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Pedophile threatens litigation

McClellan is upset that SMPD released information to public

BY KEVIN HERRERA | Daily Press Staff Writer

PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITY A self-described pedophile who was spotted in the children's section of the Main Library last week is threatening to sue the Santa Monica Police Department for releasing an information bulletin about him that included two photos, his license plate number and a description of his car.

Jack McClellan, who admits to going to public events to take pictures of young girls, told CBS2 News on Monday that he was upset that the SMPD posted his picture on its Web site, claiming the move was a violation of his right to privacy since he is not wanted in connection with any crime.

McClellan, who publishes the pictures he takes of young girls and ranks them on his Web sites, said he fears for his life now that the police bulletin has been circulated throughout the community, according to the report.

Through a spokesman, SMPD Chief Timothy Jackman defended the department's stance to publish the bulletin.

"The chief has the responsibility of protecting the people who live and work here, and that is why he made the decision to release the bulletin," said SMPD Lt. P.J. Guido.

Representatives from the City Attorney's Office did not return phone calls seeking comment.

Meanwhile, a representative from the ACLU said circulation of the bulletin fell into a legal "gray area," and could not say whether or not the SMPD violated McClellan's right to privacy, especially since he has placed himself in the public eye with his interviews on major news outlets.

Over the weekend, McClellan was approached by Santa Monica police and gave officers permission to photograph him, according to a report on CNN.

In a poll sponsored by CBS2, 63 percent of respondents said McClellan's actions were wrong and he should not be protected, while 37 percent said free speech "means free for everyone."

The police department's decision to circulate the flyer is an unusual step, given McClellan is not under investigation. The carefully worded bulletin warns parents of McClellan's presence in Santa Monica and that the subject has given numerous interviews in which he admits to being a supporter of pedophiles and an advocate for reforming laws prohibiting adults from having sexual relationships with minors.

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Estee Bienstock, a nurse with more than 30 years of experience, will be the guest speaker at a free seminar on maintaining health and functionality throughout the aging process. Group will meet in the YMCA DeWind Room; located on the second floor. Register in advance. For more information, call (310) 393-2721.

Book signing

1201 Third Street Promenade, 7:30 p.m. — 8:30 p.m.

Book signing and discussion with Liliane Pelzman, author of 'And No More Sorrow,' at the Promenade Barnes & Noble.

Toddler Story Time for Twos

2601 Main St., 10 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

The Ocean Park Library hosts an afternoon of stories and music for toddlers, aged 24 — 36 months, accompanied by an adult. Registration is required. To register call (310) 392-3804.

Wednesday, Aug. 1, 2007

Tai Chi classes

400 W. Pico Blvd., 1 p.m. — 2 p.m.

St. Joseph Center is holding ongoing weekly Tai Chi classes. These low-impact classes are designed to help individuals improve their overall physical fitness and increase their mobility and flexibility. Classes are free, but enrollment is limited and advance registration is required. For more information, call (310) 396-6468, ext. 307.

Indie folks rocking out

1026 Wilshire Blvd., 8:30 p.m.

Moshav and Brett Andrew are playing the Temple Bar. Tickets are \$10. For more information, visit www.templebar-live.com.

Kiwanis Club Weekly Meeting

1332 Sixth St., noon — 1:30 p.m.

The Santa Monica Kiwanis Club holds its weekly luncheon with guest speakers at the YMCA. For more information, call (310) 828-1766.

'Pure'

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

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

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



Haulers vie for contracts

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL Trash haulers will participate in interviews today and Wednesday to see who should be in charge of collecting and disposing of the city's refuse for the next 15 years or more.

A committee comprised of two city staff members, a representative from both the business and environmental communities and two independent consultants from California will sit down with trash haulers, a group that includes the city's own Solid Waste Management Division (SWMD), to find out who can offer the best rates and top notch customer service, all while recycling as much refuse as possible.

The interviews come more than a year after City Hall completed its initial study on solid waste rates and operations in an effort to equalize rates instead of having residents subsidize commercial collections.

"It is an independent review," said Don Patterson, assistant to the city manager who is overseeing the selection process along with Assistant City Manager Gordon Anderson. "That is why we have four outside members and two internal. We wanted to make sure the process is independent and fair."

Some trash haulers expressed concern about the process given that SWMD is competing alongside them for the contracts.

ON THE TABLE

There are two contracts up for grabs. One covers the recycling and disposal of all trash generated in the city, while the other covers the collection of commercial solid waste. Currently there are more than a dozen private companies who collect commercial waste, which contributes to gridlock and poor air quality.

The City Council's goals are to equalize rates; keep the city "clean and green;" increase recycling; minimize impacts on the community and environment by improving efficiency; and enter into long term contracts for secure arrangements and predictable costs.

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DOG DISPUTE: Mar Vista residents and their dogs protest in front of the Santa Monica Airport Dog Park in April.

Pooches welcome?

Dog park could be opened to Mar Vista canines after dispute

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

SUNSET PARK Dogs in neighboring Mar Vista need no longer peer longingly through the chain link fence that has kept them from joining their Santa Monica peers in a new state-of-the-art dog park.

Three months after the new Airport Park opened to the public on the city's eastern edge, it appears likely that excluded non-residents and their pets will gain admittance to the off-leash dog park area located within city limits, but close to the West Los Angeles border.

City staffers with the Community and

Cultural Services (CCS) division are in the process of drafting a new policy that would alter the current Santa Monica policy barring dogs that aren't licensed in Santa Monica from using any of the off-leash dog specific areas in the city.

The rule ignited a furor among Mar Vista residents — many of whom live directly across the street from the canine fun land — following the grand opening of Airport Park in April.

The decision to draft a new policy followed a series of public hearings in June and July in which a number of Mar Vista residents requested their pets have access to the dog park.

In the most recent hearing, on July 19, the Recreation and Parks Commission recommended that staff devise a pilot program that would open the dog park for about six months while they assessed whether the changes should be permanent, said Neil Carrey, vice-chairman of the commission.

CCS Director Barbara Stinchfield said

she isn't sure whether she will draft a pilot program with a specific time frame or a policy that would allow non-Santa Monica licensed dogs contingent on certain conditions, such as whether the influx of Mar Vista dogs would have an effect on capacity for Santa Monica pets.

Regardless, any changes would have to be approved by the City Council, which is tentatively scheduled to hear the matter on Sept. 11.

Much of the criticism has centered around the dog park not being fully utilized by Santa Monica residents, appearing to hold plenty of room for outside residents and their dogs.

At its peak, the park has only been filled to more than half its capacity of 45 dogs, according to Stinchfield, who said staff has been monitoring park usage since the opening in late April.

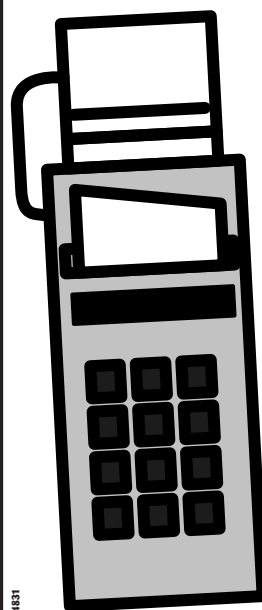
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Bad motorists ruin bicycling bunch
Editor:

I am writing this letter in regards to the last Santa Monica Critical Mass ride that took place, on July 6. The police made a concentrated effort to essentially chase SMCM out of the city limits – citing a number of cyclists. The Santa Monica Critical Mass ride has been a positive force in the city for a number of years. It fosters a sense of community for cyclists, as well as promoting safe riding. Santa Monica is known for its progressive ideas and SMCM is a prime example of that. The ideas the ride intends to promote are ones the city would want to align itself with: Healthy active lifestyle, less vehicular traffic, less pollution, safe riding practices and positive community awareness. The manner in which the police have dealt with the ride sheds a negative light on the city as a whole.

I have become aware that the ride may be seen as an unruly group of kids taking over the streets, but this is not the case. SMCM joins to celebrate cycling and the safety the number of riders allows us. The ride is filled with a diverse group of people – young and old – who come to Santa Monica because it is viewed as a bicycle-friendly city. Our intention is not to irritate motorists. On a daily basis, aggressive motorists harass cyclists, creating an unsafe riding environment. This ride stimulates awareness of these issues, not only within the bicycle community, but with the numerous people who come into contact with the ride. Residents and visitors alike are supportive of the ride as it passes, and it is only a small minority who have an issue with it. In general, it is this minority who are practicing unsafe driving habits, even without the presence of the ride.

My hope in writing this letter is to advocate some sort of resolution to avoid the events of the most recent ride. Santa Monica Critical Mass is part of the community and would like to work with the city to resolve any issues so that the ride may continue.

Alix Large
Santa Monica

Freedom to ride is magical
Editor:

I would like to comment that the ability to have the monthly evening bicycle rides in Santa Monica have been a great and meaningful activity. The feeling of freedom to ride ones bicycle, free of auto traffic, has been magical. If only every day there was somewhere one could ride without cars (having been badly hurt when hit by one), life would be beautiful. I wish there still could be a way the Critical Mass group can state their point (with the monthly ride) about the goodness of bike riding and commuting and still be acceptable to the flow of traffic and the police department.

Cathy Karol-Crowther
Santa Monica

Council needs to focus on city
Editor:

I just have to reply to Marilyn Goodman's ridiculous suggestion ("Council needs to make a move," July 27) that the Santa Monica City Council should pass a resolution to impeach our president and vice-president.

This is the left-minded at its most absurd. Ms. Goodman, we have the checks and balances in place that you claim are lacking – it's called Congress, you know, those Representatives in the House and the Senators we all vote for, and with whom this power to impeach rests.

Goodness gracious, sakes alive! The Santa Monica City Council can't even deal with the homeless and keeping our sidewalks, streets, parks and beaches clean and safe for city residents, including elderly residents like me and my wife. Our Council should focus on taking care of Santa Monica, not some quixotic and pointless jaunt, as Ms. Goodman suggests. And Ms. Goodman, you can certainly take paper and ink and write to your congressional representatives and encourage them to take the action they, and only they, have the right to take. However, I wouldn't hold my breath, because, thus far, there is no action necessary for Congress to take on this issue.

Carmen Polizzi
Santa Monica



What's the Point?

David Pizarra

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Trashy people should be dumped in landfill

JUST ABOUT EVERY MORNING, I WALK my dog in the park by home. It's a nice park, recently renovated, so everything still has a freshness about it. During the week, there are after school programs for kids. In the summer, there is a camp. There are many public meetings each week. Various groups take over the community rooms or the barbecue pits to host a variety of events.

Frequently, there are family gatherings for kids' birthdays or grampa's retirement, or just because it is a pleasant place for a family to relax for the day in the sun and let the kids run around playing whatever it is kids play these days.

Every Saturday, there is a Farmers' Market and hundreds of people show up to buy that week's vegetables and flowers. Over the course of the last few months, I have noticed that there is a large social aspect to this Farmers' Market — the proprietors get to know their customers and there is a regular give-and-take about the latest news and gossip.

Each week, people come for breakfast and leave with armloads of produce. The farmers leave with a lighter load, but heavier pockets, and the city has made money and provided a service to the community.

In general, the park is a wonderful thing and the people who frequent it are decent folk. But, humans being human, there are those who take advantage. There are those people who leave their trash strewn about for the Monday morning clean-up crew to come in and remove. There are those farmers who throw out their excess or beginning-to-rot produce, which becomes a treasure trove for the local possums and seagulls.

I hate those people, mostly, because I can so easily identify with them.

As a young man, full of vim and vinegar, I used to be one of the guys who would throw trash out my car window. I'd just toss trash on the ground when walking and, not only would I not care, I would actually justify my actions. I liked to use the fine logic of, "if everyone put their trash away, there would be no need for a janitor, and then someone would be out of a job, so actually my being a selfish, brutish, boor is helping to employ people. It's a good thing."

Perhaps it's age that has mellowed me and allowed my mothers teachings to come to the top again, but I hate it when I walk

through the park, or along the boardwalk, or across the sand and see trash everywhere. Perhaps I just grew up and have become an adult and realize that being a selfish, brutish pig is not who I want to be and doesn't help society. Perhaps I have witnessed enough graffiti to really despise anyone who would deface another's property.

As a lawyer, I see the seedier side of humanity often displayed at its worst. I see people being greedy, grabby, lazy, self-destructive and uncaring about their fellows. I see love betrayed, agreements broken, promises shattered and families destroyed ... frequently, over something as minor as money.

People forget the big picture — that we live in a larger context than our own microscopic needs. The family that leaves a picnic table covered in barbecue sauce and chocolate frosting, with chicken bones strewn about, is just as short-sighted and self-absorbed as the soon-to-be ex who thinks it's wise to drain the bank accounts and withhold the kids from their spouse.

The motivations are different, but the result is the same. Hurt feelings and hatred develop when we act badly. I have no idea who left the picnic tables dirty, but I know that my immediate reaction was slander all who use them. I don't even have to clean up after them, but I resent them for leaving the park in worse shape than when they found it.

The parks and the beaches are open to everyone. That is the right and proper way for a civilized society to be. But part of being in a civilized society is having people act civilly. It's time for the city to remind our residents and our guests and visitors that, just because the parks and beaches are free to enjoy, doesn't mean that they can treat it like their home.

We have laws that make it illegal not to pick up after your dog. We have laws that make it illegal to litter. What we need are some gentle reminders along the lines of those signs that remind me to "curb my dog." We spend thousands of dollars on trash can wrappers reminding people there's no smoking, let's up that to include "No Littering."

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Guest Commentary

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Price of socialized medicine is too high

HEALTH CARE IS IN THE SPOTLIGHT again, with the premiere of Michael Moore's movie "Sicko" and the state of Massachusetts switching over to a mandatory universal single-payer program. But also sharing center stage are the same controversies that have bedeviled government's involvement in anything that demands excellence.

The basic question is whether we want a political system to manage doctors, hospitals and patients. What is the history of government's accomplishments? Are politicians and bureaucrats known to be pillars of efficiency, impartiality and competence? Or will government's escalating foray into medicine turn into a Laurel and Hardy comedy with the catchphrase: "Well, here's another nice mess you've gotten us into."

The problem that seems to plague political systems is an addiction to rigid, closed-ended structures that centralize and institutionalize outcomes based on a top-down bureaucracy. But life is not made to order; it evolves and readjusts. Perhaps that is why (before embarrassed authorities stopped the practice after it became publicized) sick dogs could get a CT scan in socialized medicine Canada within 24 hours, but it takes more than six months for humans. There is little flexibility or innovation in a system based on political maneuvering, special interests and rationing.

Is socialized medicine just another kind of snake oil? Consider the recent tragedy of Edith Rodriguez, who lay on the floor of a Los Angeles government hospital emergency room floor for 45 minutes, unattended, screaming for help and throwing up blood. Caught on a security camera, the videotape shows that nobody came to her assistance. As she pleaded for help, a janitor was shown mopping around her writhing body. Rodriguez died on that floor. Her husband called 9-1-1 for help, but was told that since his wife was already at the Martin Luther King Jr.-Harbor Hospital, they could not send help.

Instead of punishment, the medical staff responsible got "letters of expectation" that explained how to treat patients in the future. The director of Islamic Project HOPE, Najee Ali, was incensed and regarded the hospital's reply as a "slap in the face for the whole family, a slap in the face for the community and it shows the devaluing of Latinos and blacks."

Known by the locals as "Killer King" for decades, the hospital has a long history of harming and killing patients that it was meant to serve. In 2000, a 9-year-old patient

died after coming to the same hospital with two broken teeth. One investigation discovered that a man with a serious brain tumor was left untreated in the emergency room for four days before relatives transferred him to another hospital so that he could get a life-saving operation.

Dozens of other cases of incompetence, poor management, bureaucratic indifference and lapses in care were found. So many violations were revealed that the U.S. Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services recently filed a report that not only condemned the hospital for "substandard care," but declared that "patients at King-Harbor in Willowbrook were in immediate jeopardy of harm or death."

But surely, this county-operated hospital must be underfunded! Not according to the Los Angeles Times' five-part investigative series that included the headline, "Underfunding Is a Myth, but the Squandering Is Real." The report said that King-Harbor hospital "spent more per patient than 75 percent of the public and teaching hospitals in California, according to a 2002 state audit that looked at fiscal year 2000."

According to the World Health Organization, the United States' "overall performance" in health care is supposedly 37th in the world. But in the "patient satisfaction category," America ranks No. 1, and it's No. 2 for the shortest waiting time for non-emergency surgery. This is an amazing statistic, since more than 50 percent of every U.S. medical dollar spent is controlled by local, state or federal agencies.

Everyone wants better and more affordable services. But the issue of health care or any service boils down to choice. Without choice, a system can easily morph into a stagnant monopoly where politics determine who gets which doctor, what medical procedures are appropriate and how much quality is affordable.

In the case of Edith Rodriguez's experience with government medicine, the outcome was a tragedy of unimaginable incompetence. This might be our fate if government completely invades the medical field. The health care may be "free," but it will surely cost us a lot.

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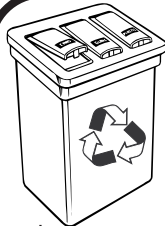
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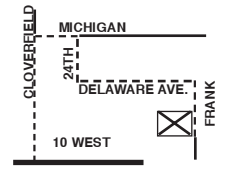
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The Q-Line

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So this week's Q-Line question asks:

If you could make a film that focused on any issue related to Santa Monica, what would it be and who would you cast in the starring roles?

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Life after death on the Internet

BY MEGHAN BARR | Associated Press Writer

Somewhere deep in cyberspace, where reality blurs into fiction and the living greet the dead, there are ghosts.

They live in a virtual graveyard without tombstones or flowers. They drift among the shadows of the people they used to be, and the pieces they left behind.

Allison Bauer left rainbows: Reds, yellows and blues, festooned across her MySpace profile in a collage of color. Before her corpse was pulled from the depths of an Oregon gorge on May 9, where police say she leapt to her death, she unwittingly wrote her own epitaph.

"I love color, Pure Color in rainbow form, And I love My friends," the 20-year-old wrote under "Interests" on her profile. "And I love to Love, I care about everyone so much you have no idea."

Now her page fills a plot on www.MyDeathSpace.com, a Web site that archives the pages of deceased MySpace members.

Behold a community spawned from twin American obsessions: Memorializing the dead and peering into strangers' lives. Anyone with Internet access can submit a death to the site, which currently lists nearly 2,700 deaths and receives more than 100,000 hits per day.

The tales are mostly those of the very young who died prematurely. Here, death roams cyberspace in all its spectral forms: senseless and indiscriminate, sometimes premeditated, often brutally graphic. It's also a place where the living — those who knew the deceased and those who didn't — discuss this world and the next.

There's a boy, 16, who passed out in the shower and drowned. There's a 20-year-old whose body was discovered

burned to death on a hiking trail; and woman, 21, who overdosed on drugs and was found dead in a portable toilet, authorities say.

Their fates have been sealed, but their spirits remain very much alive — frozen in time, for all the world to see.

Scrolling down a dead person's MySpace profile wall is like journeying into the past. The pages were abandoned hastily, without warning. Most telling is the date of each person's last log-in.

For 16-year-old Stephanie Wagner, it was Sept. 29, 2006 — a month before she was strangled and stabbed on Halloween night. Her frivolous teenage profile pales against the terrible facts of her murder.

"This site does kind of let you look into the heart of darkness," says Bob Thompson, professor of television and popular culture at Syracuse University.

California company sinks teeth into 'shared dog' concept

BY LISA LEFF

Associated Press Writer

SAN FRANCISCO From the state that popularized purse puppies, drive-thru dog washes and gourmet dog food delivery comes the latest in canine convenience — a company that contracts out dogs by the day to urbanites without the time or space to care for a pet full-time.

Marlena Cervantes, founder of FlexPetz, bristles when people refer to her five-month-old business as a rent-a-pet service. She prefers the term "shared pet ownership," explaining the concept is more akin to a vacation time share or a gym membership than a trip to the video store.

"Our members are responsible in that they realize full-time ownership is not an option for them and would be unfair to the dog," said Cervantes, 32, a behavioral therapist who got the idea while working with pets and autistic children. "It prevents dogs from being adopted and then returned to the shelter by people who realize it wasn't a good fit."

FlexPetz is currently available in Los Angeles and San Diego, where Cervantes lives. She plans to open new locations in San Francisco next month, New York in September and London by the end of the year.

She's also hoping to franchise the FlexPetz concept so the dogs will have housing options other than kennels when not in use. For San Francisco, she's hired a caretaker

who plans to keep the dogs at her house when they aren't on loan to members.

For an annual fee of \$99.95, a monthly payment of \$49.95 and a per-visit charge of \$39.95 a day, (discounted to \$24.95 Sunday through Thursday), animal lovers who enroll in FlexPetz get to spend time with a four-legged companion from Cervantes' 10-dog crew of Afghan hounds, Labrador retrievers and Boston terriers.

The membership costs cover the expense of training the dogs, boarding them at a cage-free kennel, home or office delivery, collar-sized global positioning devices, veterinary bills and liability insurance. It also pays for the "care kits" — comprised of leashes, bowls, beds and pre-measured food

— that accompany each dog on its visits.

Charter member Shari Gonzalez said she was thinking about getting a dog when a dog trainer she consulted suggested part-time ownership. At first, she had reservations.

Gonzalez, 22, never doubted there was room for a dog in her heart. The issue was her life, which included a small, two-bedroom apartment and a full-time schedule of college classes in San Diego.

"I was thinking, 'How is a dog going to bounce from house to house and be OK with that,'" she said.

Her misgivings were allayed after she spoke with Cervantes, who explained that only dogs with social temperaments were picked for the program.

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A young girl climbs up a rope at Santa Monica's Muscle Beach recently.

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Lessons from Lindsay

Help a teen — or her friend — take risks in a safe environment

BY FRAN GOLDEN
Associated Press Writer

We all know her, the girl who just like Lindsay Lohan seemed to go overnight from good girl to bad.

She moved from playing with Barbies to sneaking a cigarette, a beer and a French kiss, just like a lot of us once did. Except she didn't stop there.

For me, back in the 1970s, it was a friend who eventually took off with a long-haired guy on a motorcycle for parts unknown.

For my daughter it was a friend who became the subject of my daughter's 2001 college entrance essay.

"It is 3:30 in the morning. An hour ago I was startled from sleep by a phone call," from a friend, she wrote. "Under the influence of some substance or other, she asked me to pick her up. So my mother and I have been waiting in the parking lot at 7-Eleven for over an hour."

It's normal for girls to experiment, according to Boston-based family therapist Carleton Kendrick. But spiraling out of control is another thing, and parents have the challenge of knowing the difference.

Actress Lohan, who recently turned 21, was arrested and released on bail earlier this week for investigation of misdemeanor driv-

ing under the influence and with a suspended license. She was also charged with felony cocaine possession. (She has said the cocaine was not hers). Less than two weeks earlier she completed her second trip to rehab.

Kendrick, who co-wrote "Take Out Your Nose Ring, Honey, We're Going to Grandma's" (Unlimited Publishing) said there are lessons to be learned from the Lohan affair even when it comes to non-celebrity kids.

"An adolescent girl's job is to ride the roller coaster. Risky behavior is part of frankly what should be happening during adolescence," Kendrick said. "But kids tend not to spiral all of a sudden. It (Lohan's downfall) started at a particular level and got worse. And one would hope parents would be paying enough attention and know their children to spot the signs before they were on a DUI."

Nationally recognized psychologist Dr. Susan Bartell said the lesson here for parents is to communicate with your kids — long before there may be a problem.

"Know who their friends are. Stay on top of them. Keep talking to them. Have all the kids over at your house," Bartell said. "In adolescence the hard work begins."

She said parents shouldn't give kids enough rope to hang themselves, but they also shouldn't be too strict or the kids will rebel.

"You have to have a balance," Bartell said. "Know what's going on with your kid. Push them. Empathize with them. Feel your kids' pain."

Kendrick suggested parents talk to their kids about the "troubled trio" that is Lohan, Paris Hilton and Britney Spears.



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Tuning out the TV set

Dear Dorie,

What is your opinion about television viewing for children? I like to turn on the talk shows in the morning (I haven't yet but I miss them) and catch some sitcoms at night. My husband and I used to really enjoy our TV time together. Is television viewing really going to hurt my kids?

Entertainment Impassed

Dear Impassed,

Growing up in the womb of the Hollywood embryo (aka Los Angeles), it always seems a bit hypocritical to want to limit television viewing for young children. A large part of the West Los Angeles population depends on television viewing for their livelihood and most adults watched TV in a healthy way prior to parenting. Once your child is sitting up and focusing, however, the realization hits: Television viewing provides absolutely nothing beneficial to young children. It just takes one viewing of a comatose toddler in front of a cartoon channel to know the truth.

So, why do we do it? Multiple reasons actually, but in your case, I hear the desperate calling for another adult voice in the morning and a re-connection with your spouse in the evening. Both of which can

be accomplished without television.

In the morning, try talk radio. Children will benefit from the vocabulary exposure (appropriate content is up to you) and they are less likely to sit still and tune out with a radio. Better yet, schedule morning play-dates with parents that will join you for coffee or tea and settle in to a good conversation while supervising the kids.

For the evening, set aside the time after your children are asleep for you and your husband. If a second dinner is out of the question, just make an adult dessert that you can share together along with some conversation. Establish a rule that you will discuss anything but the kids and stick to it. It takes a concerted effort, but is worth it in the long run.

In 10 years, I have seen children start watching television as early as infants and as late as school age. Notably, I have never seen a child give up television. They will discover TV inevitably, but do your best to prolong life without it. Good luck.

Dorie

DORIE MEEK is director of the Infant & Family Support Program, provided by Saint John's Health Center in partnership with the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District. Submit your questions to meek@smmusd.org.

Darn good dorm cooking

BY TANYA BRICKING LEACH

Associated Press Writer

By all accounts, college dorm food has gotten much better in recent years.

But what about those times you sleep through brunch? Miss lunch because you were hanging out at the library scoping prospective dates? Or maybe you were even studying so hard you forgot to look at the clock and the cafeteria closed.

We can't speak to your school's rules on in-room cooking devices (or how strictly you wish to observe them) but we can offer some decent quickie dining ideas. Though be warned, like wearing the same sweats to class that you slept in, or using the same plastic cup to drink beer or brush your teeth, some are ideas only a student could love.

RAMEN NOODLES

A college student's best friend, they're cheap, easy and you can spruce them up with just about anything, says Toni Patrick, author of "101 Things To Do With Ramen Noodles" (Gibbs Smith, 2005). Patrick came up with the idea for the book when she was a chemistry major at the University of North Colorado, in Greeley, Colo.

Patrick, now 36 and out of college, still experiments with some of her classics, such as a variation of her tuna noodle casserole: cooked ramen topped with a can of cream of mushroom soup and a can of peas and warmed in the microwave. Not in the mood for that? She's got 100 more.

MAC & CHEESE

Patrick doesn't claim to be a chef, but she did have enough thoughts about frugal food fixings to come up with another book, "101 Things To Do With Mac & Cheese" (Gibbs Smith, 2007). Her former roommate might be partial to the Frito Pie recipe: mac &

cheese topped with a can of beanless chili and crumbled Fritos. Nothing says college like chips on the dinner menu.

FRUIT SMOOTHIES

For healthier fare, all you need is a blender, some yogurt, a banana and whatever other fruit you have on hand, says Daphne Oz, author of last year's "The Dorm Room Diet" and this year's "The Dorm Room Diet Planner."

If she has it handy, Oz, 21, a senior at New Jersey's Princeton University, likes to add strawberries, a packet of Splenda, two handfuls of ice and some protein powder.

OUTSIDE-IN PANINI PIZZA

If a George Foreman Grill doesn't get you kicked out of the dorm, that just might be the way to go, says celebrity cook Rachael Ray. For late-night study breaks, the George Foreman Grill doubles as a handy panini press, she says.

Load up both halves of a nice Italian loaf with sun-dried tomatoes, provolone or mozzarella, some basil pesto and a sprinkle of Parmesan cheese. Close the halves and drizzle the outside with a little extra-virgin olive oil, she says, press, and "press-to," you'll have a panini party in your dorm room.

BARBECUE CHICKEN PITA PIZZA

The only appliances Megan Carle was allowed to have in her dorm room at Arizona State University in Tempe were a microwave and a mini fridge.

That didn't stop her and her sister, Jill, from getting creative and coming up with recipes for their book "College Cooking: Feed Yourself and Your Friends" (Ten Speed Press, 2007).

One of their favorite recipes is Barbecue Chicken Pita Pizza. Megan, 23, usually uses leftover chicken to make her dish.

Empowering area’s abused children

BY MELODY HANATANI | Daily Press Staff Writer

VENICE High above the shoppers and diners along casual Abbot Kinney Boulevard sits an abstract drawing of a smiling boy wearing a crown. Scribbled beneath him: “The light in a child is love.”

On the same billboard is the number to a telephone hotline, encouraging teenagers to call if they, or someone they know, is a victim of abuse.

The serious message in an otherwise light-hearted shopping district adorns the corner of Abbot Kinney Boulevard and Westminster Avenue. It’s paid for by Project Nightlight, a non-profit organization that aims to empower victims of child abuse through fun activities, such as music, shopping, sports and movies.

The organization was launched in 2003 by Stacia Oemig out of her home in Venice. A victim of child abuse, Oemig started the organization to encourage youths to report abuse, understanding full well the fears associated with speaking out.

SOCIAL CARE IS A BIG BLACK HOLE AND NOT KNOWING IS ENOUGH TO SCARE THEM.”

Stacia Oemig, Founder, Project Nightlight

Oemig and her younger brother were both physically abused by her stepfather and remained silent until after she left for college. Throughout the years, a social worker would stop by the house asking questions and the children would lie and say everything was all right, Oemig said.

“I didn’t want to be separated from my younger brother,”

said Oemig, now 32. “I thought foster care was this horrible, awful thing.”

It wasn’t until after she graduated from college that Oemig realized she should have reported her stepfather, learning of the benefits of the foster care system.

“I want (victims) to realize they don’t have to be afraid,” Oemig said.

The 1-800 number on the billboard goes to the Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services, which works with the approximately 20,000 children currently in foster care.

An intake children social worker handles the calls and conducts a first assessment, retrieving as much information as they can from the caller. Upon evaluating the information, the worker will either immediately respond to the home of the child or wait anywhere from one to five days before responding, said Louise Grasmehr, the director of public affairs.

The department receives about 150,000 individual reports of child abuse every year from the hotline.

“I think a lot of people feel helpless and feel like there is nowhere they can turn, or if they know someone is being abused, they don’t know what they should do,” Grasmehr said.

Children usually come to realize by their early teen years that abuse — whether it’s from a family member, a neighbor or teacher — is not right, Oemig said, who started fighting back at the age of 15.

Many children are afraid of reporting abuse because of retaliation and the fear of the unknown, Oemig said.

“Social care is a big black hole, and not knowing is enough to scare them,” she said.

Project Nightlight started with billboard and public service announcement campaigns, working closely with organizations and agencies like the Department of Children and Family Services.

It has grown over the past few years to where volunteers



Photo courtesy

IMPORTANT MESSAGE: Project Nightlight’s advertisement.

now work directly with victims of child abuse, providing free programs that include instructions on video editing, skate-board lessons and shopping trips for the girls in foster care.

The concept is similar to the Make-A-Wish Foundation, except in Project Nightlight’s case, the children are not terminally ill, the budget is much smaller and the “wishes” are usually activities.

The organization recently began funding chess lessons for several foster care children who mentioned they wanted to learn how to play the game, Oemig said. Operating from a \$40,000 annual budget, many of the activities are either funded through Project Nightlight or donations.

Project Nightlight volunteers also work closely with the foster children featured in “Wednesday’s Child,” a weekly segment on KTTV.

“Anything that empowers the children is great and anything that raises their self-esteem gives them hope, exposes them to new opportunities and new experiences,” Grasmehr said.

For more information, visit www.projectnightlight.org.

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PARENTING BRIEFS

Tips for moving with kids

Some practical tips from Lori Collins Burgan’s book, “Moving with Kids: 25 Ways to Ease Your Family’s Transition to a New Home” (Harvard Common Press):

Research the schools in your new community on-line. Many states have a Web site with “report cards” for every school in the state. Research a particular school by reviewing its Web site.

“Where you live determines how you live,” Burgan writes. Strike up conversations with local people during your house-hunting trip and ask about neighborhoods, activities and events.

Plot your new home, library, school, parks, etc., on a map to help your children visualize their new community.

Give your children tasks related to the move and dependent on their level of maturity.

Ask your young child’s new teacher to “buddy” your child with another student.

Attend the first day of class with your young child to ease the transition. (Preteens and teens prefer to blend in with the crowd.)

Assign to each kid a backpack for storing what they can’t live without during the move. Include items that will keep them entertained during the move.

Put a gold star on one of the packing boxes - and perhaps a wrapped, inexpensive toy for each child inside of it. Challenge your children to find “the special box” in the new home.

When your kids get bored or lonely, stop what you are doing and pay attention to them. Take time to talk, play, walk or cry.

In your new home, have two boxes available while unpacking _ one for “trash” and another for “donations.”

AP

Nicolas Cage and son unveil their comic book at entertainment expo

Nicolas Cage loves comic books so much, he created one of his own.

The actor and his 16-year-old son, Weston, took their new comic book, “Voodoo Child,” to the pop culture expo Comic-Con on Sunday.

Weston dreamt up the main character, Gabriel, a biracial teenage ghost who fights the evil of bigotry in post-Katrina New Orleans.

“He’s specifically dealing with racism,” said Cage, a lifelong comic-book collector who played Marvel superhero Johnny Blaze in the movie “Ghost Rider” this year.

The 43-year-old Cage made no secret of his cinematic aspirations for his new comic creation.

“I have very high hopes to push ‘Voodoo Child’ into script and production ... and perhaps play a role in the movie,” he said. “We have those ideas in motion.”

Weston said he would like to play a villain in the film.

Cage said that Weston inspires him and that they hope to collaborate on other comic-book ideas. The six-book “Voodoo Child” series is published by Virgin Comics. The first issue was released this month.

“This is a highlight in my life,” Cage said, “that I got to create something with my son.”

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ON THE JUICE

Southern California Edison workers have been out en masse at the corner of Lincoln Boulevard and Marine Street, installing a terminating pole that will allow electrical and other utility wires along Marine Street to be lined underground. The long-term project was tentatively scheduled to be completed by today, according to Edison spokesman Mark Olson, who added the work 'will clean up Marine Street.'

Photos courtesy of Kevin Hahn and Love



Haulers compete to be awarded city garbage contracts

FROM CONTRACTS PAGE 3

Under options on the table, a private company or city sanitation workers could be responsible for building a new, state-of-the-art transfer station at the City Yards, located just off Cloverfield Boulevard near Interstate 10. Another option would be closing the facility down completely and transferring all trash and recyclables to another location within Santa Monica or at a site outside the city.

That could mean a host of things for residents and businesses, including new rates for trash pickup as well as an increased amount of garbage making its way into the city from other municipalities.

One thing is for sure, whatever happens, City Hall will continue to retain ownership over the 10 acres where the current transfer facility sits, along with a recycling center and a closed landfill. The facility is considered by many within City Hall and in the trash disposal industry as a valuable asset given the lack of such sites on the Westside.

Currently, the facility is only permitted for 400 tons of trash per day, processing about 300 tons today. That includes refuse, recyclables, yard waste, food waste, cardboard and bulk items from nearly 8,000 residential units, 42,000 multi-family units, and 1,600 commercial accounts.

With City Hall planning to consolidate all trash hauling — commercial collection is currently spread out amongst SWMD and private firms — it is estimated that the facility would reach its capacity under the permit. To handle more trash, a new permit would need to be issued. Whoever wins the contract for operation of the facility would be responsible for securing that permit.

On top of that, City Hall, under its Sustainable City Plan, requires a diversion rate of 70 percent by the year 2010. That means of all the garbage collected, 70 percent would have to be recycled or diverted from ending up in a landfill. SWMD currently diverts 67 percent of its trash, however, those in the industry are concerned that reaching the goals set under the Sustainable City Plan could be difficult to maintain.

THE PLAYERS

For transfer and disposal, Athens Services of the City of Industry will be competing against SWMD and Santa Monica-based Southern California Disposal, which operates its own transfer facility in the City Yards, directly adjacent to the city's transfer station and recycling center.

Athens has been collecting and recycling trash in Southern California for over 50 years and offers a greenwaste recycling program, street and parking lot sweeping services and storage box rental. It currently has long term contracts with Azusa, West Hollywood and South Pasadena, among others.

"We provide what we think to be the best service for our customers," said Eric Herbert, president of Athens, which has offered to build a new transfer station in the City Yards as part of its proposal. "Collection and recycling is our forte and we believe we do an excellent job at that."

Herbert said Athens currently operates two transfer facilities in Los Angeles County.

Southern California Disposal has operated since 1913 and provides trash collection, recycling and transfer. They also conduct audits of local businesses to see where they can reduce waste.

For commercial collection, Athens will have to face the city again along with Allied Waste Services, the second largest non-hazardous waste hauler in the county, Consolidated Disposal Services, the nation's third largest, and Looney Bins, a Pacoima based recycler which boasts a recycling rate of 75 percent.

Patterson said city staff plans to present the committee's recommendations to the council in September.

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DOG DAY AFTERNOON: Rich Wise and his wife Elaine play with their labradors at the Airport Dog Park in April.

City staff considering ways to open park to L.A. canines

FROM DOGS PAGE 3

"What we're trying to gauge is how much more can we have the area used at peak times," Stinchfield said.

Mar Vista residents seemed cautiously optimistic about the news, hoping that either a pilot program or policy change would be approved.

"This is not final, from what I understand," said Tom Ponton, a Mar Vista dog owner and member of the Mar Vista Community Council (MVCC). "Hopefully, the Santa Monica City Council will also do the right thing."

The chairman of the neighborhood group, Rob Kadota, held signs with his daughter at the grand opening of Airport Park, protesting City Hall's policies.

Kadota was heartened by the support of the Recreation and Parks Commission and spent his Sunday at the Mar Vista Farmers' Market collecting signatures from more than 50 grateful West LA residents.

"We have three large 'thank you' posters that we are encouraging Mar Vista residents to express their gratitude for Santa Monica being good neighbors," Kadota said.

While the commission moved in the direction of backing its neighbors to the east, a number of commissioners expressed

they felt Los Angeles City Council member Bill Rosendahl — who led the charge in criticizing City Hall for its policy — should identify spaces in his own district to open dog parks, Carrey said.

"Just as we feel commitment towards our residents, the city of LA should have some concern for their residents," Carrey said.

There are several dog parks within Rosendahl's 11th district, including ones in Brentwood and Venice. Rosendahl serves approximately 270,000 constituents in this district.

Nicole Velasquez, the field deputy for Mar Vista, is currently looking at two to three neighborhood locations where a dog park could possibly be built, according to Rosendahl.

With all the issues facing both the cities of Los Angeles and Santa Monica — such as the California Incline bridge replacement project, noise and fumes from Santa Monica Airport and Westside gridlock — it's nice to see that city officials from both sides can come together to address the dog park controversy, Rosendahl said.

"This gesture means a lot to me in the spirit of cooperation," Rosendahl said.

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Admitted pedophile mulls suing SMPD

FROM LAWSUIT PAGE 1

Since the flyer was released last week, stories about McClellan have been featured nationally on CNN, the New York Times and other major media outlets.

In an interview with the Times, McClellan told a reporter that he moved to his native Los Angeles because he had been run out of Washington state, where he operated the Web site "Seattle, Tacoma, Everett Girl Love."

The site, which was described as a "how-to" manual for pedophiles, com-

plete with locations where one can find young girls, has since been shut down.

McClellan was also quoted as saying Southern California had many "world-class children's attractions ... (like) Disneyland, festivals and whatnot," and planned to set up a new Web site called "Los Angeles Girl Love."

A parent named Ron Tebo has created his own Web site called jackmcclellan.com to expose McClellan and warn parents about his activities. It includes past news articles on McClellan along with recent sightings.

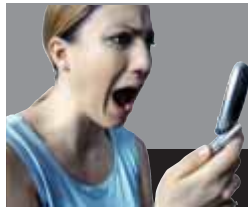
Since it is not illegal to take pic-

tures of people in public, including children, law enforcement officials admit their hands are tied.

McClellan, who is 45, refers to himself as a pedophile, but says he has never actually sexually touched a child. Law enforcement officials know of no convictions, according to the Times report.

Groups are working to have laws changed so that anyone who posts a picture of a child on a Web page with sexual content could be prosecuted.

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BY ALICIA CHANG
AP Science Writer

Once it lands, Phoenix will heat the soil samples in miniature ovens to study their chemistry. The lander can detect the presence of organics, although it won't be able to tell if there's DNA or protein, said principal

The Mars Climate Orbiter burned up as it neared Mars because Lockheed Martin/NASA mismatched metric and English measurement units. The Mars Polar Lander tumbled to its death after its rocket engine shut off prematurely as it tried to touch down on the south pole. Neither wreckage has been found.



Bed rest

Aguilera cancels shows in Australia due to the flu

CHRISTINA AGUILERA, who wraps up her world tour this week, has canceled two shows in Australia because she is ill with the flu. Doctors confirmed the 26-year-old singer is suffering from a viral upper respiratory tract infection with a

high fever and abnormal coughing, said concert promoter The Frontier Touring Company in a statement Monday released through Aguilera's spokeswoman. Aguilera was put on bed rest for several days, forcing her to miss two shows in Melbourne on Saturday and Monday.

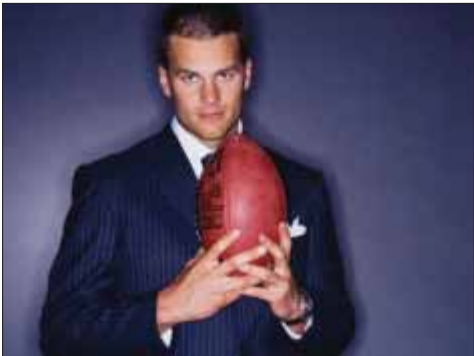
"Unfortunately, I have fallen ill with a bad flu virus," she said in a separate statement. "This is one of the best cities in the world to perform in and I am truly disappointed that I won't be able to share my show with you all." Several people on her tour have also become ill in

Australia, the promoter said. Aguilera's final two concerts were set for Thursday and Friday in Auckland, Australia. However, tour insiders have claimed that Christina is four months pregnant and the stress of her performances has taken its toll.

ASSOCIATED PRESS

Birthday boy Brady says he's entering a new phase in life

TOM BRADY is about to reach two milestones: the age of 30 and fatherhood. But the New England Patriots quarterback says he doesn't feel like he's entering a new phase of life. "I still feel like I'm 22," Brady said after a Patriots training camp practice Sunday. "I don't know if that's good or bad." Brady's former girlfriend, Bridget Moynahan, 36, is expecting their child this summer. They split up late last year after a three-year relationship, and Brady has been dating Gisele Bundchen. Asked if becoming a father would make this season different from his first seven in the NFL, Brady said, "I don't know. I haven't had a child yet. I'll tell you when it happens." Recently, a new baby has been a good-



luck charm for sports stars such as basketball's LeBron James and golf's Tiger Woods. But Brady - who turns 30 on Aug. 3 - isn't banking on that. "I hope that's a good omen," he said with a laugh. "But I hope that doesn't determine whether I'm having a good year."

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BALL STATE NAMES NEW BUILDING AFTER LETTERMAN

Ball State University will name its new communication building after **DAVID LETTERMAN**, a 1970 graduate. Letterman's mother, Dorothy Mengerling, was at Monday's announcement by the board of trustees in the talk-show host's hometown of Indianapolis. Mengerling, who lives in the city's northern suburb of Carmel, and Letterman, host of CBS' "Late Show With David Letterman," are expected to attend the Sept. 7 dedication. Ball State has said the \$21 million communication and media center on its main campus in Muncie would open at

the beginning of the 2007-08 school year, and that it will provide much-needed space for the university's emerging digital media content production facilities. The building brings the Center for Information and Communication Sciences, communication studies, journalism and telecommunications departments under one roof. The school already has a Letterman Scholarship in the Department of Telecommunications. They are awarded to three students and total more than \$18,000 each year, with the top scholarship worth \$10,000.

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

Happy Birthday!

You might want to head in a new direction or direct your energy elsewhere this year. Know when to stop holding yourself back. Your creativity emerges when dealing with various situations and the above-mentioned issue. Move on what you think are creative issues by the new year to maximize your success factor. If you are single, love will hit soon enough, if it hasn't already. If you are attached, your relationship could start sizzling. Let it happen.



Born Today
Actor Wesley Snipes (1962)
Actress Geraldine Chaplin (1944)
Actor Dean Cain (1966)

Jacqueline Bigar is on the Internet at <http://www.jacquelinebigar.com>
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Nurture someone, Libra

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ Your fiery side emerges, taking you in a new direction. Count on passion as you greet life right now. Question the financial ramifications of a situation. Listen to your inner voice, and you'll come up with answers. Tonight: Vanish. You need a break.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★ You might hit your share of collisions. Though hard-pressed to believe the issue is you, it could be just that. Loosen up and decide what feels right. Tonight: Beaming as only you can.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★★ You know how to deal with others' tempers, but can you deal with your own anger? Understand that you too need to process and get to the bottom of problems. No more refusing to deal with feelings - OK? Tonight: Take your place at the helm of your ship.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★★ You might want to diversify your many different interests and decide what works. If you hit a problem, realize far more is at work than you realize. Investigate and discover your options carefully. Tonight: Know what you want.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ You might be most irritated with a boss or someone who holds a lot of power. Thrashing around and being angry will not help. Gain control and decide to have that long-overdue discussion. Tonight: Happy as a cat being with that special person.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★★ You want to decide which way to go. If you are intrigued by someone's outburst, you might want to understand how valid it is. Explore your options, and you'll discover that others might have some very strong views. Tonight: Enjoy the moment.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ Your fiery nature helps you make a difference. Your ability to relate to and understand others proves to be significant. You might not realize just how much you challenge someone until he or she reacts. Tonight: Nurture someone, and he or she will feel secure.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★ You might be slightly more rigid than you realize. You want matters your way and only your way. If you want to understand others' reactions, walk in their shoes. What goes down could change a lot. Tonight: Your creative juices flow.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ You might want to take a leap of faith. Understand what makes a situation so volatile and question the end results. Your sense of humor and fun emerge by the afternoon. You also might want to spend a touch more time by yourself. Tonight: Easy does it.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ Expenses get a bit out of control as you deal with someone head-on. Get past a problem and understand what needs to happen. Stay loose and easy when dealing with the many caring people in your life. Tonight: Get together with a friend.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ You might want to discuss a situation more carefully that involves someone you care about. This person is most certainly on a tirade, which could be a problem. Chill and back off. You will make strong decisions. Tonight: Treat yourself!

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★ Say as little as you can today, remembering that tomorrow is most certainly another day. In fact, with this attitude, you could lighten up considerably when dealing with others. The afternoon has its rewards. Tonight: Do your thing.

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Sicko (PG-13)
1:25, 4:15, 7:15, 10:05
The Simpsons Movie (PG-13)
10:30am, 1:00, 3:20, 5:55, 8:20, 10:45
Transformers (PG-13)
11:55am, 3:05, 6:30, 9:50

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11:20am, 12:30, 2:10, 3:25, 5:00, 6:20, 7:50, 9:15, 10:45
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No Reservations (PG)
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Ratatouille (G)
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1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 9:45
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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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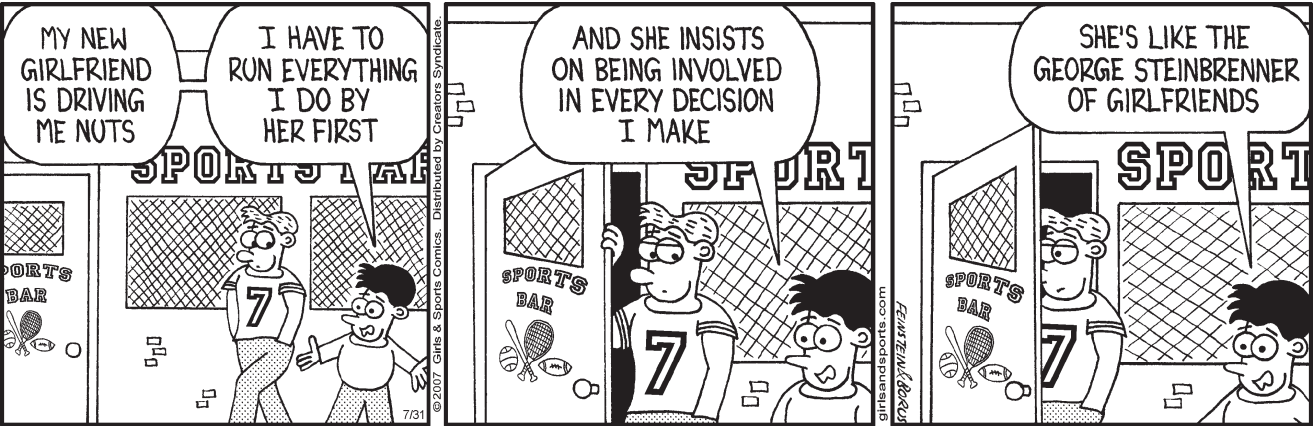
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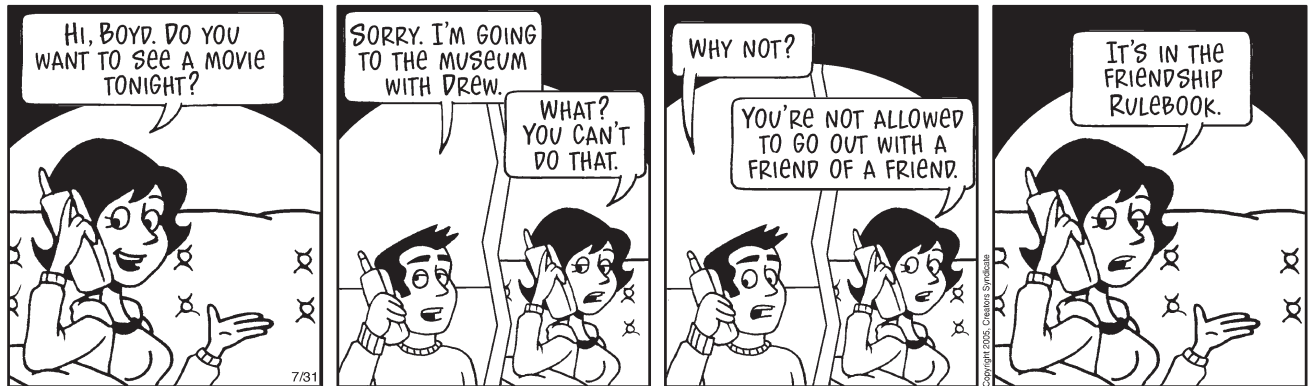
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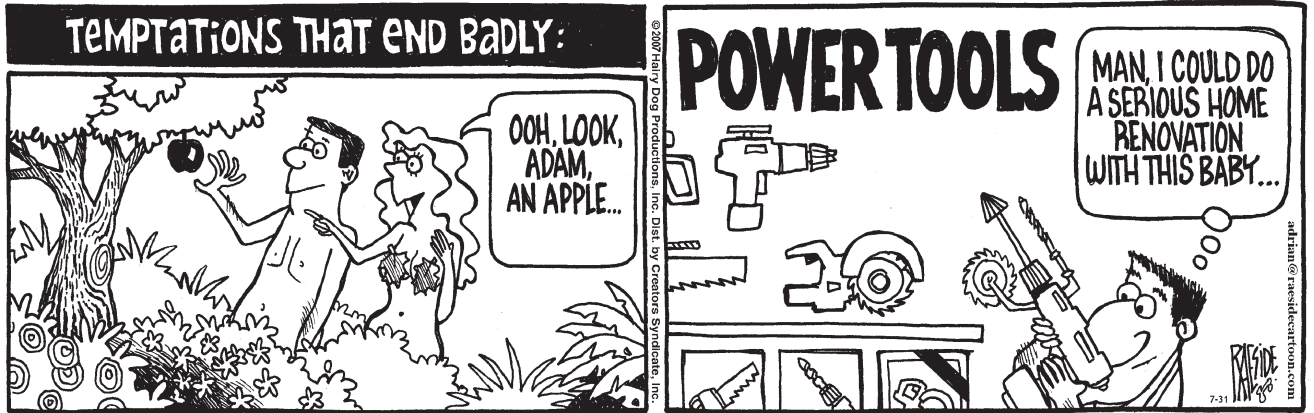
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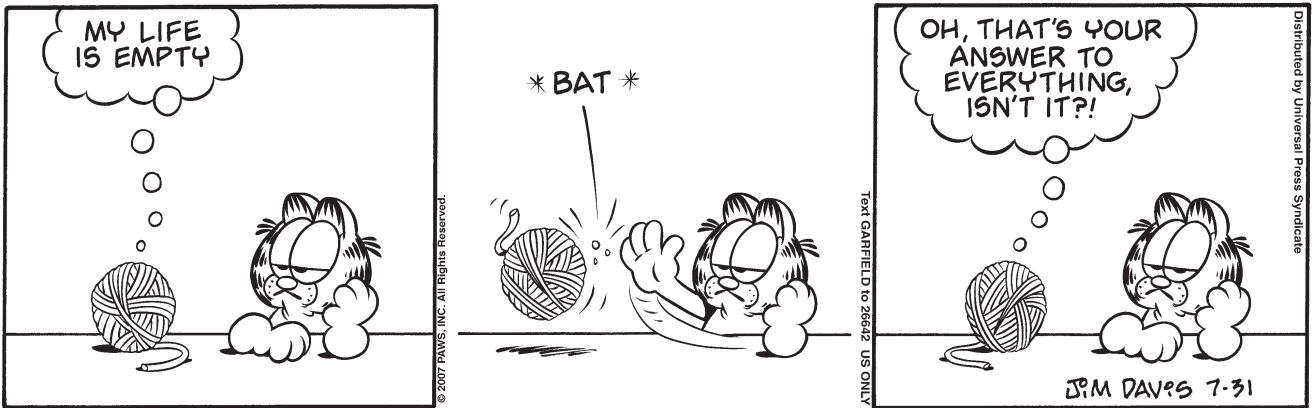
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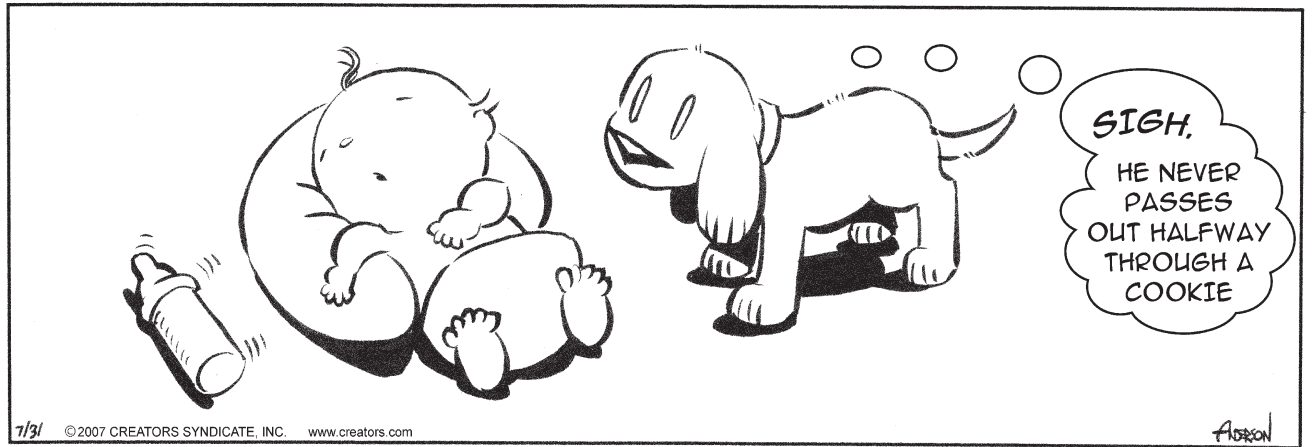
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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Faced with falling prices for domestic wine, a group of French vintners has made terroristic threats against the government and retailers who carry imports. The guerrilla gang, wearing black ski masks, released a video in May (so far ignored by the Sarkozy government), reminding officials about recent incidents in which small explosives were detonated in supermarkets that carry imported wines and in which a tractor-trailer carrying imported wine had been shot at. Said one hooded protester, "Blood will flow" if prices don't soon rise.

■ **Parents With Too Much Money:** Backyard play sets can range in price from less than \$100 to high-end outfits of \$2,000 to \$12,000 that would typically include fancy combinations of rock walls, rope ladders, sandboxes and tunnel slides, and maybe a tower with roofs and rotating plastic guns mounted on the walls, according to a May report in Milwaukee's *Journal Sentinel*. Also available: the King Kong Carl McKee Custom, at 46 feet by 58 feet, featuring towers 16 feet high (price: about \$46,000, installed).

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1498 On his third voyage to the Western Hemisphere, Christopher Columbus becomes the first European to discover the island of Trinidad.

1658 Aurangzeb is proclaimed Moghul emperor of India.

1703 Daniel Defoe is placed in a pillory for the crime of seditious libel after publishing a politically satirical pamphlet, but is pelted with flowers.

1741 Charles Albert of Bavaria invades Upper Austria and Bohemia.

1790 First U.S. patent issued; granted to inventor Samuel Hopkins for a potash process.

1973 A Delta Air Lines jetliner crashes while landing in fog at Logan Airport, Boston, Massachusetts killing 89.

1975 In Detroit, Michigan, Teamsters Union president Jimmy Hoffa is reported missing.

2006 Fidel Castro hands over power temporarily to brother Raúl Castro.

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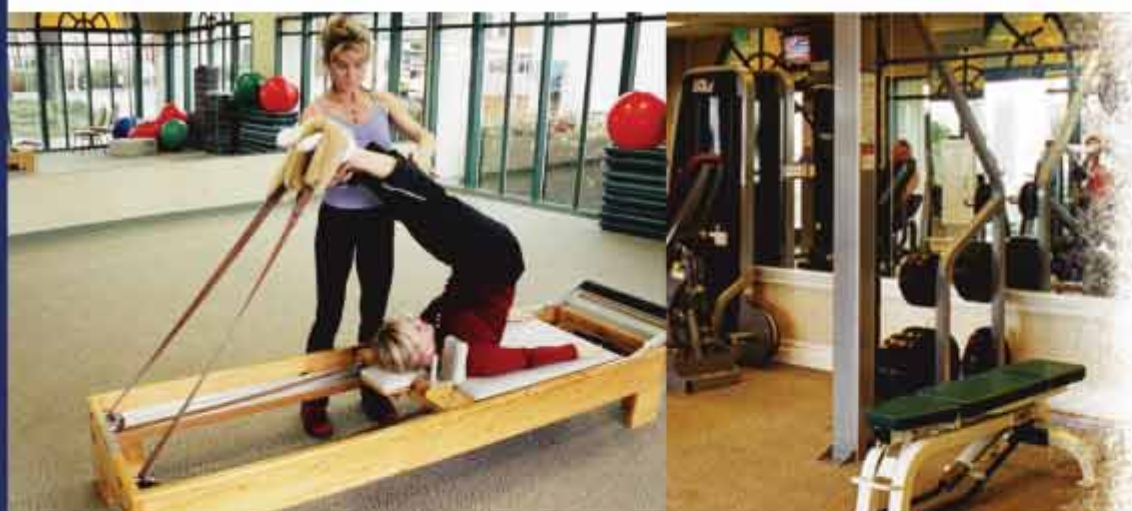
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