, 10:20pm

Art of Getting By (PG-13) 1hr 23min
11:10am, 1:25pm, 3:35pm, 5:45pm, 8:05pm, 10:15pm

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Homeward bound, Sag

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★ Assume a low profile. You are about to change directions. A boss is difficult and is transforming right in front of you. Know your limits and understand what is happening within a special bond. Focus on where you want to make a difference. Tonight: Play it low-key.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★★ Honor your priorities, which involves a more detached approach. Answers come forward when you are not triggered. Understand when enough is enough. Visualize more of what you want from a situation. That, with unusual perception, will help you hit a home run. Tonight: Just don't be alone.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★ Take a stand if need be. You could be overwhelmed by a situation. A partner could be most controlling about the outcome. Your ability to change directions comes forth. Remain flexible, and you will gain. Tonight: Burning the midnight oil.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Reach out for someone who has unusual thinking. That person could be instrumental in choosing a new direction. A partner or associate might be changing and is very demanding at present. Your response might be more normal than you think. Tonight: Opt for a different type of night.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ A partner could be challenging on a daily basis. Coming to terms with this person's needs, as well as his or her requests, could be exhausting. A discussion could help you isolate what's important from what's irrelevant, giving you a little more space. Tonight: An important chat.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ Defer to others. Know what is happening with a partner. You could be overwhelmed by others. You might need to screen your calls or do something else that you would prefer not to do. Zero in on key priorities in the next few weeks. Tonight: Shop options.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ You need to focus in order to complete what you must. A discussion could be a high priority, but you also might be a little stunned by what emerges. If you want to pursue the perceptive path, do. In your heart, you might be reluctant. Honor your inner voice. Tonight: Working late.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★★ You cannot deflect or hide your enthusiasm, which probably stems from a personal matter. Still, know when it is appropriate to let the cat out of the bag, which is not today. Be careful with a partner who can act up. Tonight: Ever frisky.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ Dealing with family and a domestic matter could slow you down. Knowing what is enough and the appropriate choices could be key to dealing with some negativity. Sooner or later, someone has to open up and talk! Tonight: Homeward bound.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★★ Communication overwhelms you. You might feel the need to pull back and demand less. Your sense of humor emerges when dealing with others. Laughter comes forth once you let go of an issue. Tonight: Be smart -- don't personalize everything you hear.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★ You can go way overboard with spending. You might feel repressed in some manner. You wonder what you need to do in order to open up. Discussions are animated and lively. Someone might be touting one idea, wanting controversy and opinions. Tonight: Buy a treat on the way home.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ Empower yourself to make a change. Open doors and understand that although you might be fearful, you might want to go through the experience anyway. Understand that a partner might be expressing a great deal of satisfaction. Tonight: In the limelight.

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

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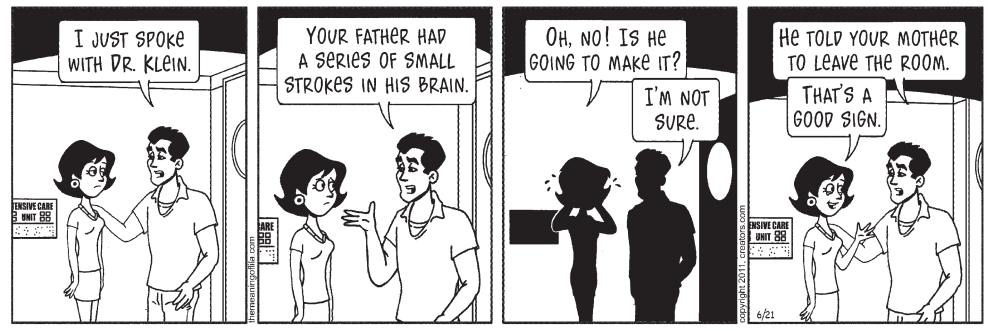
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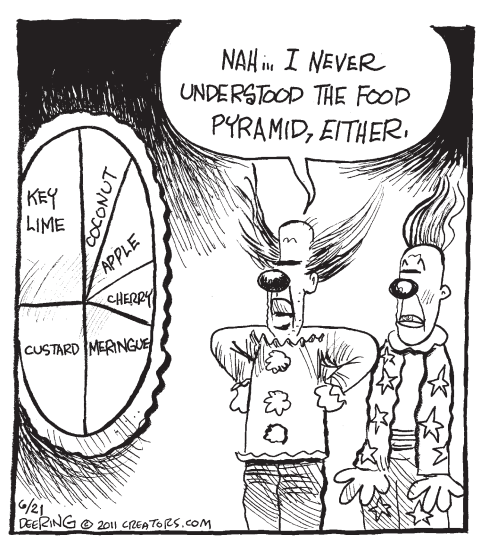
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Sudoku

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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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.

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1 Bakery buys
6 Hunting weapon
11 Identical
12 Ryan of "Paper Moon"
13 Some office supplies
15 Dissenter's vote
16 Corn unit
17 Color
18 Watch secretly
20 Malicious
23 Hick
27 Lotion additive
28 Big rig
29 Make fresh
31 Confine
32 Clark's partner
34 Cart puller
37 Pendulum path
38 Go downhill
41 Some office supplies
44 Analyze sentences
45 Ridiculous
46 Beer mug
47 — blanche

DOWN

1 Ocean bird
2 Blue hue
3 July stone
4 Bar bill
5 Nodding, perhaps
6 Scottish outlaw
7 — bind
8 Ward off
9 Disney dog
10 Different
14 Singer Charles
18 Sword material
19 Snouts
20 Sedan or compact
21 Pub pints
22 Cargo unit
24 Writer Follett
25 Aussie bird
26 Sassy talk
30 Undermine
31 Alfresco meal
33 Sardonic
34 Nile reptiles
35 RBI or ERA
36 Kingly address
38 Walk of Fame symbol
39 English county
40 "Got it"
42 Vegas-set show
43 — roll

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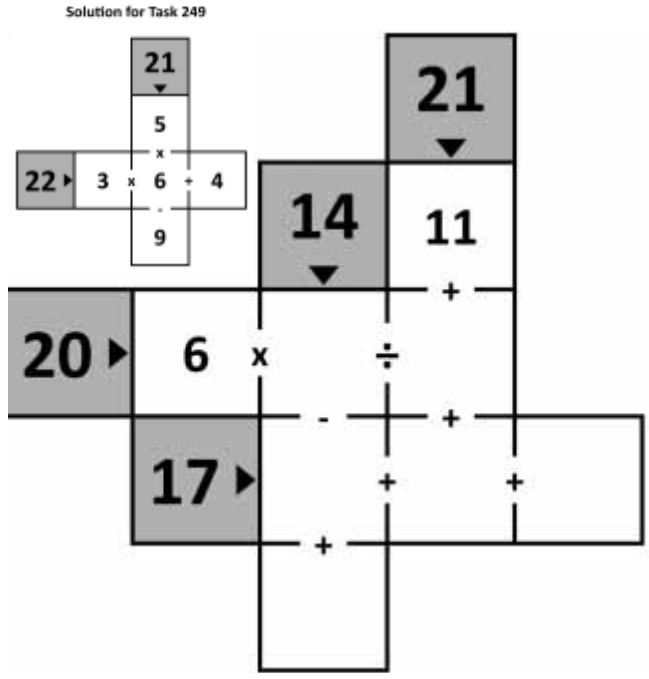
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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Noses Know: (1) In April, two Italian entrepreneurs introduced a perfume meant to evoke the scents of a person's blood, varying by type (A, B, AB, O) -- but with no actual blood. A prominent member of the U.S. "vampire community" fondly described the "intriguing" olfactory sensations of Type B (the "black cherry, pomegranate and patchouli infusions") and Type O ("raspberry, rose hips and birch"). Another "vampirist" called the whole idea "cheesy." (2) Artist Charity Blansit (aka Cherry Tree) told AOL News in May that she has been working on a fragrance based on her own urine (although not prepared to bring it to market yet), enhanced mainly with sugar.

■ Because of a loophole in Michigan law (which, at press time, legislators were working to fix), a winner of the "Make Me Rich" lottery game in July 2010 (publicized value: $2 million) has been openly receiving the same food-stamp allotment he had been receiving before he won. In May 2011, confronted by WNEM-TV in Saginaw, winner Leroy Fick was defiant about his food stamps. Currently, eligibility is based on regular income, and Fick had taken his payoff last year in one lump sum.

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