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## Big Blue fares about to go up

BY NICK TABOREK
Daily Press Staff Writer

BBB HDQTRS A trip on a Big Blue Bus is about to get more expensive.

As of Aug. 29, the standard cash fare for regular passengers and students on most lines is going up 25 cents to $1 per ride, with the fare on Express lines going to $2, up from $1.75.

For seniors, the disabled and Medicare passengers who pay cash when boarding, the cost per trip will go from 25 cents to 50 cents for most lines.

It's the first increase to the senior/disabled/Medicare fare in 25 years, Big Blue Bus officials noted this week, and the second increase to the base fares for students and regular riders during that time.

The new transfer costs will be 50 cents for regular passengers and students and 25 cents for seniors and others eligible for discounted fares.

Santa Monica College students and staff members continue to be eligible to ride the bus system for free with a valid ID under the school's "Any Line, Any Time" program, which is paid for by the college and the Associated Students.

The City Council earlier this year approved the fare increases despite objections from riders to help close the BBB's $6.4 million budget gap for this fiscal year.

The bus company is also offering new "value-added passes" that can be purchased online through its new web-based store at bigbluebus.myshopify.com. The BBB is debuting a pass good for 13 rides that is being sold for the price of 12 trips and a 30-day pass that offers unlimited rides for $80. (A 30-day pass for local trips only is also available for $60).

Reduced rate versions of the passes are available for students and senior/disabled/Medicare passengers.

The new passes are part of a plan officials hope will encourage more riders to pay ahead of time.

"Using passes really helps to streamline the entire fare collection process, which keeps the buses running on time," said Dan Dawson, Big Blue Bus customer relations manager.

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PAYING UP TO RIDE: **Big Blue Bus fares are set to increase on Aug. 29**

## Fundraising saves 20 teachers

BY NICK TABOREK
Daily Press Staff Writer

SMMUSD HDQTRS Twenty teachers in Santa Monica and Malibu classrooms this fall will have jobs thanks to donations to the "Save Our Schools" campaign, which raised more than $1.5 million for the financially-strapped district in the past two months.

The Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District's seven-member board allocated the donated money on Wednesday, unanimously approving the district staff's recommendation to fill 9.5 elementary teacher positions, two secondary teacher positions and a total of 8.25 counseling, elementary music and school library positions.

In addition to spending the SOS funds, the board also approved hiring 10 more teachers and other school site personnel, and allocated $113,000 for middle school teacher professional development based on updated estimates of funding the district expects to receive from the federal government.

"The community support from Save Our Schools is an inspiration," said Monica Micale, a teacher at Franklin Elementary School who received a pink slip this year. "It helps me continue doing what I love with the knowledge that I am not alone in my efforts to afford our children a chance at a better future. Instead, I am part of a family that embodies the true definition of community."

After laying off 58 teachers this spring as part of $7.1 million in budget cuts, the cash influx from the SOS campaign means all of the teachers who received pink slips will be able to return, said Superintendent Tim Cuneo.

"What a success story this is," he said. "It really, I think, is a testament of the community's commitment to the public schools and their trust in us that we deliver a really fine instructional program for their children."

The newly approved hires will reduce class sizes in kindergarten classrooms from 27 students per teacher to 23 students per teacher. First through third grade class sizes will shrink from 27 students to 25 students,

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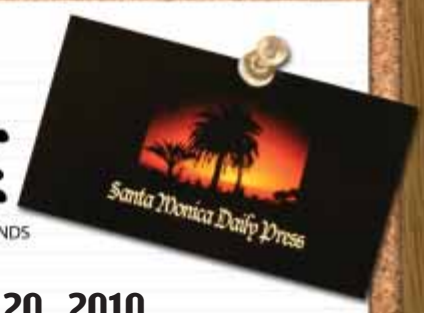
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# WHAT'S UP WESTSIDE

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA AND SURROUNDS




## Friday, Aug. 20, 2010

### 'Signs of the Forest'

Arena 1 Gallery

3026 Airport Ave., noon — 6 p.m.

"Signs of the Forest" is a group exhibition about the forest, metaphorically, physically and philosophically. Each of the 16 artists in the show has been working with nature and/or ideas about nature, and collectively their works, whether made of stones, leaves, branches, or materials which have replaced them in contemporary urban settings, ask the viewer to recall the feeling of "forest" — where the forest itself is but a signifier for nature itself. For more information, call (310) 397-7456. This event takes place Wednesday-Saturday.

### 'Never WonderLand'

Miles Memorial Playhouse

1130 Lincoln Blvd., 8 p.m.

Theatre, dance, music and inspired storytelling leap into the Miles Memorial Playhouse as Boomkat Dance Theatre's "Never WonderLand" takes the stage. Getting lost somewhere between London and NeverWonderLand, Peter Pan and Wonderland's Alice, brother and sister, find a fresh start in this inventive prequel for all ages to J.M Barrie and Lewis Carroll's beloved children's tales. This show also takes place on Saturday and Sunday. For more information, call (310) 202-9229.

## Saturday, Aug. 21, 2010

### Appreciating the ocean

Santa Monica Pier Aquarium

1600 Ocean Front Walk, 12:30 p.m. — 6 p.m.

Have you thanked the ocean lately for all it gives us? All are invited to celebrate at the Santa Monica Pier Aquarium's Ocean Appreciation Weekend. Special presentations touching on the myriad ways the ocean impacts our lives — and the effect people have on the ocean — will be the focus of the weekend, with a special emphasis on the issue of climate change. Participate in creating a sea monster made of plastic, aimed at educating visitors about the dangers of single-use and common household plastics and the threat they pose to the marine environment. This event also takes place on Sunday. For more information, call (310) 393-6149.

### Art and a ride

Santa Monica Pier Carousel

Daily

An exhibit featuring photographs by Elena Perrotta are on display in the Carousel Building through Sept. 15, 2010. The exhibit is open during normal Carousel business hours and closed on Tuesdays. This event is free.

## Sunday, Aug. 22, 2010

### So fresh

2640 Main St., 9:30 a.m. — 1 p.m.

The weekly Main Street Farmers' Market offers the finest fresh produce available and a number of prepared food booths.

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.



**YAY!!!!**

Brandon Wise *brandonw@smdp.com*

**People enjoy the heat of the summer as they ride the Pacific Park roller coaster on the Santa Monica Pier on Thursday afternoon.**

# Trade group files suit over new insurance rules

**SHAYA TAYEFE MOHAJER**
Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES A new regulation that makes it harder for health insurance companies to drop individual policyholders in California is being challenged in court by an industry trade group.

The California Department of Insurance's new regulations, which took effect Wednesday, require insurers to investigate the medical histories of those seeking individual policies before accepting any premiums. About 1.1 million individual health policies are regulated by the department.

The Association of California Life and Health Insurance Companies sued to stop the rules on Monday, accusing the state of acting "in excess of its jurisdiction and authority" by creating regulation that conflicts with the state's insurance code.

The group's spokesman, Richard Wiebe, called the new regulations unnecessary, saying they will impose new costs and inconveniences to insurers.

The regulations "require insurance companies to thoroughly review medical records dating back for years even though there's no rescission being necessarily considered," said Wiebe. It could take 4 to 6 weeks to complete such reviews, and the cost to do them would be built into premiums, he added.

Rescission refers to a term for dropping individual policyholders from coverage, often after they fall ill and try to make pricey claims. Rescission is legal when a policy is ill-gotten, typically because a policyholder lied or hid a serious previous illness on applications for coverage.

Insurance Commissioner Steve Poizner on Thursday called the lawsuit "shortsighted and morally wrong."

"Sometimes I think representatives in this industry have their heads permanently stuck in the sand. Illegal rescissions are a repugnant industry practice," said Poizner.

In recent years, politicians and regulators have railed against the practice of

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# Judge dismisses promoters' lawsuit against Jackson

**THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

NEW YORK A federal judge on Thursday dismissed a multimillion-dollar lawsuit by a concert promoter against the late Michael Jackson over a failed reunion concert.

U.S. District Judge Harold Baer Jr. granted a motion by lawyers for Jackson's estate to dismiss the case, citing a lack of evidence that the late King of Pop or his family were under a binding agreement to perform at a reunion concert.

AllGood Entertainment, a company started in Morristown, N.J., sued Jackson for $40 million on June 10, 2009, roughly two weeks before the singer's death in Los Angeles at age 50. It claimed Jackson and his then-manager broke a contract for a Jackson reunion show.

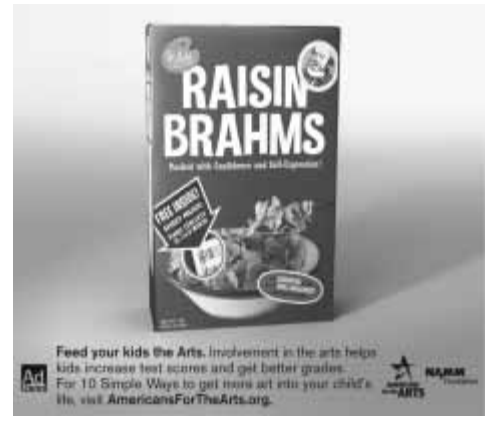
AllGood later filed a creditor's claim with Jackson's estate, claiming the potential value of the lawsuit was at least $300 million.

Baer determined that there was a letter of intent between Jackson's then-manager, Frank DiLeo, and AllGood. He noted that neither Jackson nor any other members of the family who were to be involved in the show ever signed a contract.

The judge also wrote in the ruling that if there was a breach in the contract, AllGood broke the agreement first because it did not issue a payment to Jackson before a required deadline.

"This case never had any merit and the claim was frivolous from day one," Jackson estate attorney Howard Weitzman said in a statement. "Michael Jackson never agreed to participate in a concert promoted by AllGood as the judge clearly found in his opinion."

An after-hours phone message left for AllGood's attorney, Ira Meyerowitz, was not immediately returned.




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# Stand up to the FAA

**Editor:**

There is an assault taking place on the quality of life here in Santa Monica and it appears as if the FAA will get away with it. Without so much as a public hearing, the FAA implemented a 180-day test change to the piston-powered instrument flight rules departure procedure at Santa Monica Airport.

Anyone who lives in Santa Monica, particularly, the Ocean Park area, will tell you that anywhere from 12 to 20 planes per hour, not per day as the FAA had forecast, have been crossing above our neighborhood. The test period concluded on June 8, but there has been no return to normal, no significant drop off in air traffic. The air traffic seems to be getting worse.

In the coming months you will hear politicians address this issue. Of particular offense is L.A. City Council member Bill Rosendahl who, when announcing his support for the new route, stated, "I can't ask some kid living in Venice, Mar Vista and West L.A. to play in a dark cloud of aircraft emissions so that someone in Santa Monica is spared the noise impacts." ... Invoking "the kids" as his motivation for the new FAA routing policy is a tired, disingenuous cliché of which many politicians are guilty. More specifically it's beside the point, as no environmental impact report has been offered to support his opinion.

Furthermore, is noise pollution not pollution? And lastly, and perhaps overlooked amidst all this noise, is that there are huge negative economic impacts as a result of the re-routing of planes leaving Santa Monica Airport. Notice how many stores are "for lease" on Main Street in Santa Monica? As Los Angeles collectively recovers from this deep recession, perhaps Santa Monica will no longer be viewed as such a desirable place to open a small business or to live anymore for that matter, now that we have in excess of 150 planes a day crossing our skies the moment they reach the required 400 feet above sea level. Small businesses will suffer, home values will suffer, the quality of life as we know it will lessen significantly.

Why did the FAA test this new routing policy in the first place? Well, a routine analysis by the FAA resulted in the determination that the actual separation at the shoreline between planes taking off from certain runways of LAX and SMO was 2.9 miles, not the required 3 of separation. Really? So for .1 miles the FAA decided to re-route 150 planes a day? Was there a sudden increase in mid-air collisions that precipitated this discovery? Were there any? No.

Additionally in June of 2008, the FAA changed another criteria used for evaluating obstructions and terrain. Consequently, by March, 2009 they changed air traffic rules pertaining to minimum vectoring altitudes, thus supposedly creating delays in departures on the northern most runway at LAX. Again was there some sort of problem, an uptick in the number of accidents or events that would trigger a change? Was there even one accident? No.

Someone should do something about this assault, this random change in FAA routing policy without a hearing, or an environmental study or any input from community and business leaders. Yes, somebody should do something, my fellow citizens, and that someone is you.

**Robert Maschio**
Santa Monica




## SMDP EDITORIALS

# Arizona boycott a bad move

WHEN SANTA MONICA CITY COUNCIL members passed a ban on doing business with Arizona companies because of that state's controversial anti-immigration law, SB 1070, little did they know they were about to see a proposed $3 million contract on the agenda with Cavco Industries, Inc., a Phoenix-based company that produces mobile homes.

The contract was for the purchase of 20 mobile homes for residents of the City Hall-owned Mountain View Mobile Home Park. These residents, who are surrounded by a freeway, a waste transfer station and the future maintenance yard for Exposition Light Rail, have for roughly two years lived in the midst of a construction zone as crews dug up roads and replaced electrical and gas lines as part of a multi-million dollar upgrade to the park. Anyone who has lived near a construction site or has had to move out of their home because of a remodel or some other renovation can attest to the disruption and stress this causes.

Well, these Mountain View residents are getting the shaft again, this time courtesy of the City Council, which has rejected the Cavco contract and has ordered city staff to go out on the open market to find a new deal. While it is possible a better deal can be found, it is likely that this move will end up costing taxpayers more, as much as $2 million, according to Economic Development Director Andy Agle. And that doesn't include staff time needed to negotiate.

Either way it means Mountain View residents will have to wait longer for their new homes, and for what? The council has a history of sticking its nose where it doesn't belong. It was fine when it had to do with the war in Iraq. It didn't cost taxpayers a dime to come out against the war. It's not like City Hall had a custodial services contract with Halliburton. However, in this precarious financial climate where residents are being asked to approve an increase in the sales tax because of looming budget deficits, it doesn't make sense to potentially waste money to enter into a national debate when we have more important issues to take care of at home. And contrary to an argument made by Councilmembers Terry O'Day and Gleam Davis, who weren't even elected by the people to begin with, that the money to purchase the homes comes from a federal grant and therefore it doesn't matter if City Hall spends more, it's still taxpayer money no matter where it comes from. Elected officials need to remember that they are making decisions with our checkbook, not theirs.

Word has it that when O'Day proposed the boycott, no one on the dais was even aware of the Cavco contract, which is the biggest proposed deal with an Arizona company in recent memory. Why wasn't someone there to inform him and his colleagues that this contract was looming? On the flip side, a key administrator in the housing department had no clue that the council even passed the boycott. Where's the communication?

When the contract came to light, the council had no choice but to reject it and save face. It is beginning to feel more like an act of hubris rather than a principled stand.

Ironically, the very people that the council was trying to protect with its overreaching action are the one's being hurt by it. Cavco President Joe Stegmayer said many of his employees, the ones who make the mobile homes, are Hispanic "and they work very hard."

"If we don't have the business, our people don't have as much to build and they don't get as many hours to work," he said.

The council recently debated ways to shorten meetings by eliminating staff reports and keeping a close eye on how long each council member speaks. Maybe they should look at cutting out the nonsense like this boycott and focus on the issues impacting Santa Monicans most like replacing the California Incline and Santa Monica Pier bridge, or renovating parking structures to cut down on congestion in Downtown. How about monitoring development agreements more closely so developers don't walk all over us.

We're all for protecting our basic Constitutional rights and we are not supporters of racial profiling or harassment by law enforcement, but let's keep it closer to home and pass boycotts when there is an issue impacting Santa Monicans.

# Art around the block

WE RECENTLY SPENT AN INSPIRING evening at the 18th Street Arts Center, a home to an eclectic collection of artists experimenting with various mediums to produce thought-provoking social commentary and aesthetically soothing works. The center, a gem tucked away in a corner of 18th Street at Olympic Boulevard, hosted its annual Summer ArtNight, a free event where residents could listen to music, drool over classic cars, sip on some free booze and mingle with like-minded folks. It was a wonderful reminder of how lucky we are to have such a vibrant arts community in Santa Monica. We encourage everyone this weekend to explore the arts center, Bergamot Station and the Santa Monica Art Studios, along with the scores of galleries and theater spaces, and embrace this cherished resource and challenge your imagination. You're never too old to embrace your creative side.




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## Laughing Matters

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# Not my cup of Tea Party

WHEN I WATCH THE NEWS, IT OFTEN seems like the world has gone mad. An example is Steven Slater, the Jet Blue flight attendant who, when miffed by a rude passenger, got on the plane's PA system and dropped a string of F-bombs. He then grabbed two beers and slid down the emergency chute. Surprisingly (to me at least) Slater's "take this job and shove it" antics have made him a nationwide folk hero. Reportedly he already has an agent!

Over the weekend, Slater was a special guest at Barry Manilow's sold-out Atlantic City concert. I don't know which shocks me more, that Slater is a "celebrity" or that Manilow's concert was sold out.

Melodi Dushane, 24, of Toledo, Ohio is also "mad as hell." On Jan. 1, 2010, at 6:30 a.m., Ms. Dushane ordered some McNuggets at her local McDonald's. When informed that there weren't any left, Melodi got out of her car and punched the unsuspecting female employee in the mouth. (All I can say is McNuggets must be damn tasty.)

The rotund manager was also greeted with a punch in the face. She then grabbed Ms. Dushane's long blond hair and tried to pull her through the open window. Before driving off, Ms. Dushane violently broke the window, perhaps giving new meaning to McDonald's famous slogan, "You deserve a break today."

To see Melodi's meltdown, go to YouTube and type "McNugget Rampage." It's absolutely hilarious. Ms. Dushane, however, was sentenced to two months in jail and ordered to pay for a new drive-thru window.

While people everywhere are hopping mad, frankly, much of it seems like faux outrage. Take the Tea Party. (And I wish somebody would.) During the healthcare debate, Tea Partiers carried signs "Keep your government hands off our Social Security," apparently not realizing the irony.

Another anger-provoking issue is gay marriage. Why anyone cares if two people of the same sex want to get married is beyond me. But some gay marriage foes claim, "Next they'll be wanting to marry animals." What's scary is that I think some people actually believe that. Yikes!

Gay marriage has been legal in Massachusetts since 2003 and yet the state seems to be holding up. (Other than all the animal marrying.) If you're vehemently against gay marriage, just don't marry someone of your own sex and you should be safe.

The latest issue whipping up the masses is the proposed building of an Islamic cultural center two blocks from the World Trade Center site. Despite the obvious constitutional guaranty to freedom of religion, the GOP will undoubtedly exploit this issue in November. And why not? In 2004, gay marriage helped re-elect George W. Bush. (And we all know how well that worked out.)

For those against the Muslim center but willing to hear the other side, go to YouTube and type "Olbermann Cordoba." It might just change your mind. (Or annoy the hell out of you.)

**I DON'T KNOW WHICH SHOCKS ME MORE, THAT SLATER IS A 'CELEBRITY' OR THAT MANILOW'S CONCERT WAS SOLD OUT.**

I, too, am angry about certain issues. And I'm not referring to Frank McCourt's ownership of the Dodgers, who are a mere 12 games out of first. I hope I'm wrong, but for next year I'm predicting that Joe Torre won't return, and even worse, Vin Scully will retire. Instead of "wait until next year" to win a World Series, with cheapskate McCourt I fear it will be "wait until hell freezes over."

But back to my personal "hot button" issues. At the top of the list was/is the ill-fated war in Iraq. Of the endless lies fabricated by the Bush administration, among the most heinous involved Pat Tillman.

In June of 2002, Pat Tillman turned down a $3.6 million NFL contract to enlist as an Army Ranger. On April 22, 2004, Cpl. Tillman, the most celebrated soldier in the military, was killed in Afghanistan by three bullets to his forehead.

The family of Pat Tillman was told that he had died protecting his fellow soldiers in a ferocious firefight. He was posthumously awarded the Silver Star (signed by Gen. Stanley McCrystal whom Obama recently fired). The only problem was, it was all a lie.

Tillman was killed, perhaps even murdered, by "friendly fire." Not only did the Army engage in a cover-up, they used his funeral, carried live on national television, to help sagging public support for the war.

Today, the documentary film "The Tillman Story" opens nationwide. (Locally, at the Landmark Theater on Pico Boulevard at Westwood.) Perhaps if enough people see the movie, negative public opinion might at least ruin the golf game of McCrystal or Donald Rumsfeld. (Dream on, Jack.)

In the opening I commented that the world seems to have gone mad. Today, Steven Slater's agent is reportedly negotiating on his behalf for a multi-million dollar reality show deal. I think that says it all. At least for this week.

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## The Q Line

**Rolling feast**

The City Council last week approved a new permit that allows property owners to turn parking lots into mobile food truck courts.

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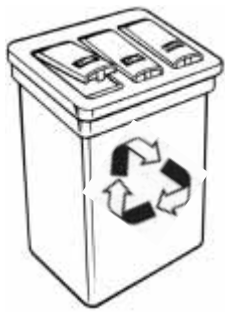



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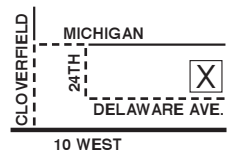


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# Smoked meats all about control

**JIM ROMANOFF**
For The Associated Press

Making mouthwatering smoked and barbecued meats in your backyard is easy, so long as you don't mind being a control freak.

Tender, flavorful barbecue is all about slow cooking at low temperatures. That's why it is essential that you be able to carefully control the heat in your grill or smoker. The good news is that no matter what equipment you have, it's possible to get great barbecue.

The trick is knowing how to use your grill for indirect cooking, which is just a fancy term for not cooking directly over a flame or bed of coals. By cooking to the side of the heat source, the meat cooks more slowly and won't burn. How you do that depends on the type of grill you have. Here are some tips on making the most of what you have.

• Classic charcoal grills with a cover, such as a Weber kettle, work well when you use the special baskets they make to keep the coals contained to one or both sides of the grill. This allows you considerable control over the temperature at which you cook the meat.

It also helps to place a pan filled with liquid (water, wine, cider, beer, whatever) under the meat to add moisture. Vents at the top and bottom of the grill will need to be adjusted often, and fresh coals added in order to maintain a constant temperature.

• Cookers that are more specifically designed for barbecue are made by companies such as Brinkmann. They offer vertical models that have a heat source at the bottom with a water pan above it, as well as horizontal designs that have separate sections for the coals and the food (which reduces drying). Both varieties will produce tender results, but still need coals added to them regularly and must have the vents monitored to keep the temperature stable.

• One of the most efficient (and expensive) styles is a ceramic, barrel-shaped grill/smoker, such as The Big Green Egg. These have a vent at the bottom along with a chimney on the top that allow them to burn coals extremely efficiently and maintain steady temperatures over a long period of time with little or no adjustment. The ceramic materials these cookers are made of hold plenty of moisture, which helps keep meats from drying out.

• But if ease is essential, consider a common gas grill. Some barbecue purists may scoff, but gas grills have advantages for making good barbecue. They hold their temperature well without any adjustments, have separate burners to facilitate indirect cooking, and gas heat is less drying.

The downside of gas is that you miss out on the flavor that charcoal adds to the meat, though you can get decent smoke by putting wet wood chips in a foil packet or a smoker box directly on the heat source.

This chili- and coffee-rubbed smoked chuck roast came out equally moist and tender on a gas grill and a Big Green Egg. The flavor was undeniably more complex from the ceramic cooker, but the intense, sweet flavors of the rich coffee and toasted chili-based rub made the beef a treat even when cooked with gas.

**CHILI- AND COFFEE-RUBBED SMOKED CHUCK ROAST**

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3 tablespoons red wine vinegar
1 tablespoon brown sugar
2 teaspoons garlic powder
2 teaspoons instant espresso coffee powder
1 teaspoon kosher salt
1/2 teaspoon ground black pepper
1/4 cup water
4-pound chuck roast
1 cup apple, hickory or oak chips, soaked in water for at least 30 minutes

In a cast-iron skillet over medium heat, toast both chilies until fragrant, about 1 minute per side. Transfer to a cutting board.

Add the cumin seeds to the skillet and toast, stirring constantly, until fragrant, 60 to 90 seconds. Transfer the seeds to a blender or the bowl of a mini food processor.

Remove and discard the stems from the chilies and cut into 1-inch pieces, then add to the blender or processor. Add the vinegar, brown sugar, garlic powder, espresso powder, salt, pepper and water. Process to a smooth paste, adding water, a teaspoon at a time, if necessary.

Place the chuck roast in a large bowl or baking dish and coat completely with the chili paste. Cover and refrigerate for at least 1 hour or up to 12 hours. Remove from the refrigerator and let sit at room temperature for 30 minutes before cooking.

Meanwhile, light a smoker, charcoal grill or gas grill and prepare for indirect cooking. Place a drip pan below the cooking grates and stabilize the temperature at around 250 F.

Drain the wood chips and scatter them over the coals (or place them in a smoker box and set over the heat source in a gas grill or electric smoker).

Place the chuck roast on the cooking grate over the drip pan. Cover the grill or smoker and cook, maintaining the temperature at 250 F, until an instant thermometer registers 180 F at the center of the roast, about 3 to 4 hours.

Wrap the roast tightly in heavy duty foil and cook (with the grill or smoker covered) until fork tender and an instant thermometer registers 200 F to 205 F, about another 1 to 2 hours. Remove the roast from the heat and let rest, in the foil, for 30 minutes.

To serve, shred the meat using forks or slice across the grain.

Nutrition information per serving (values are rounded to the nearest whole number): 373 calories; 175 calories from fat; 19 g fat (7 g saturated; 0 g trans fats); 147 mg cholesterol; 3 g carbohydrate; 44 g protein; 0 g fiber; 416 mg sodium.




# BOOKREVIEW

BY DANE ROBERT SWANSON

## 'The Waxman Report: How Congress Really Works'

### By Henry Waxman with Joshua Green • Twelve

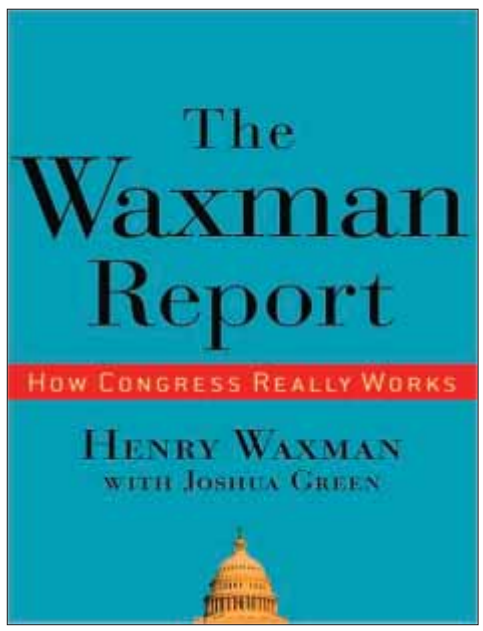
Politics is a mystery to most of us. We accept it as something someone else does. Not too many of us get involved. Those that do have trouble telling us what actually goes on in Congress. Some politicians seem to like it that way. It makes it easier for them to pass legislation without problems.

At last we have a book that is a step in the right direction.

Rep. Henry Waxman (D-Santa Monica) tries to explain to us the issues and details the steps that were taken to address the problem. He details for us some of the pressures and some of the issues he has had to grapple with. He is honest about what he faced.

The slant is toward the liberal side and is not balanced. If you keep that in mind you can still have a good read. It is not light reading. But for political science majors and those who enjoy reading about the daily ins and outs of how a bill comes to the floor, this is a good introduction. It is, as they would say, straight from the horse's mouth.

Waxman details his involvement in each issue he talks about. He seems to enjoy the details.




Also, this is a good book for high school political science courses as side reading. It is not at textbook level. I don't think Waxman meant it to be.

**DANE** can be reached at smdp_review@yahoo.com.

# Study: Less puffing in flicks

**THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

NEW YORK A new study shows that there's less smoking depicted in movies in recent years.

Tobacco use on the silver screen peaked in 2005 and has been on the decline ever since. Movies released last year showed about half the number of smoking incidents than films four years earlier.

The study released Thursday looked at tobacco use in popular films from 1991 to 2009.

Last year, about half of the 145 movies in the study didn't show any smoking at all. For films aimed at children or teens, the percentage was even higher at 61 percent. However, slightly more than half of the movies rated PG-13 did show tobacco use.

The report is in a publication from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta.

New Book
by Mervyn Hecht



GREAT CASES I LOST

Thirteen Legal Cases Which Taught Me Humility

Mervyn Hecht

Mervyn Hecht was a lawyer in the small town of Pacific Palisades California from 1964 to 1989. Here he recounts several of his disparate cases, in turn funny (fighting over the custody of a French poodle), surprising (you have to read it), and profound (a firstdegree murder case). They give insight into the life of a lawyer, how lawyers view their clients, and the legal profession. Some of the cases are heart-warming, but most are just very funny. The book is available only as a Kindle e-book from Amazon. But you do not need a Kindle to read the book. The Kindle reader is free and available for download from Amazon.com. Once installed, you can download and read the book on your smartphone, your computer, or your iPad.

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# CRIME WATCH
BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

## Boyfriend shows up to find he's second fiddle

FRIDAY, AUG. 13, AT 9:23 A.M.,
Santa Monica police officers responded to the 2100 block of Lincoln Boulevard – Santa Monica Motel – regarding a man with a gun. While en-route, officers were advised that the suspect left the motel in a vehicle. Officers contacted the reporting party who said that he had returned to California from Ohio only to find his girlfriend shacking up with another man. The new boyfriend allegedly wanted the old one to sign over the car to the ex. The old boyfriend refused. The new one allegedly lifted up his shirt and displayed a gun. The victim shut the door and called police. Officers located the suspect and the ex-girlfriend a short distance away. They were placed under arrest. The male was identified as David Brocious, 23, of Los Angeles. He was booked for robbery, conspiracy, grand theft and carrying a loaded firearm. His bail was set at $50,000. The female was identified as Valerie Smith, 20, of Los Angeles. She was booked for robbery, conspiracy and grand theft. Her bail was set at $50,000.

TUESDAY, AUG. 10, AT 5:01 A.M.,
Officers responded to the 400 block of Ashland Avenue regarding a possible auto burglary in progress. When officers arrived, they made contact with the reporting party who said that the suspect was kicking the vehicle and kicked out the passenger door window. Officers saw a person matching the suspect's description sitting inside the vehicle. Officers made contact and placed the suspect under arrest after an investigation revealed he did not own the car. The owner was contacted and the suspect was not supposed to be in the car. Officers placed the suspect under arrest for vandalism since nothing was stolen. The suspect was identified as Joseph Cody, 22, of England. His bail was set at $20,000.

TUESDAY, AUG. 10, AT 1:30 P.M.,
Officers responded to the 2800 block of Pico Boulevard – 99 Cent Store – regarding a report about shoplifting in progress. When officers arrived, they made contact with the alleged suspect who had four cases of Kerns Nectar drink in the back seat of a vehicle. Officers asked the suspect what happened. They said they paid for the drinks and a friend was inside the store explaining that to the cashier. Store employees said the suspects only tried to pay after they were caught shoplifting. Officers arrested both suspects for burglary. They were identified as Diego Perez, 37, Raul Valentin, 19, and Pedro Dominguez, 18: all from Los Angeles. Bail ranged from $20,000 to $46,000.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 11, AT 12:35 A.M.,
Officers were on routine patrol in the area of Hill Street and Neilson Way when they heard an engine revving and then a vehicle pass them at a high rate of speed. Officers estimated the speed of the vehicle at 70 mph. They were traveling in a 30 mph zone. Officers stopped the vehicle in the 200 block of Bicknell Street. Officers made contact with the driver, who appeared to them to be under the influence of alcohol. Officers had the driver perform a series of balance and coordination tests. Officers said the driver failed and placed her under arrest for DUI. The driver was identified as Jennifer Jones, 26, of Brentwood. Her bail was set at $15,000.

THURSDAY, AUG. 12, AT 4:06 P.M.,
Officers responded to the 900 block of 23rd Street regarding a report of suspicious people trying to break into a house or car. When officers arrived, they found suspects in two different areas. One was at 21st Street and Washington Avenue and the other 21st and California Avenue. Officers allege the suspects were working together to commit burglaries. Officers arrested the two for burglary, conspiracy and possession of burglary tools. They were identified as Marco Morales, 37, of Los Angeles, and Alex Zamora, 40, a transient. Their bail was set at $50,000 each. One suspect had a warrant and was additionally charged with providing false information.

FRIDAY, AUG. 13, AT 6:14 P.M.,
Officers located a suspect wanted in connection with a previous assault on his mother's boyfriend, police said. Officers originally responded to the 400 block of Pico Boulevard two months prior to the arrest after receiving a report of an assault with great bodily injury. When officers arrived, they made contact with the victim who said his girlfriend's son assaulted him after he walked out to his car and saw the son standing near it. He asked the son why had he broken his car windows. The son allegedly said, "Because," and started striking the boyfriend in the face. The suspect then fled. Officers placed Richard Redondo, 38, of Santa Monica under arrest for assault resulting in great bodily injury and a parole violation. He was not eligible for bail.

SUNDAY, AUG. 15, AT 6 P.M.,
Officers on routine patrol in the 900 block of Pico Boulevard found fresh graffiti which referred to a known and admitted gang member, police said. Officers went to the home of the alleged gang member and made contact with him. He admitted to the graffiti, police said. Officers conducted a search of his room as part of a probation compliance check and found a GPS system that looked as if it had been stolen. Officers placed the suspect under arrest for vandalism, possession of stolen property, involvement in a street gang and a probation violation. He was identified as William Lusk, 18, of Santa Monica. He was not eligible for bail.


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THE SPOT: **Those who travel on the Big Blue Bus will have to pay more come Aug. 29 when new fares go into effect. Information on the new fares can be found at the Big Blue Bus Transit Store (pictured here) on Broadway near the Third Street Promenade.**

## BBB
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As part of the fare restructure, Little Blue Cards, Student Punch Cards and certain types of Day Passes (Student and Express) are no longer being sold.

Dawson noted that the new fare restructure is one of several strategies the agency is implementing so that it can retain its current level of service.

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## TEACHERS
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according to the district.

"None of this could have happened without the success of the SOS campaign," said School Board Member Oscar de la Torre. "The overall sentiment on the board is that we need to restore employment for the teachers who are the most valuable asset in our public education system."

He said the board's decisions showed a "focus on investing our dollars in the classroom versus administrative overhead."

The district had little discretion over how to spend much of the money raised during the SOS campaign, since donors were able to earmark their contributions for specific programs.

Of the $1.5 million raised, $655,000 was designated to relieve elementary class sizes, $332,000 was to relieve secondary class sizes and $397,000 was to fund music programs and pay for school libraries.

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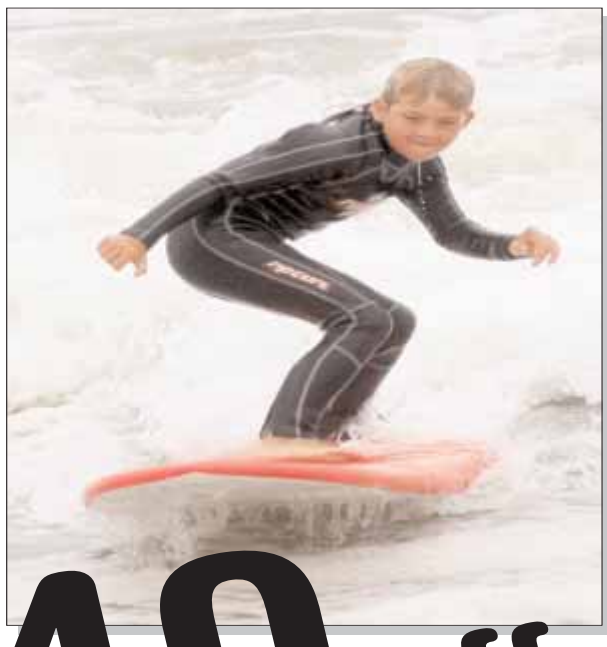
Critics accused insurers of finding minor errors on applications and using them to drop coverage after policyholders fell ill.

To date, the Department of Insurance has assessed $4.6 million in fines in 4,000 policies that were allegedly dropped wrongly.

The state's other insurance regulator, the Department of Managed Health Care, regulates 1.4 million individual policies, and has collected $13.7 million in settlements on rescission cases.

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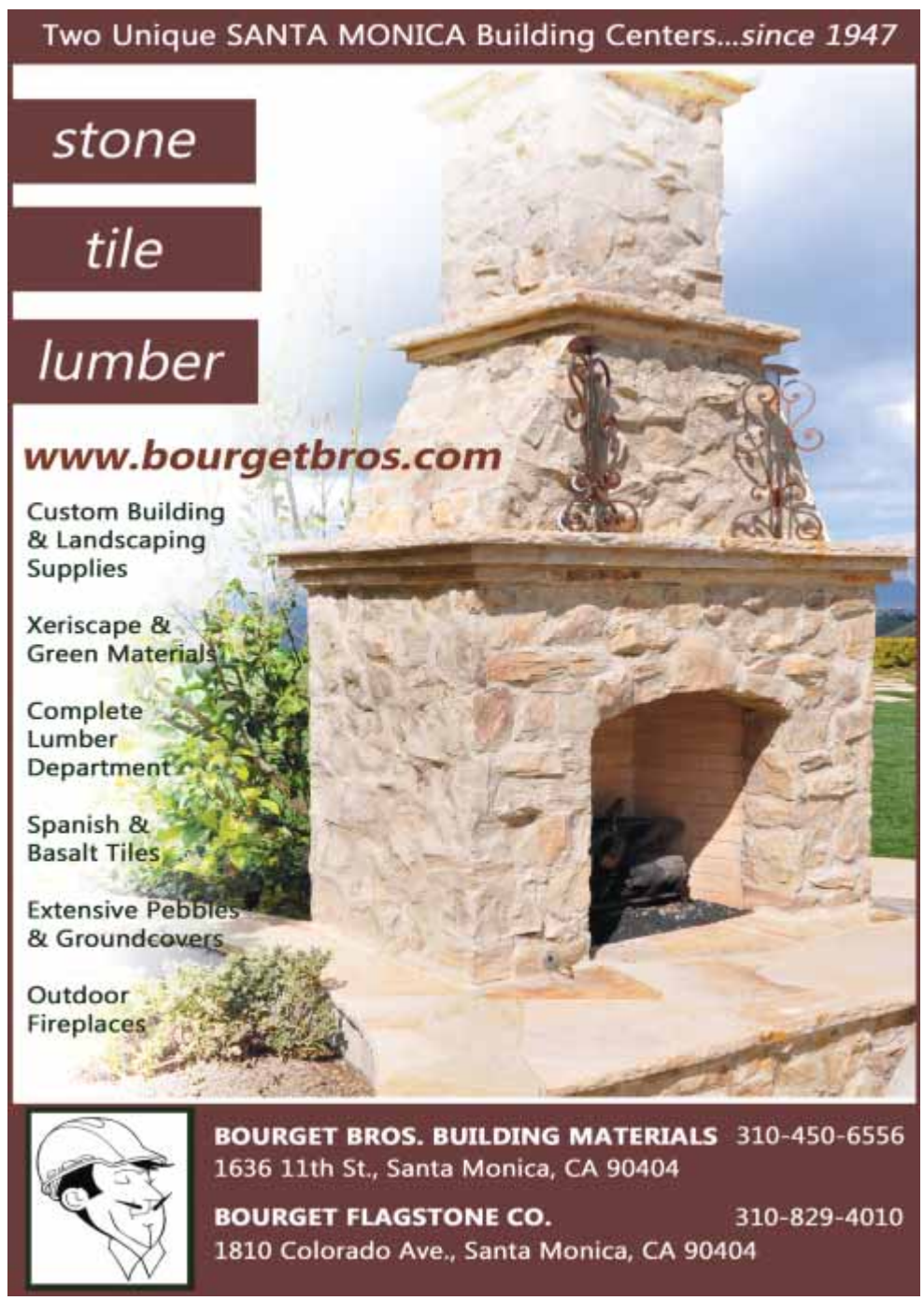
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# Young shoppers want interactivity

**SAMANTHA CRITCHELL**
AP Fashion Writer

NEW YORK Stores and manufacturers always try to court kids during the all-important back-to-school season, but now that engagement means interactivity, not a flier with coupons or a catalog full of smiling children clutching notebooks.

Kids want shopping to be fun, and they want clothes and shopping experiences with personality. Today's class of kids doesn't want anything cookie-cutter.

And the industry is responding with creativity: Ralph Lauren Childrenswear, for example, has drafted an online storybook that allows young shoppers to choose the outfits off the backs of their favorite characters. The American Eagle-owned 77 Kids, which launched online in 2008, now has new brick-and-mortar stores with life-size MP3 players that allow kids to play DJ. J.C. Penney gave away shopping sprees to popular "haulers" — teens who show off their shopping hauls on video — if they'd come into its stores and report back about the merchandise to their loyal fans.

Younger kids might not be plugged in yet, but they still want to play. A new T-shirt brand called SwitchittZ provides interchangeable, easy-to-attach pieces — sort of like patches — with a variety of characters, props and scenery so kids can tell different stories with their shirts each time they wear them.

"For the past few seasons, we've been talking about interactive clothing and toylike apparel, everyday costumes — like tutus, hoodies with ears or a tail in the back. It's all about using imagination for kids," says Khalym Schell, children's editor at trend analysis company Stylesight. "All this makes kids excited to buy clothes. And how you sell a garment is winning the parent over and winning the kid over. It's the product and the experience."

She adds: "It really makes sense. The market had been slow. Hitting up kids is the best way to bump up sales."

"Back to school has become a bigger event," agrees David Lauren, senior vice president of advertising, marketing and communications for Polo Ralph Lauren. "It's its own form of a holiday. It's an opportunity to do something new and different, but there's also more competition, though, and you have to think out of the box."

The original thought at Ralph Lauren was to do an online fashion show, following an existing successful model for the young adult line Rugby, but that didn't necessarily capture the "family spirit" that the children's line aims for, David Lauren explains. Hence "The RL Gang: A Fantastically Amazing School Adventure," which features a really well-dressed cast of characters.

There's a story to be enjoyed whether or not a purchase is made, he says, and it's intended as a parent-child bonding experience. "Parents are always trying to understand how their children think. We think this is something parents will enjoy and can share with their child."

And click to purchase a pony-logo sweater at the same time.

Annie St. John, a soon-to-be high school senior in Michigan, already bought cardigans and skinny jeans for the new season, using the J.C. Penney $1,000 gift card the company gave her in exchange for her sharing her purchases in her popular "haul" YouTube videos.

She says she shopped on her terms, knowing that other teens rely on her to be discerning and informative when she shares what's in her bags with the camera. "I never end up putting together a whole outfit. I find what I like and I grab it. ... If someone else is watching me, they might see something I like and think it'll work for them, too, but I also talk about quality and price. I brag about how little I spend. I mostly do haul videos to help lower the cost for a lot girls," says St. John.

"There are kids who are influencers and care about what's on trend, and other kids emulate them," adds JCP's chief marketing officer Mike Boylson. "The thing about the haul videos is teens go on shopping trips and videotape themselves shopping."

**COLUMN**

# Middle school back-to-school shopping isn't easy

**BETH J. HARPAZ**
Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK Like millions of other parents this time of year, I'm about to embark on the annual scavenger hunt known as back-to-school shopping.

I thought this dreadful ritual would get easier when my youngest son reached middle school, but in fact it merely multiplied from one nerve-racking list, to six — along with the number of teachers he has.

I would be fine if these lists were simple reminders of basic supplies — pencils, pens, paper, notebooks. Sure, they need a few folders and a book bag, and as math gets more complicated, graph paper and a calculator. I can even understand index cards, Post-its and a yellow highlighter.

But how many times do you see parents wandering up and down the aisles of Staples or Walmart or OfficeMax searching for items that either don't exist or that have sold out in a frenzy as mothers of every kid in Miss So-and-So's class fought for the last graph paper marble composition book, fine-point Flair pen or half-inch three-ring binder (no one-inchers allowed!) on earth?

Diana Shackleford, a Dallas mom and freelance writer, also points out that stores and teachers' lists routinely "disagree on pen and pencil package counts. The list asks for a 12-count, but pencils and pens come in 10-count package!"

The worst part of this retail insanity is that, at least with my son, half of this stuff never gets used. I have a drawer full of Post-its in every conceivable color and size, ordered up over the years by any number of teachers. The only hope I have of getting through the sticky little stacks is to leave myself notes on the fridge that say things like, "Have a nice day!"

Other school supplies simply vanish once they are in my home, only to be found years later. My older son recently graduated from high school and cleaned his room for the first time in I'd rather not say how many years. Somewhere in that horrifying mess — on the floor, under the bed, in drawers and the closet — he was harboring, I'm not kidding, hundreds upon hundreds of pens and pencils. I always wondered how we went through so many of them every year, and now I know. Every time he needed a writing implement, he used it once, then apparently threw it into the landfill otherwise known as his room. Either that, or he's like those cat hoarders who have 37 felines in their homes, only he's hoarding Bic ballpoints and No. 2 pencils.

I will admit that one aspect of back-to-school supply shopping is tougher for parents of younger kids than parents of teens. The little kids' teachers still want arts and craft-type supplies, and some of these can be pretty obscure.

"For my kindergartner, I was asked to bring in colored feathers, which I finally found at a craft store," said Holly Michael of Dayton, Ohio. "Another time I was assigned colored, scented stamp pads. My mom is a teacher herself, and between the two of us, we went to four different craft and teacher stores trying to find them, and they weren't cheap."

Michael, who works for a public relations and marketing agency, adds that "as a working mom, I don't always have time to run out and find these odd requests."

Linda Kramer of Gibbon, Minn., used to go nuts looking for the "box of eight crayons" ordered up by her children's preschool teacher. "It seems simple enough, but they're nearly impossible to find, and each year I find myself searching store after store, never remembering from one year to the next where I was successful in finding them. When I finally find them, they cost something like $2 for the tiny little box," she said. She finally realized she could buy a box of 24 crayons for less than $1 and just send in the basic eight colors in a bag.

Another issue I have is with all the supplies ordered up by teachers to keep my children organized. In September, I dutifully purchase whatever they require: The accordion file with alphabetical pockets! Double-pocket folders! Spiral-bound notebooks with one pocket inside the front cover!

But it makes no difference. At the end of the year, all of my children's school work is in a giant random stack of paper, organized neither by subject nor date.

The good news is, since so many school supplies go untouched, I can recycle them. I just have to hope that the teacher who orders up college-ruled marble composition books this year won't mind that I'm substituting last year's wide-ruled spirals. And that the unused Pokemon folders from the late '90s are so old, the kids see them as retro rather than out-of-date.

Then again, since chances are slim that those folders will actually be used, it probably won't matter.

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**NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING**
**BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA PLANNING COMMISSION**

**SUBJECT:** 1800 Stewart Street Development Agreement (10DEV-001)
**1800 Stewart Street**
APPLICANT / PROPERTY OWNER: Agensys, Inc./ City of Santa Monica

A public hearing will be held by the Planning Commission to consider the following request:

A Development Agreement proposal to allow the construction of a 153,655 square foot, two and three story building, with 204 surface level parking spaces, for Agensys, Inc., a biotechnology company. The project consolidates the company's research and development, office, and manufacturing operations into a single site at 1800 Stewart Street. In addition to the proposed 153,655 square feet of building area, certain public benefits are proposed including, but not limited to, a public pedestrian path through the property, passive open space available to the public located adjacent to Stewart Street, and a café that will be open to the public during day time hours. Additionally, a Mitigated Negative Declaration will be reviewed and considered for recommendation to the City Council.

**DATE/TIME:** **WEDNESDAY, September 1, 2010, AT 7:00 PM**

LOCATION: City Council Chambers, Second Floor
Santa Monica City Hall
1685 Main Street, Santa Monica, California

**HOW TO COMMENT**
The City of Santa Monica encourages public comment. You may comment at the Planning Commission public hearing, or by writing a letter. Written information will be given to the Planning Commission at the meeting.

Address your letters to: Bradley J. Misner, AICP, Principal Planner
Re: 1800 Stewart Street Development Agreement (10DEV-001)
Planning and Community Development
1685 Main Street
Santa Monica, CA 90401

**MORE INFORMATION**
If you want more information about this project or wish to review the project file, please contact Mr. Misner at (310) 458-8341, or by e-mail at brad.misner@smgov.net. The Zoning Ordinance is available at the Planning Counter during business hours and on the City's web site at www.smgov.net.

The meeting facility is wheelchair accessible. For disability-related accommodations, please contact (310) 458-8341 or (310) 458-8696 TTY at least 72 hours in advance. All written materials are available in alternate format upon request. Santa Monica Big Blue Bus Lines numbered 1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 8, 9, and 10 serve City Hall.

Pursuant to California Government Code Section 65009(b), if this matter is subsequently challenged in Court, the challenge may be limited to only those issues raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of Santa Monica at, or prior to, the public hearing.

**ESPAÑOL**
Esto es una noticia de una audiencia pública para revisar applicaciónes proponiendo desarrollo en Santa Monica. Si deseas más información, favor de llamar a Carmen Gutierrez en la División de Planificación al número (310) 458-8341.



# Suspected military leaker gains support

**DAVID DISHNEAU**
Associated Press Writer

HAGERSTOWN, Md. The Army private suspected in one of the largest unauthorized disclosures of classified information in U.S. history has become a hero to many anti-war activists who have joined an international effort to free him.

At demonstrations this month in New York, Oklahoma City and Quantico, Va., where Army Pfc. Bradley Manning is being held, dozens of supporters have shouted that "Blowing the whistle on war crimes is not a crime."

The same slogan appears beside Manning's smiling face on buttons and posters offered by Courage to Resist, an Oakland, Calif.-based support group for U.S. troops who refuse to fight. The group has raised about $45,000 from nearly 750 people in 18 countries to help pay for a civilian defense lawyer for Manning, project director Jeff Paterson said.

"I think we have an imperative to support those people who've seen the horrors of battle and want to share that reality with the American people," Paterson said.

Manning, 22, a former intelligence analyst in Baghdad, faces possible court-martial on charges that he illegally downloaded classified material. If tried and convicted, he could be sentenced to 52 years in prison.

The material he allegedly leaked included 2007 video of a laughing U.S. Apache helicopter crew gunning down 11 men who were later found to include a Reuters news photographer and his driver. The Pentagon concluded the troops acted appropriately.

The video was posted in April on WikiLeaks, a self-professed whistleblower website, and labeled "Collateral Murder."

The Pentagon suspects Manning is also the source of 77,000 classified Afghan war reports that WikiLeaks posted in July and 15,000 more such documents that WikiLeaks says it intends to publish in coming weeks. U.S. officials say the disclosures have endangered innocent people or confidential informants.

Manning, a Crescent, Okla., native who lived in Potomac, Md., before joining the Army, has been assigned military lawyers who declined to comment on the charges. He has not yet retained a civilian attorney.

He was arrested in May after telling an online confidant, who later turned him in to authorities, that he had sent classified information to WikiLeaks.

Some consider Manning's alleged actions treasonous. Rep. Mike Rogers, R-Mich., has said that if Manning is charged and convicted of leaking the Afghan war documents, he should be executed for aiding the enemy.

But JoAnna Pease, 27, a graduate student in women's studies from Venice, Calif., said watching the Apache helicopter video made her want more unvarnished facts about the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

"Somebody needed to stand up and provide this information," she said.

# Jobless claims send stocks reeling

**STEPHEN BERNARD**
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK Stocks tumbled Thursday after two disappointing economic reports renewed investors' concerns about the pace of the recovery.

The Dow Jones industrial average fell 144 points. All the major stock indexes fell more than 1 percent. Interest rates also fell sharply as investors moved back into the safety of Treasury bonds.

The Labor Department said initial claims for unemployment benefits rose unexpectedly last week and the Federal Reserve of Philadelphia said manufacturing activity in the mid-Atlantic region has dropped during August.

"The Philly Fed number was just awful," said Randy Frederick, director of trading and derivatives at Charles Schwab. "The jobs number was bad, but not as far off the mark as the Philly number."

The pair of economic reports followed news that Intel Corp. was acquiring McAfee Inc. The deal, valued at $7.68 billion, was not enough to offset the weaker economic readings.

The reports are the latest in a months-long string of conflicting readings on the economy. The reports have shown the pace of a rebound is slowing and that companies are skittish about adding new workers. That has hurt stocks on some days in recent weeks. It has also stoked fears about the economy falling back into recession.

At the same time, corporate announcements, including earnings reports for the past six weeks, have largely showed companies are doing well. Mergers and acquisitions activity is often considered a positive sign because it means companies are willing to spend money to expand their businesses and are confident that prospects are improving.

The Dow fell 144.33, or 1.4 percent, to 10,271.21. The Standard & Poor's 500 index fell 18.53, or 1.7 percent, to 1,075.63, while the Nasdaq composite index fell 36.75, or 1.7 percent, to 2,178.95.

About four stocks fell for every one that rose on the New York Stock Exchange, where volume came to almost 1.1 billion shares.

Volume has been particularly light in recent weeks, even by summer standards, meaning many investors are still uncertain about the direction of the economy.

Bond prices rose after the weak jobs and manufacturing reports. Investors often move into the safety of government bonds when there are signs the economy is not strong. The yield on the 10-year Treasury note, which moves opposite its price, fell to 2.58 percent from 2.64 percent late Wednesday. Its yield is often used to help set interest rates on mortgages and other consumer loans.

Joe Benanti, managing director at Rosenblatt Securities, said low volume likely added to the sell-off.

It's "probably taking trading a little to an extreme, more than it should," Benanti said.

Volume has been reduced not only by summer vacations, but by investors' reluctance to make many big moves amid the uncertainty about the economy.

The Labor Department said initial claims for unemployment benefits rose by 12,000 to 500,000 last week from an upwardly revised 488,000 a week earlier. Economists polled by Thomson Reuters forecast claims would fall slightly. It was the fourth rise in claims in the past five weeks and sent them to their highest level since November.

High unemployment is considered the biggest hurdle to a stronger recovery because people worried about jobs have scaled back their spending. Consumer spending accounts for the bulk of the country's economic activity.

The Philly Fed manufacturing survey was negative 7.7 for August after a reading of positive 5.1 last month. Economists were expecting the index to rise this month. Any reading above zero indicates growth in the sector.

# Gulf oil plume subject of study

SETH BORENSTEIN
AP Science Writer

WASHINGTON A 22-mile-long invisible mist of oil is meandering far below the surface of the Gulf of Mexico, where it will probably loiter for months or more, scientists reported Thursday in the first conclusive evidence of an underwater plume from the BP spill.

The most worrisome part is the slow pace at which the oil is breaking down in the cold, 40-degree water, making it a long-lasting but unseen threat to vulnerable marine life, experts said.

Earlier this month, top federal officials declared the oil in the spill was mostly "gone," and it is gone in the sense you can't see it. But the chemical ingredients of the oil persist more than a half-mile beneath the surface, researchers found.

And the oil is degrading at one-tenth the pace at which it breaks down at the surface. That means "the plumes could stick around for quite a while," said study co-author Ben Van Mooy of the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution in Massachusetts, which led the research published online in the journal Science.

Monty Graham, a scientist at the Dauphin Island Sea Lab in Alabama who was not involved in the study, said: "We absolutely should be concerned that this material is drifting around for who knows how long. They say months in the (research) paper, but more likely we'll be able to track this stuff for years."

The underwater oil was measured close to BP's blown-out well, which is about 40 miles off the Louisiana coast. The plume started three miles from the well and extended more than 20 miles to the southwest. The oil droplets are odorless and too small to be seen by the human eye. If you swam through the plume, you wouldn't notice it.

"The water samples when we were right in the plume look like spring water," study chief author Richard Camilli said. "You certainly didn't see any oil droplets and you certainly didn't smell it."

The scientists used complex instruments — including a special underwater mass spectrometer — to detect the chemical signature of the oil that spewed from the BP well after it ruptured April 20. The equipment was carried into the deep by submersible devices.

With more than 57,000 of these measurements, the scientists mapped a huge plume in late June when the well was still leaking. The components of oil were detected in a flow that measured more than a mile wide and more than 650 feet from top to bottom.

Federal officials said there are signs that the plume has started to break into smaller ones since the Woods Hole research cruise ended. But scientists said that wouldn't lessen the overall harm from the oil.

The oil is at depths of 3,000 to 4,000 feet, far below the environment of the most popular Gulf fish like red snapper, tuna and mackerel. But it is not harmless. These depths are where small fish and crustaceans live. And one of the biggest migrations on Earth involves small fish that go from deep water to more shallow areas, taking nutrients from the ocean depths up to the large fish and mammals.

Those smaller creatures could be harmed by going through the oil, said Larry McKinney, director of Texas A&M University's Gulf of Mexico research center in Corpus Christi.

Some aspects of that region are so little known that "we might lose species that we don't know now exist," said Graham of the Dauphin Island lab.

"This is a highly sensitive ecosystem," agreed Steve Murawski, chief fisheries scientist for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. "The animals down at 3,300 to 3,400 feet grow slowly." The oil not only has toxic components but could cause genetic problems even at low concentrations, he said.

For much of the summer, the mere existence of underwater plumes of oil was the subject of a debate that at times pitted outside scientists against federal officials who downplayed the idea of plumes of trapped oil. Now federal officials say as much as 42 million gallons of oil may be lurking below the surface in amounts that are much smaller than the width of a human hair.

While federal officials prefer to describe the lurking oil as "an ephemeral cloud," the Woods Hole scientists use the word "plume" repeatedly.

The study conclusively shows that a plume exists, that it came from the BP well and that it probably never got close to the surface of the Gulf of Mexico, Camilli said. It is probably even larger than 22 miles long, but scientists had to stop measuring because of Hurricane Alex.

Earlier this week a University of South Florida team reported oil in amounts that were toxic to critical plant plankton deep underwater, but the crude was not necessarily in plumes. Those findings have not been reviewed by other scientists or published.

The plume is probably still around, but moving west-southwest of the BP well site at about 4 miles a day, Camilli said.

While praising the study that ended on June 28, Murawski said more recent observations show that the cloud of oil has "broken apart into a bunch of very small features, some them much farther away." Texas A&M's McKinney said marine life can suffer harm whether it is several smaller plumes or one giant one.

NOAA redirected much of its sampling for underwater oil after consulting with Woods Hole researchers. The federal agency is now using the techniques that the team pioneered with a robotic sub and an underwater mass spectrometer, Murawski said.

Previous attempts to define the plume were "like watching the Super Bowl on a 12-inch black-and-white TV and we try to bring to the table a 36-inch HD TV," said Woods Hole scientist Chris Reddy. The paper, fast-tracked for the world of peer-reviewed science, was written on a boat while still in the Gulf, he said.

Reddy said he could not yet explain why the underwater plume formed at that depth. But other experts point to three factors: cold water, the way the oil spewed from the broken well, and the use of massive amounts of dispersants to break up the oil before it gets to the surface.

The decision to use 1.8 million gallons of dispersants amounted to an environmental trade-off — it meant less oil tainting the surface, where there is noticeable and productive life, but the risk of longer-term problems down below.

At a federal science conference, officials looked at the relative risks and decided "it was worth the effort" to use dispersants, Murawski said.

Given the slow rate at which the oil is degrading in the cold water, Samantha Joye of the University of Georgia, and others say it is too early to even think about closing the books on the spill: "The full environmental impacts of the spill will thus not be felt for some time."






**Surf Conditions** **Water Temp:** 64°

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MLB

# Lawyers say Jamie McCourt co-owns Los Angeles Dodgers

**ANTHONY MCCARTNEY**
Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES Jamie McCourt's attorneys said Thursday they have located a document showing she has an equal stake in the ownership of the Los Angeles Dodgers and that the revelation will dramatically alter a bitter struggle for the team amid McCourt's divorce proceedings.

The attorneys filed a motion in Los Angeles Superior Court seeking to allow a 2004 property agreement as evidence during a team ownership hearing scheduled to begin Aug. 30.

Jamie and Frank McCourt remain locked in a hard-fought divorce, with the ownership of one of baseball's most storied franchises hanging in the balance.

Thursday's filing contends that newly discovered documents correctly spell out the team's ownership, granting Jamie McCourt a stake. The agreement was located after a forensic analysis of other documents in the case revealed that another copy of the 2004 agreement improperly included an exhibit designating Frank McCourt as the Dodgers' sole owner.

"I think that this motion is going to blow the case out of the water," said Dennis Wasser, one of Jamie McCourt's attorneys.

Frank McCourt's attorney, Stephen Susman, downplayed the filings' significance.

"Jamie and her lawyers have truly become desperate and are now using their court filings as press releases," Susman wrote in a statement. He said all versions of the agreement should be considered by the judge.

In a letter to Jamie McCourt's attorneys, Susman contended that the exhibits, which he acknowledges differ from what was filed in the divorce court, do not change the overall agreement and that Frank McCourt remains the team's sole owner.

Susman said the fact that the incorrect exhibit was given to the court and to Jamie's McCourt's legal team does not change the overall agreement.

"The bottom line is that they have now admitted that the exhibit was switched," Wasser said. "They're not sure who did it. They're not sure when it happened."

He said no one told Jamie McCourt or her attorneys about the incorrect documents being filed.

A copy of the newly discovered agreement has not yet been filed with the court.

The couple entered into an agreement to shield some of the McCourt family's assets when Frank McCourt made his successful bid to purchase the Dodgers in 2004. Frank McCourt's attorneys have argued that the agreement called for him to be the team's sole owner, while Jamie McCourt contends she has an ownership right.

Under California law, property is generally split equally between divorcing couples, unless there is a valid agreement spelling out how assets should be distributed.

Jamie McCourt had sought to end the couple's nearly 30-year marriage in October. She was fired from her position with the team, and the couple have been involved in several major legal squabbles, including over how much spousal support Frank McCourt should pay.

In May, a judge awarded her $225,000 a month in temporary spousal support and ordered Frank McCourt to pay $412,159 a month for the pair's six homes and a condominium. Jamie McCourt had been seeking nearly $1 million in support and mortgage payments.

BEACH REPORT CARD

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**QUICK STATS** (for the last 30 days)

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- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 4 / ns

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| LOCATION | DRY | WET |
|---|---|---|
| Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth. | A+ | ns |
| Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth. | A | ns |
| El Pescador State Beach, between Lechusa and Las 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. | A+ | ns |
| Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private). | A+ | ns |
| Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth. | A | ns |
| Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach. | A+ | ns |
| Latigo Canyon Creek mouth. | A+ | ns |
| Solstice Canyon at Don Blocker County Beach. | A | ns |
| Pearce State Beach at creek mouth. | A | ns |
| Marie Canyon storm drain at Pearce Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd.. | A+ | ns |
| Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence. | A+ | ns |
| Surfrider Beach (breach location)- daily. | A | ns |
| Malibu Pier - 50 yards east. | C | ns |
| Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon. | A+ | ns |
| Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero). | A+ | ns |
| Big Rock Beach at 18948 PCH stairs. | D | ns |
| Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach. | A+ | ns |
| Tuna Canyon. | A+ | ns |
| Topanga State Beach at creek mouth. | A | ns |
| Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach. | A+ | ns |
| Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach. | A+ | ns |
| Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain). | A | ns |

| LOCATION | DRY | WET |
|---|---|---|
| Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence. | C | ns |
| Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain. | A+ | ns |
| Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain. | F | ns |
| Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua). | A | ns |
| Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain. | A | ns |
| Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain. | A | ns |
| Santa Monica Municipal Pier. | A | ns |
| Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain. | A+ | ns |
| Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms). | A+ | ns |
| Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain. | A | ns |
| Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain. | A+ | ns |
| Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain. | A | ns |
| Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain. | A | ns |
| Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south. | A+ | ns |
| Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St.. | A+ | ns |
| Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- lifeguard tower. | A | ns |
| Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth. | A | ns |
| Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain. | A+ | ns |
| North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach. | A+ | ns |
| Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of D&W jetty). | A+ | ns |
| Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain. | A+ | ns |
| Dockweiler Beach- opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant. | A+ | ns |
| Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain. | A+ | ns |

**LEGEND**

**DRY** -- each location is graded on an A – F scale based on bacterial pollution levels present in the surf zone
**WET** -- grades for days of recorded rainfall and the following 3 days
**ns** -- no sample taken

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MOTOR SPORTS

# Agency suspends permits for promoters of fatal race

**DAISY NGUYEN**
Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES A federal agency suspended future event permits Thursday for the promoter of last weekend's off-road race in the California desert where eight spectators were killed by a racing truck.

The Bureau of Land Management, which manages the territory where the crash occurred, said the suspension of permits for Mojave Desert Racing will remain in effect while an investigation of the accident is under way.

A call and e-mail message to Susan and James Williams, the couple who operate MDR Productions from their South El Monte home, were not immediately returned.

The spectators were killed Saturday during a 200-mile race on a 50-mile circuit in the Mojave Desert northeast of Los Angeles. Ten other spectators were injured.

Video of the accident showed spectators crowding the edge of the narrow dirt course as trucks sped by. One truck went out of control and slammed into the crowd and overturned.

Documents provided by the BLM, which issued permits for the California 200 race, show that spectator safety was the responsibility of MDR. However, the spectators were within feet of the speeding vehicles, not 100 feet away as MDR's own rules require.

The BLM also said it was reviewing future racing events in the California desert on a case by case basis to ensure all safety requirements can be met before authorizing them to go forward.

Off-road recreation "is a popular activity in the California desert enjoyed by families and responsible organized groups," the agency said in a statement. "BLM's ongoing review will be aimed at ensuring the public safety remains our first priority."

Under review is a motorcycling and all-terrain vehicle race scheduled for this weekend in the Mojave, sponsored by the American Motorcyclist Association.

"In light of the tragedy it wouldn't be out of the ordinary for BLM to check and make sure all safety precautions are met for events coming up," said Jerry Grabow, president of the AMA's 37th district.

He said his group works closely with the BLM to ensure that its events come off safely.

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**Devils (NR) 4min**
7:30pm

AMC Loews Broadway 4
**1441 Third Street Promenade**

**Eat Pray Love (PG-13) 2hrs 13min**
12:10pm, 3:25pm, 6:45pm, 10:00pm

**Despicable Me (PG) 1hr 35min**
11:30am, 2:00pm

**Step Up 3D (PG-13) 1hr 37min**
11:20am, 2:10pm, 5:00pm, 7:40pm, 10:15pm

**Flipped (PG) 1hr 30min**
7:00pm, 9:20pm

**Cats & Dogs: The Revenge of Kitty Galore (PG) 1hr 22min**
11:50am, 2:20pm, 4:45pm

**Kids Are All Right (R) 1hr 44min**
4:30pm, 7:10pm, 9:45pm

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**1310 Third St.**
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**Eat Pray Love (PG-13) 2hrs 13min**
10:30am, 1:30pm, 4:35pm, 7:45pm, 11:00pm

**Piranha 3D (NR) 1hr 29min**
10:50am, 1:10pm, 3:30pm, 5:50pm, 8:15pm, 10:40pm

**Inception (PG-13) 2hrs 28min**
12:30pm, 4:05pm, 7:30pm, 10:45pm

**Other Guys (PG-13) 1hr 47min**
11:00am, 1:35pm, 4:15pm, 7:00pm, 9:45pm

**Switch (PG-13) 1hr 40min**
11:15am, 2:00pm, 4:45pm, 7:20pm, 10:10pm

**Nanny McPhee Returns (PG) 1hr 40min**
10:45am, 1:25pm, 4:10pm, 7:05pm, 9:55pm

**Scott Pilgrim vs. the World (PG-13) 1hr 53min**
11:45am, 2:30pm, 5:10pm, 7:50pm, 10:35pm

Laemmle's Monica Fourplex
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**Cairo Time (PG) 1hr 28min**
1:00pm, 3:15pm, 5:30pm, 7:45pm, 10:00pm

**Get Low (PG-13) 1hr 40min**
1:30pm, 4:10pm, 7:00pm, 9:30pm

**Lebanon (Levanone) (R) 1hr 34min**
1:50pm, 4:30pm, 7:20pm, 9:40pm

**Concert (Le concert) (PG-13) 2hrs 00min**
1:40pm, 4:20pm, 7:10pm, 9:50pm

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**Dinner for Schmucks (PG-13) 1hr 50min**
11:05am, 1:50pm, 4:35pm, 7:20pm, 10:15pm

**Salt (PG-13) 1hr 39min**
12:05pm, 2:35pm, 5:00pm, 7:50pm, 10:30pm

**Expendables (R) 1hr 43min**
11:00am, 11:50am, 1:30pm, 2:30pm, 4:10pm, 5:10pm, 7:00pm, 8:00pm, 9:45pm, 10:40pm

**Lottery Ticket (PG-13) 1hr 39min**
11:20am, 1:55pm, 4:30pm, 7:40pm, 10:20pm

**Vampires Suck (PG-13) 1hr 20min**
11:30am, 2:15pm, 4:50pm, 7:30pm, 10:00pm

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# Join a buddy, Scorpio

### ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★ You are on top of your game. Let others take a stand; you will handle immediate issues. Sometimes some lightness and humor scattered in helps. Make sure all detail work is completed by midafternoon. Tonight: Cheer the weekend on.

### TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ Reach out for others. Incorporate those in your day-to-day life into your plans right now. You could clear out earlier and accomplish more. Strong feelings surround a relationship. Use care. Tonight: Easy works.

### GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ Togetherness becomes possible, as you air out your differences in a discussion. Your creativity finds the short-cut that works, leaving time for more networking. You are insightful and direct with others. Tonight: If you are feeling contrary, head home and nap first.

### CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Confusion marks your interactions. Confirm meetings and reiterate what you think you are hearing. Avoid letting feelings fester, and honor what you know exists for sure between you and others. Tonight: Follow a loved one's suggestion.

### LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★ An easy pace works. Take the time to see how those in your immediate environment are feeling. Caring only enhances the work relationship, allowing greater productivity. Whether you schedule a late lunch or early departure makes no difference. Tonight: Join in on Friday rituals.

### VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★★ Where others are baffled, you decide to jump right in. Your propensity for taking risks surprises many people, perhaps even you. Be sure that in this flamboyant mood you can afford the risk. Tonight: Dance your way into the weekend. Let go of recent stress.

### LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★ Listen to feedback from those close to you. Push comes to shove when dealing with an older family member or when handling a domestic matter. Those who know you could find that you are unusually changeable. Could someone feel that he or she is walking on eggshells with you? Tonight: Keep it low-key.

### SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★ You might be holding back some important facts in a discussion. You discover an element of confusion surrounds both work and home. Key into your goals and what you must to do. Tonight: Join a friend after work.

### SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Friends and associates have great plans and ideas. You eye the costs, being unusually sage and responsible. Someone could try to pick a fight, as you are not playing ball. Tonight: Be restrained when dealing with others.

### CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ You and a boss or authority figure really don't see eye to eye. You could try to take on this person, choosing a variety of different styles. Think about the long-term damages to your relationship and/or work situation. Tonight: Try to move past the situation. Make it your job to detach!

### AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★ You might be more confused than normal. Possibly, you are picking up on a lot that is going on with others, something they have not even addressed. Attempt to detach, and when you gain distance, you will gain understanding. Tonight: Shhh. Let mystery shroud your actions.

### PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★★ Zero in on what you want. A partner or associate could be playing devil's advocate. You might feel that this person's changeability is difficult at best. In some sense, you feel as if you are dealing with a pingpong ball. Tonight: Find some fun friends.

## Happy birthday

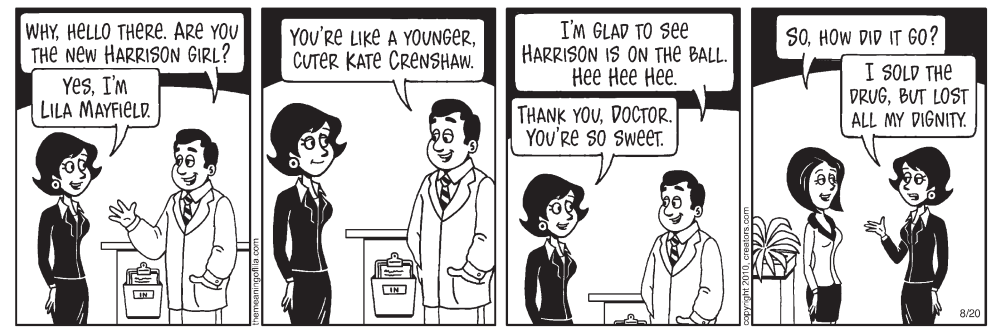
This year, you might opt to reorganize your daily life. You will become more effective and perhaps build in more time. One of your issues will be, happily so, what to do with this additional time. Your creativity surges in this environment. If you are attached, sometimes a relationship could be confusing, and other times very satisfying. The key will be to work on better communication. If you are single, many would-be sweeties surround you. Be sure the person you choose is really the person he or she projects. Drop your rose-colored shades. Through the process of dating, you become more realistic. AQUARIUS has the same core issue as you but a very different style.

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

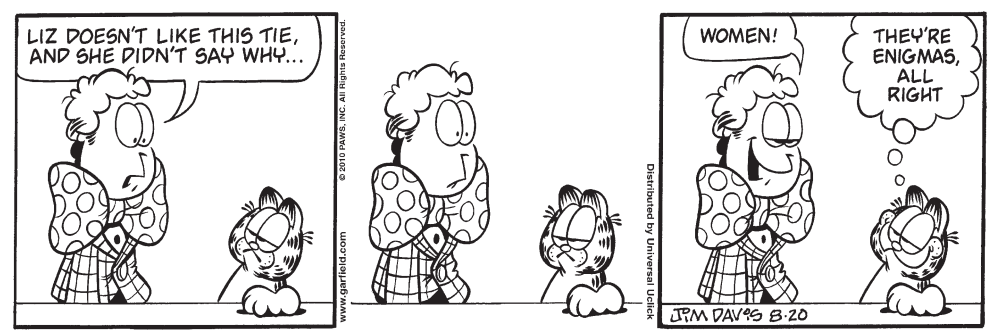
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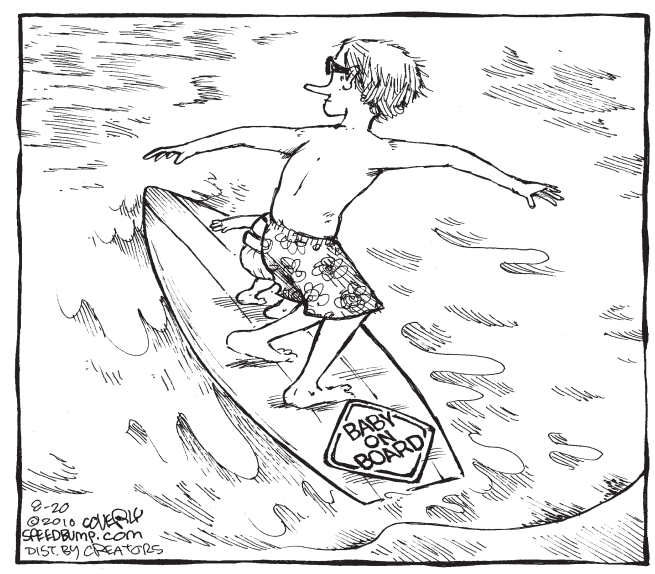

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# Sudoku

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

Difficulty Level ★★★★

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## GETTING STARTED

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

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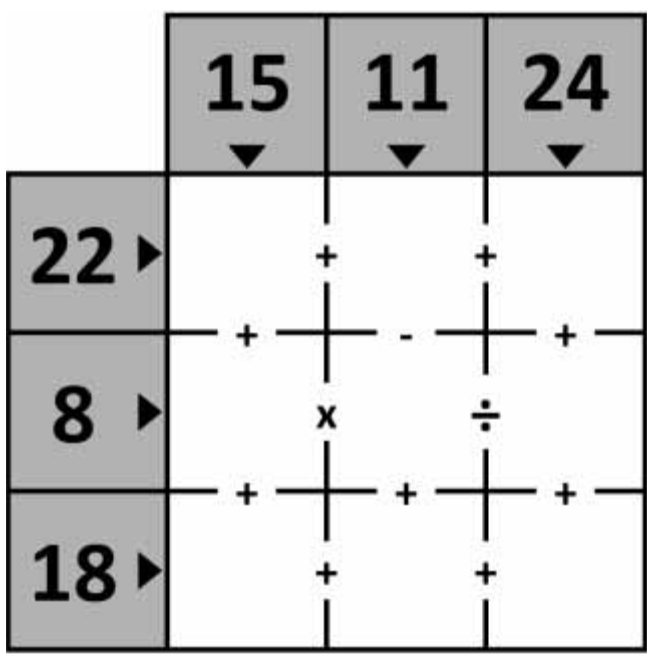
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- Fill the grid with the set of given numbers (1 to 12) to satisfy the Equa demands (7 to 24) in the shaded boxes. The Equa demands represent the sum of the digits that you will insert into the empty squares.
- Each horizontal row has one Equa demand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

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

**1, 5, 7, 8, 8, 9, 9, 9, 10**






# MYSTERY REVEALED!

Brandon Wise *brandonw@smdp.com*

**Reader Roger Swanson correctly identified this photo of artist Pharoe's new garden mural next to the future Market Place at Santa Monica Place. He will receive two VIP passes to Pacific Park. Send your mystery photos to *editor@smdp.com* to be used in future issues.**

# CROSSWORD

**By THOMAS JOSEPH**

**ACROSS**

**1** Racket
**5** "Get lost!"
**9** Peeling gadget
**11** Winter song
**13** Dancer Castle
**14** Met work
**15** Opposition vote
**16** Small blue flowers
**18** Furnace feeders
**20** Ump's cry
**21** Taking to court
**22** Tarot deck suit
**23** Fast flier
**24** Toddy base
**25** Iowa city
**27** Utter
**29** Blemish
**30** Unidentified woman
**32** Hopi home
**34** Hang out
**35** Milkmaid's aid
**36** State game
**38** Railroad switch
**39** Like the Capitol
**40** Invites
**41** French father

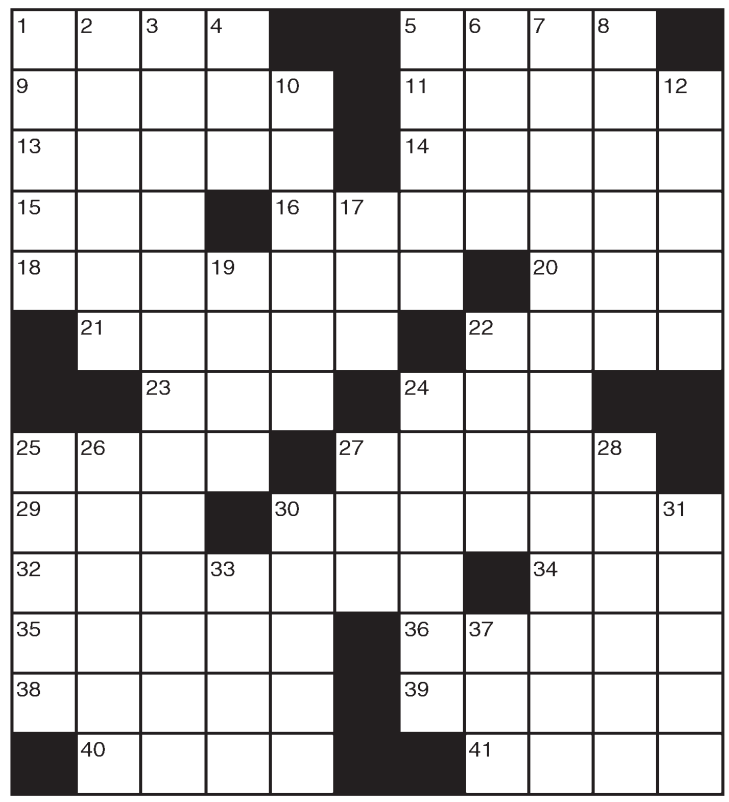
**DOWN**

**1** Roulette rounds
**2** Emerald units
**3** Skeptical question
**4** Chess pieces
**5** Kilt wearers
**6** Matador's need
**7** "Did I do something wrong?"
**8** Shredded
**10** New
**12** Endures
**17** Bol. neighbor
**19** Smack
**22** Fetching
**24** Jimmy's successor
**25** Accumulate
**26** George's wife
**27** Chestnut
**28** Hang around
**30** Shocks
**31** Undermine
**33** Sedate, in slang
**37** Alley —

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**8-20**

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Fantasy 5: 8 10 19 34 36

DAILY 3: MIDDAY: 4 2 9 EVENING: 4 6 8

DAILY DERBY: 1st: 07 Eureka 2nd: 10 Solid Gold 3rd: 06 Whirl Win RACE TIME: 1:44.54

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## NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Just before the World Cup matches, North Korea issued a public demand for compensation, blaming the United States for almost every single misfortune suffered by the country in the last 65 years. Its official news agency assigned the U.S. responsibility for 5 million people injured, kidnapped, missing or killed -- as well as for economic damages resulting from U.S.-led trade sanctions. According to the news agency, America can atone for the losses by sending North Korea $65 trillion.

■ (1) James Burden, 55, was convicted of indecent exposure in Scotland's Falkirk Sheriff Court in June based on a March incident when a neighbor looked out her window before dawn and saw Burden, naked, smoking a cigarette and masturbating while bouncing on her family's outdoor trampoline. Burden said he did not know anyone would be watching at that hour. (2) In New Zealand's Auckland District Court in June, Judge Mary Beth Sharp dismissed an elderly male juror from a trial involving sexual abuse because the man disclosed, under questioning, that he had worn a condom under his clothes in the jury box because the testimony was making him aroused.

## TODAY IN HISTORY

**1991** Estonia secedes from the Soviet Union.

**1993** After rounds of secret negotiations in Norway, the Oslo Peace Accords are signed, followed by a public ceremony in Washington, D.C. the following month.

**1997** Souhane massacre in Algeria; over 60 people are killed and 15 kidnapped.

**1998** The Supreme Court of Canada rules that Quebec cannot legally secede from Canada without the federal government's approval.

**1999** Tony Martin confronts two burglars in his farmhouse in Emneth Hungate, Norfolk. Martin shoots both Brendon Fearon and Fred Barras with a pump-action shotgun, with Barras later dying of his injuries.

**2002** A group of Iraqis opposed to the regime of Saddam Hussein take over the Iraqi Embassy in Berlin for five hours before releasing their hostages and surrendering.

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