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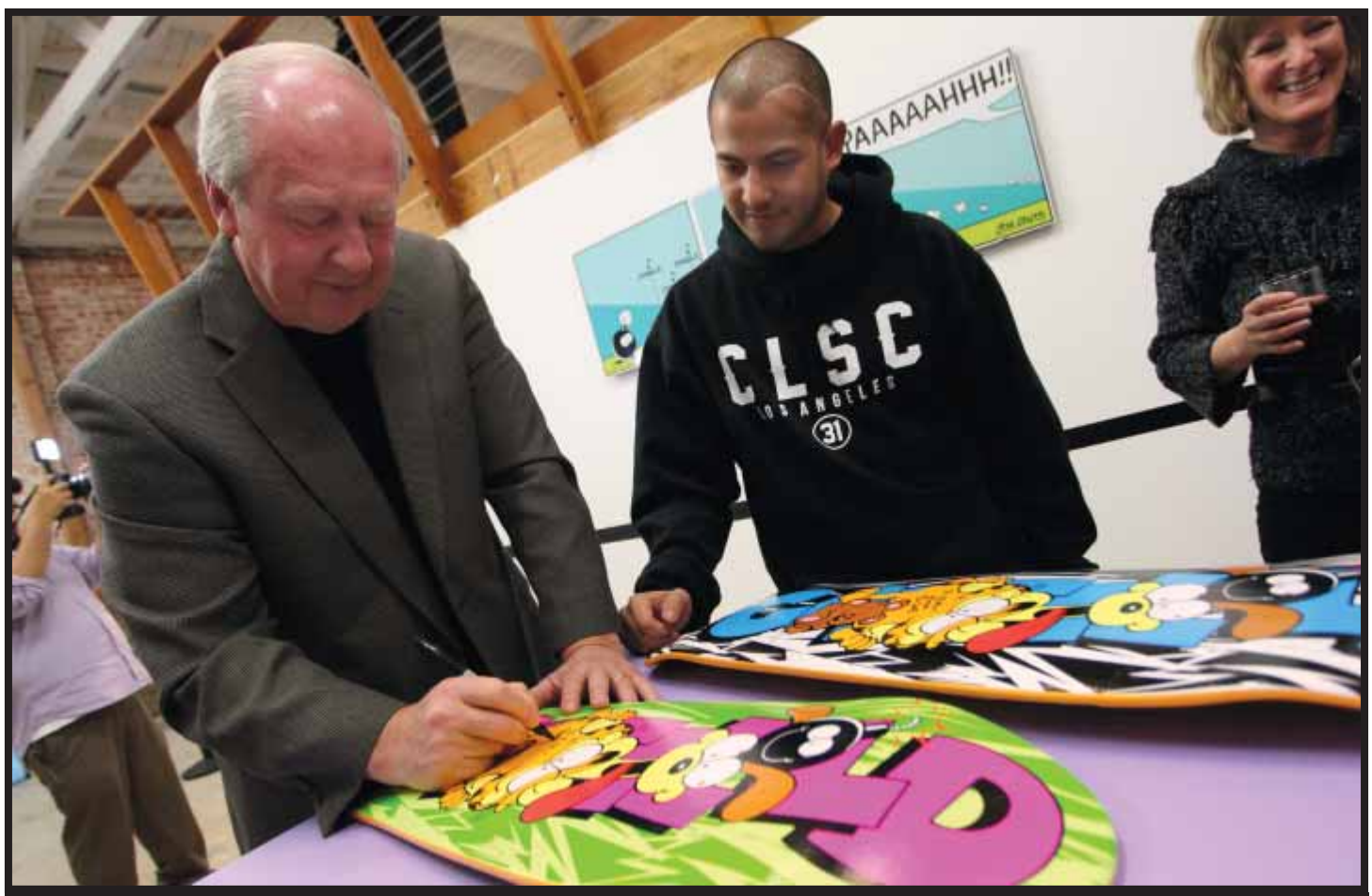


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THE WE HEART BASKETBALL ISSUE



COOL CAT

Brandon Wise *brandonw@smdp.com*

Creator of the comic strip Garfield, Jim Davis (left), signs newly purchased skateboards by Josh Vides (center) on Broadway on Thursday. Davis was on hand for an art show at The Hundreds Garfield Pop Up Shop, which carries merchandise from the popular comic strip.

Gang member convicted in Moose Lodge shooting

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Editor in Chief

DOWNTOWN L.A. A member of the 18th Street gang, one of Los Angeles' most notorious, was convicted Thursday of murdering five people, including two at the Moose Lodge in Sunset Park, during a crime spree that stretched more than three years, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office said.

William Vasquez, 30, will be back in court on Dec. 14 to learn whether or not he will face the death penalty or spend life in prison without the possibility of parole.

Vasquez was convicted of first-degree murder for the Jan. 27, 2002, killing of Alex Haro; the Dec. 3, 2003, slaying of Kevin Walton; the March 5, 2005, slayings of Jonathan Hernandez and Hector Bonilla and the Sept. 24, 2005, shooting death of Jesse Becerra.

Jurors found true the special circumstance allegations that there were multiple murders and that two of the murders were carried out to further the activities of a criminal street gang, along with gang allegations involving the other three murders.

He was also convicted of one count of attempted murder and two counts of assault with a semiautomatic firearm. One

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Hines project draws residents' concerns

BY NICK TABOREK
Daily Press Staff Writer

VIRGINIA AVENUE PARK Santa Monica residents got an opportunity to comment on the largest development project currently proposed within the city limits on Wednesday, and most who attended the meeting held at Virginia Avenue Park used it as a chance to vent.

While the meeting was technically called to help guide analysts' who will work on the project's environmental review, speakers hammered home their concerns that the project, proposed by Texas-based developer Hines, would worsen traffic and erode the quality of life for locals.

Known as the Bergamot Transit Village, it would add nearly 1 million square feet of office, residential and retail space at Olympic Boulevard between 26th and Stewart streets, just north of the Bergamot Arts Center and the future site of an Expo light rail stop.

A vacant factory formerly operated by Paper Mate would be demolished to make room for the development.

At the meeting Wednesday night, a frequently repeated concern was that the project is just one of about 10 other develop-

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HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS' BASKETBALL

Samohi advances at tournament

BY DANIEL ARCHULETA
Managing Editor

REDONDO Santa Monica High School's girls' basketball team continued its strong early season play on Wednesday by dispatching South Torrance, 71-40, Wednesday in the second round of the Redondo Union Battle at the Beach tournament.

Senior guard Moriah Faulk paced the Samohi Vikings with 16 points, 9 assists and 7 rebounds. Fellow seniors Bianka Balthazar and Kristina "KJ" Johnson each added 10 points.

The win was the second in the tourna-

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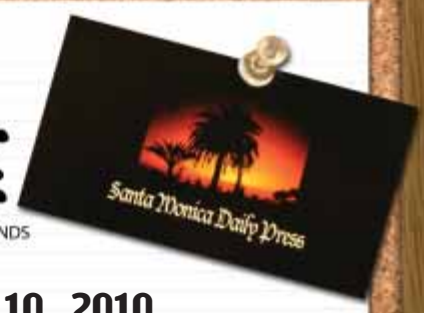
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Friday, Dec. 10, 2010

Malaysian market
Third Street Promenade
5:30 p.m. — 8:30 p.m.
Ever been to a night market? Malaysia Kitchen for the World is holding a Malaysia Kitchen Night Market that will feature free samples of traditional Malaysian street food. Tents, umbrellas and lantern will transform the promenade into an open-air market in Kuala Lumpur. Try the chicken satay with spicy peanut sauce or the beef rendang (spiced beef curry) to get your fill of savory Malaysian cuisine. For more information, contact Esther Aubry (212) 994-7594.

Ride with Santa
Santa Monica Pier
Pacific Park, noon to close
Get a picture with ol' Saint Nick and take a ride on Pacific Park's roller coaster. Along with a life-like Santa, the amusement park will drop snow each time the coaster departs the station. Guests have the opportunity to take photos with Santa while the train is in the station or ride-along as the coaster races 55-feet above the Santa Monica Bay.

Saturday, Dec. 11, 2010

Cheers for social activism
SGI-USA Culture of Peace Resource Center
606 Wilshire Blvd., 4 p.m.
Soka Gakkai International-USA's Culture of Peace Resource Center in Santa Monica will host a lecture with Loyola Marymount University Academic Resource Center Director Dr. La'Tonya Rease-Miles, who will discuss the power of cheerleading as a vehicle for social activism. All lectures are free and open to the public. Free parking is available at 1212 Seventh St. Audience members will be entered into a raffle for a $50 gift certificate for Culture of Peace books and gift items.

Represent Santa Monica
Main Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd.., 2:30 p.m.
Santa Monica Rep, a new theater company serving Santa Monica and the Westside, will put on the second installment in its three-part stage reading series with "The Night Thoreau Spent in Jail," by Jerome Lawrence and Robert Lee. Seating is limited to 140 people and is available only on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information, visit santamonicarep.org or call (213) 268-1454.

Sunday, Dec. 12, 2010

Toys for kids
Pico Barbershop
1840 Lincoln Blvd., 7 a.m. — 3 p.m.
Pico Barbershop is offering free haircuts to anyone who brings in an unwrapped gift for 100 disadvantaged and less fortunate Santa Monica Pico Neighborhood children. There will be free food and a classic car display sponsored by local car clubs.

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



Resident creates iPhone app to find parking

BY MELISSA LEU
Special to the Daily Press

DOWNTOWN As the holiday season rolls around, finding parking in Downtown can get a little dicey.

To ease anxieties, Santa Monica resident Mark Miller has created SAMO Park, a free iPhone app that helps visitors locate available parking spaces.

"Over the years, I've noticed it's becoming more and more tricky and cumbersome to find parking," said Miller, who owns an iPhone app developing company and spent two months of his free time developing the app. "[I thought] 'there's gotta be a better way to do this... to make it easier for people to get the information where they need it, when they need it.'"

Currently, City Hall offers an online real-time parking space availability map, as well as a guide to public parking. But Miller calls the system "clunky" and not user-friendly.

SAMO Park, which is compatible with iPhones and iPads, takes the data from City Hall's website and converts it into a color-coded map, labeling all the parking garages with red, purple or green dots.

Red dots mean the parking structure has

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Brandon Wise *brandonw@smdp.com*

BIG LOOK: **Samohi's Brandon Taylor is being recruited by UNLV and Portland State. The senior plays both running back and cornerback.**

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Samohi players drawing attention from recruiters

BY DANIEL ARCHULETA
Managing Editor

SAMOHI A trio of Santa Monica High School football players have drawn interest from college recruiters, Head Coach Travis Clark said this week.

He said that senior wide receiver Kris Comas is garnering the most attention with Idaho, Portland State and UNLV as the schools most interested in the dynamic playmaker. All three are NCAA Division 1 programs.

"The kid has received a lot of attention," Clark said of Comas, who scored a total of 20 touchdowns this season for the 4-6 Vikings. "There's been a lot of activity with him lately."

Clark said that officials from each school have made or plan on making trips to campus to meet with Comas.

Also catching the eyes or recruiters are running back/defensive back Brandon Taylor and linebacker Justyn Coker. Taylor, like Comas, is being looked at by UNLV and Portland State. Coker has drawn interest from Humboldt State, Western New Mexico and the University of Nebraska at Omaha.

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Shame on SMC

Editor:

And more shame on Richard Tahvildaran-Jesswein, co-chair of Santa Monicans for Renters' Rights, who had his students work on behalf of SMRR candidates as part of his political science class in our publicly-supported school. I believe he and the president of SMC should be fired, the latter for allowing this practice to occur repeatedly over the years.

The professor's students only hear one side (his SMRR side) of the situation in Santa Monica. SMRR controls the Santa Monica City Council now as it is, and they have all of the votes of the secretive school board.

I have actively supported SMC for years by contributing scholarships, but I will be withdrawing this support because of the atrocious, Chicago-style, self-serving politics displayed by SMC.

Raymond Carriere
Santa Monica

Inside the labs

Editor:

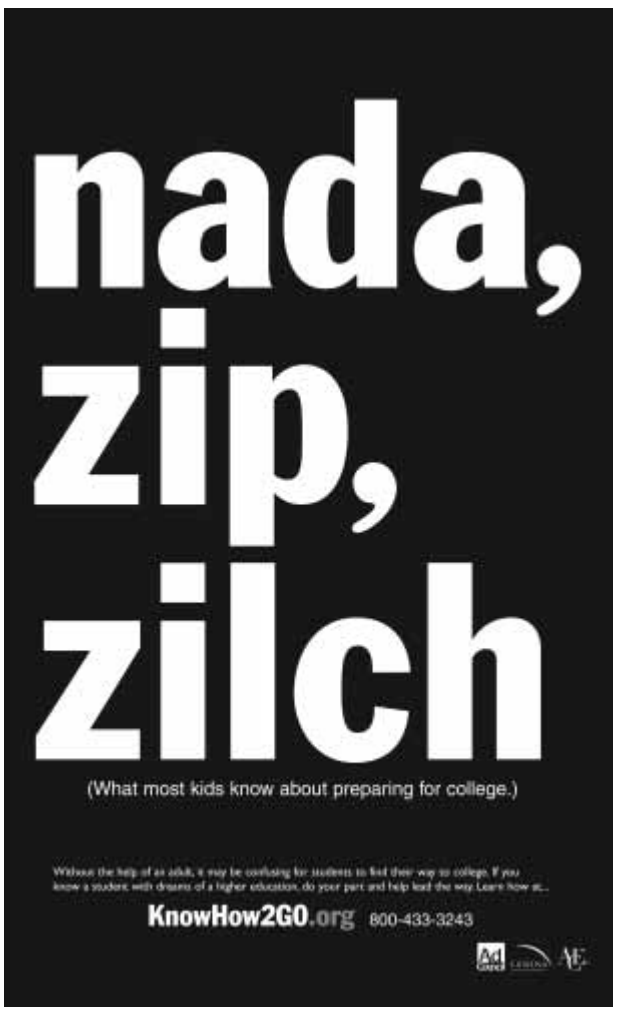
While several news outlets recently reported on a UCLA animal experimenter, who allegedly received a threatening note in the mail (AP story), the media is often reluctant to tell the public what is really going on inside laboratories across the country. They rarely reveal exactly what is being done to animals, how many thousands of times the same experiments have been repeated over the years, nor how much of the public's tax dollars are being spent on experiments that have no iota of a chance of ever helping people.

I personally was involved in animal experiments – including experiments on primates (I "trained" under a protégé of the infamous Harry Harlow) – in psych(o) labs many years ago and can speak to the horrors.

I wish that I would've had the compassion for animals that I have now, and I wish that I could have now the one thing that I had back then: the key to the psych lab, where unspeakable tortures were inflicted on so many sad animals.

I truly believe that if the public was allowed to know what is actually occurring (not defending what they wish was happening) that these experiments would end tomorrow, and no one would have to even think of doing something so awful as sending threats in the mail.

Jayn Meinhardt, M.Ed
Cincinnati



SMDP EDITORIALS

McKeown the Dangerfield of the dais

Once again Councilman Kevin McKeown, one of the most popular elected officials in the city for his commitment to community, was snubbed by his colleagues on the dais, the majority selecting Councilman Richard Bloom as mayor for two years (Council members Gleam Davis and Bobby Shriver voted for McKeown).

This will be Bloom's third stint as mayor and it was obvious from the outset of Tuesday's vote that he was going to be victorious. It was politics in its most pure form. It's no secret that Bloom plans to run for the State Assembly in 2012 when Santa Monican Julia Brownley is termed out. Having the title of "mayor" on the ballot will surely help his chances in his first race outside of the friendly confines of Santa Monica.

By awarding Bloom the mostly ceremonial post (the mayor runs council meetings, helps set agendas, attends community events and gets paid roughly $3,000 more than council members), those who voted for him showed no respect for McKeown, who has consistently received the most votes in local elections. Here is a man who is dedicated to the community, attends countless meetings and responds to residents' e-mails on the regular. While we like and respect Bloom and believe has does an excellent job of managing council meetings, to snub McKeown for personal (there are definitely some on the dais who do not like McKeown's style) and political reasons shows a lack of collegiality.

If anything, Shriver should have been allowed to continue as mayor, having only served for roughly six months. Shriver showed he had a firm grasp of the reigns, kept the meetings moving and injected some levity into what can often become a tedious process. He was also successful in changing the way meetings are conducting, moving closed session items up, making them more predictable for those who wanted to attend and speak on a specific item.

The Daily Press agrees with Shriver, who suggested Tuesday that changes should be made to the selection process for mayor, taking the power out of the hands of the council, which would make the process less political. We believe the selection process could be decided by the voters, with the candidate who receives the most votes in the most recent election being tapped to serve as mayor. Or, to make it equitable, each member could serve for a year, going in alphabetical order. Many cities rotate mayors.

Our opinion on the selection process is in no way a reflection of our feelings about Bloom. As we said earlier, we believe Bloom has shown he has the chops to be a great mayor. We would like to see others get that chance as well.

Finding a place to play

Students in local public schools and their parents and coaches are trying desperately to get the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District to add lacrosse as an official sport at Santa Monica High School. It's not that Athletic Director Daniel Escalera hates lacrosse. He seems more than willing to add it to the school's offerings. The problem is the school district is strapped for cash and even more strapped for open space.

The Daily Press supports any effort to add more extra-curricular activities, but we also understand the district's position. This lacrosse effort is a perfect example of why this community needs to dedicate more resources to creating open space. Santa Monica has many parks, but not enough ball fields. The Airport Park and the resurfacing of John Adams Middle School's athletic fields with artificial turf were commendable steps toward expanding Santa Monica's open space, but they are clearly not enough to satisfy demand.

And it's not just the kids. Adults too have complained to the Daily Press about a lack of space for weekend warriors looking to relive their youth by playing in soccer, softball and flag football leagues. For a community that talks an awful lot about being green, we need to start dedicating more greenbacks to creating green space. City Hall-owned property in the Civic Center and Downtown could be transformed into parks that also include ball fields. Parking lots on the beach could also be turned into temporary ball fields during off-peak periods. City Hall had the wisdom to replace concrete with a grass-hybrid at a beach lot in Ocean Park, the move providing more open space while catching urban runoff before it hits the beach. We need to continue with this creative thinking and look at other areas that could accommodate shared-uses.



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Laughing Matters

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Security guard confidential

BACK IN SEPTEMBER I WROTE ABOUT when I worked as a security guard at the Shores some 30 years ago. Other than when I discovered a tenant's dead body (yikes!), I confess that I spent more time writing my novel than I did any security work.

The truly frightening thing is that, as horrible as I was as a security guard, I wasn't the worst. That distinction belonged to a chain-smoking Egyptian in his late 50s. Fahmy was 5-foot-3 (in elevator shoes), had a pock-marked face and a shaved head. The combination made him look comical and menacing at the same time.

I worked the 4 p.m. to midnight shift. Fahmy was my relief and he always showed up with a bottle of scotch and a gun. (Not a comforting combination.)

Fahmy wore a leather jacket with sergeant stripes he insisted he earned from a prior security job but I suspected he bought the stripes at an Army-Navy store. Another Fahmy "quirk" was that shortly after showing up to work he would change into his pajamas.

Instead of the security office, Fahmy would move to the comfy leather couch in the adjoining rental office. He'd set his gun and scotch on the table and proceed to catch up on his ZZZs. Unfortunately, I found the situation ripe for a practical joke.

For emergencies, a phone in the elevator was connected to the security office. Every few months, I would get on the phone to Fahmy, and disguise my voice. (I could do an Asian, African-American, an old Jew, and my favorite, an East Indian named "Ravi.")

In the accent of the night, I would excitedly report a fire, or flood, or a theft in progress. Alarmed out of a deep asleep, Fahmy would burst out of the security office wearing his leather jacket with the sergeant's stripes and pajama bottoms. Hidden from his view, I would burst into laughter.

Much like Barney Fife on "The Andy Griffith Show," Fahmy's lifelong dream was to catch a bad guy in the act. (I don't know how he'd have explained the pajamas.)

My practical jokes seemed harmless enough until one night they backfired. Big time. And, even though I didn't work weekends, I almost got fired.

One Saturday night a retired doctor was visiting a friend in the building and got trapped in the elevator when it got stuck between floors. Naturally, Fahmy was on duty. By this time, he had wised up to my elevator phone pranks and, as a result, I had stopped doing them.

But, when the doctor called the security office to report that he was trapped in the elevator, Fahmy, assuming it was me, proceeded to hang up on him. (Adding expletives in the process, which must have only enhanced the elderly man's anxiety.)

The desperate phoning and hanging up went on for 45 minutes. The security log read, "At one point the doctor pleaded, 'I don't know who Jack is, but I swear I'm not him! Please help, I'm having trouble breathing.'" Yikes!

Eventually it penetrated Fahmy's scotch-soaked brain, that possibly it wasn't me on the elevator phone. To set your mind at ease, no one was injured. That said, when it was all over, and the man was extricated from the elevator by the Santa Monica Fire Department, there was one furious retired doctor.

FAHMY ALWAYS SHOWED UP WITH A BOTTLE OF SCOTCH AND A GUN. (NOT A COMFORTING COMBINATION.)

When I came to work the following Monday I had no idea the trouble I was in. I was summoned by the building managers, Bernie and Kay. (They often wore matching outfits.) I remember that as Bernie gave me the sternest of lectures, Kay silently nodded in agreement.

"But I wasn't even on duty," I pleaded. (I was tempted to rat out Fahmy and his pajama practice, but I didn't.)

Finally, we reached a compromise. I could keep my job but no more voices from the elevator. (Which I had given up anyway.) In return I had to call the doctor and apologize, which didn't seem too difficult. I was mistaken.

When I called that evening the doctor wasn't in a forgiving mood and this was 48 hours later. He had been trapped in the elevator for 45 minutes, which is how long I had to listen to him describe his ordeal.

Months later, I got my first paid writing job. It was a screenplay about a Montana cowboy who rescues a Playmate of the year from his hometown from the sins of Hollywood, only she doesn't want to be rescued.

Soon after, I was walking down Neilson Way when Fahmy pulled up and offered me a lift. Sadly, he looked frail. Tubes were in his nose from a bottle of oxygen and yet he was still smoking. For fear it would blow up, I couldn't wait to get out of the car.

As I wished him good luck and closed the car door, I remember thinking, that closed the chapter of my life as a security guard.

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The Q Line

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Headline news

The year 2010 saw its fair share of interesting happenings in Santa Monica. There was a City Council election that took a month to sort out, a couple local high school teams won CIF titles and bikes continue to be on the minds of many.

So, this week's Q-Line question asks:
What were the main stories of 2010, and why?

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Friends had hand in search for rich publicist's killer

JOHN ROGERS & THOMAS WATKINS
Associated Press

BEVERLY HILLS With no witnesses, no motive and almost no leads, the investigation into the slaying of a prominent Hollywood publicist appeared to be at a dead end. So Ronni Chasen's friends went the Hollywood route and sought help from a popular TV show.

The tactic paid off handsomely. Within days of "America's Most Wanted" airing a segment, a tipster called in information that cracked the case, which police now believe was an attempted robbery by a desperate ex-con, not a murder by a hit man, as authorities initially speculated.

"America's Most Wanted" usually focuses on older crimes that for years have proven impossible to solve. But co-executive producer Steve Katz said several Hollywood players, as well as Beverly Hills police, lobbied for the Chasen whodunit to be featured as soon as possible.

"They said, 'We all knew Ronni. This is what your show was made for. Can you do something?'" Katz said Thursday. "So many people in the entertainment industry knew Ronni Chasen and loved her and wanted to get justice."

With some 11th-hour editing, the show's creators were able to put out a broadcast on Nov. 20, just four days after Chasen was shot to death as she drove through Beverly Hills on her way home from a premiere and party for the film "Burlesque."

Three days after the show aired, a tipster called to say he thought detectives should check out Harold Martin Smith, a sometimes-violent, 43-year-old man with a decades-long criminal record. He been living in a sleazy Hollywood apartment building.

A week later, when detectives arrived to ask him what he knew about the Chasen killing, he pulled a revolver from his pocket and shot himself in the head. Preliminary tests revealed it was the same gun used to shoot Chasen multiple times in the chest.

Police said Wednesday that they believe Smith killed her as part of a robbery attempt when she stopped her late-model Mercedez-Benz at an intersection. He apparently did not take anything and fled on a bicycle before anyone could see him in the early morning darkness.

Although police had said earlier they were looking into the possibility Chasen was targeted by a hit man, they have since discounted that idea and now believe the killer acted alone.

Some of Chasen's friends had trouble accepting that, noting Smith's neighbors have said he boasted of killing the wealthy publicist for $10,000, money he was still supposedly waiting to receive.

"If it was random like that and a purse snatcher or whatever, why was he bragging to people about the $10,000?" asked singer-songwriter Carol Connors, a friend of Chasen since the publicist worked successfully to secure her an Oscar nomination for the theme song to the movie "Rocky."

Still, she was willing to accept that police had the right person, even if they never completely resolve why he did it.

"Dead men don't talk, but ballistics tests don't lie," she said. "If that's the gun, then that's the gun."

Chasen's family would not comment, the publicist's sister-in-law, Cynthia Costas Cohen, said in a message left on the family's voice mail.

Porn industry clinic forced to close

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Associated Press

LOS ANGELES A clinic that caters to porn stars was shut down Thursday after losing its state license, county health officials said.

The cease and desist order was issued to the Adult Industry Medical Healthcare Foundation clinic by agents of the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health acting on behalf of the state, county health director Dr. Jonathan Fielding said.

State officials told the clinic in May that it was operating under the wrong type of license and needed to reapply for a community clinic license, California Department of Public Health spokesman Al Lundeen said.

The clinic submitted a new application in June but needed to provide additional information, he said.

Since its 1998 opening, the San Fernando Valley clinic had operated under a physician's license.

One element missing from the clinic's application was a transfer agreement with a local hospital. Such agreements establish a plan for emergencies when a clinic patient requires immediate hospitalization.

A call to clinic spokeswoman Jennifer Miller was not immediately returned.

The clinic can continue its administrative functions, such as telling patients the results of tests already taken but cannot provide medical care, Lundeen said.

The clinic is a preferred medical provider of many actors in the multibillion-dollar porn industry, providing a discreet environment for frequent HIV tests.

Fielding said the county website offers alternatives to the clinic for testing for sexually transmitted diseases.

Separately, the clinic has come under fire for being reluctant to share information about HIV tests with state and local officials. The clinic says it has upheld federal medical privacy laws for patients.

Fielding said the clinic's closure will not result in better access to those records. He said officials still want to know, "was everybody tested who needed to be, were they informed, were they counseled — we don't know exactly what's gone on."

AIDS Healthcare Foundation president Michael Weinstein applauded the closure and said the county should go even further by shutting down porn movie shoots where condoms aren't being used.

He cited two porn actors — Derrick Burts and Darren James, who have publicly acknowledged having HIV — as examples of why a crackdown is necessary.

"The fig leaf of protection for performers that failed Derrick Burts and Darren James and others is no longer there," Weinstein said.

Burts came forward Wednesday as the HIV-infected porn actor whose illness rattled the industry in October, shutting down a handful of productions for several weeks.

"It's exposed now that this is a dangerous business that puts interests of the performers last," Weinstein said.



COMMUNITY BRIEFS

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State's population grows less than 1 percent

California's population grew less than 1 percent in the last fiscal year, one of the lowest rates on record but up slightly from the year before as fewer people moved to other states, according to demographic figures released Thursday.

The state Department of Finance reported that California added 350,000 new residents from July 2009 to July 2010, putting the state's total population at 38.8 million.

Most of the population growth is due to births in the state. California gained more than 138,000 foreign immigrants and saw 72,000 people leave for other states.

It's the sixth straight year that California has lost people to other states.

During the last century, California's growth rate has only dipped below 1 percent on five occasions: the last two years and the years from 1994 to 1996.

But fewer people moved out of California this year than the year before, most likely because the economy is hurting elsewhere, too, said Mary Heim, chief of the California's demographic research unit.

"Things are not good any place," Heim said. "Moving is an expensive proposition, so I think people are just settling in."

That's common during an economic slowdown, when people are unsure where to go to improve their lot, said Dowell Myers, professor of urban planning and demography at the University of Southern California.

California's nine largest counties are home to 70 percent of the state's residents.

More than half the population growth in this last year was in the Southern California counties of Los Angeles, Riverside, San Diego, Orange and San Bernardino.

Riverside County experienced the highest growth rate of 1.58 percent. Sierra County had the biggest loss of 0.9 percent.

The state's population grew 0.84 percent between July 2008 and July 2009.

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LOS ANGELES

Judge: Music website violated Beatles copyrights

A federal judge has ruled that a website that sold songs by The Beatles for 25 cents before they were legally digitally available is liable for copyright infringement.

U.S. District Judge Josephine Staton Tucker ruled Wednesday that BlueBeat.com violated the copyrights of music company EMI Group and others. The site streamed and sold music by the Fab Four and other top-name acts, including Coldplay and Lily Allen, for several days before music companies sued to shut it down in November 2009.

The ruling came roughly a week after EMI's attorneys argued that BlueBeat and owner Hank Risan should be found liable for copyright infringement and unfair competition.

A phone message left for BlueBeat's attorney, Archie Robinson, was not immediately returned.

AP

LOS ANGELES

Icahn claims ISS support; Lions Gate fights back

Billionaire investor Carl Icahn said Thursday that proxy advisory firm Institutional Shareholder Services had supported three of the five candidates he has nominated to the board of niche studio Lions Gate Entertainment Corp.

Lions Gate responded that the tepid support amounted to a rejection of Icahn's bid for "near-control" and said a different proxy firm, Glass Lewis & Co., backed its slate of candidates.

The testy fight for control of Lions Gate, in which Icahn is the largest shareholder with about a third of its stock, has been under way since February. He has made a hostile bid for the rest of the company's outstanding shares at $7.50 apiece. Lions Gate has offices in Santa Monica.

Icahn said ISS supports the nomination to Lions Gate's board of film and TV producer Jay Firestone, marketing executive Michael Dornemann and Icahn Enterprises President Daniel Ninivaggi. It did not back Icahn's other two nominees, former Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Inc. Chief Operating Officer Christopher McGurk and Princeton economics professor Harold Shapiro.

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LOS ANGELES

Judge sends Bloom burglar to rehab for a year

A reality TV starlet convicted of burglarizing Orlando Bloom's house will spend a year in residential rehab getting treatment for what her attorney says is a debilitating heroin addiction.

Striking a stern tone, Los Angeles Superior Court Judge Peter Espinoza on Thursday told Alexis Neiers it would be her last opportunity for treatment rather than prison.

She spent 30 days of a six-month sentence in jail this year after pleading no contest to burglarizing Bloom's house as part of a group accused of breaking into several celebrities' homes. Probation officials arrested Neiers on Dec. 1 after finding heroin and a fake driver's license at her house during a compliance check.

Prosecutors had been asking that Neiers, 19, be sent to prison for two years.

Espinoza cited her age, her limited criminal record, and her addiction as reasons why he chose rehab instead of incarceration for the aspiring model and star of the E! Entertainment Television show "Pretty Wild."

"What we know about state prison — she'll go and receive no treatment," Espinoza said.

Saying she was now battling a lifelong addiction, the judge warned Neiers that he would not be lenient if she didn't take rehab seriously.

"If you come back to me for using heroin, you are going back to prison," Espinoza said.

AP

MOUNT BALDY VILLAGE

Hiker's body reccovered from icy mountain

Los Angeles County officials have retrieved the body of a woman who apparently died in a fall on an icy Southern California mountainside.

Coroner's Capt. John Kades (KAY'-dihs) says the body of 49-year-old Michelle Yu was recovered on Mt. Baldy Thursday morning by helicopter.

Yu, who lived in the Venice area of Los Angeles, was an experienced hiker who failed to return from a day trip on Saturday.

Kades says an autopsy will confirm the cause of death but it appears she fell up to 1,000 feet from a trail.

Her body was discovered Wednesday in an icy, snowy area called Fish Forks nearly 8,000 feet up the mountain.

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Crime Watch is a weekly series culled from reports provided by the Santa Monica Police Department. These are arrests only. All parties are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

SUNDAY, NOV. 28, AT 10:26 A.M.,

Santa Monica police officers were on routine patrol in the 3100 block of Lincoln Boulevard when the vehicle in front of them allegedly made an unsafe lane change. Officers stopped the driver to issue a ticket. As officers approached the vehicle, the driver opened the door and yelled, "Why are you stopping me?" Officers said the driver started reaching toward the back of his car. Officers had the driver exit the car, at which point the driver allegedly started yelling at officers and ran back to the vehicle. Officers were able to stop him. Officers later learned that the driver was in possession of a controlled substance (Vicodin) without a prescription. The driver was placed under arrest for possession, obstruction and an unsafe lane change. He was identified as Matthew Fitzgerald, 48, a transient. His bail was set at $10,000.

MONDAY, NOV. 29, AT 1:55 A.M.,

Officers observed a vehicle fail to stop for a flashing, four-way stop light at Ocean Park Boulevard and Centinela Avenue. Officers conducted a traffic stop to issue a citation. Officers made contact with the driver, who allegedly showed signs of being under the influence of alcohol. Officers conducted a field sobriety test and determined that the driver was impaired. They placed him under arrest for DUI. He was identified as Matthew Kepnes, 29, of Massachusetts. His bail was set at $5,000.

TUESDAY, NOV. 30, AT 1:04 A.M.,

Officers on routine patrol saw a woman walking down Lincoln Boulevard near Grant Street. The female was allegedly staggering in the street as she walked along parked cars. Officers made a U-turn and drove up to the woman. She said she was fighting with her boyfriend and was just going for a walk. Officers believed she was a hooker. Officers talked with her and said they observed signs of her being under the influence of a stimulant (no odor of alcohol, white film on tongue, constricted pupils and pronounced neck pulse). Officers placed the suspect under arrest for being under the influence, solicitation and prostitution. The suspect was identified as Monica Rose, 36, of Los Angeles. Officers said she originally gave them a false name. When she was booked at the police station, officers said they learned she had a felony warrant. No bail was set.

TUESDAY, NOV. 30, AT 1:20 P.M.,

Officers received a report of a person making criminal threats in the 1700 block of 15th Street. When officers arrived, they were advised by the victim that the suspect came over to her residence and threatened to kill her and her family because of some prior argument. A witness confirmed this information and officers arrested the suspect for making criminal threats and a probation violation. She was identified as Jannette Chaidez, 25, of Santa Monica Her bail was set at $50,000.

THURSDAY, DEC. 2, AT 2:40 P.M.,

Officers were on routine patrol near the corner of Sixth Street and Santa Monica Boulevard when they observed a person walk up to another and strike him in the face with his fist. The victim fell to the ground as a result of the punch. The suspect stood over the victim and continued to beat him, police said. As officers got out of their patrol car, the suspect allegedly took a fighting stance as if he was going to attack the officers. Police were able to take him into custody. The victim said he did not know why the suspect hit him. Officers placed the suspect under arrest for battery, obstruction and public fighting. He was identified as Anthony Lomas, 23, of Los Angeles. His bail was set at $500.

THURSDAY, DEC. 2, AT 12:27 P.M.,

Officers responded to the 1200 block of 12th Street regarding a possible gunshot fired in an apartment. The reporting party said they heard a man yelling inside an apartment, heard a gunshot and the yelling stopped. When officers arrived, they made contact with the man inside the residence. The man said he was cleaning and had a gun. However, later the suspect said he did not have a gun. SWAT and the Crisis Negotiation Team responded. After 90 minutes of talking with the suspect, he exited the residence. Officers searched the residence and did not see any signs of a gun being fired. The suspect was arrested for obstruction. He was identified as Jeffrey Johnson, 45, of Santa Monica. His bail was set at $10,000.

SATURDAY, DEC. 4, AT 5:15 A.M.,

Officers responded to Shutters on the Beach regarding a report of unknown trouble. When officers arrived, they were met by a woman in her underwear. She told officers that she and her boyfriend had been out at a club in West Hollywood and drank several bottles of wine and were "very drunk." They took a taxi back to their hotel. Once they entered the room, they became involved in an argument. The victim said she thought she hit the suspect, but not more than once and that she never bit him. She could not remember because she was so drunk, police said. She said her boyfriend strangled her while she was on the bed. She feared for her safety and ran to the lobby to call for help. Officers talked to the boyfriend who said he had locked himself out of the room. Once inside, he said his girlfriend started hitting and biting him. The suspect attempted to restrain her and may have put his hands on her neck. Officers placed the suspect under arrest for domestic violence. He was identified as Fred Pletcher, 44, of Vancouver. His bail was set at $20,000.

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SAMOHI
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ment for the Vikings, having defeated Palos Verdes Peninsula, 57-39, on Tuesday in the opening round.

"We're working hard on playing consistently hard," Head Coach Marty Verdugo said. "No matter who we play against, we'll try to play against ourselves."

With the pair of wins, Samohi has improved to 7-0 on the season, the best start in Verdugo's five years as coach. The Vikings have already prevailed in another pre-season tournament. They defeated Gardena Serra to win the Inglewood Circle of Champions Tournament last Saturday.

Samohi's next game in the tournament comes today against Long Beach Millikan at Redondo Union High School. The semifinal game begins at 7:30 p.m.

The game is a rematch from two years ago, with Millikan getting the best of Santa Monica in the previous meeting. Verdugo said that beating them would be payback of sorts.

Win or lose, the Vikings will play again on Saturday in either the title or consolation games. Bishop Montgomery and Gardena Serra are in the other semifinal game. That contest begins at 6 p.m.

Verdugo said that the key to advancing past Millikan will be the pace of the game. He recalls that Millikan likes to slow the game down, while his Vikings employ an up-tempo style. He has no plans of abandoning that approach and just hopes his team can adjust to what they face.

"We're always trying to push things," Verdugo said. "We recently had a team meeting and the girls agreed to try to take it to an even higher level."

APP
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less than 10 percent of its spaces available. Purple dots have between 10 and 20 percent availability, and green dots — the easiest place to find a spot — have 30 percent or more spaces available.

The app also includes other details, such as fees and hours of operation.

"It's great to see our creative residents once again helping to provide a better experience for fellow residents and visitors," said Kim Baker, director of marketing for the Santa Monica Convention & Visitors Bureau. "Our research shows that only 7 percent of our overnight visitors drive once they are in Santa Monica, so this app will be more helpful for residents and L.A. regional day visitors."

In hopes of charging for the app in the future, Miller plans on adding other features, such as keeping track of where a driver parks and mapping the best route to a parking garage.

SAMO Park was released Dec. 3. The app already has more than 300 downloads.

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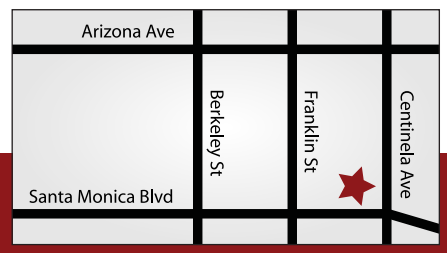
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ment proposals on the east side of Santa Monica and in nearby West Los Angeles that together could have drastic impacts.

"It seems that everything is cascading right now with all of the projects that are proposed," said Pico Neighborhood resident Steve Kandell. "I can't even imagine what it will be like if these projects are built. You might as well just bunker down and grow your own food because it's just going to be impossible to get around the neighborhood."

The Hines project would add 1,961 new parking spaces — a prospect many attendees said would lead to more traffic in an area already known for gridlock. Several speakers said the parking allotment should be greatly scaled back in order to encourage employees and residents of the proposed development to use alternate modes of transportation.

"If you want less traffic, you have to have less parking spaces," said Barbara Filet, a Santa Monica resident and a member of the group Spoke, which advocates for improvements to bicycle infrastructure.

The Environmental Impact Report (EIR) will include analysis of two project concepts, one that envisions 556,573 square feet of creative arts office space with 344 residential units, and another that envisions 420,919 square feet of office space with 488 residential units.

The sheer scale of the project, which could be as tall as 81 feet, was the major concern for several speakers.

"We have to get together and stop these things," said Howard Meibach. "This city has been taken over by developers."

A call to the attorney representing Hines, Chris Harding, was not returned by deadline on Thursday.

Jing Yeo, the City Hall planner handling the Hines project, pointed out the project design is in flux and could be significantly revised by the time it comes before the Planning Commission and City Council late next year for final approval.

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>
> **Jing Yeo**
> Special projects manager

But she said City Hall is not satisfied with the initial plans.

"It's not meeting, I think, the expectations of what people had anticipated when the vision was developed for the LUCE," she said, referencing the recently adopted general plan update known as the Land Use and Circulation Element.

But despite the nearly 2,000 parking spots included in the early-stage plans for the project, Yeo said it's possible the proposal could be in-line with City Hall's goal that new developments create no net new car trips, because of an aggressive transportation demand management program.

Yeo said the EIR will include an analysis of impacts in context of other planned projects nearby.

City Hall has already approved one office project in the vicinity of the Hines project, an office complex on city land for bio-tech firm Agensys. Other proposals include the Paseo Nebraska mixed-use project, the New Roads School expansion, the Colorado Creative Studio Project, the Roberts Business Center and a plan to replace the Village Trailer Park with a mixed-use development.

The EIR on the Hines proposal is scheduled to be released by summer.

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TRIAL
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count of using a personal firearm was found to be not true.

During opening statements in Vasquez' trial, Deputy District Attorney Sarika Kim described Vasquez as a killer who sought to win respect and spread fear through the brutality of his crimes. In the Moose Lodge murders, the two victims, Hernandez and Bonilla, were shot a total of 25 times, including several times in the back as they lay dying on the floor, she said.

The prosecutor noted that Vasquez had chosen "to write on his body what's he's done," with tattoos of rival gang names crossed out and one reading "killa."

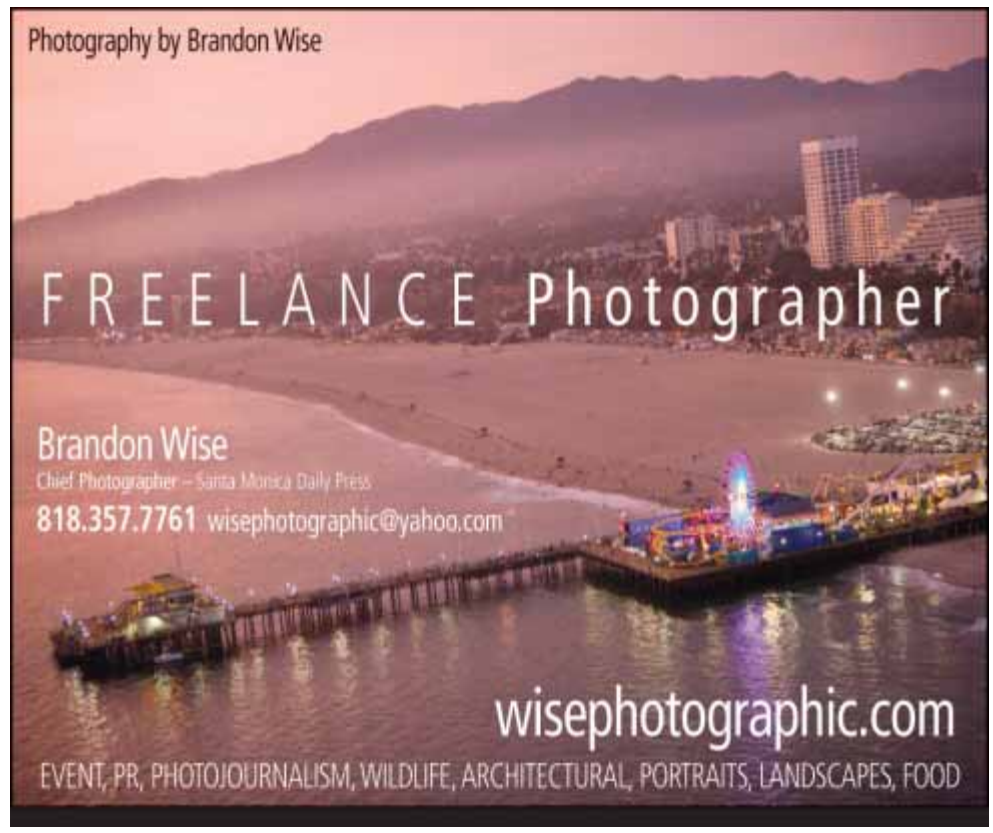
One of Vasquez' lawyers countered that identity was a key issue, while another defense attorney questioned the credibility of the accounts of key prosecution witnesses who had implicated their client.

Two other men, Jose Mojarro and Erick Nunez, were convicted in March 2009 of first-degree murder for the shooting deaths of Hernandez and Bonilla during a private party at the Moose Lodge in 2005. They were sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of parole.

Hernandez, of Ocean Park, and Bonilla, of the Pico Neighborhood, were attending a private party at the Moose Lodge on 16th Street and Ocean Park Boulevard on the night of March 5, 2005, when Mojarro, Nunez and Vasquez showed up uninvited. An argument broke out between the men and Hernandez while they were at the bar, according to prosecutors.

Bonilla allegedly intervened in the fight before the shooting began.

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Facebook founder among group pledging to give away wealth

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NEW YORK Another 17 of America's richest people, including Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg, junk bond pioneer Michael Milken and AOL co-founder Steve Case, have promised to give away most of their wealth.

At 26, Zuckerberg has put himself on the map not only as one of the world's youngest billionaires, but also as a prominent newcomer to the world of philanthropy. Earlier this year, he pledged $100 million over five years to the Newark, N.J. school system. Now, he's in the company of media titans Carl Icahn, 74, Barry Diller, 68, and others who have joined Giving Pledge, an effort led by Microsoft founder Bill Gates and investor Warren Buffett to commit the country's wealthiest people to step up their charitable donations.

The group has signed up 57 people and their families since launching the campaign in June. The list also includes New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg, CNN founder Ted Turner and film director George Lucas. But Zuckerberg and Facebook co-founder Dustin Moskowitz, 26, are the two youngest.

"People wait until late in their career to give back. But why wait when there is so much to be done?" Zuckerberg said in a statement. "With a generation of younger folks who have thrived on the success of their companies, there is a big opportunity for many of us to give back earlier in our lifetime and see the impact of our philanthropic efforts."

Though the pledge is not a formal contract, those who make it are committing to give away at least half of their wealth to philanthropic causes either in their lifetime or after they die. Zuckerberg's commitment to the Newark school system was through his Startup: Education foundation, which he established as part of the donation. The $100 million will be given in the form of Facebook shares, which the foundation will be responsible for selling to raise cash.

Zuckerberg owns about a quarter of Facebook's shares, and Moskowitz owns a much smaller stake. Though the company's shares aren't publicly traded, they can be sold on private stock exchanges, something some of Facebook's current and former employees have done. Shares on these markets are sold for as much as buyers will pay, but because the market is small and "illiquid," it doesn't necessarily give a good idea value of the shares once the company goes public.

As such, it's difficult to estimate how much the shares are really worth, though there's no doubt Facebook is worth quite a bit. On SharesPost, one of the markets where Facebook shares are traded, the company's common stock recently had a completed contract between a buyer and a seller at $25, implying a valuation of nearly $57 billion — or roughly $14 billion for the shares that Zuckerberg owns.

Facebook did not respond to a request to interview Zuckerberg.

By pushing the age for substantial charitable giving lower, Zuckerberg is challenging today's generation of tech entrepreneurs to think not just about how they will make their next million — or billion — but how they will give it away.

Doors' Jim Morrison pardoned for indecent exposure incident

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Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. Forty years after Jim Morrison was convicted of exposing himself at a wild Miami concert, this is the end: Florida's Clemency Board, egged on by departing Gov. Charlie Crist, pardoned The Doors' long-dead singer Thursday.

Some people who were at the Miami show March 1, 1969, insist even today that he exposed himself, though others in the audience and Morrison's bandmates contend he was just teasing the crowd and only pretended to do the deed. Crist, tuned in to the controversy by a Doors fan, said there was enough doubt about what happened at the Dinner Key Auditorium to justify a pardon.

The board, which consists of Crist and a three-member Cabinet, voted unanimously to pardon Morrison on indecent exposure and profanity charges as they granted several other pardons Thursday. At the hearing, the governor called the convictions a "blot" on the record of an accomplished artist for "something he may or may not have done."

He said Morrison died before he was afforded the chance to present his appeal, so Crist was doing that for him. Board members pointed out several times that they couldn't retry the case but that the pardon forgave Morrison and negated his sentence.

"In this case the guilt or innocence is in God's hands, not ours," Crist said.

Morrison had received a six-month jail sentence — never served — and a $500 fine for the 1970 convictions, which carried consequences for the band. Ray Manzarek, The Doors' keyboard player, said Miami was supposed to be the start of a 20-city tour, but every venue canceled after Morrison's arrest.

"We had the mandate of heaven, and I think at that moment, he lost the mandate of heaven," Manzarek said. "In the recording studio, the magic stayed, but I think at that moment in Miami, the live performance magic left for a little while and then came back intermittently."

Morrison's appeals were never resolved. He was found dead in a Paris bathtub in 1971 at age 27. No official cause of death was ever issued — his manager said he died of "natural causes."

Manzarek and Doors guitarist Robby Krieger supported the pardon because they say Morrison never exposed himself, though they agreed Florida's move will have little affect on Morrison's wild, outsized, drug-addled rock 'n' roll image.

"Jim's legacy is one of Dionysian madness and frenzy and of a chaotic American poet. I don't think that the Miami episode has altered his image one iota," Manzarek said.

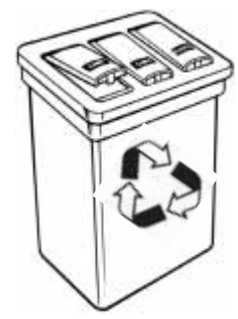
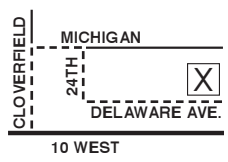
The pardon isn't enough for Patricia Kennealy Morrison, who says she married Morrison in a ceremony that was never made official. She wanted the convictions expunged and called the pardon "a complete cheap, cynical, political ploy."

"I have a real problem with the semantics of a pardon. The pardon says that all his suffering and all that he went through during the trial, everything both of us went through, was negated," she said.

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BY RANDY WILLIAMS



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'The Lightkeepers'

Richard Dreyfuss and Blythe Danner star in this tale of lost love and second chances set in 1912 New England. Dreyfuss plays a curmudgeon who has taken refuge tending a remote Cape Cod lighthouse, vowing to swear off women forever and despite similar sentiments shared by a mysterious stranger (Tom Wisdom) that literally washes up into his life, their plans are put to the test when two attractive and spirited women arrive. (Image)

'The A Team'

Based on the late, great writer Stephen J. Cannell's hyper-destructive group of mercenaries, this well cast film version of the popular 1980s television series is loaded with outlandish pyrotechnics. Liam Neeson, Quinton Jackson, Sharlto Copley and Bradley Cooper star as a group of Iraqi War veterans looking to clear their name with the U.S. military, who suspect the four men of committing a crime for which they were framed. Bonus materials include an informative and lively commentary from director Joe Carnahan. (Fox)

'Vengeance'

This crime drama, directed by Hong Kong filmmaker Johnnie To, stars Johnny Halladay as a father determined to avenge his daughter's death. An honor-among-thieves gangster tale also stars Anthony Wong and Suet Lam. Filmed throughout Hong Kong and Macau, "Vengeance" was nominated for the top prize at the Cannes Film Festival, The Golden Palm. (IFC/MPI)

'Benny Hill' The Complete Megaset

Covering the Thames Years 1960-1989, this 18-disc, 58 episode package includes nearly 600 sketches by one of television's pioneer funny men. The laugh-out loud pantomime and slapstick is classic and is the source of much of the material which was syndicated worldwide including America as "The Benny Hill Show." There are some revealing biographical extra features about the mysterious, wacky man Hill was away from the studio. (A&E)

'The Bee Gees: In Our Time'

Commemorating a 50 year music career, this revealing look at the Brothers Gibb includes new interviews with Barry and Robin as well as Maurice shortly before his 2004 passing. The span of their career from their Aussie roots, London breakthrough, breakups and reunions and the mega success of "Saturday Night Fever" and the story behind the life and death of brother Andy are included. Rare performance clips, revealing interviews and commentary as well as Barry and Robin singing classics anew are part of the title. (Eagle Rock)

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BOOKREVIEW

BY DANE ROBERT SWANSON



Spoken from the Heart

By Laura Bush • Simon & Schuster

Strong women are what we need today. It takes a strong woman to stand beside a man who has the nations in his hands.

It has been a tradition for wives of American presidents to write memoirs, it seems. Laura Bush, who is a very private person, has done so.

In 1949 it was Eleanor Roosevelt who wrote "This I Remember." As far back as 1914 Helen Taft wrote her memoir "Recollections of Five Years." Edith Wilson in 1939 wrote "My Memoir." Current first ladies since Lady Bird Johnson through Hillary Clinton have penned memoirs.

It seems the reason we don't read many of them is that they get classified as women's literature rather than political literature. Clinton's memoirs also served as her campaign autobiography.

Now it is Laura Bush's opportunity to help historians of the future to understand the turbulent time period she lived through as helpmeet of a president. What I mean by this is that she has a whole chapter in the book titled "Goodness in the Land of the Living" in which she covers 9/11 and what the attack brought about. She states that it changed Bush into a war president.

When she was asked by Laurence McQuillan of USA Today, "Mrs. Bush, you know, children are kind of struck by all this. Is there a message you could tell the nation's ...," she replied "Well, parents need to reassure their children everywhere in our country that they are safe." That's the kind of woman she is.

The attack on 9/11 was soon followed by the spores of anthrax in letters. Bush had to make the hard decision to start air attacks on the Taliban. He had to also run the country amid the chaos.

But the book doesn't camp on that one incident of 9/11.

Laura Bush has done many more things. Prior to marrying she was a teacher and a librarian. This she carried into the White House years. She has backed book festivals and literacy programs. She has been a voice for AIDS research, to list a few things.

She offers a detailed look at Afghanistan before the current situation. This alone bears reading this book to get a proper understanding of the important of this area. It has not always been a hotbed of Taliban activity.

The story of how they met is interesting. She and George were living only 10 blocks from each other in Midland as they were growing up, but they never met. They only passed each other from time to time at school. They didn't know they each existed. It was when a friend introduced them to each other when they were both in their 30s that they began to notice each other.

She remembered the properties as encircling town like a giant grassy ring, starting at the very edge where the streets dead-ended into dust. "It wasn't so much an insular world as an isolated one" she recalled.

Since Laura is a private person it was brave of her to pen a memoir and open herself and the family so much.

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The Dude abides: Bridges cool with Coens reunion, more 'Tron'

DAVID GERMAIN
AP Movie Writer

LOS ANGELES Jeff Bridges has been reacquainting himself with old friends.

First, he follows up on his best-actor Academy Awards win for "Crazy Heart" with "Tron: Legacy," a return to the glossy virtual reality of 1982's "Tron." The movie hits theaters Dec. 17.

Days later, Bridges stars as boozy, one-eyed lawman Rooster Cogburn in a new take on the Western "True Grit," reteaming with Joel and Ethan Coen, who directed him in the cult hit of cult hits "The Big Lebowski."

His previous sequel experience also was a long time coming — 19 years — with 1990's "Texasville," a followup to 1971's "The Last Picture Show," which earned Bridges his first of five Oscar nominations.

"Tron: Legacy" took almost a decade longer, and while the original was cutting-edge at the time, its pioneering computer graphics look as quaint as a game of Pong in today's world of photorealistic digital animation.

"It was like a long weekend in a way," Bridges, 61, said of returning to the role of Flynn, the computer genius who ventures into a deadly computer realm known as the Grid. "Odd, very odd. Of course, then there's all this new motion-capture technology that I hadn't experienced. That was completely different than the other one."

Motion-capture, used in such films as last year's blockbuster "Avatar," allows actors to render a digital performance that is topped off with computer effects to create finished characters.

In "Tron: Legacy," Bridges not only plays Flynn, but also the villainous computer program Clu, created by digitally erasing 25 years off the actor's face, then grafting his rejuvenated image on another actor's body.

"I'm just blown away by how willing he was to try something new. Playing the character of Clu, the technology required to pull that off and the stuff we had to do to him," said "Tron: Legacy" director Joseph Kosinski. "You'd think a lot of actors would shy away from that, especially someone who's been working as long as he has. But he embraced it. He wanted to play with the new toys."

The result may be good enough that if Clu could travel back to the mid-1980s, he might fool Bridges' friends, the actor said.

"Maybe so. The big one was my wife. She was very instrumental in the little tweaks, saying my nose should be like this or that," Bridges said of his wife of 33 years, Susan Bridges. "She would know."

Bridges got his start as a child actor, taking small parts on "Sea Hunt," the TV adventure series starring his father, Lloyd Bridges.

He has built a wildly varied body of work in populist films ("Seabiscuit," "Starman," "The Fisher King") and smaller tales ("American Heart," "Fearless," "The Fabulous Baker Boys," co-starring his brother, Beau Bridges). Usually cast as likable guys, Bridges turned villain for 2008's blockbuster "Iron Man."

While Bridges had been game to revisit "Tron," he knew people would have doubts about "True Grit." The 1969 original is one of John Wayne's best-known Westerns, earning him an Oscar as Cogburn.

Will Wayne fans consider it sacrilege?

"I don't think about that, but that question comes up all the time. 'How does it feel to fill the Duke's boots?'" Bridges said. "That's going to be interesting, what the audience does with that. If they're going to be able to see me as Rooster or they're going to say, 'Ahh, that's not Wayne!'

"But I didn't let that figure into my doing it or not. The Coen brothers wanted me, man. Come on, I'm there, man."

When he drops the word "man," it's like an echo of his laid-back patter in 1998's "The Big Lebowski," which did modest business theatrically but gained such a following on video that it has come to define his career, in a way.

Jeff Lebowski — "The Dude" — is lovably off in his own world, living for bowling and preserving his middle-aged slacker existence. His declarations include: "The Dude abides," "This will not stand, man," and, when someone jostles one of his trademark White Russians: "Man, there's a beverage here!"

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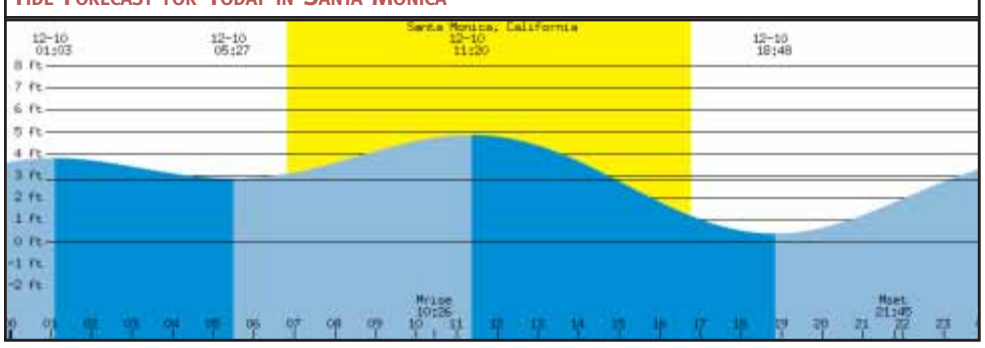
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QUICK STATS (for the last 30 days)

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- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 13 / 22

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LOCATION	DRY	WET
Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	A+
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechusa and Las Alina creeks.	A+	A+
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	A	A+
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth.	A	A+
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	A	A+
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	A+	A+
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth.	B	F
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	A+	A+
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Solstice Canyon at Don Blocker County Beach.	F	F
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth.	C	A
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd..	A+	D
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	D
Surfrider Beach (breach location)- daily.	F	F
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	F	B
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+	D
Pena Creek at Los Tunos County Beach.	A+	A+
Tuna Canyon.	A+	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	D	A+
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	A+
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	F	B
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	F	A+

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

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NFL

League pushes for 18-game season

HOWARD FENDRICH
AP Pro Football Writer

NEW YORK The head of the NFL's negotiating team says it will be much easier to reach a new labor agreement with the players' union if the accord includes an 18-game regular season.

"It's something that both sides recognize the value of, and so both sides will work hard to incorporate it into the new agreement," NFL executive vice president of labor and chief counsel Jeff Pash said Thursday in an interview with The Associated Press.

Pash also said the league is "focused on a full 2011 season" and the owners want to have a deal in place "well before" the summer.

The current collective bargaining agreement expires in March, and the union's executive director, DeMaurice Smith, has said he believes owners are preparing for a lockout. In a letter sent to players last week, Smith advised members to save their last three game checks in case next season is canceled. The NFL has not missed games because of labor problems since 1987, when the players went on strike.

"If both sides are equally committed and equally focused," Pash said, "then there's no reason why we can't get an agreement."

Pash doesn't have a drop-dead date in mind for getting a deal done in time to avoid missing games.

"I haven't even begun to think about it," he said, "because we're focused on getting an agreement. We're focused on a full 2011 season. That's where our head is."

Asked whether the season could be played if there is not a new CBA in place until the summer, Pash replied: "The goal is to have an agreement well before that."

He continued: "We have every incentive to get an agreement as soon as we can. We've said, we've told the union, it's been public — if there is extended uncertainty, it's costly for both sides. It's costly for us, and it's costly for the players. So there is every incentive to try to reach an agreement sooner rather than later, and that's what our focus is. Are we going to do it? I can't guarantee that."

Pash declined to provide details on where the negotiations stand right now. He listed the most prominent issues as economics, the 18-game season, the rookie salary system and free-agency rules.

Pash believes the back-and-forth the sides already have had about increasing the regular season from 16 to 18 games demonstrates they are aware of that subject's importance to the talks. He said the NFL and union "exchanged detailed proposals" and had "detailed discussions" on that topic and added he thinks they'll "continue to do so."

"It's a season that would deliver more value to the fans. It would allow a lot of growth opportunities that don't exist with the current structure, and those growth opportunities would be beneficial for the players as well as for the clubs," Pash said. "There is a recognition that it is realistically an easier agreement to reach in the context of an 18-game regular season."

NBA

Lakers to visit White House next week

BY ERICA WERNER
Associated Press

WASHINGTON President Barack Obama will honor the NBA champion L.A. Lakers next week, the White House said Thursday. It's not clear, though, that the basketball-loving president will shoot hoops with Kobe Bryant and his teammates.

Continuing a practice of emphasizing community service while celebrating champion sports teams, the president will accompany the Lakers to a Boys and Girls club in Washington, D.C., and visit with the kids on Monday, according to a White House advisory.

Typically the president brings teams to the White House — as happened after the Lakers won the NBA title last year — but this time he'll make his comments congratulating the team at the club.

Bryant and teammates Pau Gasol and Derek Fisher were among those present in August when Obama gathered some current and former NBA superstars for a private game. Obama plays basketball often but had to get his lip stitched up a couple weeks ago after another player elbowed him.

The Lakers won their 16th NBA championship in June by beating the Boston Celtics. They'll play the Washington Wizards in a Wizards home game on Tuesday, the day after meeting with Obama.

BUSINESS NEWS

Madison Square Garden to buy Forum

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK Madison Square Garden is set to add an historic West Coast arena to its properties with a deal to buy the Forum.

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Chronicles of Narnia: The Voyage of the Dawn Treader in Digital 3D (PG) 1hr 52min
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Megamind 3D (PG) 1hr 36min
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Love and Other Drugs (R) 1hr 53min
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ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ You could be tempted to rethink a decision, and by all means, do. Just take the next few weeks to explore the back and forth. Don't cut off the process. Others come forward with a smile. They are ready to debate options. Tonight: Find your friends.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ A must appearance becomes very important. You could stress about this or that, but in reality, trust your presentation. Someone close shares much more. Try walking in his or her footsteps. Tonight: Till the wee hours.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ In many ways, your perspective is unique, but you aren't the first to look at an issue in this manner. Downplay the creative role, and allow others to identify with your thinking. If you hit a roadblock, find an expert solution-finder. Tonight: Explore a new place. Opt for something different.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★★ Let your imagination emerge when dealing with a significant partner. You might not like what is happening behind the scenes, but try to understand where another person is coming from. Help a family member loosen up. Tonight: Don't avoid an important talk.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Agreements made today are likely to tumble to the wayside. Realize what is happening within your immediate circle. People could be waffling. Make that OK, and flow with the various situations. Tonight: Sort through all the offers.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★ Clear out as many errands and other matters that could keep you from enjoying the weekend as possible. Your finances could be uncomfortable. Understand that you are out of sync. Your instincts guide you. Tonight: Nap before deciding.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Recognize what is happening with a child or loved one. You can help this person feel more easy and relaxed. Tap into your ingenuity, especially if you hit a miscommunication. It might take a while to clear it up. Tonight: Paint the town red.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★ Honor a change on a profound level. Know that you have not seen the final act just yet. Give yourself some time to think through an issue that could involve your personal life. Confirm meetings. Tonight: Stop and visit with a pal on the way home.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★★ Keep communication flowing. In the next few weeks, your ability to communicate and express your feelings emerges. On your side, confirm appointments and don't stand on ceremony with flub-ups. Tonight: Find a friend, and head out the door.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★ Your instincts serve you more often than not with your finances. In the next few weeks, you might feel confused, or someone might not return a call. Relax with others. On your side, do your best to overlook the small stuff. Tonight: Whatever puts a smile on your face.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ Others notice that you beam. Certainly share some of your happy mood. Experiment and allow your creativity to flourish. You might find news from a distance restrictive. This, too, could change. Tonight: As you like. You are the centerpiece.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ Your creativity will flourish as long as you don't get stuck on having matters your way. Your style and insight draw many. Let others verbalize their issues. Reach out for someone at a distance. Tonight: Play it quiet.

Happy birthday

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

Confusion surrounds communication. You come from a unique perspective. A friend who is older could be dominant in your year. This person often might be the voice of reality, but you take him or her differently. Sometimes you think this person is just raining on your parade. You are letting his or her judgments impact you. Use caution with any major purchase this year. They could be lemons! If you are single, open up to a very exciting relationship in the spring. Let time determine if it is a forever relationship. If you are attached, the two of you renew your bond. For many of you, there could be a new addition. Couples will enjoy each other more and more. You can count on AQUARIUS.



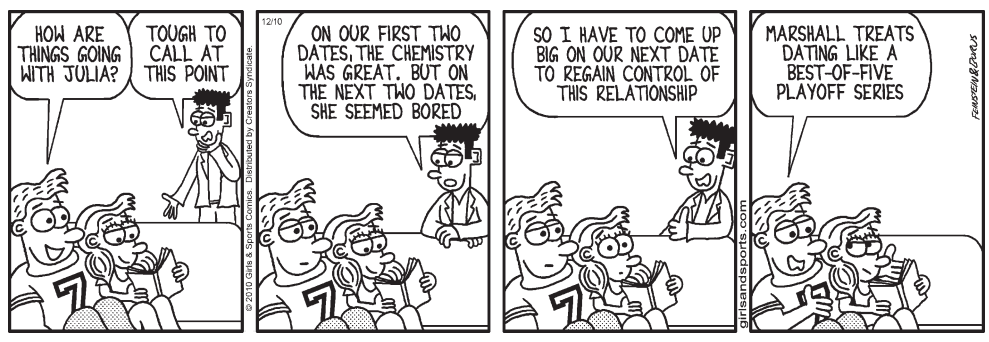
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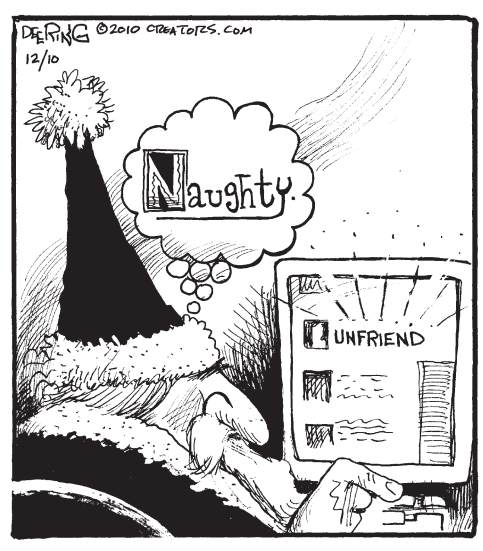
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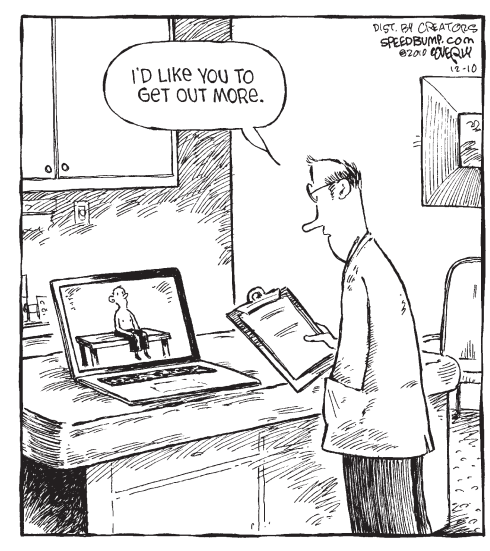
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Sudoku

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

Difficulty Level ★★★★

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GETTING STARTED

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

6	9	3	8	1	7	2	5	4
1	2	8	5	4	3	9	6	7
4	7	5	6	9	2	1	3	8
2	6	4	7	8	9	3	1	5
7	5	1	3	6	4	8	9	2
8	3	9	1	2	5	4	7	6
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By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Pertness
5 Diminishes
9 Monopoly buy
11 Entices
13 "All My Children" role
14 Goodie
15 List-ending abbr.
16 Closet use
18 Adopts
20 "The Jungle Book" snake
21 Peaceful protest
22 Coconut fill
23 Once called
24 Icarus, to Daedalus
25 Funny fellows
27 Has a yen
29 Nile serpent
30 Deteriorate
32 Gut
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36 Korean or Thai
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39 Scout's rider
40 Order to Spot
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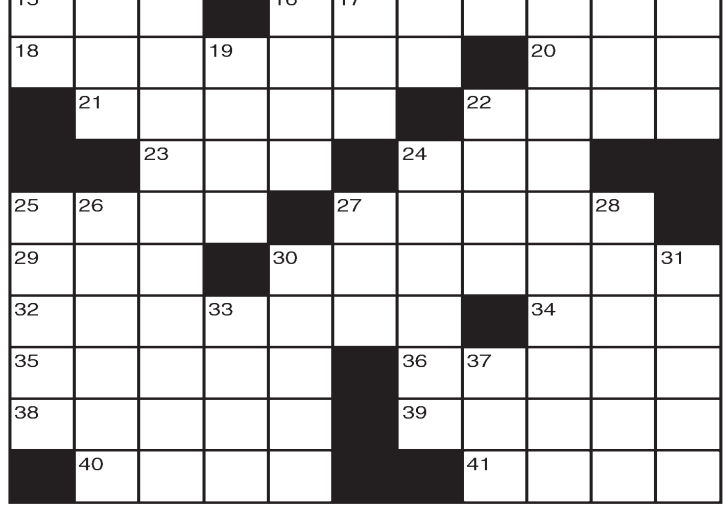
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2 Big arteries
3 Negotiations snag
4 Jiffy
5 Pop star John
6 Mason portrayer
7 Time of great strain
8 "Under Siege" actor
10 Dog star
12 Chop-house order
17 Great weight
19 Seine seasons
22 Not stereo
24 In order to
25 Some stingers
26 Houston team
27 Rap's Tone —
28 Liszt work
30 Bombastic
31 Bocelli, for one
33 Large: Prefix
37 Distress call

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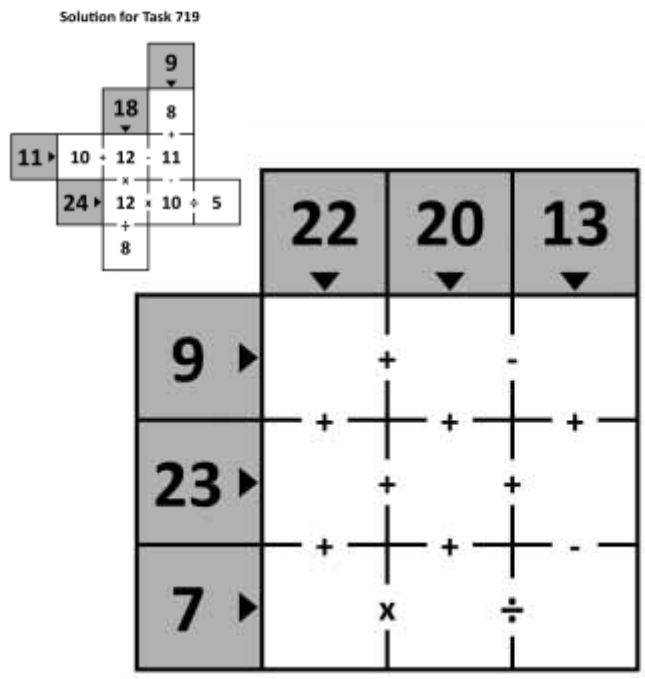
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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Irresistible: In September, Detroit Mayor Dave Bing appointed Ralph Godbee police chief -- a job he had held on an interim basis for several months. Godbee had ascended to the job when Warren Evans was fired for, among other things, having an affair with a subordinate, Lt. Monique Patterson. Before turning to Evans, Patterson had had an affair with Godbee, also.

■ "Service" Animals: In July, Wayne Short's iguana was certified by the National Service Animal Registry and thus allowed to attend to him on the Boardwalk in Ocean City, Md., where she had previously been barred. Mayor Rick Meehan, eyeing the NSAR card, asked Short what sort of "service" Hillary provided, but Short declined to answer. (2) Wandering Kids: In October, firefighters were once again called to a claw-toy vending machine to extract a boy who had crawled up the toy-release chute -- this time at a Walmart in Sun Prairie, Wis. As is often the case, the boy appeared to be joyously in his element among the toys and not immediately receptive to coaxing from firefighters or his parents.

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1902 Women are given the right to vote in Tasmania.
1904 Pi Kappa Phi founded at the College of Charleston
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1907 The worst night of the Brown Dog riots in London, when 1,000 medical students clash with 400 police officers over the existence of a memorial for animals who have been vivisected.
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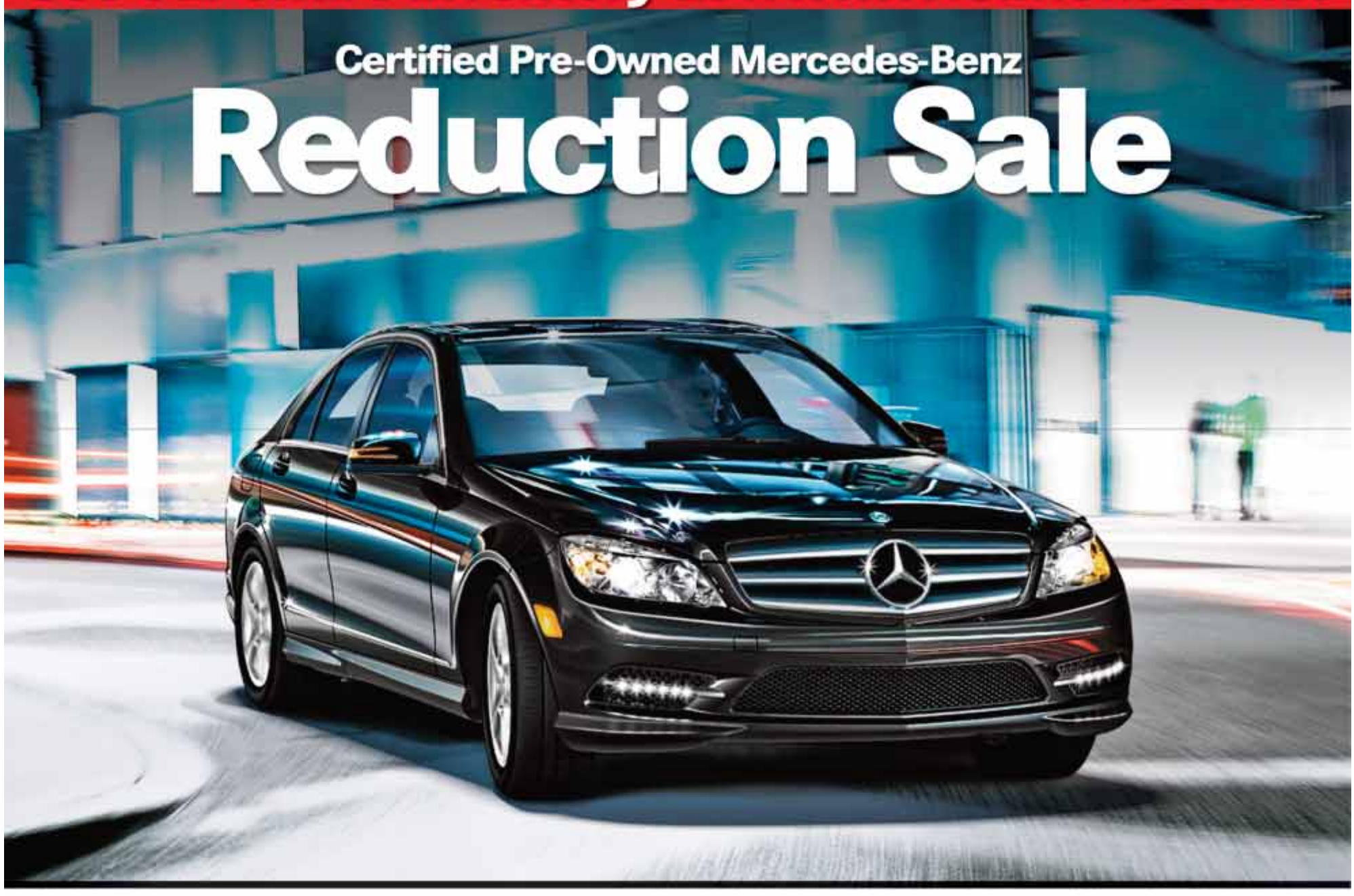
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