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Bogus stories put city in the spotlight

BY KEVIN HERRERA | Daily Press Staff Writer

DOWNTOWN Two of Santa Monica's hottest hangouts for celebrities were recently featured in news stories that later proved to be false, raising questions about the accuracy of the ever-emerging "blogosphere" and the public's seemingly insatiable appetite for celebrity gossip.

The first story featured Donald Trump, the exclusive Buffalo Club and a \$10,000 tip. The second involved "Mean Girls" actress Lindsay Lohan, Shuttters on the Beach and a bloody syringe.

While both stories were trumped up, that didn't stop FoxNews.com, Defamer, E! Online, the Huffington Post and other media outlets from running with them.

It turns out the Trump story was fabricated by a 4-month-old "snap and gag" site called Derober.com. Derober is run by two brothers from Venice Beach, both professional photographers, and specializes in doing funny things with celebrity-related images.

The two doctored a receipt and Trump's signature and started blogging using a phony sorority girl named "Leslie Matthews," a fake friend of a nonexistent waiter at the

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SEASON

LET IT RAIN

Storms treat seashore to a taste of winter

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A CALL TO ARMS: A beach-goer speaks on his cell phone as military boats conduct exercises in the Santa Monica Bay on Saturday. A powerful storm rolled through the area over the weekend.

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WHAT'S UP WESTSIDE

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA AND SURROUNDS



Gimme Shelter ... one last time

9009 West Sunset Blvd., Hollywood, 7 p.m. — 11 p.m.

This will be the last performance of Gimme Shelter at The Roxy. After 16 years, the rock show that raises funds for the Spectrum Program at New Roads School is ending. This year's line-up includes Mandy Moore, Suzanna Hoffs and Pete Dinklage. Tickets are \$20 in advance; \$25 at the door. For more information, call (310) 278-9457.

From Reel to Real: 'The Family Stone'

601 Santa Monica Blvd., 6:30 p.m. — 9 p.m.

The Santa Monica Public Library presents a free monthly screening and discussion series, built around issues-based movies. Gregg Heacock will lead a discussion prior to the film "The Family Stone," starring Diane Keaton. Seating is first come, first served in the MLK Jr. Auditorium.

New CASA Volunteer Orientation Session

201 Centre Plaza Dr., Ste. 3, Monterey Park, 12:30 p.m. — 2 p.m.

CASA of Los Angeles is currently recruiting Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) volunteers. Trained volunteers investigate the circumstances of children who have been removed from their homes due to abuse or neglect and placed in protective custody. Volunteers must be a minimum of 21 years old, be able to make at least a two-year commitment to the program, undergo a background check, and successfully complete a 36-hour CASA training. Bilingual (Spanish/English) and African American volunteers are especially needed. To RSVP for training, or for more information, visit www.casala.org.

Ice, ice, baby

1324 Fifth St., 10 a.m. — 10 p.m.

Bring back childhood memories — or create new ones — as you slice through the ice. Admission is \$10; including skate rental.

Wednesday, Dec. 12, 2007

Mystery book group

1704 Montana Ave., 7 p.m. — 8:30 p.m.

The group will discuss Thomas Perry's "Vanishing Act."

Jewish story hour

1428 17th St., 3:15 p.m. — 4 p.m.

Story time at Chabad is for children ages 3 — 7. It is recommended that participants RSVP to this free event to ensure there are enough materials for all children. For questions or to RSVP, call (310) 393-7379 or e-mail srljs@juno.com.

Samohi's out for blood

601 Pico Blvd., 2:30 p.m. — 8:30 p.m.

The Santa Monica chapter of the American Red Cross is conducting a blood drive at Santa Monica High School. The blood drive is open to the general public as well as Santa Monica/Malibu students, parents, staff and faculty. Any healthy person age 17 or older and weighing at least 110 pounds may be eligible to donate blood. All eligible donors are asked to schedule an appointment by calling (800) GIVE-LIFE (448-3543) or visit www.GiveLife.org and enter sponsor code: SantaMonicaHigh. For Spanish, call (866) POR-VIDA (767-8432) or visit www.cruzrojaamericana.org.

'Get the Spirit' Gospel chorus in concert

601 Santa Monica Blvd., 1:30 p.m. — 3 p.m.

The Santa Monica College Emeritus Gospel Chorus will get you rockin' with lively traditional gospel music. This concert includes "Rockin' Jerusalem," "Oh Happy Day" and "O, Come All Ye Faithful." The group performs under the direction of classically trained William Bryant, II. Some of Mr. Bryant's credits include work with Marvin Gaye, Barry White, Robert Palmer and Patti LaBelle.

'Cool School' revisited

1611 Electric Ave., Venice, by appointment only

The "Cool School" exhibit, named for the film which features Ferus Gallery artists, will be on display through Jan. 11. A portion of the proceeds from sold paintings will go to the "Films for Schools" outreach program. For more information, visit www.VeniceTrust.com.

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.



Teachers' rep heads to Sacramento

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

SACRAMENTO First, Harry Keiley advocated for the public school teachers in the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District. Now, he'll take his advocacy to the state capital to battle for the rights of California's retired teachers.

Keiley, the president of the Santa Monica-Malibu Classroom Teachers Association, was named to serve as a board trustee for the California State Teachers Retirement System (CALSTRS) on Monday — his first stint on the state governing body. The board, which is comprised of six members appointed by the governor, three members elected by the state's public school teachers and three ex-officio

members, sets policies and creates rules for CALSTRS, which is responsible for providing retirement benefits for public school teachers.

With a \$180 billion investment portfolio, CALSTRS has the largest teacher's retirement fund in the United States and the second-largest U.S. public pension fund.

"I'm humbled by this entire experience and look forward to again being of service to the teachers," Keiley said on Monday.

The former Malibu High School teacher was elected to the board along with Dana Dillon, a teacher and librarian at the Weed Union Elementary School District, and Carolyn Widener, an English professor at West Los Angeles College. Dillon, the current chairman of the board, won the K-12 non-administrator seat, while Keiley cap-

tured the K-12 inclusive seat, beating out Sandy Keaton of the Los Angeles Unified School District and Stephen Edmunds of the Redondo Beach Unified School District. Widener, who is also a current board member and past chair, was the only candidate for the community college seat.

Keiley said he consulted with the leaders of the California Teachers Association before putting his name in the hat. The CTA endorsed Keiley for the position.

He replaces long-time retiring member Gary Lynes.

Keiley started his teaching career in 1987 as a high school government and economics teacher in Brooklyn, New York. He made his way west in 1992 to become the government and economics teacher at Malibu High

School. In the past several years, he has stepped away from teaching and has served as the president of the SMMCTA and as the union liaison to the Board of Education.

"It's an opportunity for me to continue my work and service, serving not only the teachers here in Santa Monica and Malibu, but the teachers and their families across the state of California," Keiley said about his new responsibilities. "We need to do a better job of educating the public as to why it's important for teachers and other workers to have a secure retirement."

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Hear ye, hearing

Law firm tapped to hear parking ticket disputes for City Hall

(Editor's note: This story is part of an ongoing series that tracks the city's expenditures appearing on upcoming Santa Monica City Council consent agendas. Consent agenda items have been part of public discussion in the past.)

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL The next time you try and fight a parking citation, you'll have to take it up with an attorney from the law offices of Sherman and LeVine.

The firm will be responsible for holding impartial reviews of contested parking tickets for City Hall, that is if the City Council approves a two-year contract tonight.

Santa Monica — along with Beverly Hills, Culver City and West Hollywood — picked Sherman and LeVine as the law firm to run administrative hearings, something which is required by law after state legislators in 1993

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OUTSIDE LOOKING IN

Four children stare inside Tales and Toys, a toy store located on Abbot Kinney Boulevard, which remained open late on Friday as part of the monthly First Friday event in Venice. The night was also a holiday extravaganza, in which Santa Claus appeared inside the store for children to provide him with their Christmas wish lists.

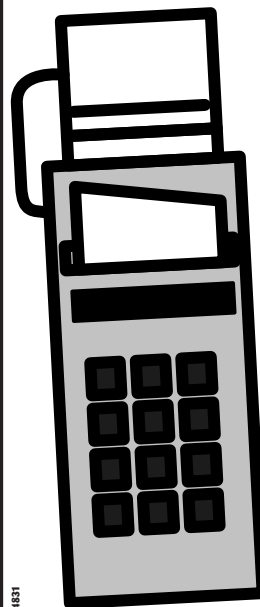
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Let light rail reach the beach

Editor:

I read with interest, the planning progress of the Exposition Line light rail into Santa Monica ("Getting around is king," Dec. 10). Whether it follows Olympic or Colorado doesn't matter to me so much as where it terminates.

I've heard that, currently, plans are for the light rail to terminate at a facility at Fourth and Colorado, on the site now occupied by Sears automotive. I think the light rail needs to run all the way to the beach. Stopping short of the ocean is not in the public's interest for two reasons.

1) The beach, the pier, the boardwalk are all huge destinations for people from all over Southern California. For a light rail line to go almost to the beach does not serve the public interest and makes as much sense as a rail line in El Segundo that goes almost to the airport. That situation serves airport transportation companies, but not the public.

2) The beach has huge parking lots – empty most of the time – that could function as park-and-ride facilities for a light rail system. If the line doesn't go to the beach, the opportunity to attract that ridership is lost.

The public will be paying for this system, but politicians will be making the decisions about it. I hope when they make those decisions they ask the question "What best represents the public interest?" I'm concerned because it's a question, too often, politicians never seem to ask.

Richard Orton

Santa Monica

Rise of Huckabee is dangerous

Editor:

Mike Huckabee's rise in polling numbers and voter approval is coming from one source only – white evangelicals and fundamentalists – and is not in any way a representative picture of the overall voting electorate. Huckabee's support comes from the religious right – a group intent on tearing down the wall between church and state, and having prayer in school. Huckabee represents a segment of society that is anti-abortion, anti-gay, anti-immigration, pro-war and out of touch with reality.

Has The United States become the bully pulpit of religious politics? Does America need another Republican in the White House expanding his ministry?

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Big Brother taps your phone calls

IN AN INFORMATION AGE WHERE WE'RE required to hand over confidential information in order to make a purchase, drive a car or visit a doctor's office, our privacy is being relegated to the junk heap of antiquated, obsolete ideas. Nowhere is this more evident than in the telecommunications industry, where technological breakthroughs that add convenience to our lives are simultaneously giving corporations and government agencies almost unlimited access to our most private moments.

For example, Pudding Media has introduced an Internet phone service that uses what people are talking about over the phone to generate targeted advertisements, which are then displayed on the phone screen. In order to do so, however, the California-based company must eavesdrop on its customers' phone calls.

"Voice recognition software monitors the calls, selects ads based on what it hears and pushes the ads to the subscriber's computer screen while he or she is still talking," writes Louise Story in the New York Times. For example, a conversation about movies "will elicit movie reviews and ads for new films that the caller will see during the conversation."

But there's more. Global Positioning System (GPS) chips, the same technology used in many new cars to help drivers navigate unknown territory, track a cell phone's every movement in real time. Such technology is marketed to parents as a tool for keeping tabs on their children, to employers as a means of monitoring their employees' whereabouts, and to young people for social networking so they can track each other down.

Yet despite the sales pitch, not all uses of this technology are benevolent. As journalist Laura Holson explains, "If G.P.S. made it harder to get lost, new cell phone services are now making it harder to hide." Although this tracking function can be turned off in cell phones, Holson notes that "G.P.S. service embedded in the phone means that your whereabouts are not a complete mystery."

Attorney Kevin Bankston, with the Electronic Frontier Foundation, sees this as a serious breach of privacy. "We seem to be getting into a period where people are closely watching each other. There are privacy risks we haven't begun to grapple with." Charles S. Golvin, a wireless analyst at Forrester Research, admits that there is a Big Brother component to the use of GPS in wireless phones. "The thinking goes," he explains, "that if my friends can find me, the telephone company knows my location all the time, too."

However, if the phone company knows where you are, it stands to reason that the government does as well. Indeed, the rate at which corporations, from banks to retail stores to phone companies, are turning over their customers' private information to government agents for tracking and spying purposes is staggering. As an ACLU report details, "Many companies are willing to hand over the details of their customers' purchases or activities based on a

simple request from the FBI or other authorities."

In 2002 alone, Bell South received 16,000 subpoenas from government agents and 636 court orders for customer information. And it's not just that the requests for customer information are becoming more frequent — they're also getting broader and have been characterized as "shotgun approaches" or fishing expeditions.

Moreover, the FBI and other government agencies are demanding greater legal authority to be able to force companies — especially cell phone companies — to turn over customer information. "They have pushed for an aggressive interpretation of the statute that would allow it to monitor certain Internet content without a warrant and to collect tracking information about the physical locations of cell phone users," the ACLU reports, "turning cell phones into what, for all practical purposes, are location tracking bugs."

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Now the Bush Administration is prodding Congress to grant retroactive legal immunity to the telecommunications companies that have allowed government agents access to their customers' private phone call data. If Congress passes such a law, it would put an end to the dozens of lawsuits that have already been filed against phone companies alleged to have violated federal privacy laws by handing over customer data to the government. It would also put an end to any pretense that our government has our best interests at heart.

Unfortunately, most Americans have bought into the idea that the latest breakthroughs, gizmos and gadgets will make our lives easier. But we're failing to heed the warning signs.

Rest assured, given the technological advances being made every day in cellular technology, it won't be long before a single device comes along that will allow us to connect to the entire world and store all our personal information, from Social Security number and bank accounts to e-mail and medical history. But when that day comes, do you really want the government to have unfettered access to your personal and private information?

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Your column here

Daniel Gilbert

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Conservatives still silent on language

AFTER TOP REPUBLICAN PRESIDENTIAL candidates spent weeks attempting to convince voters that they are the most conservative of the group, all have remained mum on a winning issue for conservatives: The right of businesses and faith-based organizations to require employees to speak English while on the job.

My position is clear. English should be made the official language of the United States. English language should be a requirement for citizenship and a requirement in any job where two spoken languages would be a safety or customer service problem. The American people and the conservative leadership have become so worn down by the politically correct police that we cannot even stand in the gap for a Christian organization (The Salvation Army) that does nothing but help others across the globe. What does that say about us and our leaders?

If the Bush administration's failure to protect our borders wasn't enough, now we have a loving and effective humanitarian organization who has to defend itself in a lawsuit that stems from these very same failed policies.

Not a single top Republican candidate has publicly weighed in on this issue or expressed support for the Salvation Army, which is currently being sued by the EEOC for requiring its employees to speak English. Yet, 77 percent of Americans agree that businesses have the right to demand their employees speak English while on the clock. Moreover, a summer 2006 Rasmussen poll stated that 85 percent of Americans (92 percent of Republicans and 79 percent of Democrats) believe English should be the official language of the United States.

The case revolves around two Salvation Army employees in Framingham, Mass., who had the opportunity to learn English for five years, and were required to learn the language by the sixth year.

Nancy Pelosi and her House Democrats, under pressure from the Hispanic Caucus, attempted to defeat (unsuccessfully) an amendment attached to an appropriations bill to protect prosecuting such an organization by voting against the motion, 218 to 186. Sen. Lamar Alexander (R-ND) led the charge in defense of the Salvation Army.

Immigration will undoubtedly be a deciding factor in 2008. According to a recent

Rasmussen poll in NH, immigration ranked higher than national security, our economy and Iraq among voters, particularly among Republicans. If immigration is a major factor, why is all quiet on the Republican front regarding the Salvation Army?

GOP front-runners may lack the political courage to support a Christian organization which is historically one of the largest social care programs in the world; Democrat front runners are safely dancing around the immigration issue because their party is so fractured on this subject.

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If any of the top candidates wanted to separate themselves from the moderate bunch and emerge as the true conservative, they would have demanded other candidates reveal their position on this issue, in the likes of the feeding frenzy with Sen. Clinton and driver's licenses for illegals

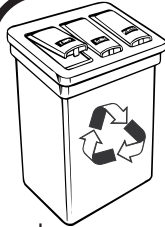
in New York.

All top GOP candidates have publicly provided to voters, thus far, was to not raise their hand when Wolf Blitzer asked if any of them disagreed with English as the official language in the U.S. Their tough talk on this issue was under-whelming.

Unfortunately, the top candidates have a weak history regarding immigration policies. Rudy Giuliani kept sanctuary cities in NYC, John McCain co-sponsored the Amnesty Bill and Mitt Romney is a notorious flip-flopper on abortion, amnesty and gay marriage so we really don't know where he stands, even if he takes a stand.

Perhaps the most telling example of the top candidates' true position on this issue will be the video clips from the all-Spanish debate at the University of Miami, Dec. 9, where Republican candidates don headphones and use translators to explain why they should be elected as the next President of the United States of America.

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Honey seems to calm children's coughs

BY CARLA K. JOHNSON
Associated Press Writer

CHICAGO A teaspoon of honey before bed seems to calm children's coughs and help them sleep better, according to a new study that relied on parents' reports of their children's symptoms.

The folk remedy did better than cough medicine or no treatment in a three-way comparison. Honey may work by coating and soothing an irritated throat, the study authors said.

"Many families are going to relate to these findings and say that grandma was

right," said lead author Dr. Ian Paul of Pennsylvania State University's College of Medicine.

The research appears in December's Archives of Pediatrics and Adolescent Medicine.

Federal health advisers have recently warned that over-the-counter cough and cold medicines shouldn't be used in children younger than 6, and manufacturers are taking some products for babies off the market.

Three pediatricians who read the study said they would tell parents seeking alternative remedies to try honey. They noted that honey should not be given to children under

age 1 because of a rare but serious risk of botulism.

For the research, researchers recruited 105 children with upper respiratory infections from a clinic in Pennsylvania. Parents were given a paper bag with a dosing device inside. Some were empty. Some contained an age-appropriate dose of honey-flavored cough medicine containing dextromethorphan. And some contained a similar dose of honey.

The parents were asked about their children's sleep and cough symptoms, once before the bedtime treatment and once after. They rated the symptoms on a seven-point scale.

All of the children got better, but honey consistently scored best in parents' rating of their children's cough symptoms.

"Give them a little time and they'll get better," said Pat Jackson Allen, a professor at Yale University School of Nursing.

The study was funded by a grant from the National Honey Board, an industry-funded agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The agency had no influence over the study design, data or results, Paul said.

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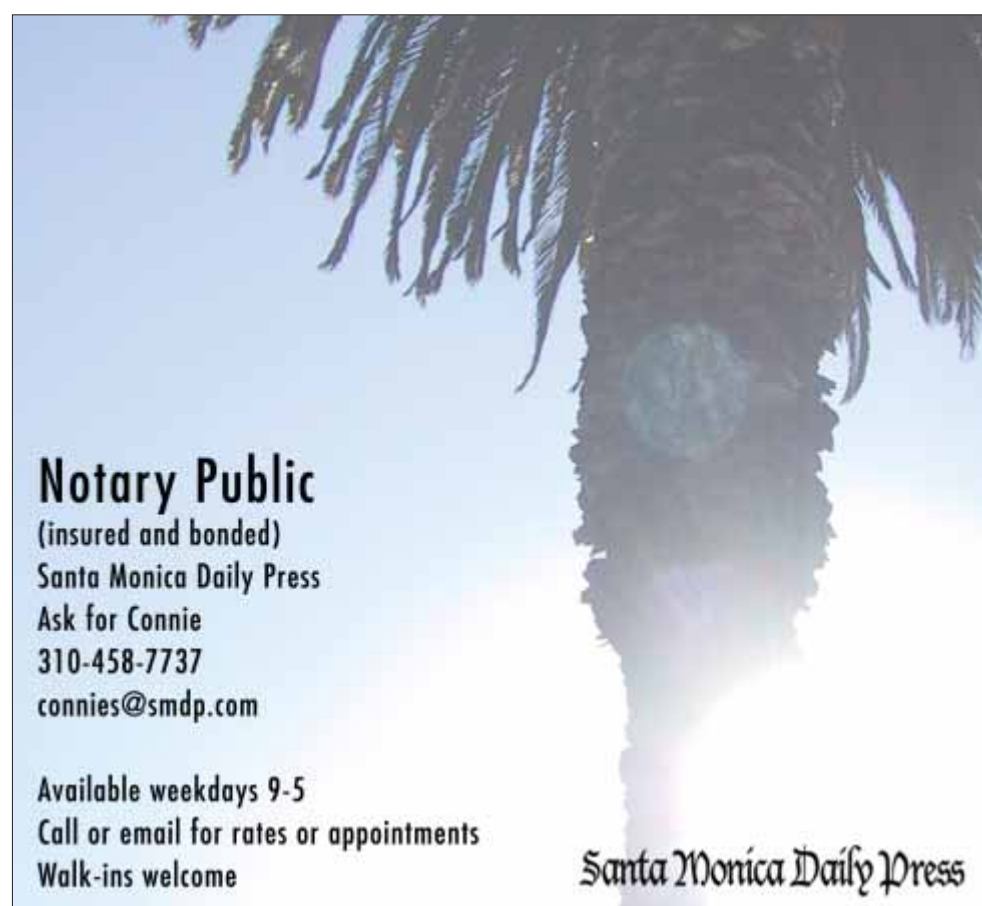
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Museum sleepover under famed whale stirs interest

BY LEANNE ITALIE
Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK Flashlight. Check. Sleeping bags. Check. Jammies. Hmmm ... what's appropriate for a night camped out under a whale?

As I prepared to join a hearty legion of parents and kids on a sleepover at the American Museum of Natural History, I felt my enthusiasm turn lukewarm when my 8-year-old daughter ripped into the confirmation packet that arrived in the mail.

There were copious checklists, maps and FAQs for our much-anticipated, sold out "Night at the Museum," a hot ticket among 8- to 12-year-olds after the blockbuster movie of the same name — filmed at Natural History — hit theaters in 2006.

Our night involved unfurling our sleeping bags on eyeball-to-eyeball rows of cots with 357 of our closest friends under the museum's famed blue whale, while other groups were assigned a mammal diorama room or cots next to big rocks in the Gottesman Hall of Planet Earth.

Score, I thought. We got the whale. But could I hack it? Surely I wasn't the first mom or dad to wonder if the evening would push me to my grumpy place. I decided to take comfort in numbers.

Around the country, from the San Diego Zoo to the Battleship New Jersey, packs of kids and their grown-ups have been scooping up tickets and heading off to their favorite museums, zoos, aquariums and historic sites for sleepovers.

The programs emerged several years ago and appear to be here to stay as the institutions come up with new ways to freshen the evenings and accommodate ever-growing crowds.

"Some people have always dreamed of sneaking away and coming out to explore 'their' museum once it was closed up for the night and the crowds had disappeared," said Brad Harris, Natural History's senior director of visitor services. "There's a real sense of ownership of the place when you're looking into dark corners with your flashlight that you don't experience when you're sightseeing with the crowds during the day time."

The cavernous Natural History has offered its sleepovers since January 2007 on the coattails of the Ben Stiller movie. The evenings have grown so popular, the museum opened new rooms to accommodate more people and added craft activities and carts stocked with small artifacts such as tortoise shells and stuffed birds for a little touch-and-tell.

"It worked out to be more successful than

anyone could have predicted," Harris said. "As soon as we announce a new set of sleepover dates they fill up almost immediately."

My daughter couldn't wait for the after-dark flashlight fossil hunt among the bones of dinosaurs and early man. She couldn't wait to pad around the museum in her slippers. She noted the solar map project in the Cullman Hall of the Universe, a walk through the Butterfly Observatory — a special T-shirt!

I couldn't find the ear plugs I bought three months before, when I made the reservation.

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And why, in the whale night in my head, had I envisioned a much more intimate affair? In our information packet was a troubling "snore alert" on bright purple paper warning that marauding museum workers would "relocate" the loudest offenders.

Snore strip. Check.

Not all sleepover programs involve crowds as large as ours.

In Philadelphia, at the smaller Independence Seaport Museum, the minimum sleepover is 80 people, with a maximum of 140. The two-floor, carpeted museum on the Delaware River has been offering sleepovers for four years, changing the themes each year to keep them viable.

This year's theme was pirates. In previous years, the focus was on the famous hunt for the lost Civil War vessel the Alligator, the U.S. Navy's first submarine.

The interactive science, technology and art museum Explora in Albuquerque, N.M., has offered sleepovers to schools and organizations.

Judge wants actor detained

Baldwin in Toronto for film shoot when warrent issued

BY MELODY HANATANI | Daily Press Staff Writer

AIRPORT COURTHOUSE Miscommunication was the culprit behind why Daniel Baldwin missed a scheduled court appearance here last Friday, causing a Los Angeles Superior Court judge to issue a warrant for his arrest, according to the troubled actor's attorney.

The second oldest of the four acting Baldwin brothers was called to LAX Courthouse for a status report on his drug rehabilitation, but was instead in Toronto for a film shoot for the HBO-produced movie "Grey Gardens." The 47-year-old actor's court appearance stems from misdemeanor charges following his April 2006 arrest in Santa Monica, when officers found an allegedly high Baldwin lounging around in the Ocean Park Inn with a drug pipe in his hands. Baldwin and his drug buddy, Winston Anthony, both admitted to being high on illegal drugs and were arrested for possession of cocaine, possession of narcotic paraphernalia and being under the influence of narcotics, according to police.

Run-ins with the SMPD continued for Baldwin when, later that year, he was arrested for drug possession and driving a stolen vehicle after Santa Monica police spotted the actor leaving a Santa Monica hotel in the late morning hours

of Nov. 7 in a stolen 2003 GMC Yukon.

Baldwin is out of the country on a temporary travel permit issued by the Los Angeles County Probation Department and there was miscommunication as to the actor's scheduled court appearance, said his attorney, Grant Hoagland, on Monday.

"I wish I would've known about it because I could've popped into court on Friday for him, but he wanted to do the progress reports himself," Hoagland said.

When Baldwin or a representative failed to show up, Judge Scott Millington issued a no-bail bench warrant and revoked Baldwin's probation.

Hoagland said he plans to go to court today to present documentation that Baldwin was out of the country legally, as permitted by probation officers.

"I understand what the judge did, it's totally what he had to do," Hoagland said.

Baldwin plays the role of Julius Krug, the former U.S. secretary of interior, in "Grey Gardens," a film about the lives of Edith "Big Edie" Bouvier Beale and Edith "Little Edie" Bouvier Beale — the aunt and first cousin of Jacqueline



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Kennedy Onassis. The film stars Jessica Lange as "Big Edie" and Drew Barrymore as "Little Edie" and is scheduled for release in 2008.

The brother of William, Stephen and Alec Baldwin, Daniel admitted in 1998 to battling a drug addiction since he started his career in Hollywood. Following his arrest last year, he spent several months with the Renaissance Malibu drug rehab program. The actor recently appeared on ABC News' "Primetime" in a segment that chronicled his battles with drug addiction and its affect on his personal and professional lives.

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City Hall looks to experts for help

FROM CONSENT PAGE 3

passed a law decriminalizing parking citations and transferred the responsibility for citation processing and adjudication from the courts to municipalities, according to a city staff report.

The cities of Santa Monica, Beverly Hills, Culver City and West Hollywood jointly issue requests for proposals for the selection of a firm to handle hearings in order to obtain better pricing and coordinate parking activities. However, each city separately contracts with the selected hearing examiners.

The total cost of the contract is not known at this time since Sherman and LeVine will be paid on a per case basis. On average, the number of cases heard each year is 1,644. The first year, the firm will be paid \$13 per case, with an estimated annual cost of \$21,632. The second year, the price per case jumps to \$14, according to the staff report.

Hearing examiners cannot be employees of the city and they are paid a flat fee per hearing. Compensation cannot be linked to decisions. Approximately 5 percent of all parking citations are contested and enter adjudication.

If a driver is not happy with the decision of the firm, they can file an appeal to be heard by the court within 30 days.

EXPERT ADVICE

In addition to the contract with Sherman and LeVine, the council is also expected to approve modifications to contracts with three consulting firms working with city staff on the

update to the Land Use and Circulation Element (LUCE), a plan that will dictate development in the city for the next 20 years or more.

The firms — Nelson/Nygaard Consulting Associates, Moore Lacofano Goltsman, Inc., and Whitney & Whitney, Inc. — are being asked by city staff to provide transportation planning services, run community workshops and prepare an economic feasibility study as part of the LUCE process.

\$591,000, according to a staff report.

The project has two major components, one of which includes turning the old jail into a data center that will house the Information Services Division, which is in charge of running City Hall's Web site and storing data.

Converting the jail into a data center and offices requires the addition of an exterior elevator, restrooms and a new main entry door. Also, increased power demands require the construction of an exterior electrical room.

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The total increase in pay is roughly more than \$770,000.

BILLED OUT

The council is being asked to approve another contract modification with Black and Veatch, which is overseeing the seismic retrofit and air-conditioning replacement projects at City Hall.

The modifications will cost roughly

The current total estimated construction cost for the retrofit is approximately \$10.5 million. Funds have been approved by the Federal Emergency Management Agency for the additional design work by Black and Veatch, with the exception of funds for the construction of the electrical room, which is ineligible under federal guidelines.

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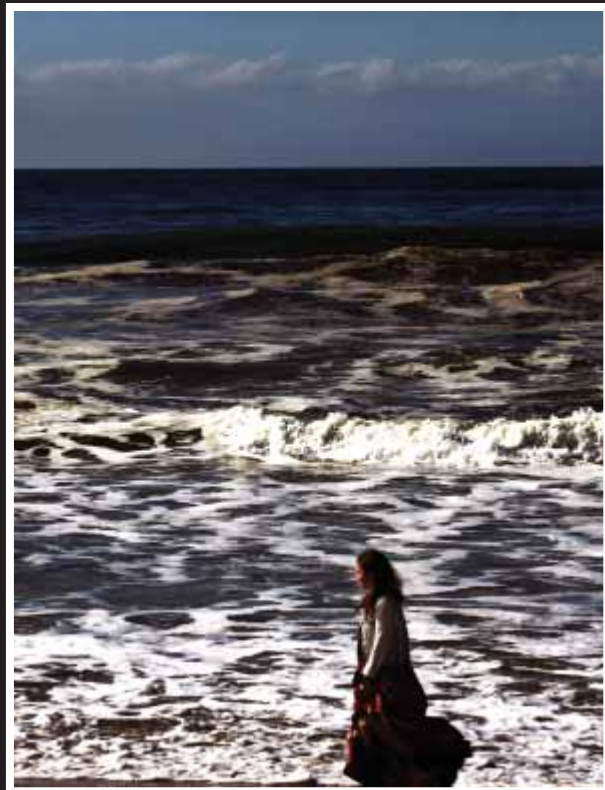


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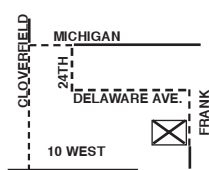
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RAIN DANCE

(From top left clockwise) A group of beachcombers frolic in Santa Monica on Saturday as storm clouds make their way to the region. Cold weather and expected showers leave the Venice boardwalk uncharacteristically devoid of activity on Saturday. The sights and sounds of Christmas were on full display Saturday night in Marina del Rey during the annual Christmas boat show. Spectators weathered the rain and chilly weather to get a glimpse of captains and crew who decked out their boats with the lights of the season. A lone woman walks the Santa Monica coastline on Saturday just before a rainstorm hit the region.

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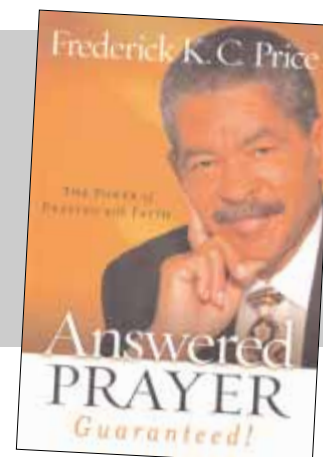
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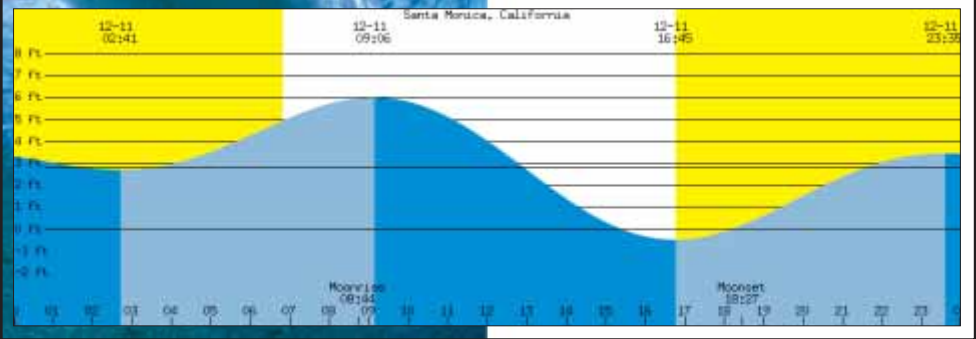


SURF CONDITIONS **WATER TEMP: 56°**

SWELL FORECAST (1-2 FT)
Today the size should drop towards the flat zone. Not much surf is expected, perhaps knee to maybe waist high at west facing breaks when the tide is right. The tide though will climb to around 6 feet midmorning. Winds should remain light from the NNE in the AM, although weather models hint that winds have a slight chance of becoming a bit stronger near the coast.

LONG RANGE SYNOPSIS
SW/NW COMBO FRIDAY...

TIDE FORECAST FOR TODAY IN SANTA MONICA



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Grades for this report are based on monitoring data from the previous four weeks up to the ending date of **December 4, 2007**

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QUICK STATS
(for the last 28 days)

Number of sewage spills -- 1
Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0
Number of wet days -- 4
Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 38 / 19
Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 10 / 14

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth (Joacarrillo)	A+	A+
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth	A	A+
El Pescador State Beach, between Lachasa and Las Aliso creeks	A+	ns
Escalante Canyon at El Matador State Beach	A+	ns
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth	A+	A+
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth	A+	A+
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private)	A+	ns
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth	A+	A+
Escalante Creek, just east of Escalante State Beach	A+	ns
Lariga Canyon Creek mouth	A	A+
Selkirk Canyon at San Blasco County Beach	A+	ns
Puerto State Beach at creek mouth	A+	A+
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerto Beach, at 24672 Malibu Rd.	A	ns
Sunbiter Beach at Malibu Colony Inlet	A+	A+
Sunbiter Beach (beach location)- daily	A	F
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east	A	A
Carlin Beach at Sweetwater Canyon	A+	ns
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zone)	A+	ns
Big Rock Beach at 18948 PCH stairs	F	A+
Pine Creek at Las Flores County Beach	A+	ns
Tuna Canyon	A	A+
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth	A	A+
Cathedral Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	F	F
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	F	C
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain)	A+	A+

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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Bloggers threaten credibility of news

FROM BOGUS PAGE 1

Buffalo Club named Billy D, who received the bogus tip. Within a few days, the story was picked up.

Trump later denied the story, telling the New York Post's Page Six that he wasn't even in California that day and that "this was done by the stupid restaurant to get publicity."

The creators of the hoax celebrated their achievement, saying they have made people more aware of the "laziness" of mainstream media.

"We must thank the following Web sites for propelling the 'Trump Tip' hoax to the front of Fox News' and Huffington Post's home page: WWTDD, Defamer and Dlisted," wrote John Resig, 29, one of the creators of the Derober.com. "We've gotten dozens of e-mails from newspaper editors from around America thanking us for exposing the 'blatant laziness of mainstream news media (Fox News)'. We never aimed that high, of course. That would make us megalomaniacs.

"We were just hoping to make beer money for this Friday's midget toss at Kilroy's Tavern."

The story involving Lohan was reported by Star magazine, a supermarket tabloid celebrity news and gossip that is known to have fabricated stories in the past to sell copies and has been the focus of several libel lawsuits involving celebs like Reese Witherspoon, Shannen Doherty and Aretha Franklin.

The story, which was reported Monday, said Lohan and her now ex-boyfriend Riley Giles spent three days at Shutters holed up in their room, depleting the mini-bar and leaving dirty towels and cigarette butts strewn about their suite.

The magazine also says:

"Staffers went in to clean and were shocked," says the source. "It was a pigpen. There was filth everywhere and the room stank of cigarette smoke.

"There was also a bloody syringe that someone left lying on the bedside table on a room service tray. Hotel security photographed it before calling someone to remove it because it was considered hazardous waste."

A quick call to Shutters' public relations company, Murphy O'Brien, revealed the story was false, at least, that's the hotel's story.

"Lindsay is welcome at the hotel anytime," said Pieter Ruig, vice president of Murphy O'Brien. "We do not have any records of Lindsay being at the hotel when this incident was supposed to have occurred and we question the accuracy of this report."

Ruig said it is "frustrating" to be the subject of an allegedly bogus report and it is something "we want to address as soon as possible and get the truth out there."

LINDSAY IS WELCOME AT THE HOTEL ANYTIME."

Pieter Ruig
Vice president of Murphy O'Brien, public relations firm for Shutters on the Beach

There has been no word from Lohan's camp about the story.

Pop culture expert Leo Brady, a professor at the University of Southern California specializing in fame, celebrity and mass media, said the reports have the potential to seriously damage the credibility of the media, especially when respected news outlets run the stories without checking if they are true or not. Many stories involving celebrities are false, which is why people should be even more skeptical than normal when reading these stories.

"What do we try to teach students in school, to be critical thinkers and never rely on one source," Brady said. "You have to check things out, be vigilant, especially with the Internet.

"Just because it's on the Internet doesn't mean it's true."

Brady said the often-overwhelming desire to be in the know clouds peoples' judgment and makes some editors sacrifice accuracy for immediacy.

"I think a very crucial part of American attitudes towards fame and fortune is wanting to know what's going on behind the scenes, the dirt, the real story," Brady said. "But what happens often is that the real story isn't that at all."

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In the clear

Gary Collins won't face more charges after death of motorist

GARY COLLINS will not face additional charges as a result of the death of a driver involved in a crash that's already led to jail time for the TV personality. Frank Mateljan, a spokesman for the city

attorney's office, said Monday's decision was made because police determined Warren Gates, the other driver, caused the crash by failing to stop at a red light. Gates, 89, died Friday at

the hospital, according to the coroner's office. Chief coroner's investigator Craig Harvey said the cause of Gates' death was listed as an Oct. 23 auto accident and that an autopsy would be per-

formed. Collins was driving in the San Fernando Valley when his 2004 Ford Explorer was struck by a vehicle driven by Gates. Collins was not injured. Collins, 69, was not

found at fault in the collision, but officers said they smelled alcohol on his breath. The TV host and actor pleaded no contest Thursday.

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HANNAH MONTANA SELLS OUT

Zeal for superstar **HANNAH MONTANA** drew scores of admirers – including Gov. Rod Blagojevich and his family – many of whom shelled out hundreds of dollars for tickets to a Rosemont concert. “We’re big fans,” Blagojevich, who was accompanied by his wife and two daughters, said before Saturday’s concert. “I’ve seen every ‘Hannah Montana’ episode.” The fervor surrounding the Disney Channel superstar was intense and Allstate Arena usher manger Jim Hennessy called it “the hottest ticket in 20 years.” Parent John Jaeger, splurged \$385 on a limo for the show.

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Led Zeppelin is ready to rock

LED ZEPPELIN fans from around the world descended Monday on London to see the legendary rock ‘n’ roll band perform a full set for the first time in nearly three decades. Led by its three surviving members – singer Robert Plant, guitarist Jimmy Page and bassist-keyboardist John Paul Jones – Led Zeppelin will be joined by the late John Bonham’s son Jason on drums for the benefit show Monday at the O2 Arena. Led Zeppelin has not played a full set since 1980, the year John Bonham died after choking on his own vomit. Robbed of “Bonzo’s” pulsing drums, the band decided it couldn’t go on and split up on Dec. 4, 1980. Now, with an estimated

20 million fans vying for tickets pared down to a lucky 18,000 or so most of the rest are hoping for more tour dates. Plant may be toughest of the three to be convinced that it’s a good idea to go on tour. “The whole idea of being on a cavalcade of merciless repetition is not what it’s all about,” the 59-year-old Page told The Sunday Times. That certainly won’t be music to the ears of millions of fans who are hoping hear “Stairway to Heaven,” “Whole Lotta Love” and “Kashmir” in concert again. Plant, who recently released a successful album with bluegrass star Alison Krauss, did give an indication that this may

not be the last of Led Zeppelin, however. “It wouldn’t be such a bad idea to play together from time to time,” Plant added. Monday’s concert won’t be the first Led Zeppelin reunion, but it will be the biggest. The band played together in 1985 at Live Aid, and joined forces again three years later – with Jason Bonham on drums – to play at the 40th anniversary concert for Atlantic Records. At their Rock and Roll Hall of Fame induction ceremony in 1995, they teamed up with other musicians for another short set. Priced at \$250, tickets have been selling on the Internet for upwards of \$2,000.

Kenneth Donnell, 25, said he paid \$168,500 for his tickets from British Broadcasting Corp. radio’s “Things That Money Can’t Buy” charity auction last month. Monday’s show is dedicated to Atlantic Records founder Ahmet Ertegun, who died last year. Proceeds from the show are to go to the Ahmet Ertegun Education Fund, which provides scholarships to universities in the United States, Britain and Turkey. The show was originally scheduled for Nov. 26, but was postponed until Monday because Page injured the little finger on his left hand. Former Rolling Stones bassist Bill Wyman will also perform.

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Allow more fun in, Virgo

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ If you feel a sense of destiny in the air, you are not far from wrong. An opportunity that appears today might not be available later. Look at it as a now-or-never situation. With that knowledge, what are you going to do? Tonight: A must appearance.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ If you look beyond the obvious, you will sense that a new destiny or direction is heading your way. You could be fearful, but you look to new excitement positively. Tonight: Think “dreams.” Think about making them real.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Togetherness is your theme. You need to make a difference. You need to dance to a different tune. The ability to move through problems is your trademark. Take in what a trusted associate or partner shares. Tonight: Togetherness works.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Others clearly dominate. How you deal with them might make a big difference ultimately. Be easygoing. Those around you, especially a key person, might be transforming right in front of your very eyes. Tonight: Let someone else lead the conversation.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Alter the direction of your spending in the afternoon. How you deal with a perpetual matter or situation reflects the caliber of person you are. Unexpected news heads in your direction. Tonight: My, my, what a smile!

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★ You might be coming from a very different spot than you initially thought. How you deal with someone could change with time. Creativity and caring withstand some outrageousness or someone’s unpredictability. Tonight: Allow more fun in.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Investigate possibilities rather than nix a special opportunity that might only come once. Eye stability and security. Know their value. Your ability to communicate helps others see your perspective or vision. Tonight: Buy a treat on the way home.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Slowly but surely you set your course, and it is an excellent one at that. Don't allow someone to intimidate you in the slightest. Remain confident and positive. Your creativity surges. Tonight: In the whirlwind of life.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ A profound change is in the air. What you feel is an act-now-or-forget-it opportunity might be just that. Eye making some positive changes to your financial structure. You can do a lot better than you think. Tonight: Curb a tendency to be possessive.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★★ You might be on the verge of acting on a significant opportunity. Life is going to change. Greet sudden happenings openly, and be ready to invest in your desires. Be careful with someone who is eyeing your funds. Tonight: As you like.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★ What you are thinking or feeling doesn't need to be a part of others' information just yet. Know what you have to offer, and ask for what you want. A friendship could be a lot more instrumental than you believe or think. Tonight: Act like you are on a retreat.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ You know what you want; make it happen. A boss or respected superior could be edging toward a certain result or reaction. Listen to your instincts and dare to risk. You are in a winning cycle. Tonight: As you like.

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1:00, 1:30, 3:35, 4:15, 6:15, 7:00, 9:00, 9:45
Hitman (R)
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1:00, 2:00, 4:00, 7:00, 9:55
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Awake (PG)
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Lions for Lambs (R)
7:00, 9:40
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12:00, 2:30, 4:40
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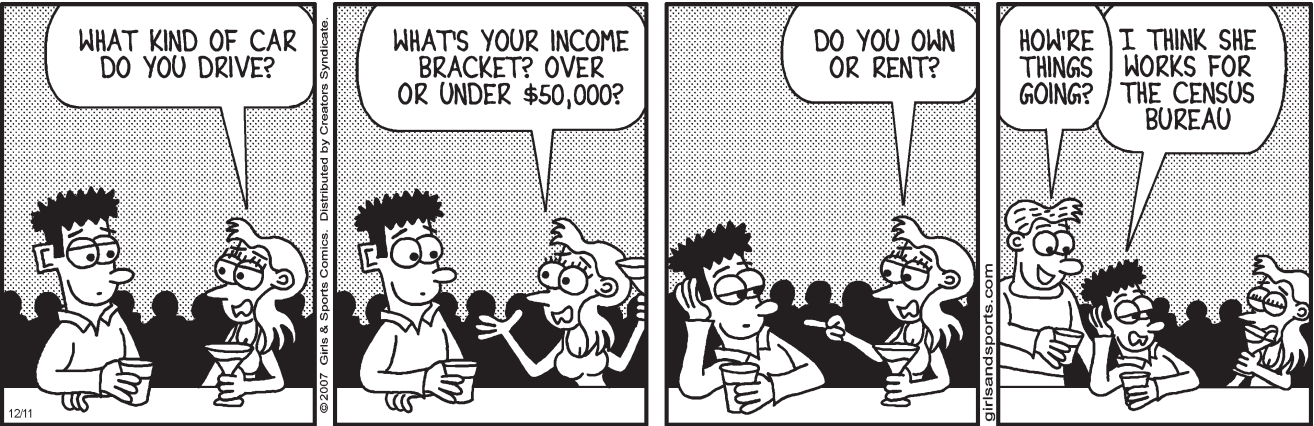
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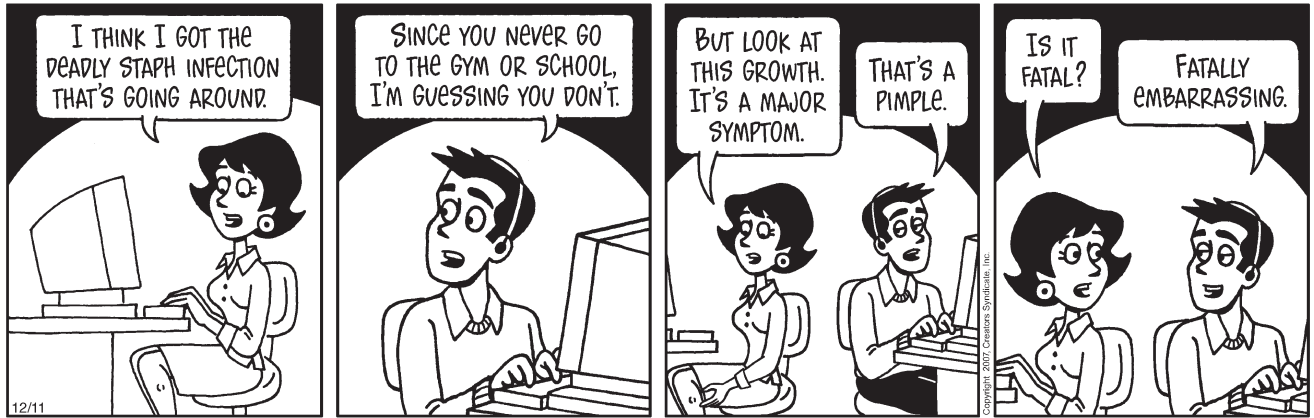
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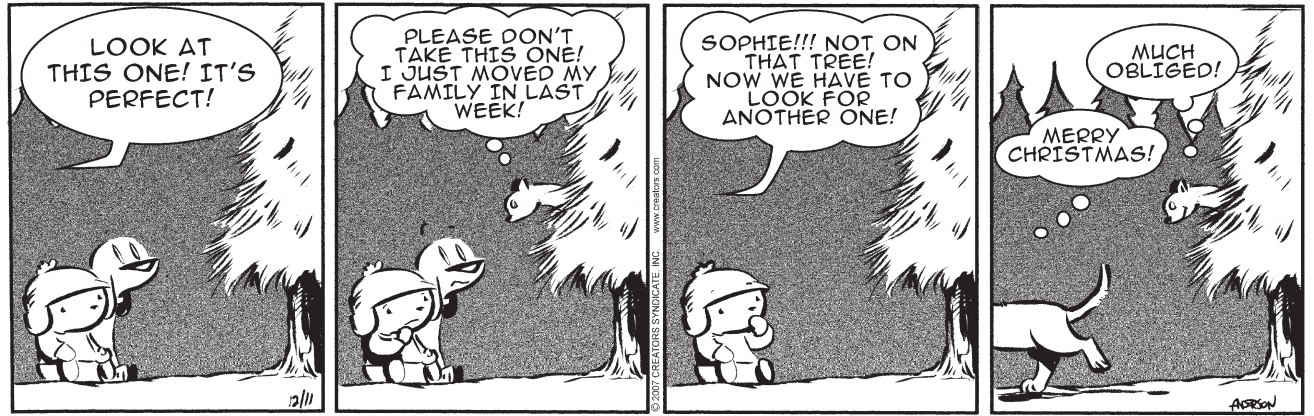
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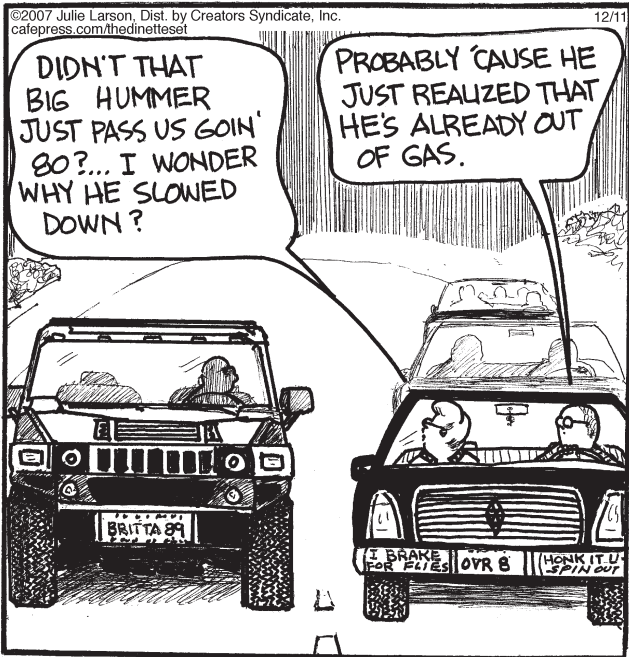


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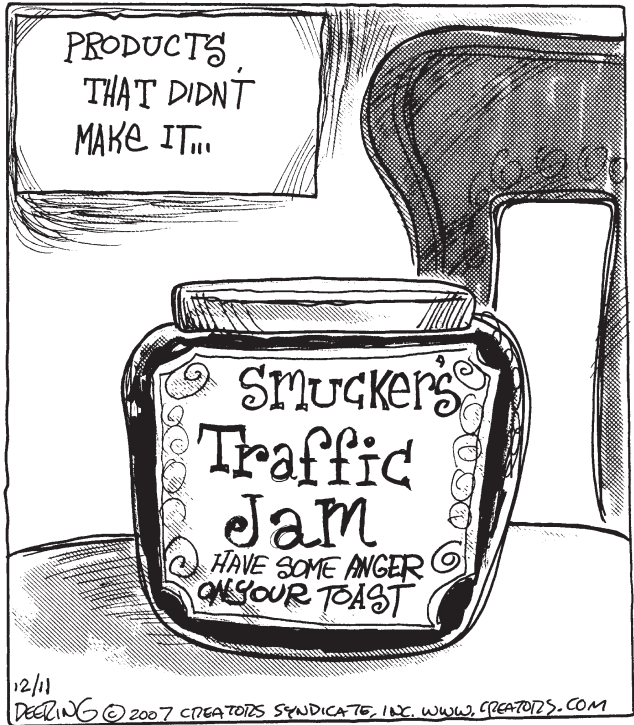


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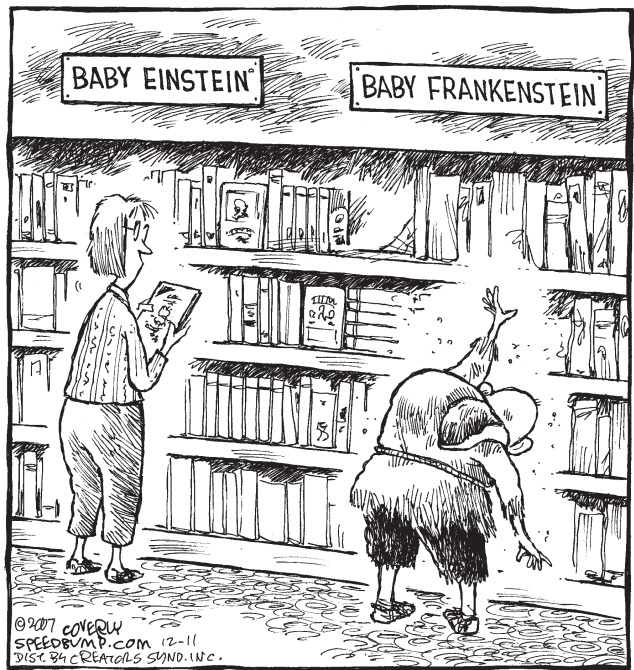
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ACROSS

- 1 Circus sights
- 6 Fills parts
- 11 Whale's home
- 12 When expected
- 13 Nation's affairs, figuratively
- 15 Abel, to Adam
- 16 Astuteness
- 17 Coffee, slangily
- 18 Silver or gold
- 20 Spoil
- 23 Fanatical
- 27 Warring god
- 28 Music's Ono
- 29 Annual visitor
- 31 Prom rentals
- 32 Small porch
- 34 Be decisive
- 37 Noted Chinese leader
- 38 Greek letter
- 41 Vivien Leigh's last movie
- 44 Musical sounds
- 45 Broadway orphan
- 46 Swirly posters
- 47 Takes 10

DOWN

- 1 Fling
- 2 Cave sound
- 3 Opposite of "ja"
- 4 Bar fixture
- 5 Deceived
- 6 Fellow player
- 7 Aardvark snack
- 8 Con
- 9 Ballet attire
- 10 Future flower
- 14 In shape
- 18 Galleon poles
- 19 Two-point shot
- 20 Argon or xenon

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	R	I	P	E		Z	E	N	O	

Yesterday's answer

- 21 "... man — mouse?"
- 22 Golfer Crenshaw
- 24 Cereal buy
- 25 Mamie's husband
- 26 Parties
- 30 Maximally
- 31 Beyond what's acceptable
- 33 Clumsy fellow
- 34 Regarding
- 35 Use a hatchet
- 36 Fey of "30 Rock"
- 38 Massive amounts
- 39 Stepped down
- 40 Purposes
- 42 For each
- 43 Wallet bill

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ The Great Texas Outdoors: (1) In August, entomologists found a spider web in a state park about 45 miles east of Dallas, covering trees, shrubs and the ground along a 200-yard stretch. The originally white web had turned brownish because "millions" of mosquitoes had been trapped in it. (2) In September, wildlife experts tried to assure the public that the jelly-like blobs ("millions of tiny organisms known as zooids," wrote The Dallas Morning News) attached to trees and dock pilings along Grapevine Lake between Dallas and Fort Worth were harmless. (3) The latest sighting of the legendary "chupacabra" (the mythical hairless, blood-sucking goat), near Cuero, Texas, in August, was determined in November to be that of a dead coyote.

■ In Charlottesville, Va., in October, a judge found white-nationalist leader Kevin Strom not guilty of the sexual enticement of an 11-year-old girl, despite humiliating testimony from Strom's wife. According to prosecutors, she (also a white-nationalist activist) had caught him at home naked, masturbating to photographs of nude women whose faces had been replaced by face shots of two prominent but very young white-nationalist singers. Subsequently, charges were filed over Strom's obsession with a local girl (to whom he had sent presents and about whom he had described his feelings to his psychotherapist). However, in the end, a federal judge said the obsession did not amount to a crime (though Strom remains in jail on a child pornography charge).

TODAY IN HISTORY

1936 Britain's King Edward VIII abdicated the throne to marry American divorcee Wallis Warfield Simpson.

1792 France's King Louis XVI went before the Convention to face charges of treason. (Louis was convicted, and executed the following month.)

1816 Indiana became the 19th state.

1882 Boston's Bijou Theatre, the first American playhouse to be lighted exclusively by electricity, gave its first performance (Gilbert and Sullivan's "Iolanthe").

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