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THE HEALING WOUNDS ISSUE

Board takes action to begin healing following Samohi incident

Curriculum change, investigation called for during emotion-filled school board meeting

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

SMMUSD HDQTRS Members of the Board of Education promised substantive changes in curriculum and training as well as a progress report within two months in response to a racial incident that officials acknowledge took place at Santa Monica High School in May.

Board President Jose Escarce prefaced the discussion with an extensive list of things that the board planned to direct staff to accomplish in the short summer months, including a hard look at curriculum and policies to ensure that students would be educated about the nature of racism, and that district employees were better prepared to handle it should a similar incident arise again.

The review will make sure that the freshman seminar, which deals with racism and

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ART IN THE AQUARIUM

Fabian Lewkowicz *FabianLewkowicz.com*

Heal the Bay volunteers Marjorie Kay (left) and Ann Casebier make animal cutouts at the Santa Monica Pier Aquarium on Thursday. The cutouts will be used in an upcoming 'Ocean Appreciation' weekend on July 30 and 31 at the aquarium.

Rubin rallying support to keep 'Chain Reaction'

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

CIVIC CENTER Twenty years ago, Santa Monica resident and activist Jerry Rubin advocated to get "Chain Reaction," a sculpture created by Pulitzer prize-winning editorial cartoonist Paul Conrad, accepted for the front lawn of the Civic Center.

It was a contentious battle that split the 1991 City Council down the middle, finally ending in a 4-3 vote in favor of the dramatic piece that depicts a mushroom cloud of chain links formed around a fiberglass shell.

As the discussion went on, a frustrated Rubin sat outside City Hall, unable to continue listening to the back and forth. The artist responsible for the debate joined him.

"Paul Conrad put his arm around my shoulder and said, 'Jerry, you know what we need to do now? Let's go get a Ben and Jerry's peace pop,'" Rubin said.

Rubin and other supporters won that fight, and "Chain Reaction" took its place at the heart of Santa Monica's civic culture, a peaceful testament to a vicious act that they prayed would never be repeated.

Fast forward two decades, and "Chain Reaction" is under threat again, but now by a more insidious attack than aesthetic disagreement — old age.

But Rubin is still here to protect it.

Earlier this week, Building Officer Ron Takiguchi noticed that the sculpture was in disrepair. Most of the fasteners that kept the outer shell attached to the core were either

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Council approves $20K settlement in bus crash case

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL A three-vehicle collision cost City Hall $20,000, with more on the horizon as the City Attorney's Office settled one injury case and approaches settlement on a second.

The accident took place on March 12 at approximately 1:30 p.m. between a Big Blue Bus route 3 and two other cars on Lincoln Boulevard just before Washington Boulevard, said Deputy City Attorney Lance Gams.

As the bus made its way up Lincoln Boulevard, a car in front of it stopped to wait for a pedestrian before making a right turn onto Washington Boulevard going east.

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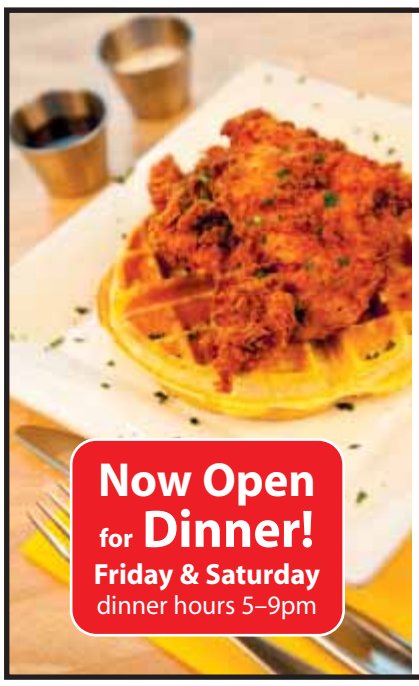


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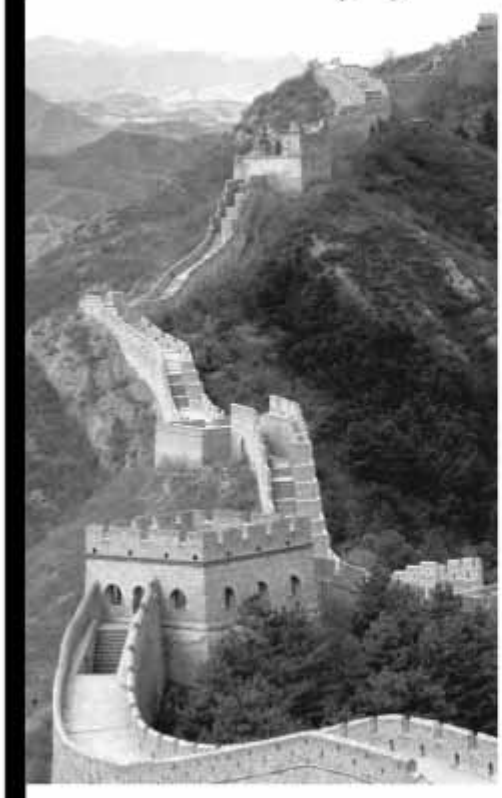
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What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Saturday, July 2, 2011

Let go of my LEGO!
Fairview Library
2101 Ocean Park Blvd., 3:30 p.m. — 5 p.m.
Kids aged 4-14 can build and create with the Fairview Library's stock of LEGOs. For more information about this monthly event, call (310) 458-8681.

Once upon a time
Barnes & Noble Booksellers
1201 Third Street Promenade, 11 a.m.
Perfect for kids aged 2 to 5, this weekly story time offers readings and crafts that teach and entertain. For more information, call (310) 260-9110.

Farmers' Market
Third Street Promenade
Arizona Ave., 8:30 a.m. — 1 p.m.
Authentic Italian restaurant Bravo Cucina will be featured at this week's Farmers' Market Downtown. For more information, visit www.smgov.net/farmers_market.

Sunday, July 3, 2011

Shark attack!
Santa Monica Pier Aquarium
1600 Ocean Front Walk, 3:30 p.m. — 4 p.m.
Visitors have their fearsome misgivings about sharks dispelled after watching a short, informative film about the animals. People can also observe the sharks tank-side as they are being fed their Sunday meal. For more information, visit www.healthebay.org/smpa.

Get registered
Clover Park
2600 Ocean Park Blvd., 7 a.m. —11:55 p.m.
Registration begins for the fall youth volleyball league for boys and girls, ages 7-15. This eight week program will teach the fundamentals of volleyball. Registration is daily until Sept. 1. Cost: $145 until Aug. 15, $185 until Sept. 1. For more information, visit www.usyvl.org.

Monday, July 4, 2011

Celebrate the Fourth on Main Street
City Hall, 9:30 a.m.
The Ocean Park Association presents its annual, locally-sponsored Fourth of July parade. This year the theme is "Fourth of July on the Beach." The festivities start at 9:30 a.m. in front of City Hall. For more information, visit www.opa-sm.org/parade.

Music and fireworks
Palisades Charter High School
15777 Bowdoin St., Pacific Palisades — 6 p.m.
Enjoy a night of music, including reggae, rock, classical and jazz, featuring guest musicians and the Palisades Charter High School Concert Band, culminating in a stunning pyrotechnic display at 9 p.m. Proceeds to benefit the Palisades Charter High School music department. Cost: $2 per person. For more information, visit www.palisadesparade.org.

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For help, contact Daniel Archuleta at 310-458-7737 or submit to editor@smdp.com

For more information on any of the events listed, log on to smdp.com/communitylistings



COMMUNITY BRIEFS

SMMUSD HDQTRS

Two vacancies on bond committee

The Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District is looking for two people, one a senior citizen, to serve on the Measure BB Oversight Committee.

One of the vacancies is in the "citizen active in a senior citizen organization" category, while the other is in the "members at large" category. The deadline to apply is Friday, July 15, with the appointment scheduled to be made at the July 20 Board of Education meeting.

The bond oversight committee shall meet at least once a year, but not more frequently than quarterly, district officials said.

The committee will give guidance to the school board and monitor the spending of Measure BB funds so that no money is used to pay salaries for teachers and administrators or for operating expenses.

Voters in November of 2006 gave the district the power to issue up to $268 million in general obligation bonds to help fund infrastructure improvements at local public schools.

The membership of the committee includes up to seven members selected by the school board using the following criteria:

- One member shall be the parent or guardian of a child enrolled in the district;
- One member shall be both a parent or guardian of a child enrolled in the district and active in a parent-teacher organization;
- One member active in a business organization representing the business community located in the district;
- One member shall be active in a senior citizens' organization;
- One member shall be active in a bona-fide taxpayers association; and
- Two members of the community at-large.

Applications are available at the district headquarters, 1651 16th St., Santa Monica, or online at www.smmusd.org.

To contact the committee, send an e-mail to boc@smmusd.org. To learn more about the application process, call Kim Nguyen at (310) 450-8338, ext. 70269.

KEVIN HERRERA

CITYWIDE

Save a penny

Santa Monica's sales tax rate is now 9.25 percent following the expiration of a temporary, statewide sales tax hike of 1 percent that was approved to help shore up the state's 2008-09 budget.

The statewide base sales tax rate is now 7.25 percent. Santa Monica's is higher because voters approved increases to help fund public transit and local public schools.

Statewide sales tax rates range between 8.25 and 10.75 percent, depending on whether other voter-approved taxes have been added.

The highest sales tax rate in Los Angeles County is now 9.75 percent and belongs to the cities of Pico Rivera and South Gate, according to the State Board of Equalization.

The drop in sales tax went into effect July 1. The drop is expected to save Californians $5.87 billion, according to the state's Department of Finance.

Remember, a penny saved is a penny earned.

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CYBERSPACE

Farmers have a new site



Just in time for their 30th anniversary, City Hall has created a new website for the Farmer's Markets, which were established July 15, 1981.

City Hall oversees the operation and management of four certified markets serving an estimated 900,000 people every year, according to city officials.

The website features an updated look and enhanced features, including farmer profiles where visitors can view photos of the farmers, their stands and farms, as well as learn about the growing practices and seasonal items sold be each. Shoppers can also learn about the markets' integrity programs, while others can learn how to apply to become a vendor.

The website is www.farmersmarket.smgov.net.

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Photo courtesy So Cal Edison

MEN AT WORK: **Employees with Corix Utilities prepare to install one of Southern California Edison's new smart meters. By the end of 2012, SCE will install nearly 5 million smart meters.**

Smart meters coming to Santa Monica

BY COLIN NEWTON
Special to the Daily Press

DOWNTOWN These days, it seems like you can check just about anything from your smartphone. And by the end of 2011, you'll be able to check on how much energy you're using at home from just about anywhere.

In an effort to help the environment, and help their customers save money and energy, Southern California Edison is installing wireless smart meters throughout the region, said Ken Devore, Edison's SmartConnect program director.

Over the next two months, some 130,000 smart meters will replace Edison customers' old legacy meters, about 60,000 of them in Santa Monica.

Because Edison will be collecting data on customers' energy usage wirelessly, the company will phase out its army of meter readers. Devore said that will take between 79,000 and 80,000 vehicles off the road, which will stop about 365,000 tons of greenhouse gas from spewing into the air.

Customers will find the smart meters more interactive, Devore added. The smart meters will utilize many features to help customers better monitor their billing cycle in the same way that they can monitor their bank accounts or text message usage.

Currently, customers have access to how much energy they are using from their monthly billing cycles. With smart meters, customers will be able to see weekly and daily break downs of their energy usage online. Edison hopes this will encourage customers to shift their energy usage away from peak use hours, typically between 2 p.m. and 6 p.m.

Customers can already receive alerts via a smartphone app informing them when their bill approaches a certain amount. New smartphone apps are being developed and will be available to customers in the future, Devore said.

Smart meters have caused controversy in the past. Customers have said that the meters report incorrectly on their energy usage, overcharging them. Edison hopes that the more interactive meters will encourage customers to work with the company to solve technical problems and inaccuracies.

Others have raised questions about the meters' radio frequency signals and whether or not they pose a threat to public health. Edison said the meters use radio frequency signals similar to cell phones or Wi-Fi routers to communicate, although the meters' signal strength is typically weaker than that of cell phones.

Customers will be notified by mail when their meter is to be replaced. Installing the new meter will take between five and 10 minutes, Edison officials said. Customers will see a 1.6 percent increase on their bill to help cover the cost of the program.

The Edison SmartConnect program was approved in 2008, and the first smart meters were installed in Downey, Calif. in 2009. Over 2.7 million meters have already been installed, and the program is expected to be completed by the end of 2012.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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An open letter to Cuneo

Dear Sir:

As a 40-year resident of Santa Monica, I know how difficult administering any department can be. In the case of the wrestling team event ("Police investigate racial incident at Samohi," page 1, June 28), I have a question:

How can a high school principal or a district board deem themselves the appropriate judges of what is obviously a felony set of actions?

The police should have been brought to campus ASAP, and the students who laid hands on the victim, arrested.

You sir, should step down, as well as Mr. Pedroza.

This was not an event that is debatable. Things like this are where you teach "the lesson," not look the other way and hope the press or public do not find out. This was shameful and an abuse on your part of the public trust.

While any one misdeed does not undo the greater good of the school, this particular type of event is the same anywhere in the U.S.A. It was not your place, nor the principal's to decide the outcome of this event.

I am certain Ms. G and her son have grounds to sue all except the coach.

As a parent and taxpayer, I resent your office's duplicity; opening up a huge exposure for the city.

Poorly handled, sir, very poorly, indeed.

Miriam Cavanaugh
Santa Monica

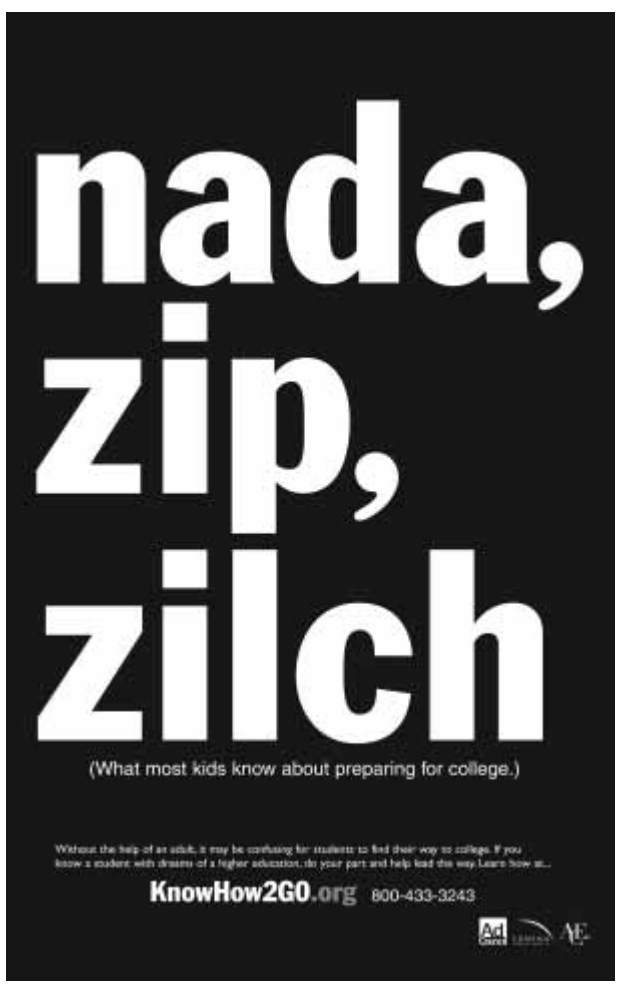
Sculpture suspicions

Editor:

Truth is in a mushroom that grows in Santa Monica. Is City Hall going to cut down that mushroom of truth? We are referring to the nuclear-mushroom-cloud sculpture near City Hall ("Civic Center's 'Chain Reaction' sculpture off limits," June 28, page 1). We have learned that there may be pressure from the RAND Corp. or others to remove this powerful work of art under the smokescreen of "making structural repairs."

Many in Santa Monica and beyond would consider this a stealth suppression of free speech – especially if done in the middle of the night. It would be a clear assault by government upon constitutionally-protected artistic expression of an indisputable truth that a grave danger is posed to humanity by nuclear weapons.

Jeanne Melvin & Jerry Small
Santa Monica



On the Beat

NRO Joseph Cortez — Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Beware of 'Carmageddon'

Q: I KEEP HEARING ABOUT THE 405 Freeway shutting down for the weekend of July 16-17. I am not a Santa Monica resident, but I work and socialize in the city on the weekends. How bad is the traffic expected to be?

A: As we all know, the 405 is a heavily traveled freeway. With the 405 shutting down for the weekend, traffic conditions on local streets and alternate freeways within the Los Angeles region and beyond are expected to be severe, with significant, multi-hour delays. Motorists who must travel during that weekend are advised to plan ahead and monitor traffic conditions through a media source. You can find more information about the freeway closure at www.metro.net/405. On this website you will find a fact sheet, detour information and updates.

If you must travel the weekend of July 16-17, plan ahead. Please give yourself extra time to travel even a relatively short distance. Preparing for the congestion and giving yourself the extra time will cut down on the stress the traffic will produce. As an example of how we feel the traffic will be affected in the city of Santa Monica, we are expecting the traffic to be like a busy summer weekend, perhaps slightly increased, and are recommending that residents consider taking a bus or using bicycles, walking and other alternate forms of transportation that weekend. Traffic will be monitored closely and officers will be on duty to facilitate traffic flow in the city.

With the 405 closed, Pacific Coast Highway and Interstate 10 will be the primary detour routes for travelers going north or south along the coast. Although not likely given the amount of advanced notification and significant publicity of alternate travel routes, there may be a significant increase in traffic throughout Santa Monica as people try to get across the city and out of the freeway congestion.

Another warning I would like to give is that with the 405 closing, the side streets, like Sepulveda Boulevard, will be very crowded as well. Sepulveda Boulevard is intended as an alternate route for local resident access only. Sepulveda Boulevard will not have the capacity to accommodate both local and diverted freeway traffic. Those using Sepulveda Boulevard should expect extreme congestion and lengthy delays. Motorists should instead use alternate regional freeway routes to completely bypass the Sepulveda Pass. Other roads like PCH and the canyon roads will also be heavily traveled. These roads are expected to have rush hour level traffic with backups during the closure. Keep in mind that people coming from the Santa Barbara and Ventura County areas who need to get to places like LAX are likely to try to use these roads as alternates for getting around the closure rather than going through the Los Angeles downtown area. PCH is expected to be a widely used alternate as people try to avoid going too far east to avoid the 405 closure. There is sewer construction in progress on PCH in the Pacific Palisades area which will take the three lanes down to two lanes for a segment of PCH. It is anticipated that there will be significant back-up traffic on PCH during the 405 closure.

Remember to plan ahead. If you have a flight in or out of LAX, we have been told that visitors arriving from LAX should avoid the 405 and stay on surface streets. At this time, the recommendation is to use a shared ride and a mode of transportation that will cost the visitor a flat rate for their ride to their destination. Using a service with a driver who knows the area locally will be a good bet as well.

LAX has its own web page about the 405 closure that can be accessed through the LAX home page at lawa.org/welcomelax.aspx.

Before you start out for LAX, monitor traffic on a real-time basis at:

• L.A. Department of Transportation monitors traffic on L.A. city streets on its Automated Traffic Surveillance and Control (ATSAC) system: http://trafficinfo.lacity.org

For traffic on streets in and around LAX: http://trafficinfo.lacity.org/html/lax.html

• Caltrans provides current traffic status on California highways and state roads at: www.dot.ca.gov/cgi-bin/roads.cgi

• LAX AirRadio 530 AM on the radio will replace its regular programming of prerecorded messages with "live" broadcasts of up-to-the-minute information on roadway conditions in and around LAX, parking availability, security conditions, flight operations, etc. The broadcasts are streamed on the Internet: www.lawa.org/welcome_lax.aspx?id=168

For those in the hospitality industry, please realize that your guests may be spending a long time to get to your hotel/restaurant/business in order to keep their reservation with you. You may wish to have some special amenities that weekend to make them feel welcome upon their arrival. A nice cool drink, a warm welcome and an understanding of what they may have gone through can go a long way to putting the focus back on their visit to Santa Monica. The Santa Monica Convention and Visitors Bureau has committed to sending out e-mail updates to Santa Monica businesses as more information becomes available. You can learn more by going to www.santamonica.com.

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The Q Line

Nixing flavored milk

There is a movement afoot that aims to ban flavored milk at area public schools. Some say it's bad for young kids.

This past week, Q-line asked:
Do you think flavored milk should be banned, or do you think there are bigger fish to fry when it comes to childhood nutrition on campus?

Here are your responses:

"MY SON IS A BASEBALL PLAYER AT Samohi and chocolate milk is a staple of his recovery. Eight ounces of chocolate and milk seems to do the trick. Moderation is the key, and everything in moderation, including moderation."

"SOME YEARS AGO, I WAS VOLUNTEERING in kindergarten at a grade school in Culver City and I happened to notice during the lunch hour that a number of children, maybe half, weren't taking the milk to put on their trays as they were going through the line. The ones that took the milk weren't drinking it. I'd go to the trash can and pick up unopened cartons of milk and many more that were opened but nearly full. I was concerned about this because I had read articles by pediatric orthopedists that expressed dire concern about the lack of calcium in the diets of the youth of today. They said it would result in premature bone loss because the best layers of bone are laid down during childhood and adolescence. I bought a bottle of strawberry syrup that contained almost no strawberry, but it had color and flavor, and I invited the children that I knew to partake in the strawberry milk. There was a run on it, and soon that bottle was gone. As the days and weeks went by, I was buying more and more bottles of strawberry syrup. This went on for three years. The consumption of milk rose dramatically; the children would not only take the milk, but drink the milk. I did my unscientific sampling of the cartons in the trash can and they were almost all white milk with a pink rim around the edge, and they were empty or nearly empty. This went on for about three years and it was amazing to see what it did. I also let the kids put it in, but I was clear the milk had to be pink, not red – therefore limiting the amount they could put in. It was really something. As a nurse and former dental assistant, I'm very concerned about the fact that kids today aren't getting enough calcium. I also read where pediatric orthopedists and pediatric dentists would rather have children drink flavored milk with sugar than no milk at all. As many parents and others are well aware, children drink a lot of juice, which is nearly all flavored with a lot of sugar. The calorie count is probably nearly the same as milk, but certainly there is no calcium in these juices. So, I do think this is a whole lot of something about a whole lot of nothing. Having healthy, delicious, non-processed food available for the kids would be far more meaningful than taking away flavored milk."

"IF YOU UNDERSTOOD HOW EGOTISTICALLY stupid people involved with education are, you would find this question absolutely hilarious. This three-year, living-in-America limey carpetbagger is going to infect us with British it-takes-a-village socialism to ban chocolate milk. Who would support this kind of leftist, big sister idiocy? Well how about her companion socialist on the school board? Nothing is more important in this school district than banning chocolate milk – even furlough days, overspending, very

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and misappropriation of moneys toward personal advancement. Today: banning chocolate milk. Tomorrow: reduction of toilet paper use. And then, an educational führer to oversee correct diet and thinking."

"YES, I THINK THAT FLAVORED MILK should be banned because I have a child that went to Grant Elementary, and he never took flavored milk. I've been watching the blogs about the whole school system so, yes, there are bigger fish to fry, but you have to start somewhere. I do think chocolate milk should be banned for childhood nutrition because there's no point in extra sugar."

"I NO LONGER HAVE CHILDREN IN school, but I firmly believe it is the responsibility of parents to guide and instruct their children as to what they may and may not eat and drink at home, in school and elsewhere. If the schools offer chocolate milk, tell your child not to drink the chocolate milk. The answer is not to make a knee jerk decision based on reality show hysteria, use this as a learning opportunity to teach your child what he or she can't have in and out of the home. Banning flavored milk is not the solution nor is it the reason children are obese or diabetic. If the school system bans flavored milk or any other food item sold in schools, the school district must also ban parents from sending similar items to school in their child's lunch box, to classrooms and fundraisers. Oh how I miss the days of personal responsibility!"

"LET'S OFFER 1 PERCENT MILK TO OUR children and be happy that they are getting the vitamin D and calcium that is needed and found in any type of milk. Yes, there is extra sugar, so get off the couch playing video games and go out for a walk, scooter, or bike ride. Honestly, we are facing a huge budget crisis again so let our wonderful educators educate our children in the appropriate areas and for once hold the parents responsible for actually parenting their children. It's really easy folks, if you don't want your child(ren) drinking flavored milk, either don't give them the money, or better yet, talk to your child about it."



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Mint, lamb dish made for warm weather cooking

BY J.M. HIRSCH
AP Food Editor

Americans don't tend to think of mint as a savory seasoning. After all, it does go so nicely with chocolate.

In the rest of the world, however, it frequently appears on the dinner table. One reason is that its sweet-peppery freshness and deliciously pungent aroma does such a nice job of cutting through heavy and fatty foods, such as roasted meats. That's why you'll often see mint paired with roasted lamb.

But summer is here and nobody wants to crank up the oven to roast anything. So I came up with this simple, weeknight-friendly recipe for lamb chops that get topped with a tzatziki-like yogurt sauce flavored with fresh mint, lemon juice, garlic and shallot.

Best yet, though the recipe calls for stovetop cooking, these chops could just as easily be tossed on the grill. If so, aim for about 3 minutes per side.

Lamb chops with mint-yogurt sauce

Start to finish: 25 minutes

Servings: 4

1 cup plain Greek-style yogurt
2 tablespoons chopped fresh mint
2 cloves garlic, minced
1 shallot, minced
1 tablespoon lemon juice
Salt and ground black pepper
1 tablespoon ground cumin
12 lamb rib chops
2 tablespoons vegetable oil, divided

Heat the oven to 200 F.

In a medium bowl, combine the yogurt, mint, garlic, shallot and lemon juice. Mix well, then taste and season with salt and pepper. Set aside.

In a small bowl, combine 2 teaspoons salt, 1 teaspoon ground black pepper and the cumin. Rub the mixture over both sides of each lamb chop.

In a large skillet over medium-high, heat 1 tablespoon of the oil. Add half of the chops and cook for 3 to 4 minutes per side. Transfer the chops to an oven-safe plate and place in the oven to keep warm. Repeat with the remaining tablespoon of oil and chops.

Serve the chops topped with the mint-yogurt sauce.

Nutrition information per serving (values are rounded to the nearest whole number): 310 calories; 130 calories from fat (41 percent of total calories); 14 g fat (4 g saturated; 0 g trans fats); 130 mg cholesterol; 9 g carbohydrate; 37 g protein; 1 g fiber; 590 mg sodium.

From oranges to honey, adding new spirit to vodka

BY MICHELLE LOCKE
For The Associated Press

Potatoes? Passe. Grains? Groan. Vodka producers these days are exploring new horizons — oranges, anyone? — to make unusual and artisanal vodkas.

"A cocktail's not just a cocktail. It's an experience now, so that demand has called for anything and everything that can be different," says Tammy LaNasa, Dallas-based corporate beverage director for Del Frisco's Restaurant Group, which includes 20 Sullivan's Steakhouses and nine Del Frisco's Double Eagle Steakhouses nationwide.

One of the latest entries in the vodka vanguard is 4 Orange, which is distilled directly from oranges, as opposed to other vodkas where flavoring is added.

The vodka is made from orange molasses that remains after oranges have been juiced. Four different varieties of oranges are used, hence the name, and the result is a clear vodka with a distinct tang of orange.

"The response has been fantastic," says Timo Sutinen, vice president for marketing and business development at Imperial Brands, Inc., which produces 4 Orange Premium Vodka. "When people hear that 4 Orange is made from Florida oranges, they have to taste it. Once they taste it, we have won them over."

The distillery is next to the orange juice plant in Florida and, in a green touch, the leftover mash from the distilling process is sold to local farmers for cattle feed. There's no alcohol in the product but "cows seem to like it," says Sutinen with a laugh.

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Green Mountain martini

This cocktail makes use the best flavors from Vermont — maple syrup and apples.

Start to finish: 5 minutes
Servings: 1
Maple sugar, to rim the glass
Ice
1 tablespoon maple syrup
2 ounces maple vodka (such as Vermont Spirits Gold)
2 ounces Calvados (apple cider brandy)

Spill some maple sugar onto a small plate. Wet the rim of a cocktail glass with water or lemon juice. Overturn the glass and set the rim in the maple sugar, moving it slightly to coat with sugar.

In a cocktail shaker filled with ice, combine the remaining ingredients. Shake, then strain into the cocktail glass.

Nutrition information per serving (values are rounded to the nearest whole number): 320 calories; 0 calories from fat (0 percent of total calories); 0 g fat (0 g saturated; 0 g trans fats); 0 mg cholesterol; 17 g carbohydrate; 0 g protein; 0 g fiber; 0 mg sodium.

(Recipe from Alison Ladman)





The Re-View

Merv Hecht

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Finding that hidden gem

IT'S FUN FOR A RESTAURANT REVIEWER TO find something special, that few people know about. Tiato Market Garden Café is one of those places.

Hidden away in an office building on Colorado Avenue, it's not your typical restaurant. It offers a beautiful outside patio, it's hidden from the street and there's little or no signage. There's also no street parking, but they validate in the building's parking lot.

The An family of Crustacean fame has created a menu that features global flavors, with foods that are rich in antioxidants and organic immune-boosting ingredients.

The main room is divided by a wall made from glass jugs, and there is a small private room on the north side. It was quite busy on a Monday lunch, but there was available seating both inside and on the spacious patio. An adjacent room has a very nice selection of take-out foods.

The Asian-influenced menu is quite extensive. The day I was there, they were serving a very good asparagus soup available by the cup or the bowl, four salad entrees and a half dozen "starters," including rolls, pizza and dim sum.

From among the seven sandwiches on the menu, I picked the smoked pulled pork that had a nice marinated flavor, but was a bit short on sauce, and the bun was thicker than I like, but it was good. And there was a nice salad on the plate.

From the dozen entrees one could find a few Vietnamese dishes, including pho (the ubiquitous Vietnamese soup), Dover sole, Coca-Cola marinated, slow roasted BBQ brisket (that sounds good), hanger steak and a more healthier dishes. The stand-bys such as Jidori chicken and salmon are also on the menu.

Everything is reasonably priced, such as $2.50 for espresso, and $2 for a chocolate chip cookie, with appetizers and main courses between $7 and $15, and there is a nice beer and sake list.

Tiato caters to the local entertainment trade inside the large building in which it is situated, so it is not open on weekends except for Sunday brunch, which is new. The combination of the spacious outdoor patio, American and Asian food choices at reasonable prices, and the extensive menu make this a wonderful choice for lunch or dinner.



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YUM: **The An sisters with some of their signature dishes at Tiato Market Garden Café.**

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DRINKS

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The most popular spirit in America, vodka classically is a neutral product made most often from some type of grain.

But it can be made from just about anything starchy or sweet, inspiring distillers' creative spirit.

"The sky's kind of the limit for what you can make vodka from," says Noah Rothbaum, editor-in-chief of liquor.com and author of "The Business of Spirits."

Some examples — Ciroc Ultra-Premium vodka is made entirely from grapes, Vermont Gold is made from maple sap, and on an equally sweet note, there's Bee Vodka, triple-distilled from New York State honey at the Hidden Marsh Distillery in Seneca Falls, N.Y. The distillery is owned and operated by the Martin family, who started out as bee keepers more than 30 years ago.



LaNasa expects to see more variations as distillers get in touch with their creative spirit.

"This orange vodka is going along with that fresh ingredient trend that I actually don't think is a trend," she says. "I think it's here to stay."

Grape bubbly

Start to finish: 5 minutes
Servings: 1
1 ounce grape juice, chilled
2 ounces grape vodka, chilled (such as Ciroc)
4 ounces sparkling grape juice, chilled

In a sparkling wine flute, stir together the grape juice and vodka. Top with sparkling grape juice.

Nutrition information per serving (values are rounded to the nearest whole number): 230 calories; 0 calories from fat (0 percent of total calories); 0 g fat (0 g saturated; 0 g trans fats); 0 mg cholesterol; 23 g carbohydrate; 0 g protein; 0 g fiber; 10 mg sodium.





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broken or nearly so.

"It was a public safety hazard," said Malina Moore, public art coordinator for City Hall.

When Rubin heard about the state of "Chain Reaction," he immediately worked up a petition to circulate over the busy Fourth of July weekend to raise support for the ailing sculpture. He'll be at the Fourth of July parade on Main Street Monday looking for signatures.

The piece isn't under immediate threat, but Rubin isn't taking any chances.

"It's better to be safe and show community support to keep it rather than do nothing," Rubin said.

Public worry and outcry about the piece has gotten overblown, Moore said.

"We have not made any statements about moving it, or destroying it," she said. "It's in a precarious state at the moment. We don't want anybody to get injured in the meantime."

The next step is to get an independent structural engineer to take a look at the piece, and a conservator. The team will be able to do a thorough structural assessment without damaging it, city official said.

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ACCIDENT
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A second car then pulled out from a parking lot between the bus and the car attempting to turn right. The bus driver rear-ended the second car, which hit the first car at the intersection, Gams said.

Two passengers on the bus were injured in the accident.

Lidia Gomez, of Los Angeles, was standing during the accident and lost her grip on a pole. She was thrown forward, and hit her head on the front dash, next to the fare box.

She sustained neck, back and shoulder injuries, and had headaches from the head wound, Gams said.

She ran up $19,000 in medical bills.

Michael Baines, then living in Inglewood, received neck and back injuries, with pain radiating down his legs. He claimed $6,500 in medical bills, leaving the door open for future medical costs, and $2,000 in lost earnings.

The claims were filed separately in mid 2010, and the lawsuits filed in the fall.

The cases were consolidated to protect against the possibility of inconsistent verdicts, Gams said.

The Gomez case settled for $20,000. The Baines case is still in negotiation.

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RACIAL
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cultural tolerance, would be reexamined, and that reading lists included books that presented minority characters in balanced, powerful and positive ways, said outgoing-Superintendent Tim Cuneo.

It was his last day with the district before making way for incoming-Superintendent Sandra Lyon, who also attended the meeting.

Board members also called for a revitalization of the Intercultural District Advisory Committee, which fell into disuse a few years ago after racial tensions at the high school, which have historically flared up every few years, died down again.

"We should use the incident as a catalyst, or a stepping stone to do what we can as a board to make change," Escarce said.

The incident, which allegedly involved a brown wrestling dummy placed in some proximity to a noose and a black athlete chained to a locker at wrestling practice, inflamed the African-American and Latino communities, which showed up in force at Thursday's meeting to demand change.

So many came, in fact, that members of the Santa Monica Police Department stood ready to keep the crowd under control, and the fire marshal required a separate overflow room to accommodate the additional people.

Speakers called on the board for real results, rather than a nice introspective examination followed by a useless report left to molder on a shelf.

However, a different account of events also emerged, coming from a local physical therapist, Bob Forster, who volunteers as a walk-on coach for the wrestling team and is the father of one of the students involved in the alleged hate crime, sources said.

Forster told the audience that events had been taken out of context, and that the prank was just that, a joke.

"No one here has spoken to the athletes," Forster said. "No one knows the intent."

Past wrestling captains spoke to support the team, saying that something may have happened, but described the team as an inclusive family.

"Everyone there is a good kid," said Tim Warren, who captained the team in 2009. "Things got out of hand."

Although both extremes had proponents, much of the night focused on a desire to confront the underlying problem, racial insensitivity and lack of historical perspective, rather than one symptom.

"We could choose sides and remain divided, or take action that's meaningful," said Peggy Harris, the district's director of curriculum and instruction who came to speak as a civilian. "It's time to take action."

District officials committed to get the review under way, and to report back in 60 days.

Additionally, when the sheriff and police department investigations are complete, the school district will conduct its own independent investigation to fill in any holes.

Beyond the nature of the incident and calls for a proactive response, district officials took heat from speakers who criticized the way the incident was handled.

According to reports, when the scene in the locker room was discovered by Coach Mark Black, he immediately put a stop to it and called administration.

Counseling sessions were set up for students who were hurt by what had happened as quickly as the next day, and team members were told to tell their parents what had happened.

Students were also asked to delete pictures taken on cell phones.

No one called the alleged victim's mother, who found out three weeks later after a parent she did not know contacted her to tell her about the situation.

Outgoing Samohi Principal Hugo Pedroza released an e-mail blast to tell parents that an "incident with racial overtones" had occurred, but only after it had been reported in the local newspaper.

"Nobody should be getting their facts from the newspaper and not the district," said Debbie Mulvaney, president of the Parent Teacher Student Association.

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Life sentence in US border agent's death

BY ELLIOT SPAGAT
Associated Press

SAN DIEGO A Mexican man was sentenced to life in prison Friday for striking and killing a U.S. Border Patrol agent with a drug-laden Hummer as the officer laid spike strips in an attempt to puncture the vehicle's tires.

Jesus Navarro testified during his two-week trial that he didn't drive the vehicle that hit the agent at California's Imperial Sand Dunes in January 2008 and that he confessed in Mexico days later only because authorities there beat and threatened him.

"What is being done is an injustice and I will be here on appeal," he said Friday in brief remarks to U.S. District Judge Michael Anello.

The judge rejected Navarro's claims of innocence, just as a jury did when it convicted him in April of second-degree murder and drug charges after only two hours of deliberations.

"This was a particularly brutal, violent and heinous crime," said Anello, who sentenced Navarro, 25, to an additional 80 years in prison on the drug charges.

Agent Luis Aguilar's wife, Erica, fondly recalled her husband's infectious smile and pancake breakfasts. She now hears her son crying in the shower, "Why did he have to die? Why did you have to kill him?"

"You are selfish person with no sense of humanity or integrity," she told Navarro.

Aguilar is one of 23 Border Patrol agents who have died in the line of duty since 1990. He had been an agent for nearly six years and was assigned to the Yuma, Ariz., sector.

Aguilar's daughter, Arianna, clutched her mother's waist and cried before she stepped on a stool to share cherished memories of hiding under the sheets when her father came home and getting toys on her father's payday.

Border Patrol Agent German Burgoin emotionally described Aguilar's final moments as the Hummer sped toward them. Burgoin climbed a construction fence and yelled at his 32-year-old partner to run.

"Luis and I locked eyes for a split second and then the unthinkable happened," Burgoin said.

U.S. Attorney Laura Duffy, who attended the sentencing, said she was "very gratified" by the punishment and that Navarro is ineligible for parole.

"This is a case that demonstrates that justice can be brought about by the law," she told reporters.

Navarro's attorney, David Bartick, sought a 40-year sentence, saying Aguilar was not wearing his uniform and that the killing was not premeditated.

Navarro's 9-year-old daughter and other family wrote the judge to plead for leniency.

"He is a responsible person who does not deserve to be in there," wrote Karla Nunez, his wife of 10 years with whom he had three children. "Please don't give him too much time, his children need him."

Navarro was extradited to the United States last year following two botched efforts to capture him.

Navarro testified at his trial that he was in the central Mexican state of Sinaloa on the day Aguilar was killed and that Mexican authorities who were working closely with U.S. officials forced him to confess to a crime he didn't commit.

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‘FarmVille’ creator Zynga to go public

BY BARBARA ORTUTAY & RYAN NAKASHIMA
AP Business Writers

LOS ANGELES Zynga, the online game maker behind “FarmVille” and other popular Facebook pastimes, is going public, the latest in a crop of high-valued Internet IPOs expected after LinkedIn Corp. showed that the online networking craze is a hot commodity on Wall Street.

Zynga Inc. hopes to raise up to $1 billion in an initial public offering that follows LinkedIn’s sizzling stock market debut last month. The amount of money Zynga is seeking in its IPO will likely change as its bankers determine how many shares should be sold and at what price. That process typically takes three to four months.

There’s pent-up demand for the stock of large social media companies because so few of them have gone public, even as they have been steadily expanding their reach for several years. The opening of the floodgates could culminate next year in a long-awaited IPO of Facebook, the biggest social network of them all.

Because of Zynga’s size, strong financials and potential for a valuation of $20 billion or more at the start, the 4-year-old company’s IPO is already drawing comparisons to another high-profile stock-market debut.

“Google came to town like a three-ring circus and this one will too,” said John Fitzgibbon Jr., founder of IPO Scoop, which tracks IPOs. “They’re going like gangbusters, and they’re coming to town with a lot of hype, and I’m sure that will carry over into the IPO and the aftermarket.”

Fitzgibbon cautioned against talk of a “bubble” following the steady stream of recent IPOs.

He and other market watchers say there is a key difference now, compared with Silicon Valley’s fiasco a decade ago. Although the Internet IPO market is as hot as it’s been since the dot-com heyday, there are still comparatively few companies coming to market. And many already have solid financials, having been forced to stay private while the Great Recession sapped investor interest.

“The door is open for the specialty technologies — but it’s not a bubble,” he said. The dot-com era “looked like a stampede. Right now it’s a cavalry charge. It’s lacking the numbers to call it a bubble.”

Meanwhile, there’s little demand for those who fell from grace. News Corp. sold the struggling Myspace — once a social media darling — for a pithy $35 million on Wednesday. It paid a whopping $580 million in 2005.

LinkedIn, a service that connects people looking to advance their professional careers, doubled its IPO price in its first day of trading to give it a market value of nearly $9 billion — the highest for an Internet IPO in the U.S. since Google Inc. went public nearly seven years ago. The daily deals site Groupon Inc. has also filed its initial IPO papers.

Zynga is expected to attract even greater interest than LinkedIn did because its games have become a much larger cultural phenomenon. About 230 million people every month play addictive Zynga games such as “Farmville,” “CityVille” and “Texas HoldEm Poker.”

By comparison, LinkedIn has more than 102 million members.

Zynga makes most of its revenue by charging small amounts of money to buy virtual items in its games. It also makes some money from advertising and partnerships with companies such as Netflix or Vistaprint on special offers. Revenue grew to $597 million in 2010, from $121 million in 2009 and $19 million in 2008.

The company, which is based in San Francisco, has a co-dependent relationship with Facebook. Zynga probably wouldn’t exist if it hadn’t tailored its games for Facebook’s audience of more than 500 million users. On the flip side, Zynga games give people another reason to keep make frequent visits to Facebook so they can tend to virtual farms, play online poker or watch over virtual cities.

Zynga was founded in 2007 by CEO Mark Pincus. It has about 2,300 employees, most of them in San Francisco. Private investments earlier this year valued the company as high as $10 billion well before the IPO. By comparison, Electronic Arts Inc., the iconic video game company behind “Madden,” “The Sims” and other popular titles, is currently valued at $7.8 billion. “Call of Duty” maker Activision Blizzard Inc., meanwhile, has a market capitalization of $13.4 billion.

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U.S. auto sales up in June, but Japan still hurting

BY DEE-ANN DURBIN & TOM KRISHER
AP Auto Writers

DETROIT Gas prices hit a sweet spot for automakers last month. They fell far enough to spur pickup truck sales, yet remained so high that small cars sold well, sometimes just hours after reaching dealers' lots.

That made June a good month for General Motors and Ford, which have traditionally relied on truck sales and now have strong line-ups of smaller, fuel-efficient models as well.

Toyota and Honda couldn't take advantage, however. Their sales plummet more than 20 percent each as they ran short of cars because of the ongoing problems from the March earthquake in Japan.

Those declines — and the continuing weakness in the U.S. economy — meant sales grew more slowly in June than they might have. U.S. sales rose 7 percent to 1.05 million. Analysts had expected a double-digit gain.

Sales aren't expected to pick back up until fall, when Japanese production is at full capacity.

General Motors Co. and Ford Motor Co. both said their sales rose 10 percent. And the Chevrolet Cruze small car vaulted past perennial best-sellers like the Toyota Camry and the Honda Civic to become the best-selling car in America. Chrysler Group's sales increased 30 percent thanks to popular new products like the Jeep Grand Cherokee and Chrysler 200 sedan.

Gas prices averaged $3.68 per gallon in June, cheaper than in May but hardly inexpensive. It was enough to change some buyers' behaviors.

"There is a certain portion of consumers that react to gas prices almost on a daily basis, and they decide what to buy based on those prices," said Jesse Toprak, vice president of industry trends and insights for car pricing site TrueCar.com.

The drop in gas prices lured more pickup truck buyers. Chrysler reported a 35-percent increase in Ram truck sales, while Chevrolet Silverado sales rose 5 percent. Any jump in pickup sales helps the Detroit automakers, which sell more than five times as many pickups as foreign-based brands. But even Nissan Motor Co. benefited. Sales of its Frontier small pickup rose 51 percent.

Ford said even pickup buyers had their eye on gas prices. More than half of F-150 buyers chose smaller V-6 engines over V-8s. It was the first time smaller engines outsold larger ones since the 1980s.

Small cars also remained hot sellers. Sales of the Cruze more than doubled those of the car it replaced, the Chevrolet Cobalt, while sales of the Ford Fiesta subcompact were up 438 percent from last June.

But automakers could have sold more small cars without the supply disruptions in Japan. Sales of the Toyota Prius hybrid fell 61 percent to 4,340, their lowest level in seven years, according to TrueCar.com, while Honda Civic sales were down 35 percent. U.S. automakers sold as many small cars as they could make, but they couldn't meet the demand for small cars alone.

The industry began June with a 30-day supply of compact and subcompact cars, and inventory has only gotten tighter, Ford's top U.S. sales analyst George Pipas said. Chevrolet has only 18 days' worth of the subcompact Aveo to sell. Some new Ford Focus small cars sold within hours of arriving at dealerships. A 60-day supply is more typical.

Toyota said it expects to deliver 36,000 Prius hybrids to U.S. dealers this summer and eventually top last year's sales. Don Esmond, Toyota's senior vice president for automotive operations, said the company expects production in Japan to be back to normal levels by the end of this month, while North American production will be back to 100 percent in September.

But concerns about the weak economy are hanging over the industry. Unemployment remains high, incomes are flat and consumer confidence — an important measure of whether or not cars will sell — slipped to a seven-month low in June.

Some analysts are already lowering their expectations for the year. Don Johnson, GM's vice president of U.S. sales, said he now expects total industry sales to be at the low a range of 13 million to 13.5 million vehicles. J.D. Power and Associates lowered its full-year sales forecast slightly to 12.9 million.

The rate of auto sales has slowed considerably since before the Japan earthquake. Automakers began 2011 on track to sell more than 13 million cars and trucks this year. But if sales remain at the pace seen in June, annual sales would instead be 11.5 million. As recently as 2005 annual sales were approaching 17 million.

Still, there are reasons to believe that demand is there. Ford said the average age of a car on the road has risen to a record 11 years, and many of those cars will need to be replaced soon.



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Ex-IMF chief freed without bail; charges still stand

BY JENNIFER PELTZ & TOM HAYS
Associated Press

NEW YORK Smiling faintly as he walked out of court, former IMF chief Dominique Strauss-Kahn was released from house arrest Friday after prosecutors acknowledged serious questions about the credibility of the hotel maid who accused him of sexual assault.

The charges against him stand — for now, at least. But weeks after saying it had a strong case that was only getting stronger, the district attorney's office was on the defensive. So was the housekeeper's lawyer, who continued to insist that Strauss-Kahn had violently abused the woman.

The 32-year-old hotel maid accused Strauss-Kahn of chasing her through his luxury suite in May, trying to pull down her pantyhose and forcing her to perform oral sex.

An attorney for Strauss-Kahn, meanwhile, called the turn of events "a great relief." The case underscores "how easy it is for people to be charged with serious crimes and for there to be a rush to judgment," William W. Taylor said.

Strauss-Kahn, 62, had been confined for weeks to a luxury New York City townhouse on $6 million bail after his arrest on attempted rape charges that forced his resignation as head of the International Monetary Fund and appeared to destroy any hope he had of running for president of France next year.

But then, on Friday, defense lawyers went into court to ask that his bail conditions be eased, with prosecutors' assent.

"The strength of the case has been affected by the substantial credibility issues regarding" the accuser, Assistant District Attorney Joan Illuzzi-Orbon told the judge, who then canceled Strauss-Kahn's bail and most of the other restrictions.

According to prosecutors, the woman admitted she lied to a grand jury about what she did immediately after the alleged attack. She actually went on cleaning rooms instead of reporting the episode right away, prosecutors told the defense in a letter.

She also told prosecutors a tearful, vivid but untrue story of having been gang-raped in her native Guinea, later admitting it was among various false accounts of oppression that she had been told to memorize to enhance her 2004 application for political asylum, prosecutors said. And she claimed someone else's child as her own dependent and lied about her income on tax forms, they said.

District Attorney Cyrus R. Vance Jr. portrayed the turnabout as a case of prosecutors doing the right thing.

"Our commitment to the truth and the facts will govern how we proceed" in the Strauss-Kahn case, he told reporters.

Another hearing is set for July 18. Strauss-Kahn did not get his passport back and will not yet be allowed to leave the country, but he will be free to travel within the U.S., his lawyers said.



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LOCATION	DRY	WET
Las Corrillo Beach, at Arroyo Seguit Creek mouth.	B	ns
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	ns
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechusa and Las Alisa 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.	F	ns
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	A+	ns
Paradise Cove Pier at Rominer Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	F	ns
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	F	ns
Solstice Canyon at Don Blocker County Beach.	D	ns
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth.	D	ns
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd..	F	ns
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	ns
Surfrider Beach (breach location)- daily.	F	ns
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	F	ns
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	C	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+	A+
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	A+	ns

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence.	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain.	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain.	A+	ns
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Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain.	A+	ns
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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
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Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain.	A+	ns
Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south.	A	ns
Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St..	B	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
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Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain.	A+	ns

LEGEND

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Saturday, July 2
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Sunday, July 3
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7:30pm

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Hangover Part II (R) 1hr 42min
7:30pm, 10:05pm

X-Men: First Class (PG-13) 2hrs 11min
1:00pm, 4:00pm, 7:15pm, 10:20pm

Beginners (R) 1hr 44min
12:00pm, 5:05pm, 10:15pm

Bad Teacher (R) 1hr 29min
11:30am, 2:00pm, 4:30pm, 7:00pm, 9:30pm

Kung Fu Panda 2 3D (PG-13) 1hr 31min
11:40am, 2:05pm, 4:35pm

Cave of Forgotten Dreams 3D (G) 1hr 30min
2:40pm, 7:45pm

AMC 7 Santa Monica
1310 Third St.
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Cars 2 in Disney Digital 3D (G) 1hr 53min
9:15am, 12:00pm, 2:45pm, 5:30pm, 8:15pm, 10:50pm

Transformers: Dark of the Moon (PG-13) 2hrs 34min
10:45am, 2:25pm, 6:00pm, 9:35pm

Super 8 (PG-13) 1hr 52min
10:30am, 1:20pm, 4:15pm, 7:00pm, 9:50pm

Larry Crowne (PG-13) 1hr 39min
11:40am, 2:20pm, 5:05pm, 7:45pm, 10:20pm

Bridesmaids (R) 2hrs 05min
10:15am, 1:15pm, 4:20pm, 7:25pm, 10:30pm

Cars 2 (G) 1hr 53min
11:00am, 1:45pm, 4:30pm, 7:15pm, 10:00pm

Transformers: Dark of the Moon 3D (PG-13) 2hrs 34min
9:30am, 12:55pm, 4:25pm, 8:00pm, 11:35pm

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City of Life and Death (Nanjing! Nanjing!) (R) 2hrs 12min
11:00am

Turtle: The Incredible Journey (G) 1hr 20min
11:00am

Forks Over Knives (PG) 1hr 30min
11:00am

Africa United (NR) 1hr 47min
11:00am

Buck (PG) 1hr 29min
1:00pm, 3:10pm, 5:30pm, 7:50pm, 10:10pm

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

Trip (NR) 1hr 47min
1:50pm, 4:30pm, 7:20pm, 10:00pm

Buck (PG) 1hr 29min
1:00pm, 3:10pm, 5:30pm, 7:50pm, 10:10pm

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

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Monte Carlo (PG) 1hr 49min
11:10am, 2:00pm, 4:45pm, 7:30pm, 10:15pm

Green Lantern (PG-13) 1hr 45min
11:00am, 1:55pm, 4:55pm, 7:45pm, 10:40pm

Bad Teacher (R) 1hr 29min
10:05am, 12:30pm, 3:00pm, 5:30pm, 8:00pm, 10:30pm

Mr. Popper's Penguins (PG) 1hr 35min
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TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ Use the early part of the day to get together with friends or family. A lengthy brunch fits the bill perfectly. You might want to rethink a key relationship, as a loved one or roommate expresses his or her concern. Tonight: Entertain from home.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Balance your budget and clear out any bills. You will get a better sense of what you can spend. You might be eyeing a major purchase. Later today you note how in sync you are with those around you. Tonight: Hang out at a favorite spot.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Use the morning and early afternoon to the max. You have a lot going for you. Clearly someone cannot resist you. A splurge might be OK if you have planned for it. Just don't break your budget or go to excess. Tonight: Having a great time.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Your mind works overtime, as you are in the mood to present a friend or loved one with a proposition. Depending on the nature of this suggestion, you might want to make it in the morning if it involves just the two of you. Tonight: Let the good times roll.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Use the daytime hours to the max. Choose to do only what you want. You will wind up being with a friend who always puts a smile on your face. Reveal an issue you need feedback on. Later in the day, you might want to act on this issue. Tonight: Not to be found -- by most people.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Pressure builds. You want to please an authority figure or complete a request from a boss or older friend. Clear this demand out immediately, as you will want to network or socialize later. How about a baseball game? Tonight: Surrounded by fun. Join in.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Take off ASAP if that is what you want to do. Someone could be quite delighted by your plans. This person might join you or meet you halfway. If you want to retreat, be smart and don't answer your cellphone. Tonight: Very visible.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Continue to allow a key individual to play the role he or she wants. This person likes being dominant and getting much more of what he or she wants. Plan on taking off or going to a concert or movie late afternoon. Tonight: Keep escape the theme.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★★ Others have strong ideas. Why not allow them to play out? You might enjoy getting to know and understand someone better. In this situation, you reveal much more of yourself, too. Tonight: Go for cozy.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Complete errands and dive into a project. You might get much more done than you originally thought possible. Whether accepting an invitation for a barbecue or get-together at the last minute makes no difference -- a good time will be had by all. Tonight: Follow another's lead.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Listen to a child or new friend. This person wants to share much more of him- or herself. By being less judgmental and more open, you could be delighted to see this person's inner light. Honor your own needs late afternoon. Tonight: Whatever feels comfortable.

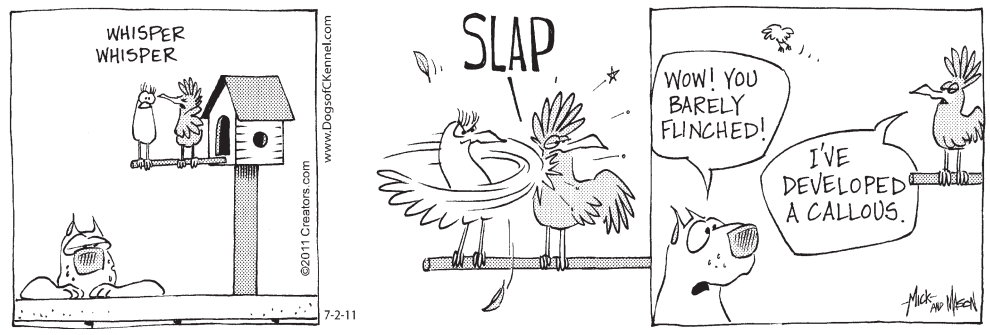
Happy birthday

This year, hang where you are comfortable, yet at the same time draw in others. Other times you shake up the status quo, plunging ahead, especially if you have a good financial idea. Test your ideas on those who have greater knowledge than you. If you are single, your allure attracts many people. Know what type of relationship you seek, and you will choose the right person. If you are attached, pay more attention to your sweetie. It isn't all about you! LEO can be quite possessive.

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

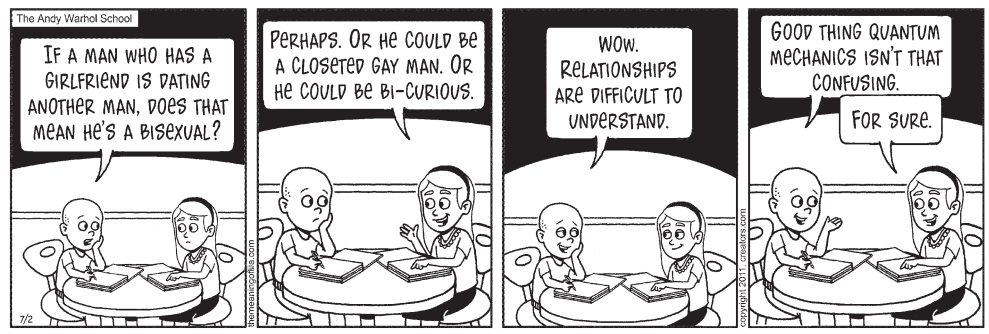
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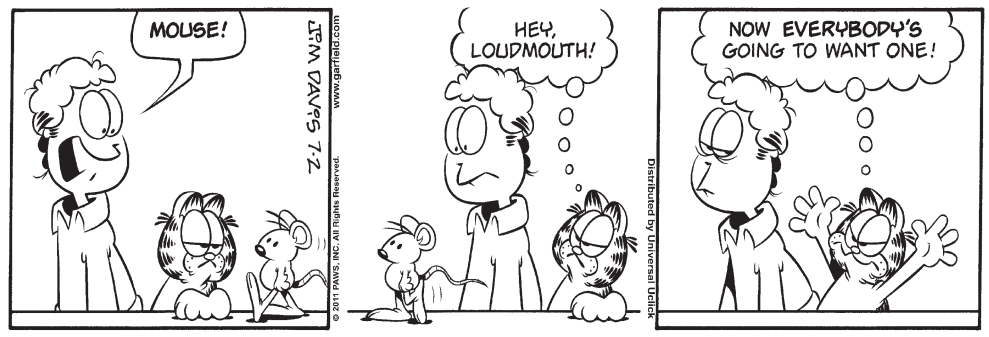
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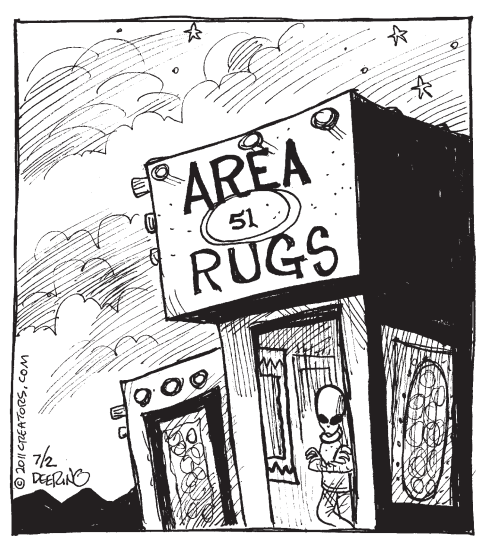
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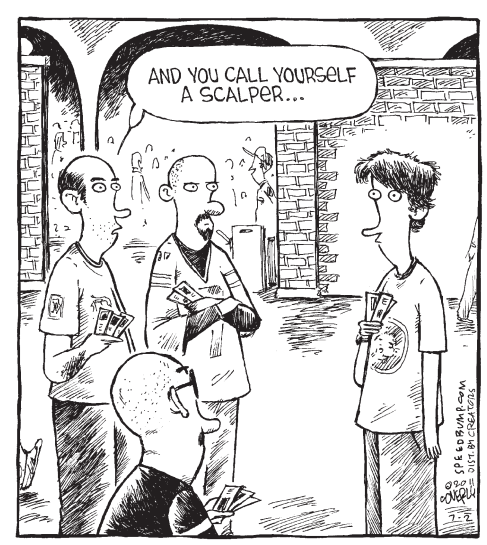
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Sudoku

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

Difficulty Level ★★★★

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

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GETTING STARTED

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

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



CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Man of the cloth
7 Jelly buys
11 Painter Diego
12 "Cold As Ever" rapper
13 Arthurian isle
14 Nix
15 Entered, as data
16 King of Judea
17 Nest setting
18 Mattress pest
19 Cinema
21 Hostile
22 Yeti's cousin
25 Outfit
26 Samovars
27 Call forth
29 Preside over
33 Coup —
34 Evange-line of "Lost"
35 — instant
36 Class length
37 Play start
38 Chant
39 Sediment
40 Lent ender

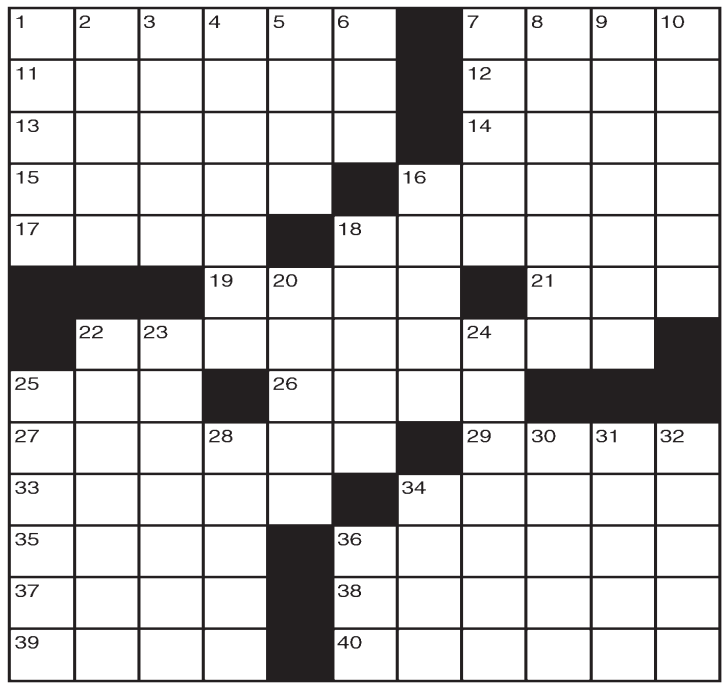
DOWN

1 Skill
2 Bile producer
3 Stay away from
4 Embossed art
5 Wrinkle remover
6 Paint buy
7 Talked nonsense
8 Bitter
9 Fix up a photo
10 Primly pompous
16 Macho sort
18 Say without thinking
20 Poor sport's cry
22 Librarian's request
23 Stir up
24 Souvenir-shop stack
25 Phone button
28 — Major
30 "Cats" poet
31 Un-escorted
32 Winona of films
34 Musical Horne
36 Slapstick weapon

P	A	C	E	S	■	R	O	C	K	S
I	N	A	W	E	■	I	N	A	N	E
N	I	N	E	R	■	S	O	N	I	C
A	M	A	■	V	I	E	■	A	V	A
T	A	D	■	I	N	N	■	D	E	N
A	L	I	E	N	S	■	F	I	S	T
■	■	A	L	G	E	R	I	A	■	■
B	A	N	K	■	C	A	T	N	A	P
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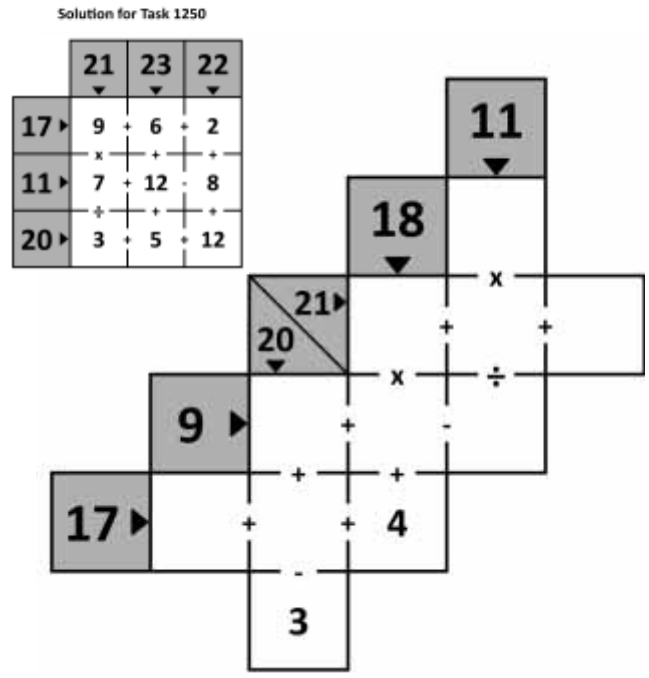
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1, 2, 7, 8, 9, 9, 11, 11, 12

Solution for Task 1250





NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ (1) Former Camden, N.J., police Sgt. Jeffrey Frett pleaded guilty in May in a scheme to qualify for early retirement by arranging to be shot in the leg (to be attributed to random street violence). The plan deteriorated, police said, when Frett's wife (the designated shooter) missed his leg, merely ripping a hole in his uniform pants. (2) Ryan Martin, 29, and Erica Clayburn, 20, were charged with reckless endangerment in Derry Township, Pa., in April after Martin was shot in the jaw. The couple were playing a game resembling "Marco Polo" with a loaded handgun, with an eyes-closed Clayburn firing when Martin shouted "Gun!" (Martin was supposed to duck out of the way before Clayburn pulled the trigger.)

■ Arrested recently and awaiting trial for murder: Anthony Wayne Smith (former Oakland Raiders football player), Los Angeles (March); Theron Wayne Johnson, Weston, Texas (May); Michael Wayne McGray, Vancouver, British Columbia (May); Darrell Wayne Morris, Price, Utah (May). Convicted of murder: Thilbert Wayne Hager, Statesville, N.C. (October). Execution for murder stayed by U.S. Supreme Court: Daniel Wayne Cook, Phoenix (on death row since 1987) (April). Sentenced for murder: Billy Wayne Haynes, Odessa, Texas (life) (May); Jeffrey Wayne Riebe, Conway, S.C. (40 years in prison) (June).

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"The Second Day of July 1776, will be the most memorable Epocha, in the History of America. I am apt to believe that it will be celebrated, by succeeding Generations, as the great anniversary Festival. It ought to be commemorated, as the Day of Deliverance by solemn Acts of Devotion to God Almighty. It ought to be solemnized with Pomp and Parade, with Shews, Games, Sports, Guns, Bells, Bonfires and Illuminations from one End of this Continent to the other from this Time forward forever more. You will think me transported with Enthusiasm but I am not. I am well aware of the Toil and Blood and Treasure, that it will cost Us to maintain this Declaration, and support and defend these States. Yet through all the Gloom I can see the Rays of ravishing Light and Glory. I can see that the End is more than worth all the Means. And that Posterity will tryumph in that Days Transaction, even altho We should rue it, which I trust in God We shall not."

(The Book of Abigail and John: Selected Letters of the Adams Family, 1762-1784, Harvard University Press, 1975, 142).

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