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THE LET'S GO DODGERS ISSUE

City Hall still trying to solve paparazzi problem

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

DOWNTOWN An effort by city officials to find ways of regulating the paparazzi at a local celebrity-favorite nursery school could be hampered by the constitutional rights of photographers.

City Hall is now directing the focus to public safety measures that could improve an ongoing problematic situation at the First Presbyterian Nursery School on Second Street where swarms of photographers have been known to hound entrances and adjacent alleyways, all to catch shots of the famous picking up and dropping off their children.

The City Council in June directed its staff to investigate the "intrusive and invasive activities" of paparazzi photographers and videographers in areas where children might gather, returning with recommended regulations to protect their privacy. The issue came to light after parents — both celebrities and non-celebrities — contacted councilmembers about the chaotic scene that often unfolds when photographers are present, complaining that they block sidewalks and stand on cars.

Assistant City Manager Jennifer Phillips said that she's been working with the City Attorney's Office but is finding that regulations could conflict with First Amendment protections. The fact that the photographers are on public property further complicates the enforcement of possible restrictions.

Phillips is preparing an update report that will be available in the next few weeks.

Deputy Chief of Police Phillip Sanchez said a combination of measures could be adopted, including restricting the alley to the

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MIRROR IMAGE

Natalie Saito *news@smdp.com*

Santa Monica resident Willa Sacharow poses as Trader Joe's employee and artist Carl Hartel draws her picture at the Fourth Annual Pico Boulevard Art Walk and Vintage Auto Show on Saturday, Oct. 17.

L.A.'s top prosecutor vows to target pot shops

GREG RISLING
Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES Clay Tepel knew there were risks to setting up a medical marijuana shop: it could lose money, be robbed or be raided by authorities.

Still, he wasn't expecting the phone call one August day when a voice said the police were outside and he needed to open up or they would bust down the door. His first thought, that it was a joke, turned to terror when he opened the door.

Heavily armed officers in helmets, bulletproof vests and, oddly enough, Bermuda shorts stormed his store, handcuffed him, disabled security cameras and seized his drugs before taking him to jail. When he asked why his shop was invaded, an officer responded, "We're closing them all down."

Those words could prove prescient after Los Angeles County District Attorney Steve Cooley said last week he wants to shutter clinics that sell pot for profit. Cooley's plan is the latest salvo in a prolonged conflict in California over whether medical marijuana is truly having its intended effect or is being abused by the larger population.

Until recently, raids on clinics typically led to federal prosecutions, but Cooley's remarks and similar ones from Attorney General Jerry Brown signal a new approach to clear the haze left by Proposition 215, the 1996 state ballot measure that allowed sick

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1855 Main St., 6:30 p.m. — 10 p.m.
The world's premier whisky tasting show comes right to Santa Monica! Enjoy a fine selection of whiskies from around the world, as well as gourmet food and an outdoor cigar bar. VIP entrance starts at 5:30 p.m. Admission varies. Visit www.whiskylive.com for more details.

Wednesday, Oct. 21, 2009

Interactive Art

Santa Monica Museum of Art
2525 Michigan Ave., 12:30 p.m.
Artist Allen Ruppersberg invites everyone to participate in The Art of Give and Take, allowing anyone to rearrange items in his installation The Sound and the Story/The Hugo Ball Award for 20th Century Graphics. Also, bring in old photos and Ruppersberg will trade you a copy of his new record. Call (310) 586-6488 for more information.

Quality of Life Forum

Main Library, MLK Auditorium
601 Santa Monica Blvd., 7 p.m.
In this month's series on life perspectives, presenter Kit Cooper will feature Mark Thornton, author of *Meditation in a New York Minute.* Thornton is also an executive coach and meditation expert who counsels the business world on managing stress. Come to learn about how Thornton maintains his quality of life and possibly improve your own. Call (310) 458-8600 for details.

Thursday, Oct. 22, 2009

Family Chess

Fairview Branch
2101 Ocean Park Blvd., 3:30 p.m. — 6 p.m.
Love playing chess? Why not bring the whole family. All skill levels are welcome to come to the library for some friendly chess play. Call (310) 450-0443 for more information.

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What Kids Are UP To – MUSIC

By Catherine Cain

Send comments to editor@smdp.com



Photos by Catherine Cain

STEPHANIE JACO, SENIOR:

"The Strokes in the morning. Hard-Fi at lunch. Led Zeppelin after school."



JOHN RANDOLPH, SENIOR:

"I like gangster rap. You know, damn it feels good to be a gangster."



ANABEL YOUNG, SENIOR:

"I don't really have a favorite genre, it usually depends on my mood. But recently I've been listening to Taylor Swift a lot."



SAM SPEISER, SENIOR:

"I'm listening to a lot of acoustic and folk, but I'll always be in love with my oldies — Led Zeppelin, Bob Dylan, The Who. As funny as it may sound, finding my music is a long process that involves a lot of researching. I block it up into chunks, for a few hours I'll research for techno, trance and house, then go on to rock, reggae, classical, or whatever I'm feeling."

D'oh! Big bash marks 'The Simpsons' 20th

MICHAEL CIDONI
Associated Press Writer

SM AIRPORT — Forget red.

The arrivals-line carpet leading into Barker Hangar Sunday was yellow — appropriate, given the night's honorees: Homer, Bart, Lisa, Marge and Maggie Simpson, all on hand to celebrate 20 years of "The Simpsons."

Their series is the longest-running American sitcom, the longest-running American animated program, and it recently surpassed "Gunsmoke" as the longest-running American primetime scripted entertainment program.

"You know, it's really weird," noted Simpsons creator and series executive producer Matt Groening. "I mean, I thought the show would be successful. But the fact that we're still standing here some 20 years later and talking about it is very peculiar. But very happy."

Brace yourself for another "Simpsons" milestone, as matriarch Marge Simpson appears on the cover of November's Playboy, as well as in a three-page spread for the adult magazine.

"Well, I talked to Marge today," said Al Jean, "The Simpsons" executive producer. "She's a little embarrassed. She wanted people to know the photo is Photoshopped. It's really the body of Wilma Flintstone."

The carpet was crammed with guest stars who've lent their voices to "Simpsons" episodes, including Robert Englund, the actor best known for playing Freddy Kreuger in the "Nightmare on Elm Street" movies, and one who appears eager to see more of Mrs. Simpson. "Marge is hot — big hair and all," he confessed. "And I've loved (actor) Julie Kavner (who supplies the voice of Marge) since 'Rhoda.' So, I'm glad some manifestation of her is getting to finally show it off."

"It is hilarious," added "Star Trek" actor George Takei. "(The Playboy spread) is the kind of thing that makes 'The Simpsons' a perennial. It's going to live long and prosper," he continued, laughing.

Some reporters along the yellow carpet couldn't resist drawing comparisons between "The Simpsons" precocious Bart Simpson and the so-called "Balloon Boy," a 6-year-old who was said to be hiding in the rafters of his family's garage following reports Thursday that he was flying over the plains of Colorado in a giant, homemade helium balloon.

Authorities said Sunday that the story was a hoax concocted to land a reality television show, and the boy's parents, Richard and Mayumi Heene, will likely face felony charges.

"Such a perfect 'Simpsons' episode," commented documentarian Morgan Spurlock, who serves as director of "The Simpsons 20th Anniversary Special in 3-D on Ice," which will air in January. "All of that playing out in real time was so unbelievable. But it's America. It was American news at its best. We run with something without having all the facts. We turn it into a big lead story. That's what it's all about."

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Take a look at yourself

Editor:

Although no one deserves to be shot with an air rifle, when I read your article all I could think of was just retribution ("Animal advocates shot at during protest," Oct. 15).

I was accosted by the Companion Animal Protection Society (CAPS) at my local pet shop a few weeks ago as I was going to get some bird food. They stated that I should not subsidize this local merchant, as from time to time the pet shop has sold puppies that have come from reputable breeders. CAPS considers any dog from a breeder, and any dog not adopted from a rescue, a "puppy mill" dog.

They yelled at me and chanted as I walked in. I'm fine with that. They videotaped a group of 12 year olds and told them if they went in, their pictures would be posted on an animal cruelty Web site. I'm not fine with that.

My local shop has not sold puppies in a long time, and has never sold anything close to what I would consider puppy mill puppies. In fact they have often taken in and tried to relocate animals that need homes. When I tried to engage CAPS in reasonable conversation, I found them to be blindly attached to their opinions and completely intolerant toward anything less.

When I left the pet shop I passed a locked car, windows up ... . It was a hot day and inside was a large German shepherd. Plastered on the back of the car was a bumper sticker promoting dog adoption. A white truck started up with two large dogs in the back. It zoomed around the corner rather too quickly and the dogs skidded from one side of the truck bed to the other, as they had no restraints. Perhaps CAPS should take a long hard look at themselves concerning abuse, both animal and human.

In closing, proverbially, people who live in glass houses should not throw stones or stones may be thrown back.

Kathy Mitchell
Santa Monica

Protect family fisherman

Editor:

Every year, more and more family fishermen are forced out of businesses because the government is giving shares of our fish stocks to a few powerful corporate fishing companies. Despite the fact that these giant corporate fishing companies have the least concern for the health of our oceans, produce lower quality seafood for consumers and do less to support coastal communities than their small-scale, independent counterparts, the government is entrusting them with one of our most precious public resources – our oceans.

As these few corporations acquire greater shares of this public resource, small-scale fishermen are forced out of business. Eighteen percent of our fisheries are already privatized, and that number is growing, funneling unprecedented profits into the pockets of a few privileged fishing companies. And the effects of this management system are soon to be felt by local fishermen very close to home. The National Marine Fisheries Service has plans to implement one of these privatization schemes on the Pacific Groundfish Fishery next year.

The good news is that this management system is not set in stone. We can get Barbara Boxer to hold oversight hearings on fisheries management in the Senate this fall. With her leadership, we can keep the public resources of our oceans under public control, protect local coastal communities, nurture our ocean ecosystems, and guarantee better quality seafood for consumers.

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Back to Nature

Reese Halter

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Drag racers of the sea

GIANT SQUIDS MEASURING IN EXCESS of 60 feet and weighing a whopping 1,275 pounds are the most mysterious and the least known gigantic critter on Earth.

Cephalopods — from the Greek "head-footed" — have at least eight arms, and this includes all octopuses; cuttlefishes and squids have two additional tentacles that they can shoot out to capture prey. Chambered nautilus, the most primitive of all living Cephalopods, have as many as 90 arms.

There are 40 genera of squids with somewhere between 600 and 700 species. All are equipped with claws, hooks, suckers, giant axons and complex lidless eyes similar to "higher" vertebrates (spineless animals), sharp beaks like parrots and some have lights all over them.

All squids have suckers on their arms and tentacles, some possess retractable claws and most are outfitted with fearsome toothed rings.

Squids catch their prey with their tentacles. They pull their victim toward the center of their arms where a powerful parrot-like beak dices them into small pieces and/or grinds them down with radular teeth before swallowing.

The head of the squid is separated from the body by a neck and it's usually smaller in diameter than the body. The head contains a large brain with two huge eyes. Giant squid eyes are about the size of a dinner plate — the largest of any living animal on the planet. They are able to pick out the faintest light or movement in the blackness of the ocean's vast depths of greater than 5,000 feet.

Also located on the side of the squid's head, near the neck, are the olfactory or smell glands.

At the posterior end of the head is the squid's body, or mantle, followed by a tail. At its opposite end is a circle of arms and usually a pair of tentacles.

Squids propel themselves — in either direction — by shooting water from the funnel, a short, hose-like organ that protrudes from the mantle below the head.

Compared to fish, squids are drag racers of the sea. In order to achieve lightning-like bursts of speed, squids have two hearts and blood that uses copper-containing pigments — hemocyanin — rather than hemoglobin used by vertebrates.

Squids have large complex brains and nervous systems. This enables them fantastic control over their color and patterns on their skin. Colors like red, orange, yellow, brown and black are used for defense and it is believed to be used as a "language" that affects their social organization.

Squids have the ability to float motionlessly at any depth waiting unsuspectingly for prey. They eat plankton, crustaceans, fish and other squids. They feed both during the day and night, relying upon their keen eye sight and sense of touch to capture victims.

All squids are believed to have short life cycles and death immediately follows breeding. Very little is known about giant squids, they have only been filmed once — in late December of 2006.

Sperm whales have the largest brains of any animals that have ever lived on Earth. They are the only known enemy of giant squids. They relentlessly search for giant squids in the darkness of the icy oceans more than one mile beneath the surface.

Sperm whales hunt using radar or echolocation. Each whale needs between 2,200 and 4,200 pounds of squid a day. Some scientists believe that once sperm whales locate giant squids they kill them by producing a sonic boom. This hypothesis is corroborated when examining the stomach contents of sperm whales; they contain hundreds of pounds of uninjured giant squids.

There are other reports, however, that clearly show the loathsome scars from the ringed toothed suckers of the giant squids on the snouts of sperm whales. This unimaginable raging battle is a fight amongst the two largest predators and prey on the globe.

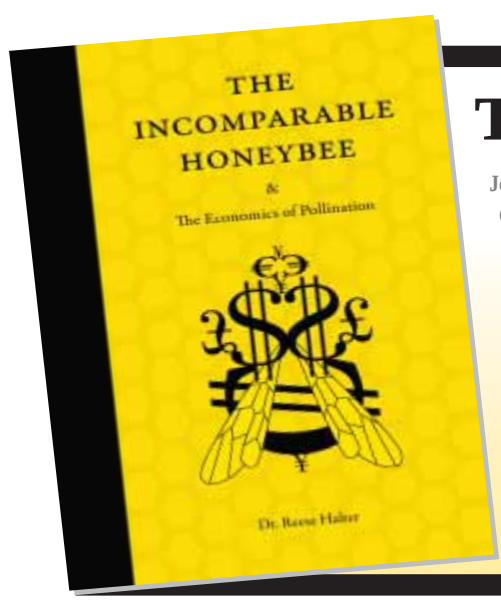
The only part of the giant squid that remains undigested inside the sperm whale is the beak. One sperm whale that was examined contained 28,000 giant squid beaks!

Almost 700 species of squid are thought to make up the greatest aggregate of pure animal matter on the planet — twice that of any other living creatures put together.

Overfishing and climate change are bringing these beasts more frequently into contact with humans. Giant Humboldt squids were seen this summer along San Diego beaches and very recently on the beaches of Tofino, Vancouver Island, British Columbia.

Jules Verne's "20,000 Leagues Under the Sea" called giant squids (or krakens) sea monsters. For at least a half a billion years giant squids have been evolving in the sea; these timeless and remarkable critters are indeed worthy of our wonder.

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What's the Point?

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Parenting classes can only take you so far

RAISING KIDS HAS TO BE INCREDIBLY HARD. The constant pressure on a parent to teach lessons, to be aware of the impact of their words, to know that their actions are teaching lessons far greater than any homework, must be a tremendous burden on a person.

As someone who limits his parenting to himself and a dog, I have no real experience with this, but I see daily examples of good parenting and bad parenting in the child custody cases I fight. When I represent a man who is an excellent father by any objective criteria, it makes the fight that much easier for me. When I have a client who has questionable skills, which usually is just a matter of education more than bad intent, I send them to a parenting class.

Parenting classes come in many forms. They are available online and in person. They range from one day workshops that teach new parents how to change diapers, etc., to the extended courses that teach interpersonal skills and how to motivate the behavior that a person wants their child to exhibit.

This is not an easy subject to learn.

Because I realized that I was recommending them to my clients with greater frequency, I took one of the online courses earlier this year, and I figured I should at least know what they can expect to learn. Then a month later, I had an experience with one of my law partners' kids. He's about 8 years old, old enough to know better about some things and big enough to spout off to you.

We were in the kitchen and he dropped some ice on the floor. He knew he did it, and I knew he knew. I looked at him and told him to clean it up. He just walked away saying it'll dry. I told him to get back here and clean it up. He ran away.

I was frozen with a sense of "how the heck do you handle this?" My mother would have yelled at me, which may be why I've seen a therapist.

In the end, it was a small piece of ice and I just cleaned it up because there were many elderly people around and I didn't want anyone to slip. But the experience was illuminating for me.

It is one thing to take a course and learn how you are supposed to act to get a child to react in the way you want. The subject in the abstract seems so logical and easy. Taking a course makes being a good parent appear like a rather simple thing; it's just a set of learned skills that need to be applied in the real world. The problem is, kids don't react like a computer program.

After my eye-opening experience with the rebellious 8 year old, I know they are independent, headstrong and limit testing.

Seeing this made me more compassionate with my partner when he is with his kids. I realize how hard it must be to raise four kids in different stages of growth and rebellion.

I suppose raising kids is similar to my experience with my dog. I have learned that my behavior directly impacts his behavior. Except when it doesn't. Nine times out of 10 he will behave exactly as I trained him to, and then a squirrel catches his eye and all is lost, or a bone is on the ground and I cease to exist.

Which makes me wonder why then some parents would make their jobs that much harder. This past week the balloon boy debacle was really about parents who are using their kids for money making and publicity gathering. Same goes for Jon and Kate and that chaos. Can the "Octomom" be gone for long?

On the one hand parents who use their children as sources of income are easily scorned. Who doesn't wonder about Joe Jackson and his relationship with Michael? But would Michael have been Michael without Joe pushing him? Probably not.

On the other hand, look at the legion of child actors who have been to rehab, have ruined lives or died early because they turned to drugs and alcohol to soothe the pains of a lost childhood and an adulthood they can't cope with.

Then there is the practicality of it all. Kate and her eight need the income from the show to provide for all those mouths. She's doing what is in some ways best for those kids today and maybe tomorrow.

After completing my online parenting class, I knew how to raise a kid. After one battle with a 8 year old I realized I'm not skilled enough. And after watching all this drama over reality show families, I'm staying with the dog.

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The Q Line

Bright ideas

City Hall has installed an elaborate lighting system on Second and Fourth streets that is designed to both illuminate and beautify the shopping areas. The project has its backers and its critics.

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

What do you think about the colorful lights, and why?

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The Quackers
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Ducks going batty

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

MY FAVORITE SPOT IS ON THE TOP OF THE hill at Bay Street and Ocean Way. I stood there watching the sun dance across the silvery blue water, thinking how the colorful umbrellas looked like giant blooming flowers rising up out of the sand, when suddenly everything changed. Something hit me from behind. Instead of looking at the ocean, I was on my back staring up at my feet.

Head down and daydreaming, Richard accidentally ran into me. Rusty, following closely behind, tried to pull up but couldn't. Unbalanced he fell forward right into Richard. We all went tumbling down the hill, surfboards and all.

When we stopped I found my foot in Rusty's belly, my wing in Richard's eye. Richard's foot was smashing Rusty's face and somehow Rusty's wing had found its way into my mouth.

As people rushed to our aid we quickly scrambled to our webbed feet laughing. We bowed deeply from the waist shouting "Ta da!" and grabbed our boards. Quickly we headed for the water trying our best to pretend our embarrassing tumbling act had all been planned.

The three of us spent most of the morning building a bat house. Richard and Rusty were reluctant at first. They weren't crazy about bats. To them bats were scary, dangerous creatures that flew through the night skies intent on neck biting and flying into people's hair. It took a lot of work to convince them to help.

The bat house idea came to me after reading an article about the U.S. Forest Service closing thousands of caves and former mines in the national forests of 33 states. They were trying to stop a bat killing fungus called the "White-Nose Syndrome"

This White-Nose Syndrome fungus makes the muzzles, wings and ears of infected bats look white. The cause is poorly understood and something of a mystery. It is spreading rapidly and has already killed at least 500,000 bats.

There are many theories on the cause of White-Nose Syndrome; they all seem to come back to climate change, pesticide use or other environmental toxins. There is fear it may wipe out the endangered Indiana, Virginia and Ozark big-eared and gray bats.

Earlier I read that 40 percent of all the bats in the U.S. and Canada are endangered or close to being added to the list due to habitat loss and pesticide use. The idea of a new, unknown threat really concerned me. I decided to arm myself with the real facts about bats and lead a crusade to change the way my brothers and others felt about them. I was going to prove that bats did not deserve their bad boy reputations.

Bats are probably the least understood animals in the world. We know so little about them. They are portrayed as sinister predators but in reality they are softly furred, shy, gentle creatures. They are also the only mammals that can fly.

To enlist Richard for my project I emphasized the major role bats play in our ecosystem. Since he was the one who educated Rusty and me on the importance of bees as pollinators, I was sure once he knew bats were also important pollinators his feeling toward them would change immediately. Thankfully, I was right. When I told him bats pollinate bananas, avocados, mangoes, dates, figs and his favorite, cashews, he was in.

Rusty despises mosquitoes so I informed him that the majority of bats are insect eaters who work diligently at keeping the insect populations down. That got his attention. His eyes grew wide when I told him that one tiny brown bat could eat 600 mosquitoes in one hour. When I told him about the 20 million bats from Bracken Cave, Texas that gobble up more than 200 tons of insects in just one summer night, he was convinced and ready to help.

I thought, just to seal the deal, and in case they needed a little more convincing I should tell them about the fruit and nectar eating bats in the tropics. I told them those bats hold down two important jobs. Not only do they pollinate, they also are responsible for spreading seeds. The seeds they drop account for 95 percent of forest regrowth on cleared land. That makes them absolutely vital to the survival of the rain forests.

Rusty was still worried about vampire bats, or "little Draculas" as he called them. I told him they really do exist but they make up a very small fraction of the bat species. He took off his garlic necklace and felt a little more secure when I told him they are only found in Latin America and that they rarely feed on human blood.

With my brothers help, the bat house turned out great. Maybe it will help our local bats. We are looking for tenants and hoping that "if you build it they will come" applies.

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Debating the time for braces

BETH J. HARPAZ
Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK Nadia Czekajewski got braces on her teeth when she was 8. Now she's in third grade, turning 9, and "she'll be done before she begins fourth grade," said her father, Tomasz Czekajewski.

"It was a wise decision to start young," said Czekajewski, whose family lives in the Lakeview section of Chicago. "Kids are not as self-conscious at this age."

Braces used to be another miserable part of being a teenager, but now some kids, like Nadia, start and finish orthodontic treatment long before adolescence.

But despite the allure of getting it over with young, starting early is not right for every child. Experts say it strongly depends on the treatment required.

Some children who start early end up in a second phase of treatment, with braces into the early teenage years despite having started young, according to Dr. Flavio Uribe from the University of Connecticut School of Dental Medicine in Farmington, Conn.

"That's one of the criticisms of early treatment: Kids in braces for a long time," Uribe said. "It's controversial."

For children with Class II malocclusion, commonly referred to as an overbite or buck teeth, "there is no advantage to starting early," according to Dr. William Proffit, a professor at the University of North Carolina's School of Dentistry in Chapel Hill.

Proffit said that was the conclusion of "three major, randomized clinical trials comparing the outcomes of treatment" for younger versus older children.

"Early treatment is more costly both in terms of the amount of money you have to pay and the number of visits you make, and there is a greater burden of treatment with no benefit for most children," he said.

Proffit was the author of one of the three studies that looked at early treatment for Class II malocclusion, with the other two done by researchers at the University of Florida and in the United Kingdom.

But Proffit emphasized that early treatment is beneficial for other conditions, such as a Class III malocclusion, commonly referred to as an underbite, where the lower jaw is too big or the upper jaw is too small. "You're trying to change growth and your window of opportunity has run out by age 10. The ideal time to start would be as early as age 7," Proffit said.

The largest group of children getting orthodontic treatment in the U.S. are those with Class I malocclusion, with crowded teeth that are either crooked or protrude. For this group, Proffit said, "early treatment works, but you have to do two phases of treatment. So they're going to be in treatment for four years — a first phase, then a vacation, and a second phase."

Proffit said there is one overarching reason to start early no matter what type of treatment the child will need, and that's when teeth are so crooked or unattractive that "the child is really being teased and harassed and has psychosocial problems," he said. "Most preadolescent kids shrug it off, but some kids are really bothered by it."

The American Association of Orthodontists says most treatment begins between ages 9 and 14, but there are no detailed statistics on preadolescents versus teenagers. The AAO also said most orthodontic treatment lasts from one to three years, with two years being the average, but it had no statistics correlating length of treatment with age at which treatment began.

Some family dentists offer orthodontic treatment even though they are not board-certified orthodontists. But parents should be aware that "an orthodontist has an additional two to three years training after dental school, just to learn how to move teeth properly," said Dr. Robert Bray, president of the American Association of Orthodontists, and an orthodontist in private practice in Atlantic City, N.J.

The AAO recommends having children screened by age 7 to assess what the best age for treatment is. Bray said prices for treatment range between $4,000 and $7,000, but many orthodontists will do an initial screening for free. Often the price quoted for treatment will not change regardless of how long the child's treatment takes.

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Mad for monsters craft

JENNIFER FORKER
For The Associated Press

(Instructions below are for use with .95-ounce cereal boxes; if using larger boxes, adapt the measurements accordingly.)

Supplies:
One-serving (.95-ounce) cereal boxes
Colorful fake fur fabric (1/4 yard or smaller)
Small Styrofoam balls and/or pom poms (various sizes)
Pipe cleaners
Markers
Box cutter
Sharp scissors
White craft glue, such as Elmer's
Ruler or tape measure
Heavy-stock paper or poster board (for template)
Optional craft supplies:
Felt (various colors)
Googly eyes
Stickers
Assembly:

1. Tape the cereal box closed. An inch to 1 1/2 inches from the top, and using box cutters or sharp scissors, cut the box on three sides: both ends and one front side, so the box flips open.

2. With the heavy-stock paper, create two templates: one for the monster body and the other for its head. For the body, measure the box length and width from the cut made in step 1. (Note that not all one-serving cereal boxes are the same size. The .95-ounce box measures 5-by-9 1/4 inches.)

3. For the monster head template, fold the heavy-stock paper over the top of the box (the end with the cut made in step 1). Mark where the paper hits the cut edge along the box circumference. Using this as your guide, cut the paper into the shape of a "plus" sign, and according to the width of the box's four sides (e.g., for a .95-ounce box, the two larger sides are 3 inches and the two narrower sides are 1 3/4 inches). This template makes it easier to cut fur fabric that drops right over the four sides of the box.

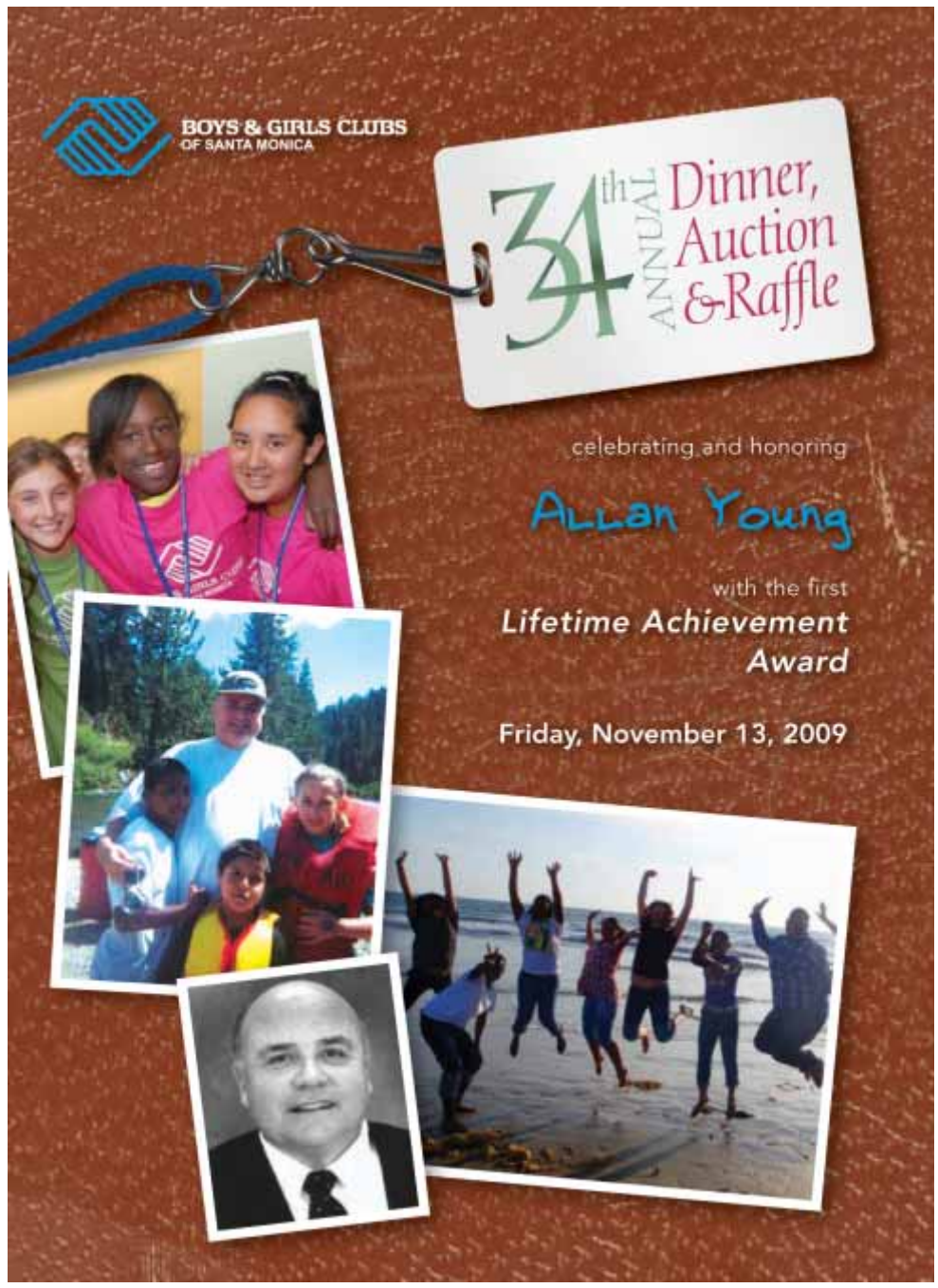
4. Once the templates are made, use them to cut out the monster body and head from fake fur fabric and/or felt. Beginning with the body, glue this onto the box. Use a lot of craft glue, and hold for a few minutes to secure. Then, glue the monster head fabric or felt into place.

5. Decorate with the accessories, making sure an older teenager or adult pokes the holes necessary for adding arms, antennae, etc.

6. Once dry, these can be filled with wrapped Halloween candy.







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Diplomats: 1st day of Iran nuke talks inconclusive

GEORGE JAHN
Associated Press Writer

VIENNA A first day of talks to get Iran to send most of its enriched uranium abroad — and thus delay its potential to make a nuclear weapon — ended inconclusively Monday, with Tehran remaining uncommitted, diplomats told The Associated Press.

International Atomic Energy Agency chief Mohamed ElBaradei said the negotiations between Iran and the U.S., Russia and France got off to a "good start." However, three diplomats, who were familiar with the discussions, suggested little was accomplished outside of both sides outlining their positions.

Iran had signaled going into the meeting that it would not meet Western demands for a deal under which it would ship most of its enriched material out of the country. Tehran has said it needs enriched uranium for nuclear fuel. The West fears it could be used to make weapons, and the U.S. says Iran is one to six years away from being able to do so.

The talks were focused on a technical issue with huge strategic ramifications — whether Iran is ready to farm out some of its uranium enrichment program to a foreign country.

ElBaradei appeared cautiously optimistic after the closed meetings, saying most technical issues had been discussed and the parties would meet again Tuesday morning.

"We have had this afternoon quite a constructive meeting," ElBaradei told reporters. "We are off to a good start."

ElBaradei did not elaborate, but his upbeat interpretation was in line with his stated preference for negotiations over sanctions and other tough measures for dealing with the issue.

One diplomat said the talks were "not as good as ElBaradei said, but good enough to have them continue." Another cautioned against qualifying the discussions, noting that they were in a very early stage.

The delegations said little as they left the meeting. The chief Iranian delegate, Ali Asghar Soltanieh, said only that he endorsed ElBaradei's comments.

Despite ElBaradei's upbeat assessment, the diplomats said Iran would not elaborate on whether it was ready to ship its enriched material out of the country. They said Tehran had asked questions about the plan put forward by the U.S., Russia and France.

Iran, which holds a 10 percent share in a Eurodif nuclear plant in France, also criticized President Nicolas Sarkozy's government for withholding enriched uranium from that facility, the diplomats said, speaking on condition of anonymity because the talks were confidential.

Areva, the state-run French nuclear company, has described Iran as a "sleeping partner" in Eurodif, which Tehran bought into more than three decades ago. Iran is under three sets of U.N. Security Council sanctions for defying demands that it freeze enrichment. The sanctions include embargoes on all shipments of sensitive nuclear materials or technology.

Before the meeting, Iran's state-run Press TV had cited unidentified officials in Tehran as saying the Islamic Republic was looking to keep its low-enriched uranium and buy what it needed for the Tehran reactor abroad. One said Iran was looking to the U.S., Russia or France for such supplies — a stance that would likely doom the talks, with neither the U.S. nor France expected to accept anything short of an Iranian commitment to ship out its own material for further enrichment.

Tehran's continued refusal to give up most of its enriched stock could also abort chances of a second round of broader negotiations between Iran and the U.S., Britain, Russia, France, Germany and China. The first round was held Oct. 1 in Geneva.

The six powers have tentatively scheduled a follow-up meeting by the end of the month aimed at starting negotiations that will ultimately place strict controls on Iran's enrichment activities.

Iran's interlocutors were trying Monday to implement what the West says Tehran had agreed to in Geneva: letting a foreign country, most likely Russia, turn most of Iran's low-enriched uranium into higher grades to fuel its small research reactor in Tehran.

That would mean turning over more than 2,600 pounds (1,200 kilograms) of low-enriched uranium — as much as 75 percent of Iran's declared stockpile. Tentative plans would be for further enrichment in Russia and then conversion in France into metal fuel rods for Iran's reactor.

Iran agreeing to ship most of its enriched uranium abroad would be significant in easing Western fears about Iran's program, since 2,205 pounds (1,000 kilograms) is the commonly accepted threshold of the amount of low-enriched uranium needed for production of weapons-grade uranium enriched to levels above 90 percent.

Based on the present Iranian stockpile, the U.S. has estimated that Tehran could produce a nuclear weapon between 2010 and 2015, an assessment that broadly agrees with those from Israel and other nations tracking Tehran's nuclear program.

If most of Iran's declared stock is taken out of the country, further enriched abroad and then turned into fuel for Iran's reactor, any effort to make nuclear weapons would be delayed until Tehran again has enriched enough material to turn into weapons-grade uranium.

David Albright of the Washington-based Institute for Science and International Security, which has tracked Iran for signs of covert proliferation, said any such deal would buy only a limited amount of time, noting that Tehran could replace even 2,600 pounds (1,200 kilograms) of low-enriched uranium "in little over a year." Iran now has more than 4,000 centrifuges producing low-enriched uranium, and its capacities are increasing.

Tehran, if it agrees to ship out the enriched uranium, could also resist pressure to hand over most of its stock in one batch, and instead seek to send small amounts at a time. Iran has enough fuel for the Tehran reactor to last until mid-2011.

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Former nurse's aide in US becomes Ugandan king

TOM MALITI
Associated Press Writer

KASESE, Uganda For years, Charles Wesley Mumbere worked as a nurse's aide in Maryland and Pennsylvania, caring for the elderly and sick. No one there suspected that he had inherited a royal title in his African homeland when he was just 13.

On Monday, after years of political upheaval and financial struggle, Mumbere, 56, was finally crowned king of his people to the sound of drumbeats and thousands of cheering supporters wearing cloth printed with his portraits.

At a public rally later in the day, Ugandan President Yoweri Museveni officially recognized the 300,000-strong Rwenzururu Kingdom. Museveni restored the traditional kingdoms his predecessor banned in 1967, but has been adamant that kings restrict themselves to cultural duties and keep out of politics.

"It is a great moment to know that finally the central government has understood the demands of the Bakonzo people who have been seeking very hard for recognition of their identity," Mumbere told The Associated Press in the whitewashed single-story building that serves as a palace.

The Rwenzururu parliament sits nearby, in a much larger structure made of reeds. It was here the traditional private rituals were held Sunday night and Monday morning to crown Mumbere king.

Thousands walked several miles (kilometers) to see Mumbere, dressed in flowing green robes and a colorful hat, be officially recognized.

Old men clutching canes shuffled up the hill beside women in colorful Ugandan dresses called "gomesi." Among them was Masereka Tadai, 43, proudly overseeing practice for a march that retired scouts and girl guides would perform before the king.

"Everyone is very happy because the president has accepted to come here and officially recognize the Rwenzururu Kingdom," Tadai said over a nearby drumbeat.

The new King of Uganda's Mountains of the Moon has undergone many transformations — from teenage leader of a rebel force to impoverished student to a nursing home assistant working two jobs in the U.S., where he lived for nearly 25 years.

Mumbere's royal roots only became public in Pennsylvania this July, when he granted an interview to The Patriot-News of Harrisburg as he was preparing to return to Uganda.

He inherited the title when his father, Isaya Mukirania Kibanzanga, died while leading a secessionist group in the Rwenzori Mountains, otherwise known as the Mountains of the Moon. The rebels were protesting the oppression of their Bakonzo ethnic group by their then-rulers, the Toro Kingdom.

The Bakonzo demanded to be recognized as a separate entity and named Kibanzanga, a former primary school teacher, as their king in 1963.

"It was very difficult growing up in the bush," remembered Mumbere, who was 9 years old when his father took the family into the mountains. Although he received military training, Mumbere did not fight.

"Our country has been independent (from the British) for 40-something years but in Rwenzururu you may not find running water, there are no hospitals," Mumbere said.

Shortly after Kibanzanga died, his son led the fighters down from the mountains to hand in their weapons. Mumbere went to the United States in 1984 on a Uganda government scholarship, attending a business school until Uganda's leadership changed and the stipend was stopped. He gained political asylum in 1987, trained as a nurse's aide and took a job in a suburban Washington nursing home to pay his bills, said The Patriot-News of Harrisburg in a July 2009 story.

In 1999, he moved to Harrisburg, Pennsylvania's capital, where he worked for at least two health care facilities.

He was "very loyal, a very hard worker, a very private person," said Johnna Marx, executive director of the Golden Living Center-Blue Ridge Mountain on the outskirts of Harrisburg.

Mayor: Long way to go making Rio safe before 2016 Olympics

ROB HARRIS
AP Sports Writer

LONDON Rio de Janeiro has a tough battle ahead combatting security problems before the 2016 Olympics, the Brazilian city's mayor said Monday.

The challenges facing mayor Eduardo Paes since winning the Olympic vote earlier this month were underscored by a wave of violence in a city slum over the weekend that left 21 people dead.

"We never hid our problems during the bid process — we always told people we had problems and we are facing the problems," Paes told the Global Sports Industry Summit in London. "We still have a lot to do, we have a long way to go and what happened this weekend showed that."

The firefight between rival drug gangs raged Saturday in the Morro dos Macacos ("Monkey Hill") shantytown about five miles southwest of one of the zones where the Olympics will be held in seven years.

During the gang battle, bullets hit a police helicopter hovering overhead and it crashed in a fireball onto a football field, killing three officers and injuring three more.

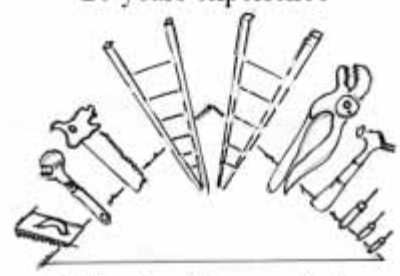
Two years before the Olympics, Rio will host World Cup football matches, including the final at the Maracana stadium.

When Rio was chosen over Chicago, Madrid and Tokyo to host the Olympics in the Oct. 2 vote, its bid was the only one that pointed to security concerns.

"We are being tough with these problems," Paes said. "We are sure by 2016 we will deliver the games and hopefully in a way that the city will be more peaceful and secure for all our citizens.

"We worry about security for our citizens, for our everyday lives, for the visitors that come on a regular basis. That's our challenge and things are moving forward. ... The violence we face in Rio will be much, much better by 2016."

Craig Reedie, a member of the International Olympic Committee's executive board, said the significance of gang violence should not be overstated.

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Judge rules against weed moratorium

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people with referrals from doctors and an identification card to smoke pot.

"Everybody is scared," said Tepel, who has spoken with other pot store operators. "Why are voters' rights being stepped all over? This kind of blind justice has to stop."

The crackdown is a crushing blow for dispensary owners who were relieved in March when U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder said federal agents would only go after marijuana distributors who violate both federal and state laws.

A new policy memo issued Monday by the Justice Department told prosecutors that pot-smoking patients or their sanctioned suppliers should not be targeted for federal prosecution in states that allow medical marijuana. The guidelines do, however, make it clear that federal agents will go after people whose distribution goes beyond what is permitted under state law or use medical marijuana as a cover for other crimes.

The comments Holder made earlier this year appear to have emboldened entrepreneurs as marijuana shops cropped up across California. In Los Angeles alone, there are an estimated 800 dispensaries, more than any other city in the nation. In 2005, there were only four, authorities said.

Cooley contends a vast majority of several hundred outlets his office investigated aren't following state law. Initially, the law allowed authorized marijuana users to grow their own plants, but lawmakers revised the law in 2003 to allow collectives to provide pot grown by members.

Cooley said he would target stores who are profiting and selling to people who don't qualify for medicinal marijuana.

"All those who are operating illegally, our advice to them is to shut down voluntarily and they won't be subject to prosecution," Cooley told The Associated Press on Wednesday.

At the same time, advocates are gathering signatures to get as many as three pot-legalization measures on next year's ballot in California. One poll shows voters would support legalizing marijuana outright. Thirteen states, including California, allow medical marijuana.

Cooley said his office has been assessing the rush of marijuana dispensaries for the past two years and has provided training for his staff over the past several months in anticipation of filing cases.

"Holder's statement probably created the impression that there wasn't going to be any federal investigation or prosecution of these entities," Cooley said. "There has to be some clarification."

Some legal observers believe the first case Cooley files since his announcement will show how egregious the illegal behavior has become among medical marijuana outlets.

"He's going to find a dispensary that is way over the line," said Rory Little, a professor at the University of California Hastings College of Law.

Among the candidates are Jeffrey Joseph, who runs Organica and was arrested in August but has yet to be charged. Authorities recovered 452 marijuana plants, more than 100 pounds of hashish and more than $100,000 in cash from his home and dispensaries in Marina del Rey and Culver City.

Defense attorney William Kroger said authorities fail to account for expenses and other costs dispensary owners incur and the proliferation of new rivals has hurt business.

"Most of my clients aren't making a lot of money," said Kroger, who represents about a dozen other owners. "I'd like to see Cooley sit down with us and keep shops open for those who need it and thin out the herd so there aren't so many of them."

James Shaw of the Union of Medical Marijuana Patients, an advocacy group for users, said his group plans to file a lawsuit against the city and county of Los Angeles to prohibit prosecution of legal organizations.

While the definition of a compliant dispensary is open to interpretation, Shaw said it's up to local municipalities to determine what matches up best with state law.

"Wherever there are regulations, there is less need for law enforcement intervention," Shaw said.

Nowhere is the topic more muddled than in Los Angeles, where city officials say plenty of people are getting high for the wrong reasons.

While the city has had a moratorium prohibiting new medical marijuana facilities for two years, officials have been unable to pass an ordinance governing the dispensaries. More than 180 dispensaries qualified to remain open under the moratorium, but many others took advantage of a loophole known as a "hardship exemption" that allowed them to open while awaiting city approval.

On Monday, Los Angeles Superior Court Judge James C. Chalfant temporarily barred city officials from enforcing the moratorium, saying the City Council failed to follow state law when it extended an initial ban.

Chaflant's ruling came in response to a lawsuit filed by Green Oasis, a medical marijuana collective that sued the city last month. The injunction only applies to Green Oasis but it could inspire other dispensaries to follow suit.

Tepel, a married father of four, agrees some pot clinics abuse the system but he maintains he had all the proper paperwork and followed the rules. If police had thoroughly investigated, they would have found most of his customers were either older or female, as opposed to younger men, and many grew their own marijuana and sold the drug to Tepel as allowed by the state.

After investing tens of thousands of dollars, Tepel argued it will take years to recoup his investment.

Tepel believes his shop in a strip mall with tinted black windows was targeted because it was on a busy street and not "in the hood or in a back alley."

"We're not tatted-up drug dealers. This is a family run operation," said Tepel, who pleaded not guilty Monday to one count of felony possession of marijuana with the intent to sell. "I don't want to do anything to jeopardize my future, my family's future. We didn't deserve this."





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WHAT A DOLL

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CNN talk show host Larry King (left) and his wife, Shawn (center) are presented with honorary white doctor's coats and a lifelike doll of Shawn during the 10th annual Mattel Party on the Santa Monica Pier on Sunday afternoon. The Kings were honored for their work with the Mattel Children's Hospital UCLA.

Garner, Ryan targeted

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west of the school to one-way traffic and adding a stop sign, changing the wrought iron entrance gate to a solid door to better ensure privacy, and installing a video camera system.

"The Santa Monica Police Department is very sensitive to those issues of the First Amendment and we recognize folks can legally occupy and use public spaces," Sanchez said.

The department has responded to about a dozen calls over the presence of the paparazzi, though no citations were ever issued. Police officers have also stepped up patrol of the area.

He said police could enforce trespassing laws if the photographers were to climb onto cars that belong to other people or for disturbing the peace.

Mary Hartzell, the director of the nursery school, said the problem was not as intense during the summer when classes were not in session. The school operates a small summer camp.

She added that the celebrity family who has been drawing the most attention is currently in another city but is expected to return in November along with the photographers.

Jennifer Garner and Ben Affleck have been photographed picking up their daughter Violet, as has Meg Ryan.

"It seems as though the paparazzi know where the people are and they aren't going to come here if the (celebrities) they are seeking are not here," she said.

The solution could come from an understanding of what can be an unbearable situation.

Sean Burke, the founder of the Paparazzi Reform Initiative, said he believes the general public will eventually learn about the intrusiveness and dangers of the paparazzi and start demanding changes, starting a chain reaction that will lead to elected officials strengthening privacy laws.

He said the purpose of the initiative is to educate the public about how "crazy" the paparazzi are and to rally support for reform. Burke previously spent eight years as the head of security for a celebrity whom he declined to identify.

"I don't think anyone really gets this except security and the celebrities who know how crazy it gets on the street," he said.

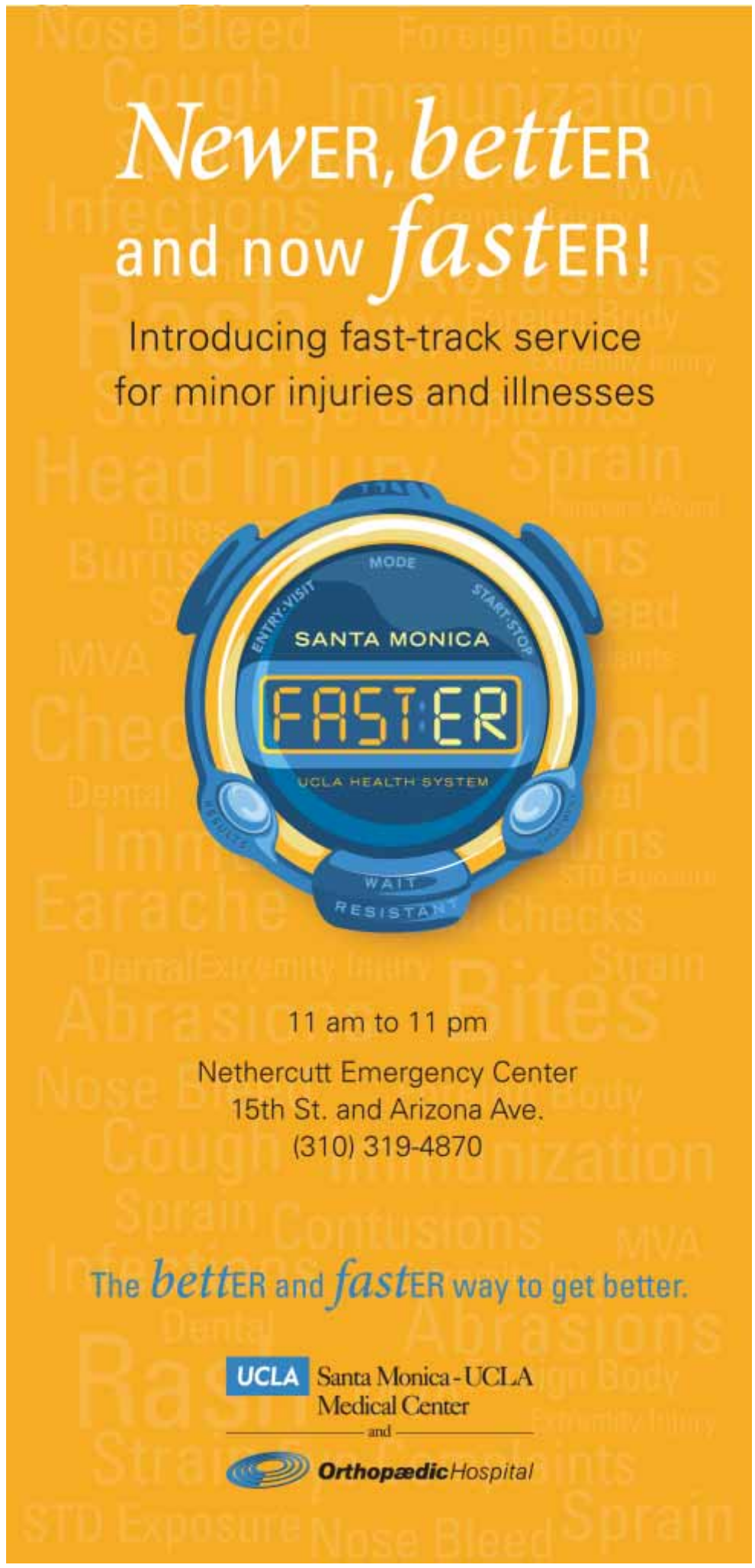
Burke said the recent passage of an assembly bill by Speaker Karen Bass, D-Culver City, expanding privacy laws to penalize persons who purchase, publish and print images of individuals which they knew were illegally obtained, is a step in the right direction.

"There's no way we want to restrict the First Amendment but there is a difference between a newsworthy and non-newsworthy item," Burke said. "The way it's going now, newsworthy includes everything from walking out of the door to pick up your newspaper to the latest mass murder.

"That is the spectrum and it shouldn't be. Someone shopping and buying a banana isn't newsworthy."

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IBM puts executive on leave after charges

JORDAN ROBERTSON
AP Technology Writer

SAN FRANCISCO IBM Corp. put a top executive on leave Monday after he was charged in an insider trading scandal for allegedly leaking secrets about IBM's earnings and financial dealings with corporate partners.

The company said Robert Moffat, a senior vice president and cost-cutting maven who was considered a possible candidate to succeed CEO Sam Palmisano, no longer serves as an officer of the company.

A woman who answered the phone at Moffat's home in Connecticut said he would not comment. Kerry Lawrence, an attorney representing Moffat, said the government hasn't accused Moffat of profiting from the alleged scheme.

"Not only have they not alleged that, but that definitely did not happen," Lawrence said.

Rodney Adkins, who has been senior vice president in charge of development and manufacturing, was tapped to assume Moffat's position on an acting basis. That gives him oversight over IBM's mainframes and computer servers.

Adkins is the highest-ranking black executive IBM has ever had.

Moffat was one of six executives and hedge fund managers arrested Friday in connection with a wide-ranging scam that authorities say generated more than $25 million in illegal profits.

The bust ensnared one of America's wealthiest men, Raj Rajaratnam, a portfolio manager for the Galleon Group hedge fund; two people from another hedge fund; and figures from chip maker Intel Corp. and consulting firm McKinsey & Co.

The hedge fund defendants are accused of trading securities in several publicly traded companies based on confidential information they got from the executives.

Moffat's arrest is a rare stain on the reputation of IBM, which promotes "trust in all relationships" as one of its key values.

Moffat, a college track star who has worked at IBM since 1978, is known as an operational expert who has worked in some of IBM's toughest divisions trying to unlock more profit. That included the personal computer business, which IBM sold in 2004 to China-based Lenovo Group. IBM has trumpeted Moffat's ability to slash costs and make the company faster and more efficient, particularly in manufacturing.

Moffat, 53, is accused of supplying Danielle Chiesi, who worked for a hedge fund known as New Castle, details about IBM's earnings; the timing of a restructuring at IBM partner Advanced Micro Devices Inc.; and the financials of Sun Microsystems Inc., whose books IBM was poring over this year as part of an acquisition bid.

It's unclear from the court filings how Moffat would have benefited. Lawrence, Moffat's lawyer, declined to comment further on the case.

His arrest comes after a tough stretch for IBM, which is based in Armonk, N.Y.

Two weeks ago the company acknowledged that the U.S. Justice Department is looking into allegations the company abused its dominant position in mainframe computers, one of IBM's most important products. And last week the company reported higher quarterly profit and boosted its 2009 earnings forecast, but the stock fell. The shares had already appreciated significantly, and some investors were apparently expecting more from the results.

Intel, the world's largest maker of computer microprocessors, said it was blindsided by the arrest of its employee, Rajiv Goel, 51, a director of strategic investment in Intel's treasury department. Intel spokesman Chuck Mulloy said the company hasn't been contacted by law enforcement.

Goel, who has been placed on leave, declined to comment.

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Mexican family finds work, then loss, in US

ELLIOT SPAGAT
Associated Press Writer

EL CENTRO, Calif. Esteban Contreras had a bad feeling when his daughter and her husband said they were going to sneak across the border with their children.

He remembers telling his son-in-law: "You're going to put your children's lives in danger. You're going to put your wife's life in danger, your own life."

"He replied that he found a good smuggler, that everything would be all right, nothing would happen," Contreras said Friday in an interview with The Associated Press.

A few days later, his daughter, son-in-law and 10-year-old grandson were among six passengers who drowned when a sport utility vehicle packed with about 20 suspected illegal immigrants plunged into a canal near the border after a police chase. His 12-year-old granddaughter, Cecilia Cid-Contreras, survived.

The teenager who prosecutors say was driving the SUV is on trial for murder in a case that highlights the extreme risks that some migrant smugglers take to elude capture. Alejandro Toribio Gama, 16, faces a maximum sentence of life in prison if convicted in the July 2008 crash. His attorney maintains he was not the driver.

The girl, now 13, testified for nearly three hours last week at the trial in Westmorland, about 120 miles east of San Diego.

Cecilia recounted waking up underwater, unable to breathe, and swimming to a bank. Showing no emotion as she spoke through an interpreter, she testified that Toribio Gama kicked her in the stomach when she pleaded for help saving her family.

The crash followed a five-minute police chase on a dirt road in which a Westmorland police officer said his speedometer reached 70 mph, according to court testimony.

Cecilia testified that the driver ignored passengers' pleas to slow down after the chase ended. The SUV crashed about 10 minutes later.

Toribio Gama's attorney, Benjamin Salorio, says the crime doesn't amount to murder even if the government can prove the defendant was driving.

"I'm not an assassin," Toribio Gama told reporters Friday after court adjourned. "It was an accident. ... I feel very badly about everything that happened. I could have even lost my life."

The defendant said he crossed the border illegally on his way to Atlanta, where his relatives work in restaurants. He came from a farming village in the southern Mexican state of Guerrero and says he hopes to eventually find a job working with computers.

Cecilia and her family are from San Pablo de los Remedios, a village in central Mexico known for growing corn, oats and barley — and for sending people to the United States. She is now being raised by her grandfather.

Esteban Contreras says he earns the equivalent of about $1,500 a year harvesting corn and feeds the family with milk from his cows and eggs from his chickens. Neighbors work at a nearby factory that pays about $50 a week.

One son went to the U.S. about four years ago, and three others followed about two months before the crash. They work construction in New York City.

Before leaving for Southern California, his daughter, Angelica Contreras Reyes, sent her children's birth certificates to a sister-in-law to enroll them in school. She was 33 when she died.

Contreras' son-in-law, Avelino Velasco, quit his job as a truck driver. He died at 40.

Cecilia refuses to go inside the home where she lived with her parents and her brother, Juan, though her grandparents are keeping it for her.

"The only thing she wants to do is study," her grandfather said. "She says, 'I'm going to do something with my life.'"

Cecilia's appearance in Imperial Superior Court surprised some trial watchers. Officials at the Mexican consulate in Calexico, Calif., had told The Associated Press and the defense attorney that the girl's family opposed her testifying.

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iPhone helps up Apple profit 47 pct; stock leaps

Apple's net income rose 47 percent in the most recent quarter as more people gave in to the iPhone craze. The results, released Monday, sent Apple shares surging 6 percent in extended trading.

Apple unveiled a faster iPhone in June and cut the price of the previous generation of the phone to $99. That boosted iPhone sales from July through September to 7.4 million devices, half a million more than last year.

Apple weathered the economic meltdown better than other computer companies, giving it a running start when PC sales grew in the quarter. Apple sold 3.1 million Macs, a 19 percent rise from the same period a year ago.

Apple says it earned $1.82 per share in its fiscal fourth quarter. Sales jumped 25 percent to $9.9 billion.

Apple shares were up $11.64 at $201.50 in extended trading, nearing a multi-year high, after closing the regular session at $189.86, up 1 percent on the day.

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WINTON

Parents arrested after children found home alone

The parents of three young girls are facing charges after authorities say they left the children alone in their Merced County apartment.

A deputy responding on Monday to the apartment in Winton says he found the apartment in disarray, with the three girls, ages 4, 6 and 8, alone inside.

One of the girls told the deputy that they hadn't seen their mother since Saturday.

As the deputy investigated, the mother, 29-year-old Ambrosia Valle, arrived home.

A short time later, the father, 36-year-old Nepamuseno Vega, came out from another apartment in the complex.

Both parents were arrested on suspicion of child endangerment and neglect.

The children were taken into protective custody by Child Protective Services.

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Feds issue new medical pot policy

DEVLIN BARRETT
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON Pot-smoking patients or their sanctioned suppliers should not be targeted for federal prosecution in states that allow medical marijuana, prosecutors were told Monday in a new policy memo issued by the Justice Department.

Under the policy spelled out in a three-page legal memo, federal prosecutors are being told it is not a good use of their time to arrest people who use or provide medical marijuana in strict compliance with state law.

The guidelines issued by the department do, however, make it clear that federal agents will go after people whose marijuana distribution goes beyond what is permitted under state law or use medical marijuana as a cover for other crimes.

The memo advises prosecutors they "should not focus federal resources in your states on individuals whose actions are in clear and unambiguous compliance with existing state laws providing for the medical use of marijuana."

The new policy is a significant departure from the Bush administration, which insisted it would continue to enforce federal anti-pot laws regardless of state codes.

"It will not be a priority to use federal resources to prosecute patients with serious illnesses or their caregivers who are complying with state laws on medical marijuana, but we will not tolerate drug traffickers who hide behind claims of compliance with state law to mask activities that are clearly illegal," Attorney General Eric Holder said in a statement.

By the government's count, 14 states allow some use of marijuana for medical purposes: Alaska, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Maine, Maryland, Michigan, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Rhode Island, Vermont and Washington. Some medical marijuana advocates say Maryland shouldn't be included in that group, because the law there only allows for reduced penalties for medical marijuana usage.

California stands out among those for the widespread presence of dispensaries — businesses that sell marijuana and even advertise their services. Colorado also has several dispensaries, and Rhode Island and New Mexico are in the process of licensing providers, according to the Marijuana Policy Project, a group that promotes the decriminalization of marijuana use.

Advocates say marijuana is effective in treating chronic pain and nausea, among other ailments.

Holder said in March that he wanted federal law enforcement officials to pursue those who violate both federal and state law, but it has not been clear how that goal would be put into practice.

The memo spelling out the policy was sent Monday to federal prosecutors in the 14 states, and also to top officials at the FBI and Drug Enforcement Administration.

The memo written by Deputy Attorney General David Ogden emphasizes that prosecutors have wide discretion in choosing which cases to pursue, and says it is not a good use of federal manpower to prosecute those who are without a doubt in compliance with state law.

"This is a major step forward," said Bruce Mirken, communications director for the Marijuana Policy Project. "This change in policy moves the federal government dramatically toward respecting scientific and practical reality."

The change has critics, including lawmakers who see it as a tactical retreat in the fight against Mexican drug cartels.

"We cannot hope to eradicate the drug trade if we do not first address the cash cow for most drug trafficking organizations — marijuana," said Rep. Lamar Smith of Texas, the top Republican on the House Judiciary Committee.

Administration officials said the government will still prosecute those who use medical marijuana as a cover for other illegal activity.

In particular, the memo urges prosecutors to pursue marijuana cases which involve violence, the illegal use of firearms, selling pot to minors, money laundering or involvement in other crimes.

And while the policy memo describes a change in priorities away from prosecuting medical marijuana cases, it does not rule out the possibility that the federal government could still prosecute someone whose activities are allowed under state law.

The memo, officials said, is designed to give a sense of prosecutorial priorities to U.S. attorneys in the states that allow medical marijuana. It notes that pot sales in the United States are the largest source of money for violent Mexican drug cartels, but adds that federal law enforcement agencies have limited resources.

Hospitals restricting visitors to stop swine flu

LAURAN NEERGAARD
AP Medical Writer

WASHINGTON Visiting a loved one in the hospital? Better check on new flu limits first. Hospitals around the country are turning away visiting children and tightening restrictions on adults, too, in hopes of limiting spread of swine flu in the hallways — although there's little science the limits work.

Utah and Colorado are recommending visitor limits for hospitals statewide. But mostly it's a hospital-by-hospital decision, meaning clinics in the same town can have different rules.

The result? Huge variation. The large Stanford University Hospital in California on Monday barred anyone under 16 from visiting, while the small Central Vermont Hospital turned away the under-12 crowd. Other hospitals have settled on 14 or 18.

The Indiana Heart Hospital announced it isn't checking for age but for symptoms: Visitors are supposed to answer some questions and wear a green sticker showing they were cleared to enter.

In the Washington, D.C., suburbs, the Inova Health System hospital chain is warning pregnant women they can have just one visitor during their stay in the maternity ward, and it has canceled its popular what-to-expect tours for the soon-to-deliver.

Still other hospitals are trying education instead of rules, posting signs that urge people of any age to postpone that visit if they have a sniffle or cough. Atlanta's Emory University is discouraging but not barring children — while stocking lots of hand sanitizer and face masks for visitors that, judging by frequent refills, are getting used.

"There's no perfect way," said Dr. William Schaffner, a flu specialist at Vanderbilt University Medical Center, which is going with the signs but reassesses weekly. "We cannot hermetically seal the institution. You can have people who are going to get sick tomorrow who already are excreting the virus."

It makes for a confusing time as hospitals struggle to balance the recuperative effects of having loved ones visit with the fear that they'll carry in swine flu to people already weakened from something else.

But Dorothy Powers of Overlea, Md., was thrilled with the change. When her 9-year-old son Tyler underwent another round of chemotherapy for leukemia last week, for the first time the halls at the University of Maryland Hospital for Children weren't full of other patients' siblings and friends. New rules bar visitors under 12, limit each patient to two visitors — and require those people to stay inside the child's room.

"It forces parents to be aware of how they can carry germs," said Powers, who added that the new policy also made it easier to explain to her just-over-the-limit 12-year-old daughter that she couldn't visit, either, because of a cold. "It's hard on the family when you can't be together, but if you can't be together because of germs. ..."

On the other side, nurses describe some tears when new mothers learn they'll have to go home before introducing all the relatives to the newborn. And hospitals hasten to say they make exceptions if, for instance, a family member is dying.

This isn't about patients admitted for flu treatment; hospitals are supposed to follow specific infection-control steps for them.

The problem: There's been little study of whether curbing visitors, or screening them for symptoms, keeps flu from sneaking into other parts of the hospital.

Visitors aren't the only risk. Health care workers might wear masks while caring for a flu patient, but they can catch the virus at home and bring it back to work. One major difficulty in fighting flu is that people can spread it up to 24 hours before their own symptoms appear.

Consequently, neither the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention nor the American Hospital Association have set guidelines on the issue.

Why so many child bans? Because this new flu, what scientists call the 2009 H1N1 strain, spreads so easily among children.

"This has not been a policy that has been taken lightly," infectious disease chief Dr. Yvonne Maldonado says in a video posted on Stanford's Web site to warn the public of Monday's change at the hospital.

But University of Washington epidemiologist Ira Longini, a well-known expert in how influenza spreads, calls banning all children "a little extreme." He prefers for short-term visitors to wear a mask: "If somebody's washing their hands and wearing a mask, they're probably not going to infect anybody else."

Vanderbilt's Schaffner recalls being a forlorn little boy waving to his father, hospitalized for appendicitis, from the street. Today, there's good evidence that support from family and friends can hasten recovery. So in recent years, many hospitals have ended visitation restrictions outside of intensive care units or other especially vulnerable rooms, and even install fold-out couches and other amenities to encourage families to stay.

Stay tuned: The new limits are supposed to disappear when flu season ends.

"Hopefully, it's going to be a short one," said University of Maryland pediatrics chairman Dr. Steven Czinn. "We'll be very conservative in lifting the policy."

Balloon boy charges may not come until next week

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Associated Press Writer

FORT COLLINS, Colo. Authorities investigating the family accused of perpetrating the balloon boy hoax to promote a reality show said Monday they don't expect to bring possible charges until at least next week.

Larimer County sheriff's spokeswoman Eloise Campanella said that investigators don't anticipate finishing their reports and presenting them to the district attorney's office until next week. It will then be up to prosecutors to decide whether to file charges against Richard Heene or his wife, Mayumi.

The couple's lawyer, David Lane, said earlier in the day that he expected charges to be filed by Wednesday. With television cameras and reporters set up outside the Heene home, Lane has stressed that the Heenes are willing to turn themselves in to avoid the spectacle of a public arrest.

Lane declined to say directly whether he believes the incident was a hoax but said the Heenes are innocent unless convicted. The family remained in seclusion Monday at their home.

"If they (prosecutors) can prove their case beyond a reasonable doubt, that's one thing. If they can't prove their case beyond a reasonable doubt, that's another," he told The Associated Press.

Investigators also say they want to question an associate of his after e-mails surfaced showing the two had discussed a balloon hoax months ago as part of a public relations campaign for the reality show.

Robert Thomas of Denver claimed Heene had told him he was planning a media stunt to promote a proposed reality show. Thomas, a self-described researcher, sold his story to Gawker.com and provided the Web site with e-mail exchanges between him and Heene. Thomas said the show would feature Heene as a mad scientist who carries out various scientific experiments.

"This will be the most significant UFO-related news event to take place since the Roswell Crash of 1947, and the result will be a dramatic increase in local and national awareness about The Heene Family, our Reality Series, as well as the UFO Phenomenon in general," according to a copy of the show's proposal provided to the site by Thomas.

Gawker.com editor-in-chief Gabriel Snyder confirmed the New York-based Web site paid Thomas, but declined to say how much for the story billed with the headline: "Exclusive: I Helped Richard Heene Plan a Balloon Hoax."

Snyder said Thomas was planning to meet with investigators but Larimer County sheriff's spokeswoman Kathy Messick wouldn't comment on whether he had been interviewed. Messages left for Thomas by The Associated Press were not returned.

Thomas, 25, said in his Gawker.com story that the plan he knew about did not involve Heene's children.

The emergence of the e-mails is the latest twist in a story that played out live on national television on Thursday when a silver helium-filled balloon floated away from the Heenes' home with 6-year-old Falcon believed to be aboard. But he was never in the balloon.

Some flights at Denver International Airport had to be changed to a different runway, but the airport remained open during the balloon's flight, airport spokesman Chuck Cannon said Monday. Previous reports said the airport was temporarily shut down.

The National Guard provided two helicopters in an attempt to rescue the child, costing several thousand dollars. When the balloon landed without the boy, officials thought he had fallen out and began the grim search for his body.

Sheriff Jim Alderden announced Sunday that he's seeking charges, including felonies, against Richard and Mayumi Heene. Alderden said the stunt two weeks in the planning was a marketing ploy by the Heenes, who met in acting school in Hollywood and have twice appeared on ABC's reality show "Wife Swap."

"We certainly know that there's a conspiracy between the husband and wife, you've probably seen some of the e-mails and some of the things on the Internet suggesting that there may be other conspirators," Alderden said.

Alderden said documents show that a media outlet has agreed to pay money to the Heenes with regard to the balloon incident. Alderden didn't name the media outlet but said it was a show that blurs "the line between entertainment and news."

It wasn't clear whether the deal was signed before or after the alleged hoax, or whether the media outlet was a possible conspirator.

"Let's call it (my statement) short of speculation that a media outlet was in on the hoax, but let's not discount the possibility," he said.

In an e-mail Sunday to the AP, Snyder said editors at Gawker.com had not contacted the Heene family or offered them money for their story, referring to Alderden's reference to a deal being struck by a media outlet.

"No, that wasn't us," Snyder said.

The sheriff said he expected to recommend charges of conspiracy, contributing to the delinquency of a minor, making a false report to authorities and attempting to influence a public servant. Federal charges were also possible.

The most serious charges are felonies and carry a maximum sentence of six years in prison and a $500,000 fine. Alderden said they would be seeking restitution for the costs, though he didn't have an estimate.

As Alderden told reporters Sunday that the whole thing was a hoax, the Heenes were shopping for snacks at Wal-Mart, where Richard Heene told the AP he was "seeking counsel."

"This thing has become so convoluted," Heene said, tears welling in his eyes. He said his wife was holding together better than he was.

Once investigators got a good look at the "flying saucer" they determined that the thin mylar balloon covered with foil and held together with duct tape would not have been able to launch with the 37-pound-boy inside, according to Colorado State University physics professor Brian Jones.

Alderden said he didn't know whether the 6-year-old had been hiding in the rafters of the family's garage during an intense five-hour search, as the family claimed.

"For all we know he may have been two blocks down the road playing on the swing in the city park," the sheriff said.

The sheriff said all three of the Heenes' sons knew of the hoax, but likely won't face charges because of their ages. The oldest son is 10.

Alderden said investigators had an "aha" moment that the story was a hoax when Falcon turned to his father during a CNN interview Thursday and said what sounded like "you had said we did this for a show" when asked why he didn't come out of his hiding place.

On Friday, Falcon got sick during two separate TV interviews when asked again why he hid.

Alderden said they didn't question the family Friday because they wanted to keep the family's cooperation by maintaining the appearance that they believed their story. That's the same day the sheriff gave a press conference in which he said he believed the saga was a "real event." He said Sunday that those assurances were part of his effort to keep the family's trust.

Records show that police have responded to the house at least twice in the past year, including a possible domestic violence incident in February. No charges were filed.

Alderden said officials tried Saturday to persuade Mayumi Heene, 45, to go to a safe house, but she declined.



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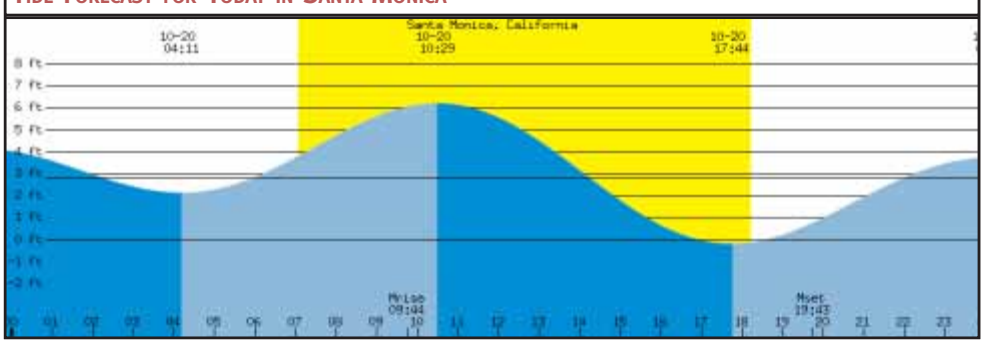
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Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	ns
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechasa and Las Alisos creeks.	A+	A+
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	A+	A+
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	A+	A+
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	A	A+
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Solstice Canyon at Don Blacker County Beach.	A	A+
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth.	A+	ns
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd..	A	F
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	C	ns
Surfrider Beach (breach location)- daily.	A	C
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	F	ns
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	A+	A+
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero).	A+	A+
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs.	A	ns
Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach.	A+	A+
Tuna Canyon.	ns	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	A	F
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	ns	ns
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	D	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.	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain.	A+	A+
Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain.	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua).	A+	F
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain.	A+	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain.	A+	ns
Santa Monica Municipal Pier.	F	F
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain.	A	F
Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms).	A+	ns
Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain.	A+	F
Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain.	A+	A+
Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain.	A+	ns
Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain.	A	A+
Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south.	A+	ns
Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St..	A+	ns
Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- lifeguard tower.	A	F
Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth.	B	F
Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain.	A+	A+
North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach.	A+	A+
Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of D&W jetty).	A	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain.	A+	A+
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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Coach says two teammates with victim during stabbing

PAT EATON-ROBB
Associated Press Writer

STORRS, Conn. One teammate performed first aid while another comforted a University of Connecticut football player who was fatally stabbed during a fight outside a school-sanctioned dance over the weekend, their coach said Monday.

Coach Randy Edsall wouldn't identify the teammates or say how many players witnessed the fight that led to the death of 20-year-old Jasper Howard. A second player also was stabbed, but sustained only minor injuries.

"One had Jasper in his arms and the other was pressuring where the wound went in and had blood on his hands," Edsall said. "And those two young men are pretty deeply affected right now."

The state's medical examiner's office said Monday that Howard died from a single stab wound to the abdomen. The death was ruled a homicide.

Howard, a junior and starting cornerback, came to the school to get away from the violence on the streets of his hometown of Miami. He was the first person in his family to go to college.

Joanglia Howard said she got news of her son's death about 4 a.m. Sunday, and described him as a "good kid" who never got into trouble.

"All I wanted him to do was go to school and get an education, and he was doing what I asked him to do," she told WSVN-TV in Miami.

Edsall planned to meet Howard's parents at a Connecticut airport later Monday. They planned to visit the surgeon who tried to save his life, and the medical examiner who has custody of the body.

Police interviewed dozens of witnesses on Monday but said there were no suspects and no arrests, although around 300 people were in the area when a fire alarm sounded and students evacuated the building.

"We're pursuing active investigative leads," UConn police Maj. Ronal Blicher said. "The investigation will continue into this week."

Police arrested a Hartford man, 21-year-old Johnny Hood, after the stabbing and charged him with interfering with an officer and breach of peace. Hood was identified by witnesses as being involved in the altercation, and gave police a false name, according to an incident report. Hood was arraigned Monday and ordered held on $100,000 bond.

He has not been charged with Howard's death. Blicher said authorities are not anticipating any "significant changes in the investigation" Monday.

A second player stabbed in the attack, 19-year-old Brian Parker of Sarasota, Fla., identified Hood as one of those involved, according to a police report. Parker, a sophomore wide receiver who is academically ineligible to play this season, was treated and released from a local hospital.

Blicher said Howard was wounded during a fight between two groups that included students and non-students. The altercation broke out just after a fire alarm went off in a student center, forcing around 300 people to evacuate from the party and dance sponsored by the school's West Indian Awareness Organization.

The violence came less than 12 hours after UConn's 38-25 homecoming victory over Louisville. Edsall identified Howard's body at St. Francis Hospital and Medical Center in Hartford Sunday morning.

The team will wear a sticker with Howard's initials on its helmets for the rest of the season and will carry Howard's helmet or jersey to away games, Edsall said.

The coach said he doesn't know if the two teammates who helped Howard will play when the Huskies visit Big East foe West Virginia on Saturday.

"I've talked to both of them each day," he said. "I've got to see where they're at today, see where they're at tomorrow and I will tell them if they don't feel they are mentally ready to play, that's their decision, and I'll honor whatever decision they want to make."

Blicher said officials do not believe the stabbing was premeditated, nor do they think anyone else is in danger.

Some students on Monday said they've never considered their campus unsafe. Some, like freshman Alexander Wegh of Terryville, stayed indoors on Sunday as police gathered evidence.

"I kind of just stayed inside (Sunday) because they really didn't tell us what was going on," he said. "I didn't come here thinking about safety, because it's not like when you pick your school you're like, 'Oh, it's going to be really safe or not.' You assume it's going to be safe."

Howard's death was especially tragic, because he was about to become a father, Edsall said. Neither police nor the university provided any additional information about the expectant mother, whom Edsall identified as Howard's girlfriend.

Howard had a career-high 11 tackles Saturday and made perhaps the game's biggest play, forcing a fumble as Louisville was driving with UConn up 21-13 in the third quarter.

"He played a great football game against us," Louisville coach Steve Kragthorpe said Monday. "I had a lot of respect for him coming into the game and even more coming out of the game."

A student memorial service was being planned. The campus co-op store sold out of Howard's No. 6 jersey Monday morning.

Administrators from West Virginia, Connecticut and the Big East Conference talked on Sunday but postponing the game was not discussed, school officials said.

West Virginia coach Bill Stewart said plans are in the works to honor Howard at Saturday's game in Morgantown, W.Va. He said he expected the game would be very emotional for both teams.

"The youngsters from our Miami area took it very, very, very hard," he said. "Our guys were quite shaken, as they should be and they really, really liked that young man immensely."

Edsall said his team will resume practicing on Tuesday.

"It'll be good for us to be getting back on the practice field tomorrow and getting a little bit of what in this tragic situation, back to a little bit of normalcy with what we have to do," he said.

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It could be a late night, Pisces

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Schedule meetings or talks for the first half of the day. In the later part of the day, check out other sources, seek out more information and tap into an expert or two. Remain centered with a difficult associate. Tonight: Let your mind wander.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ Others run with the ball. Listen to feedback, but know that you don't have to agree. Creativity and dynamic energy merge. Do write down your ideas. Opportunity strikes through awareness and being open. Tonight: Spend time with a favorite person.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ Charge into work and get as much done as possible. You will find a reason not to work soon enough today. If you have enough under your belt, you just might be able to take off or fudge a little and enjoy visiting with friends or "networking." Tonight: The ever-popular Gemini is in demand!

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★★ Use your ingenuity if you hit an either-or situation. Trust that there is a way of combining them and making them one. A partner adds a great deal of support in a plan or idea. Talk through ideas with this person. Tonight: Work as late as need be.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★ Though slow to start, by midday you are a force to be dealt with. Understand another person's expectations, and show that they can be met in an appropriate manner. A brainstorming session comes up with unusual ideas. Tonight: Ready for a change.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Make calls in the morning, encouraging conversation and different ideas. Your ability to home in on basics is always important, but do try to take in the big picture. Realize what is important to a family member. Tonight: Head home.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Expenses could be overwhelming if you aren't careful. Start up talks about containing your expenses, and establish a better budget. Brainstorm in order to find solutions, especially if you're uncomfortable with other situations. Tonight: Hang with your friends.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ The morning is peak time, so use it well. You might not have a period as strong as this for a long time. Listen to news that heads in your direction in the p.m. You might be inclined to act quickly. Tonight: Respond to someone you look up to.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★★ Use the morning for research and reflection. Later in the day, you will feel like taking steps toward that goal. Once you start, it could be difficult to stop you. News or facts draw a passionate response. Tonight: Whatever makes you smile.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ You might want to approach a situation differently if you look at what is going on behind the scenes. Impulsiveness does seem inevitable in the morning, but you are able to put the breaks on. Tonight: Do your thing.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ You might want to rethink your responses to those in charge and people you work with. Someone could be negative without meaning to. Meetings prove to be inspirational and give you a lot of insight. Tonight: Where the action is.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★★ Do needed research; find experts; complete a conversation that could be the finishing touch in your mind toward taking a plan and running with it. Others want your participation, and you need to walk your talk. Tonight: Could be a late night.

Happy birthday

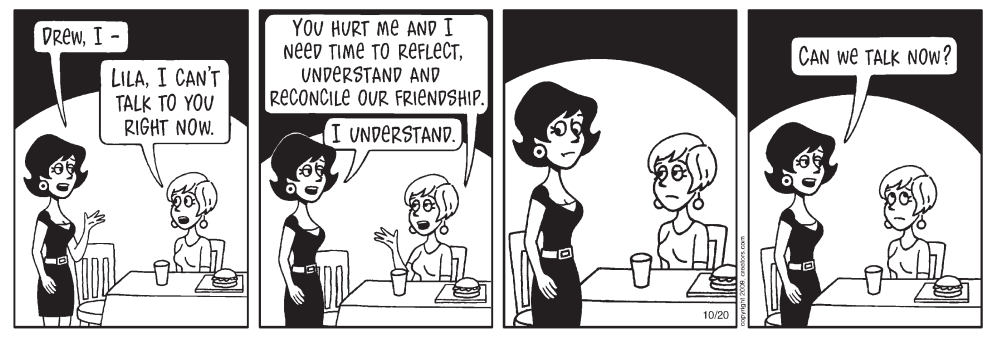
This year, you waver between recluse and reflective, and extroverted and assertive. This back-and-forth works, though it could draw some interesting reactions from those who are used to your original style. Others push you hard to do what they want, and, as a result, you could have a very strong reaction. Support yourself and be willing to say an unqualified "no." If you are single, you'll meet people with ease this winter. Decide what type of relationship you want before choosing the person. Everyone offers different assets and has varying needs. If you are attached, a certain excitement infuses your relationship. Indulge the two of you with a getaway or retreat. SAGITTARIUS pampers you.

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

Girls and Sports
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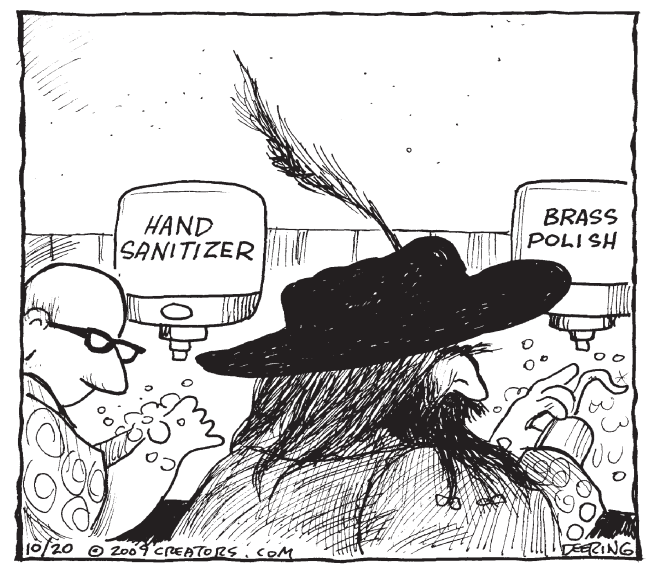
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Difficulty Level ★★

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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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6 Lent a hand
11 Apartment sign
12 Unrefined
13 No longer a success
15 Sticky stuff
16 Regret
17 Earth-friendly prefix
18 Went in
20 "— Kapital"
21 Got together
22 Pear-shaped instrument
23 Lukewarm
26 Plumbing conduits
27 Gen. Bradley
28 Lazy fellow
29 Used a chair
30 Small-scale
34 Bind
35 Pool unit
36 Week part
37 Excited
40 Sandwich shops
41 Busy
42 Maxim
43 Slangy denials

DOWN

1 Play place
2 Time separator
3 Parcel out
4 Kitten call
5 Had the lead
6 Needed a massage
7 Fury
8 Got into fancy clothes
9 Teach
10 Ousts
14 Winter treat for birds
19 Mideast ruler
22 Walk unevenly
23 Fried tortilla
24 Wrote to, in a way
25 Kneecap
26 Jack-o'-lantern base
28 Sow's mate
30 Shut
31 Make sense
32 Lead to
33 Sorts
38 Fake hair
39 Rock producer Brian

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Love Can Mess You Up: Before Arthur David Horn met his future bride Lynette (a "metaphysical healer") in 1988, he was a tenured professor at Colorado State, with a Ph.D. in anthropology from Yale, teaching a mainstream course in human evolution. With Lynette's guidance (after a revelatory week with her in California's Trinity Mountains, searching for Bigfoot), Horn evolved, himself, resigning from Colorado State and seeking to remedy his inadequate Ivy League education. At a conference in Denver in September, Horn said he now realizes that humans come from an alien race of shape-shifting reptilians that continue to control civilization through the secretive leaders known as the Illuminati. Other panelists in Denver included enthusiasts describing their own experiences with various alien races.

■ Health Insurance Follies: (1) Blue Shield California twice refused to pay $2,700 emergency room claims by Rosalinda Miran-Ramirez, concluding that it was not a "reasonable" decision for her to go to the ER that morning when she awoke to a shirt saturated with blood from what turned out to be a breast tumor. Only after a KPIX-TV reporter intervened in September did Blue Shield pay the claim. (2) National Women's Law Center found that the laws of eight states permit insurance companies to deny health coverage to a battered spouse (as a "pre-existing condition," since batterers tend to be recidivists), according to a September report by Kaiser Health News.

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