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THE YOUR TWO CENTS ISSUE

Planners seek 11th hour input on LUCE

BY NICK TABOREK
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL For City Hall planners, it's time for a toast.

Having worked for more than four years on the Land Use and Circulation Element (LUCE) — a general plan update that will govern development in Santa Monica over the next 25 years — they're billing the final two workshops on the voluminous document as a time for community members to celebrate the accomplishment, and to "see how your ideas have shaped the vision for the city's future."

The first workshop is scheduled for tonight at Lincoln Middle School, with another planned for later this month.

While planners are confident their draft version of the LUCE will move smoothly to the Planning Commission and then to the City Council for final approval this summer, not everyone is ready to raise a glass to the plan.

Comments on the environmental study that accompanied the LUCE from neighborhood groups and organizations like Santa Monicans for Renters' Rights criticized the plan for being too lenient toward developers and for favoring commercial projects over housing.

Gregg Heacock, a local activist who is leading the effort to re-establish a Mid-City neighborhood group, said concerns about LUCE and the amount of commercial development it would permit remain.

He said residents aren't convinced that development agreements, which typically allow builders to construct extra square footage in exchange for providing "community benefits" like affordable housing and open space, are in their best interest. Development agreements are a key part of City Hall's oversight of new projects under

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Hump chef free on bond

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Editor in Chief

AIRPORT COURTHOUSE The sushi chef charged with selling endangered sei whale at The Hump is free today on a $5,000 bond as he and the owners of the restaurant await their chance to enter pleas in federal court.

A representative with the Department of Justice said the owners of The Hump and chef Kiyoshiro Tamamoto, a 45-year-old resident of Culver City, made an appearance before a federal judge Tuesday, at which time

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Simpson acquittal suit goes to Newseum

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

SM COURTHOUSE The suit, tie and shirt that O.J. Simpson wore on the day he was acquitted of murder have been acquired by the Newseum in Washington, D.C.

The clothing donation was announced Tuesday, ending a lengthy court dispute involving the former football star, Fred Goldman and Simpson's former manager who had the suit.

The suit had first been offered to the

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MAKING THEIR CASE

Photo courtesy Michael E. Garland

Students who attend Santa Monica's Edison Language Academy, which contains the highest concentration of Los Angeles kids attending using permits, joined their parents for a protest outside of the Los Angeles Unified School District headquarters Tuesday prior to a decision by L.A. Unified Superintendent Ramon Cortines to abandon plans to dramatically reduce the number of permits granted to families. Cortines spared kids this coming school year, but plans to head back to the L.A. school board in September to cut back on permits in order to close a budget gap. More than 12,000 LAUSD students attend schools outside of the district, including Santa Monica. Cortines said LAUSD loses $51 million in state per-pupil funding because of the permits. Local school officials were concerned about losing much-needed funding if the plan was approved.


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St. Monica Catholic High School

Date	Team	Opponent	Location	Time
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Apr 13	JV/Var	La Salle	Memorial Park	3/3pm
BOYS VOLLEYBALL				
Apr 13	JV/Var	BMHS	BMHS	5/6:30pm
TENNIS				
Apr 13	Var	Practice	Reed Park	3pm
Apr 13	Var	Don Bosco	Don Bosco	3:30pm
BOYS GOLF				
Apr 12	Var	Serra	Serra	3pm
Apr 13	Var	Practice	Westchester	4pm
BOYS BASEBALL				
Apr 13	JV	Don Bosco	Marine Park	3pm
Apr 13	Var	Don Bosco	Don Bosco	3:15pm
Apr 5,6,7	Var	St. Paul Tournament	TBA	TBA

Santa Monica High School

Date	Team	Opponent	Location	Time
BOYS BASEBALL				
Apr 7	Var	Cresenta Valley Finals		TBA
Apr 9	JV	Saint John Bosco	Saint John Bosco	4pm
Apr 9	Var	Crossroads School	Clover Park	7pm
Apr 9	Fr/Soph	Saint John Bosco	Saint John Bosco	1pm
BOYS VOLLEYBALL				
Apr 8	All	Training Days		2:30pm
Apr 9	All	Training Days		2:30pm

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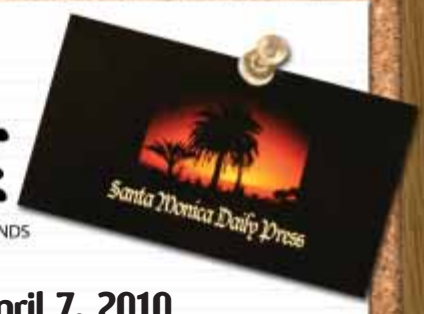
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Wednesday, April 7, 2010

Fun run
Top to Top
2621 Wilshire Blvd., 6:30 p.m.
Whether you're training for a marathon or just starting the running thing, join Top to Top for a fun way to stay in shape. Runners meet in front of the Santa Monica store every Wednesday for announcements and special guests before the run. Participants choose between 5k, 5 miles or 10k loops. Food and water are provided. Call (310) 829-7030 for more information. This event is free.

Learn abstract acrylics with Samantha
Paint:Lab
2912 Main St., 6 p.m. — 9 p.m.
Samantha has been immersed in the arts from a very early age. Her diverse cultural background and love for the arts has contributed immensely to her unique style and visual language, as a fine artist and as a designer. Encompassing traditional with cutting edge, her approach to color and form reflect her skills and influences throughout her life, expanding and always contributing to her extensive resume of accomplishments. Beginners welcome, maximum eight students per workshop. Reservations required. For more information, call (310) 450-9200.

Ultra fresh
Downtown Santa Monica
Arizona Avenue & Second Street, 8:30 a.m. — 1:30 p.m.
Get the freshest fruit and produce available at this weekly Farmers' Market. There are also a variety of prepared foods available.

Thursday, April 8, 2010

An evening with Anna Lappe
Main Library, MLK Jr. Auditorium
601 Santa Monica Blvd., 6:30 p.m.
This event honors Santa Monica for being the first city to sign on to the Cool Foods Pledge Campaign. Author Anne Lappe will discuss her book, "Diet for a Hot Planet," an investigation into the role industrial agriculture plays in today's climate crisis. She will also share some of her ideas for everyday actions we can take to help combat hunger and the climate crisis. There will be vegetarian snacks served after the book signing. Admission is free.

Martin Lubner opening reception
Emeritus College Art Gallery
1227 Second St., 5 p.m. -- 6:30 p.m.
This reception marks the opening of Martin Lubner's painting exhibit.
Call (310) 434-4306 for more information.

Friday, April 9, 2010

Music ... for the people
The Edye Second Space
SMC Performing Arts Center, 11:15 a.m.
In a musical love letter to American history, soprano Karen Benjamin, baritone Casey Zeman, pianist Yulia Kozlova, and narrator Alan Chapman explore the richness of American folksongs. Admission is free.

SMC 'Healing for Haiti' benefit concert
The Edye Second Space
SMC Performing Arts Center, 7:30 p.m.
As part of SMC's "Healing for Haiti," Karen Benjamin, soprano, Charles Lane, baritone, Yulia Kozlova, pianist, and KUSC morning host, Alan Chapman, explore the richness of American folksongs. This benefit is in coordination with SMC's AAPIA Project, Black Collegians and Pan-African Support Group.

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.



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WHAT'S OLD IS NEW: **This artist rendering illustrates what the carousel building would look like with the onion dome.**

Carousel building could get new 'onion dome' ornament

BY NICK TABOREK
Daily Press Staff Writer

SM PIER The Santa Monica Pier could be getting a new flourish with the possible addition of an onion-shaped, aluminum dome to the top of the 96-year-old building that houses the popular carousel.

Proponents of the plan say the dome will add a dose of whimsy to the pier while restoring a long-lost feature to the carousel structure, a landmark that is included on the National Register of Historic Places.

No one knows exactly when — or how — the original dome disappeared, but old photographs indicate the carousel building has gone dome-less since about the 1930s. The latest plans call for a dome about 15 feet high and 10-and-a-half feet in diameter.

"We're very excited and very proud of the fact that this project is moving forward," said Miriam Mack, City Hall's economic development manager.

Adding the ornament to Santa Monica's coastal skyline has been a favorite project for many involved with the pier for at least a decade, but funding the project has repeatedly been delayed. The Pier Restoration Corp. had hoped to complete the dome before the pier's centennial celebration last September.

City Hall officials don't know how much the dome will ultimately cost and aren't willing to hazard a guess. While it's still possible money for the project could become an issue, the Landmarks Commission is set to approve designs for the dome on Monday, and the City Council has already allocated $50,000 in the capital improvement budget for the project.

Mack said once the commission signs off on the plan, City Hall will solicit bids for constructing the dome with the goal of placing it atop the carousel building by this fall.

The contract to build the dome could require approval by the City Council, which typically votes on contracts of more than $100,000.

Mack said the cost of the dome will be worth it, despite City Hall's budget deficit.

"This carousel has been here for almost a century and as stewards of this national register historic landmark, it's our responsibility to ensure that it's here for the next century," she said.

Others at City Hall are equally enthusiastic about the project.

"I think it really brings the building back to its original form and gives it more integrity," said Landmarks Commissioner Barbara Kaplan, who

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

AIRPORT COURTHOUSE

Man charged with murder in fatal crash

A 26-year-old man was charged Tuesday with murder in a weekend crash that killed a teenage girl on Pacific Coast Highway at Point Dume.

Sina Khankhanian pleaded not guilty in connection with the death of 13-year-old Emily Rose Shane, who was struck on PCH at Heathercliff Drive at 5:11 p.m. on Saturday.

Shortly after the crash, authorities alleged that a preliminary investigation revealed that Khankhanian deliberately crashed his 2008 Mitsubishi Lancer, but did not intend to hit the Malibu student, who was walking along the road.

The murder charge includes the allegation of personal use of a deadly and dangerous weapon — an automobile.

Khankhanian is due back at the Airport Branch Courthouse in Los Angeles on May 6. A date is scheduled to be set then for a hearing to determine if there is enough evidence for the case against him to proceed to trial.

DAILY PRESS

SM BAY

Volunteers needed for beach cleanup

Environmental watchdog Heal the Bay announced Tuesday that it is expanding the concept of Earth Day to Earth Month, participating in nearly 50 events countywide in April.

The Santa Monica-based nonprofit has designed a series of outreach programs for schools, businesses and community organizations looking to preserve and improve neighborhoods, coastal waters, rivers, creeks and beaches.

Beyond providing education at many festivals and tablings, Heal the Bay is hosting several volunteer events that could draw thousands of participants. Individuals, families and groups are welcome to attend the following events:

• Earth weekend at the Santa Monica Pier Aquarium

What: Clean up the beach for free admission, all exhibits are open plus face painting and arts and crafts

Where: Santa Monica Pier Aquarium, 1600 Ocean Front Walk

When: Saturday, April 17 and Sunday, April 18, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

• Nothin' But Sand beach cleanup

What: Beach cleanup in Santa Monica open to all

Where: Santa Monica Beach at Tower 1550, 1600 Ocean Front Walk

When: Saturday, April 17, 10 a.m. to noon

• Big Saturday beach cleanup

What: Beach cleanup in Venice open to all

Where: Venice Beach at the breakwater, 2100 Ocean Front Walk

When: Saturday, May 1, 10 a.m. to noon

• Healthy Neighborhood cleanup

What: L.A. River cleanup in partnership with Pacific American Volunteer Association

Where: Taylor Yard, the southeast end of the access road off of San Fernando Road

When: Saturday, April 24, 9 a.m. to noon

For a complete list of all Earth Month activities and participation opportunities, visit healthebay.org.

Earth Day is April 22.

Heal the Bay is a non-profit environmental organization dedicated to making Southern California coastal waters and watersheds, including Santa Monica Bay, safe, healthy and clean.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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No friend of mine

Editor:

The Friends of Ballona Wetlands are anything but what their name implies ("Watershed warrior or developer's dupe?" My Write, April 5). They were co-opted 20 years ago in a settlement deal by MaGuire Thomas. During our many years of working on behalf of the wetlands, they were the biggest impediment to saving the Ballona Wetlands next to Playa Vista. Ruth Lansford, the founder of Friends of Ballona Wetlands, was the spokesperson favoring Playa Vista at every press conference on the subject of the Ballona Wetlands.

I worked closely with Terry Tamminen, founder of Environment Now. He knows the facts behind the "Friends" and I assure you would not condone any association with the "Friends." At one time Ruth Lansford was on the board of Friends of Playa Vista. And today more than ever the "Friends" are rife with board members that have explicit personal interests in Playa Vista.

Bruce Robertson
Director, Ballona Valley Preservation League

Basketball genius

Editor:

I watched the 64-team NCAA basketball playoffs. One thing I remember from both high school and college where I witnessed numerous games from the point of view of the home team: never judge a basketball player by his looks. I have seen tall, ugly, skinny, awkward dudes who could perform magic when you put a basketball in their hands. I have seen fat slobs who looked like trash bag, car mechanics who, the minute you put them on a basketball court and passed them the ball, immediately turned into graceful magicians of smooth.

Art Ginkel a high school player way back around 1954, was such a player. He looked like a fat slob until the referees blew the whistle and it was tip-off time. Then Art began to weave his magic and throw in 25 footers one after the other. Swish. Another basket for Ginkel. And he trotted elegantly up the court. He could dribble and shoot and pass and rebound like nobody else in the world. And he could also take it away from the other guy if he needed to. The great player is always great on both ends of the court — offense and defense.

Basketball is like music. You never know when you are going to run into a musical genius. It has nothing to do with IQ or with elegance of breeding or money or race or religion or geography or size or shape. It is one of those inscrutable gifts from the gods who dwell on Mt. Olympus. Don't judge a basketball player until you watch a whole performance from beginning to end.

RL Greenfield
Santa Monica

Enough with this war

Editor:

Our cupboards are bare. Our children are dying. When does the absurdity stop and let our people return home to help mend our own? When are we going to learn from the past?

Jayne Pitchford
Santa Monica





Hiding in the Open

David Alsabery — Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Pension system needs reform

THE PEOPLE OF SANTA MONICA HAVE A wonderful opportunity to effect great change on their little part of the world without spending more money.

My father was involved in a union at AT&T, and was a big advocate back in the day. I really understand why unions have a place in America but I also see the harm in some of their views. My liberal-leaning neighbors believe they should pay more taxes so teachers and government workers can be paid more. I agree with them, but disagree on how to reach that goal.

The benefit programs unions force on taxpayers are not fair to anyone. All pension systems offer the retiree a large percentage of their pay for the rest of their lives after they work for many years for lower than market wages. This is where the scam comes in. When you look at how long people are living today, you realize that most pension programs do not have enough money, so they need to tax the current workers to make up the shortfall from the past.

Take our Social Security program. It started out requiring people to pay into the program only 1 percent of their wages. It wasn't until the 1980s that it came up to 15 percent of the first $100,000 earned. If you do the math, the program would have paid back most people retiring today with interest in less than 10 years. That means if they live past 75 years of age, we have to pay back the shortfall. Every decade the administration has to go to Congress and ask for more money to bail out Social Security, which turns into taxes for you and me. The problem is going to get worse when the baby boomers start to retire in the next 10 years.

What really chaps my behind is when I hear that my generation is not saving enough. We pay a much higher percentage of our income in taxes then previous generations. This means we have less savings from which to come up with a down payment for our first homes. It also means we end up with less investment as well when we retire. Pensions are a game that allows workers to be paid less today, while others have to foot the bill at a later date. Pension systems are unfair to everyone involved. They short-pay people for what they are worth, while at the same time, they move the burden to others in the community.

General Motors vehicles sold required $1,800 in cost to be added to the price tag in order to keep the pension fund running. General Motors filed for bankruptcy because they could not sell a car at a profit, partially due to the pension system in place. The BMW Spartanburg, S.C. plant builds the X and Z cars and boasts one of the highest quality and worker output rates in the world. BMW offered American workers competitive wages today and not pensions paid tomorrow.

We in Santa Monica can learn from that lesson. How about we give all of our new teachers and city workers wages that are on par with private industry and phase out the pension program that will bankrupt our children? Maybe instead of giving the state community college our city money, why not give that same $295 million from a recently approved bond to the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District so they have the money they need to raise our teacher-to-student ratio and at the same time raise the wages for our teachers?

Single parents have to spend money for after-school programs because classes end at 2:30 p.m. in the afternoon. Why not have classes end at 5 p.m., with time to study at the school during the day? The students will have time to study in a safe environment, and teachers will have time to grade papers. When teachers work the same hours that the rest of us do, and get paid fair wages for their work, we'll get better teachers, and not ones stuck in the job waiting to retire.

Our children will have to compete in a global economy against students that have more education. Today, a German student will graduate high school with one more year of instruction over the American student. If you look at the math and reading skills of the American student versus other countries, one less year of schooling has a negative effect. The German student will also know more than one language, because they teach children other languages before high school, when the brain has the ability to learn it. Children that learn languages before the age of 10 are less likely to have an accent, yet we still keep wasting our children's time with language when it is mentally the hardest time to learn. Half of Los Angeles County can speak Spanish, yet our high school students with four years of Spanish cannot carry on a conversation with a Spanish speaker.

We must do more with the money we have.

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Word in Edgewise

Kenny Mack

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Teaching more than the pick 'n' roll

I LOVE MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL BECAUSE it has the best season in sports and I love the National Football League because it has the best day in sports, but I love basketball the most because it is by far the best sport. Boy or girl, big or small, fast or slow, and old or young; anyone can play, anyone can be good, and you don't have to be good to have fun.

Until recently, the Division I men's NCAA basketball championship tournament had been a very happy time for me. Not so much any more.

As the amazing documentary "Hoop Dreams" fades further and further in the collective memory and another generation of college basketball fans grows up pondering the name "Krzyzewski," I can't seem to revel in the madness of March like I did as a younger guy. Now that I've seen the blatant hypocrisy of the NCAA and the shameless lie of "amateur athletics" that it hides behind, it's difficult for me to see the tournament as anything other than the exploitation of young black athletes by the 1,100 member schools and their corporate partners.

Spend enough time in poor communities and you'll meet your fair share of poverty pimps. Some are big-time Division I college coaches with promises of pro contracts, and some are the well-intentioned children of privilege working to provide some desperately needed thing for under-served members of forgotten "populations."

But unlike the coach who just wants to win some postseason games and remain his state's only employee with a multi-million-dollar annual salary, the typical Trust-afarian with a heart of gold doing development work in the third world is only exploiting the natives for their own personal satisfaction. And at least when they're done, they leave behind something useful like a clinic. A degree in economics isn't all that helpful when four years of college taught you more about how to screen-and-roll in the high post than how to shield assets in a down cycle.

The NCAA's corporate teammates — CBS, AT&T, Capital One, Coca-Cola, Enterprise car rental, The Hartford, Hershey's Chocolate, LG, Lowe's, Kraft Foods, and State Farm Insurance — aren't exactly noble in their goals, either. Their primary motivation in exploiting these players is money. In addition to telecom, financial, car rental, and insurance services, they have food, beverages, and home improvement products to sell to the millions of viewers watching the games. In the case of CBS, a $10 billion company that agreed to pay $11 billion over six years for the broadcast rights, the games are so important to the bottom line that Sean McManus, president of CBS Sports and CBS News, said, "There is no more important event at CBS, not just at CBS Sports, than the men's basketball tournament."

The same could be said for the NCAA, which derives about 90 percent of its revenue from March Madness and most of the rest from ticket sales at "championships." Recently, talk of expanding the tournament to 96 teams has, surprisingly enough, coincided with talk of the NCAA opting out of the last three years of the CBS deal and soliciting offers. What nobody from the NCAA will talk about is how the expanded field would lead to players missing weeks of school. I guess when you've found a way to get each of the 600-plus players in the men's tournament to generate about $1 million for you every year, those billions of dollars can make you forget all about the "student" half of the student-athlete, even if you're a non-profit educational organization.

This is most troubling for the poor family, the black family, and the poor black family because in poor and black communities, athletics are seen as a means to an end. And that's the end of poverty. But somehow the Rick Pitinos and John Caliparis at the basketball factories like Louisville and Kentucky (which only graduate about a third of their men's basketball players) keep convincing poor and black families that they will provide their sons with the skills they'll need to be successful in life — provided that during their prime income-earning years as athletes, these young men remain "amateurs."

It's been 16 years since we learned about William Gates, Arthur Agee, and their visions of basketball stardom in "Hoop Dreams," and I'm sorry to report that we've learned very little since 1994. There are still only about 500 jobs available playing in the National Basketball Association, but that won't stop coaches from the universities of Tennessee, Washington, and Maryland from selling some 18 year old the fantasy, knowing the kid's chances of making an NBA team are slim and that his chances of even graduating from the school offering him a scholarship are only slightly better. If colleges and their coaches won't do a better job preparing young black athletes for life after they've used up their NCAA eligibility, then maybe it's time for black families to stop accepting those useless scholarships.

With all the money that schools stand to lose, it wouldn't take long before they started sending more people than just scouts and coaches to do outreach in poor and black communities.

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The Q Line

Making funny

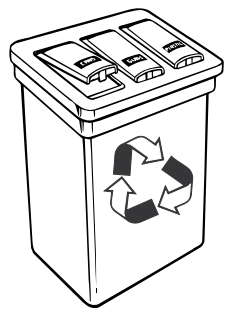
The SMDP published its annual April Fools' Day issue last week. We certainly received a good number of responses, most of which were positive.

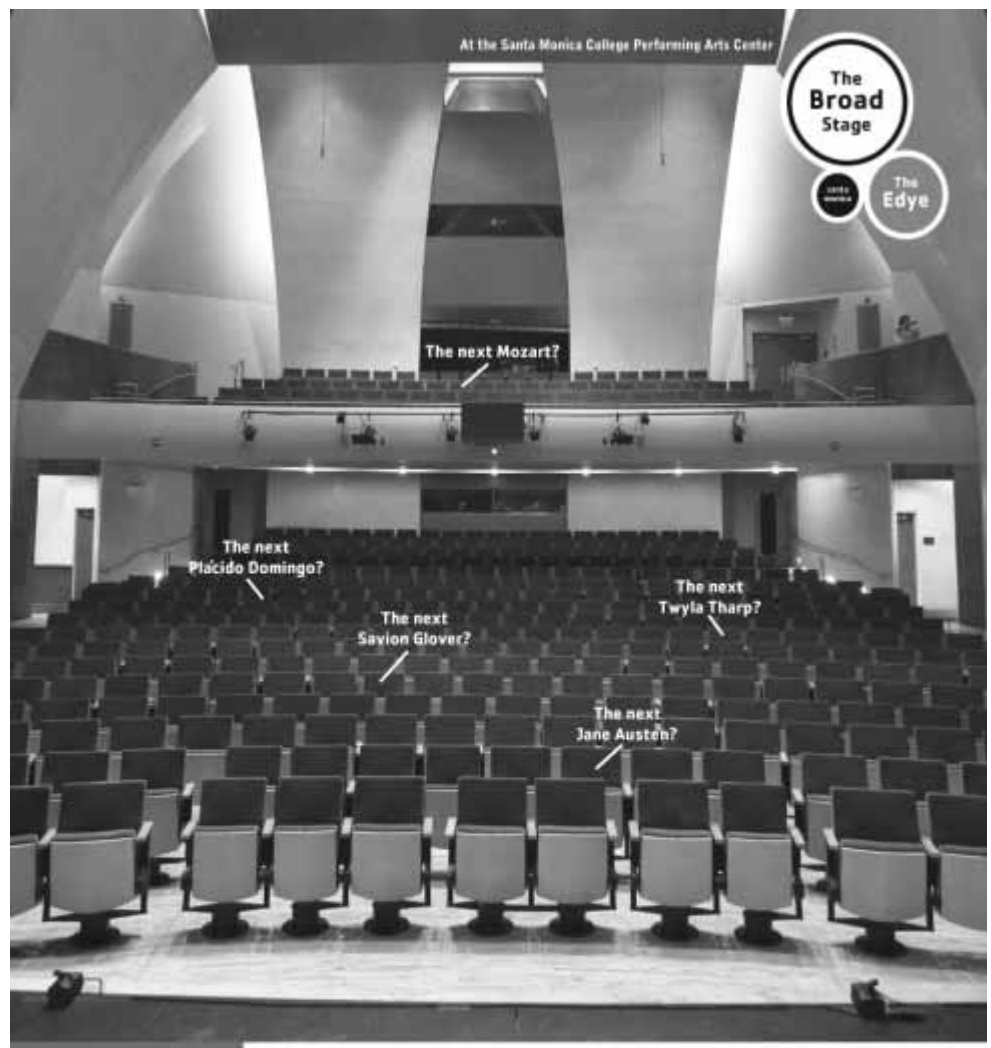
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FCC loses key ruling on Internet 'neutrality'

JOELLE TESSLER
AP Technology Writer

WASHINGTON A federal court threw the future of Internet regulations into doubt Tuesday with a far-reaching decision that went against the Federal Communications Commission and could even hamper the government's plans to expand broadband access in the United States.

The U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia ruled that the FCC lacks authority to require broadband providers to give equal treatment to all Internet traffic flowing over their networks. That was a big victory for Comcast Corp., the nation's largest cable company, which had challenged the FCC's authority to impose such "network neutrality" obligations on broadband providers.

Supporters of network neutrality, including the FCC chairman, have argued that the policy is necessary to prevent broadband providers from favoring or discriminating against certain Web sites and online services, such as Internet phone programs or software that runs in a Web browser. Advocates contend there is precedent: Nondiscrimination rules have traditionally applied to so-called "common carrier" networks that serve the public, from roads and highways to electrical grids and telephone lines.

But broadband providers such as Comcast, AT&T Inc. and Verizon Communications Inc. argue that after spending billions of dollars on their networks, they should be able to sell premium services and manage their systems to prevent certain applications from hogging capacity.

Tuesday's unanimous ruling by the three-judge panel was a setback for the FCC because it questioned the agency's authority to regulate broadband. That could cause problems beyond the FCC's effort to adopt official net neutrality regulations. It also has serious implications for the ambitious national broadband-expansion plan released by the FCC last month. The FCC needs the authority to regulate broadband so that it can push ahead with some of the plan's key recommendations. Among other things, the FCC proposes to expand broadband by tapping the federal fund that subsidizes telephone service in poor and rural communities.

In a statement, the FCC said it remains "firmly committed to promoting an open Internet and to policies that will bring the enormous benefits of broadband to all Americans" and "will rest these policies ... on a solid legal foundation."

Comcast welcomed the decision, saying "our primary goal was always to clear our name and reputation."

The case centers on Comcast's actions in 2007 when it interfered with an online file-sharing service called BitTorrent, which lets people swap movies and other big files over the Internet. The next year the FCC banned Comcast from blocking subscribers from using BitTorrent. The commission, at the time headed by Republican Kevin Martin, based its order on a set of net neutrality principles it had adopted in 2005.

But Comcast argued that the FCC order was illegal because the agency was seeking to enforce mere policy principles, which don't have the force of regulations or law. That's one reason that Martin's successor, Democratic FCC Chairman Julius Genachowski, is trying to formalize those rules.

The cable company had also argued the FCC lacks authority to mandate net neutrality because it had deregulated broadband under the Bush administration, a decision upheld by the Supreme Court in 2005.

The FCC now defines broadband as a lightly regulated information service. That means it is not subject to the "common carrier" obligations that make traditional telecommunications services share their networks with competitors and treat all traffic equally. But the FCC maintains that existing law gives it authority to set rules for information services.

Tuesday's court decision rejected that reasoning, concluding that Congress has not given the FCC "untrammeled freedom" to regulate without explicit legal authority.

With so much at stake, the FCC now has several options. It could ask Congress to give it explicit authority to regulate broadband. Or it could appeal Tuesday's decision.

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AP Business Writers

NEW YORK The Dow Jones industrial average edged close to the 11,000 mark but failed to cross it for a second day.

The Dow ended down about 4 points, while broader indexes rose. Interest rates fell after rising on Monday.

For a second day, the Dow rose to within about a dozen points of the psychological milestone of 11,000 before retreating. It hasn't been above that mark in 18 months.

Shares of regional banks Regions Financial Corp. and SunTrust Banks Inc. rose following upbeat comments from analysts. Tech stocks were mixed after business software company CA Inc. said earnings for the year will come in at the lower end of its forecast. CA also said it would cut 1,000 jobs, or about 8 percent of its work force.

Massey Energy Co. fell more than 11 percent after an underground explosion Monday afternoon blamed on methane gas killed 25 coal miners about 30 miles south of Charleston, W.Va. Four others were missing Tuesday following the explosion about 1.5 miles from the entrance to Massey's Upper Big Branch mine. It was the worst U.S. mining disaster since 1984.

The stock market rose to its best levels of the day in afternoon trading when the release of minutes from the Federal Reserve's last meeting signaled that policymakers are more upbeat about the economy. Analysts said, however, that the minutes contained few surprises.

The quiet trading came as investors looked for clues about whether the market could continue its upward march. Stocks have been rising for 13 months but have made steadier advances since February following reports that signal the economy is improving. The Dow has risen for each of the past five weeks, its longest winning streak since mid-April last year.

"It's no longer a question of 'Is the recovery under way?' It's a question of the pace of the recovery," said Paul Ballew, chief economist at Nationwide Insurance in Columbus, Ohio.

Companies will begin reporting earnings for the January-March quarter next week so traders will have a better sense of whether the recent climb in stocks is justified.

The Dow fell 3.56, or less than 0.1 percent, to 10,969.99. It was only the Dow's sixth drop in the past 27 trading days.

The Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 2.00, or 0.2 percent, to 1,189.44. The index is at an 18-month high.

The Nasdaq composite index rose 7.28, or 0.3 percent, to 2,436.81. The index stands at its best level since August 2008.

Bond prices rose, pushing yields lower. The yield on the benchmark 10-year Treasury note fell to 3.96 percent from 3.99 percent late Monday.

The 10-year yield climbed above 4 percent during trading Monday for the first time since June. It is approaching levels not seen since October 2008.

A rise in rates signals in part that investors feel more comfortable about the recovery. That is hurting demand for safer holdings like Treasurys. However, a jump in borrowing costs could slow the rebound by driving up borrowing costs.

The dollar rose against other major currencies. Gold rose.

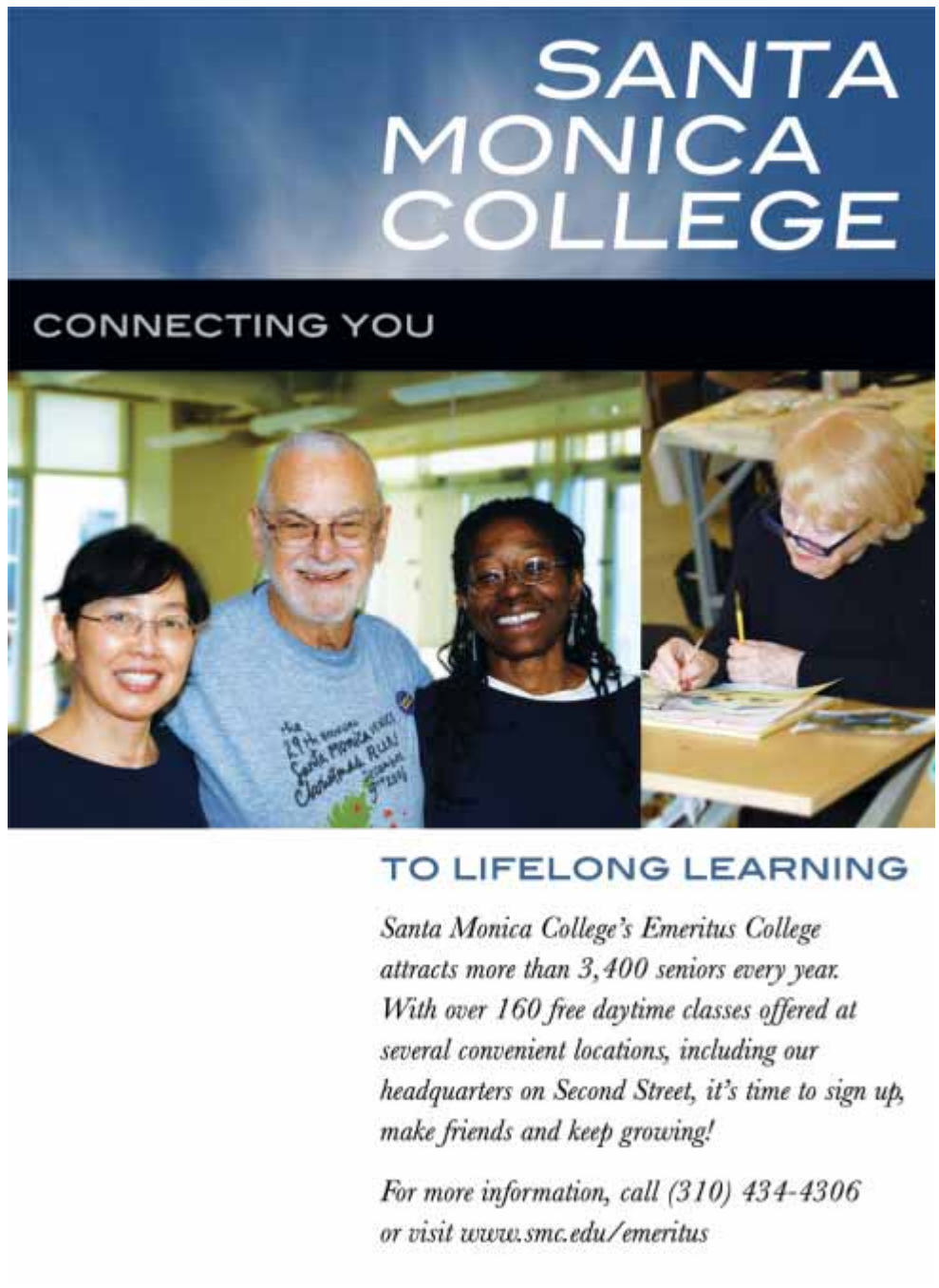
Crude oil rose 22 cents to $86.84 per barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange after reaching an 18-month high of $87.09 a barrel.

Whether the recovery can continue depends on the labor market. On Friday, the government reported that the economy posted its biggest job gain in three years in March.

"You have to have the average consumer making more this year than last year in order for the economy to grow longer-term," said Jason D. Pride, director of investment strategy at Glenmede in Philadelphia.

Regions Financial rose 36 cents, or 4.4 percent, to $8.55 after Credit Suisse raised its price target on the bank. Shares of SunTrust rose after Credit Suisse said foreign banks could see SunTrust as an attractive takeover target. The stock advanced 97 cents, or 3.5 percent, to $28.71.









LUCE workshops offer residents one last say

FROM LUCE PAGE 1

the LUCE.

"What we're finding is that the community benefits so far have seemed rather bogus or so slight that they absolutely don't make up for the problems that are inherent when you add more stories to buildings," he said.

Even more than the content of LUCE, Heacock said residents are concerned about how — and whether — its rules will be enforced.

City Hall recently admitted it had failed to conduct required annual reviews of development agreements and filed a lawsuit against one developer, CSHV Arboretum LLC, alleging the developer failed to live up to its affordable housing commitments.

City Hall officials have said they are revamping their development agreement review process and have pledged to hold developers accountable. No plan to do so has yet come before the City Council, and at least one council member, Kevin McKeown, has said the development agreement review process should be codified in LUCE.

Others, like Zina Josephs, president of the group Friends of Sunset Park, believe the document has failed to address their most important concerns altogether.

The tens of thousands of additional car trips that would result from projects allowed under LUCE, Josephs said, would increase congestion on major north/south streets that cut through her neighborhood.

"We find that unacceptable," she said.

Neighborhood groups aren't the only ones who see room for improving the LUCE.

Gwynne Pugh, an architect and planning commissioner, said he believes "the major comprises have been made at this point," though there are tweaks that he would like to see. Architects feel some building size limits are unduly restrictive and will make it difficult to design high quality projects, he said.

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>
> **Gwynne Pugh,**
> Planning commissioner

He said the fact that no group is entirely pleased with the draft LUCE is in the nature of the public process planners followed to formulate the document.

"This is really the end of a long process. It's not like there hasn't been a lot of input all along the line," he said.

Planning Director Eileen Fogarty said while the workshops are "a celebration of getting to this point," they're also an opportunity for members of the public to have their voices heard. With the document almost finalized, she said it's still important that the community weigh in on whether planners have appropriately addressed concerns raised during the drawn out process.

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Defendants to enter pleas in May

FROM HUMP PAGE 1

they were formerly made aware of the charges filed against them. The hearing gave the judge the opportunity to determine if the defendants should get a bond or be detained pending trial.

The defendants have been charged with the illegal sale of a marine mammal product for an unauthorized purpose. Sei whales are listed as an endangered species, and the sale of all whale meat is prohibited in the United States by the Marine Mammal Protection Act. This charge is a misdemeanor offense that carries a maximum statutory penalty of one year in federal prison and a maximum fine of $100,000 for an individual and $200,000 for an organization, federal prosecutors said.

According to the criminal complaint and a search warrant that was executed at the restaurant in March, The Hump sold whale sushi to customers on three occasions dating back to October. The meat sold as "whale" on two of the occasions was examined by scientists, who tested the DNA of the meat and determined it was sei whale. Additionally, receipts given to customers at The Hump indicated that they had purchased "whale."

Owners of the Hump have since admitted their guilt, apologized to customers and have closed the restaurant, which is located at the Santa Monica Airport in a building owned by City Hall. City Hall received a base rent plus a percentage of gross receipts. The owners of The Hump also operate a sister restaurant called Typhoon, which is also located at the airport.

The defendants are expected to enter their pleas May 10.

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Dome project moving forward

FROM DOME PAGE 3

said she would recuse herself from any vote on the dome because her firm has done consulting work on the carousel building.

Scott Albright, a senior planner and liaison to the Landmarks Commission, said the proposal is a worthwhile addition that's in line with City Hall's vision for the pier.

"It adds a unique visual to the pier and to the building itself and it kind of recaptures some of that sense of fantasy and whimsy," he said.

Gwynne Pugh, a planning commissioner and the architect contracted to design the Kremlin-esque dome, said the project fits in with City Hall's goal of responsibly maintaining distinct buildings.

He said his firm's design is "as historically correct in form and shape as we could reasonably make it" based on photographs of the original.

> **"I THINK IT REALLY BRINGS THE BUILDING BACK TO ITS ORIGINAL FORM AND GIVES IT MORE INTEGRITY,"**
>
> **Barbara Kaplan**
> Landmarks Commissioner

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Suit will be part of coverage exhibit

FROM SIMPSON PAGE 1

Smithsonian Institution last month, but the museum said it was not appropriate for its collection.

The Newseum said in a press release it will be added to a collection of artifacts related to the coverage of Simpson's trial. He wore the suit on Oct. 3, 1995, during his televised acquittal of the murders of his ex-wife, Nicole Brown Simpson and her friend Ronald Goldman.

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L.A.'s mayor wants to cut services to save cash

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa called Tuesday for all city departments except those that protect public safety or make money to close two days a week because of a budget crisis.

The mayor told the chief administrative officer to start the shutdown next week. The city controller warned Monday that within a month the city would be unable to pay employees or vendors.

"The fact is, we have to act, and we have to act quickly," Villaraigosa said. "We are running out of cash."

The closures mean Los Angeles residents would have to do without services such as street cleaning and libraries on those days. The mayor didn't provide details on which departments might be exempt.

The Los Angeles Unified School District will not be affected because it operates independently from the city.

Union officials called an emergency meeting Wednesday to respond to the proposed cuts.

The Coalition of L.A. City Unions blasted the mayor's plan, saying municipal workers and residents were "about to become collateral damage" in a battle between the city and the DWP.

The mayor's plan marked the latest move in a budgetary power struggle between the City Council and the Department of Water and Power, an agency with board members appointed by Villaraigosa.

The City Council grilled the utility's interim chief S. David Freeman Tuesday, demanding the agency honor its commitment to make a $73 million payment to the city general fund.

On Monday, the DWP told the city it couldn't make the payment because it had no surplus after the City Council turned down its request for a rate hike.

Villaraigosa, utility officials and outside consultants argued the DWP needed to raise electric rates for residential and commercial customers by 9 percent to 28 percent over the next year.

The rate hike would have provided funds to maintain the utility's good credit rating, buy coal and invest in green technology, the mayor argued.

Residents complained about rate hikes being imposed during the ongoing recession, and the City Council approved only smaller increases last week.

When the DWP refused Monday to provide funds to the city, City Controller Wendy Greuel told the mayor to transfer $90 million in reserves to the general fund to avoid going into the red by May 5.

Fitch Ratings, a major bond ratings company, withdrew the DWP's AA- bond rating in response to the City Council's unanimous vote against rate hikes.

Villaraigosa said the stalemate has pushed the city to the brink of financial crisis.

"We can no longer keep saying no," Villaraigosa said. "The fact is, we don't have a lot of options."

Councilmembers accused the mayor and utility of playing politics with city finances.

"The people of Los Angeles and the ratepayers deserve better, they deserve more honest analysis and they deserve this being depoliticized," Council President Eric Garcetti said.

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BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA CITY COUNCIL

SUBJECT: Introduction and first reading of an Ordinance approving Development Agreement 08-002, adoption of a resolution certifying the Final Environmental Impact Report 08-004; and adoption of a resolution making the necessary CEQA findings, adopting a Statement of Overriding Considerations, and adopting a Mitigation Monitoring Program.

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APPLICANT: St. Monica Catholic Community
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Pursuant to Santa Monica Municipal Code (SMMC) Section 9.48.140, the City Council shall hold a public hearing on the proposed development agreement.

CORRECTED
DATE/TIME: **TUESDAY, APRIL 13, 2010, AT 6:45 PM**

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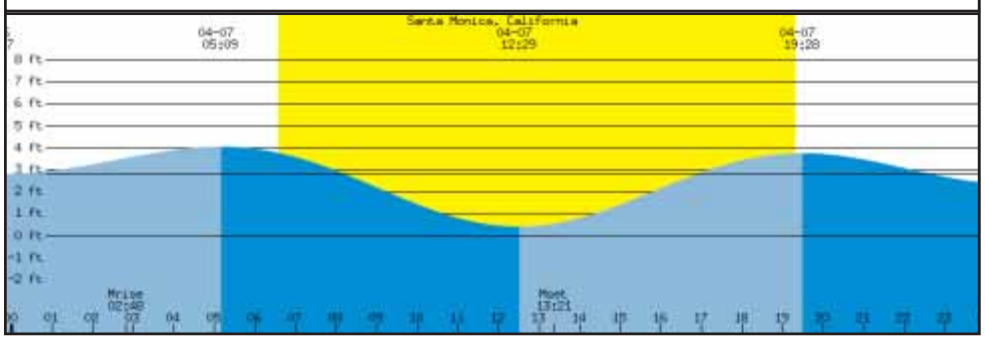
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Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	D	A+
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	A+	A+
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	C
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	F	D
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	B
Solstice Canyon at Don Blocker County Beach.	A+	C
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth.	A+	A+
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd..	F	C
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	A+
Surfrider Beach (breach location)- daily.	F	F
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	B	A
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+	A+
Pena Creek at Los Tunos County Beach.	A	A+
Tuna Canyon.	A+	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	F	A+
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	A+
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	A
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	A+	A+

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

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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CYCLING

Armstrong to skip Dutch race, prep for Tour in U.S.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

VARADES, France Lance Armstrong won't compete as planned in the Amstel Gold race in the Netherlands on April 18, wanting to spend time with his family and feeling confident that he can prepare for the Tour de France in the U.S.

RadioShack spokesman Philippe Maertens said "the main reason" Armstrong won't ride in the one-day race is he wants to join son Luke for the Pinewood Derby. But Armstrong also feels his form is good enough for him to train in the United States.

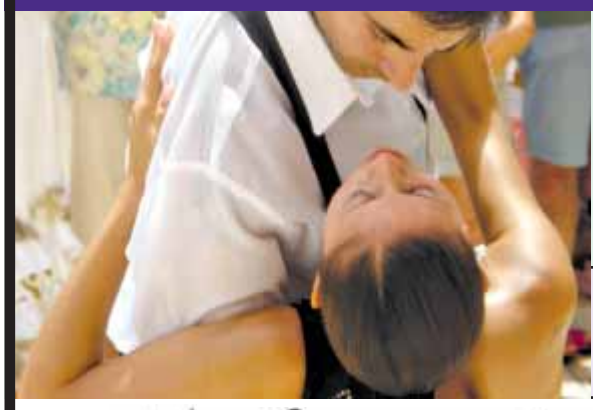
Maertens said Armstrong will race in next month's Tour of California, then decide whether he will compete in either the Dauphine Libere or the Tour of Switzerland in June.

Armstrong is currently riding in the four-day Circuit de la Sarthe in northwestern France. He finished 24th in Tuesday's first stage behind leader Luis Leon Sanchez of Spain.

Armstrong and three-time defending champion Levi Leipheimer will anchor Team RadioShack when the Tour of California begins May 16.

The 16-team field was announced Tuesday. The race is moving from February to May this year.

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Clash of the Titans 3D (PG-13) 1hr 50min
1:00pm, 3:45pm, 6:45pm, 9:30pm

The Runaways (R) 1hr 45min
1:15pm, 7:15pm

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4:00pm, 10:00pm

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12:30pm, 2:50pm, 5:15pm, 7:40pm, 10:00pm

The Bounty Hunter (PG-13) 1hr 46min
2:00pm, 4:40pm, 7:25pm, 10:20pm

Alice in Wonderland (in Disney Digital 3D) (PG) 1hr 49min
1:20pm, 4:10pm, 7:00pm, 9:50pm

Clash of the Titans 3D (PG-13) 1hr 50min
12:15pm, 1:45pm, 3:00pm, 4:30pm, 5:45pm, 7:30pm, 8:30pm, 10:15pm

The Last Song (PG) 1hr 47min
1:00pm, 4:00pm, 7:15pm, 10:10pm

Hot Tub Time Machine (R) 1hr 40min
1:30pm, 4:20pm, 7:05pm, 9:45pm

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The Greatest (R) 1hr 53min
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The Ghost Writer (PG13) 2hr 23min
1:40pm, 4:30pm, 7:20pm, 10:10pm

A Prophet (R) 2hr 44min
1:50pm, 5:10pm, 8:30pm

The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo (NR) 2hr 49min
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Repo Men (R) 1hr 51min
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Green Zone (R) 1hr 55min
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Remember Me (PG-13) 1hr 53min
11:40am, 5:10pm, 10:30pm

How to Train Your Dragon (PG) 1hr 38min
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Find fun, Libra

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Call on your people skills for a meeting. Others could be very hard on you, especially an associate. In some form, what goes on is deja vu. Snickering and backstabbing come up from out of nowhere. Tonight: Take a deep breath and go to the gym.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ Others depend on you much more than you realize. When you discover that you are out of sync or overwhelmed, others are scarcely surprised. Understand that everyone has his or her limitations -- you, too. Learn to say "no" more often. Tonight: Work as late as need be.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Use your imagination and try to understand where others are coming from. A child or loved one could try your patience. Be careful with those close to you. You easily could take out your frustration from other matters on them. Tonight: Wherever you are, have music on.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Deal with people independently, and you will experience far more success. Don't sell yourself short. A sense of insecurity or feeling uncomfortable in your own skin could be telling you to back off. Tonight: Don't go overboard.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ You come off more abrupt than you realize. If you note that someone is getting contentious, even out of the blue, know that your attitude, presentation and/or words are getting under this person's skin. Understand that you could be overwhelming someone. Tonight: Sort through invitations.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★ Keep reaching out for more information. Incorporate new technology and ideas. You could feel tight or closed down. Focus on what is going on. Are you swallowing anger or frustration? Tonight: Perhaps the time has come to clear out bad feelings.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ If you relax some and toss negativity in the garbage can, you'll discover your ingenuity and other such assets. A friend could push you, causing a very strong reaction. Stop internalizing so much, and let another person know how you feel. Tonight: Let go of today. Find fun.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★ Be honest with yourself: Did you even want to come to work today? If you can call it an early day or take work home, do. You will accomplish a lot more, and far more quickly at that. An older friend could be demanding. Tonight: Stay close to home.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Attempt to see the other side of questions and issues. When you grasp where someone else is coming from, you could be startled. Don't put off a trip or workshop. You need a break from the here and now. Tonight: Visit over dinner with friends.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★ Be sensitive to spending, whether the funds are coming out of your pocket or another person's pocket. In the long run, a boss will be pleased to see this conservative approach. A partner flares, and there is little you can do. Tonight: Look at your budget.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ You wake up full of energy. Others easily could trigger you out of the blue. Keep your mind on a project or what might be going on at the moment. Don't allow others to distract you. Tonight: Kick up your heels.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★ You might want to follow your instincts and take the day off. On the other hand, you can take out recent frustrations through working on a project. You might get a lot done. Don't allow a trivial incident to trigger you. Tonight: Get some extra R and R.

Happy birthday

This year, you often live in a world where the impossible becomes a reality. Your focus, energy and drive help you reach your goals. Many of you are likely to take up a new hobby or pastime. If you are single, someone you draw in to your life might be difficult to get rid of! Proceed with care and get to know a new sweetie well. If you are attached, you can push your significant other only so hard. Give him or her space to come to you. AQUARIUS makes a great pal.

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

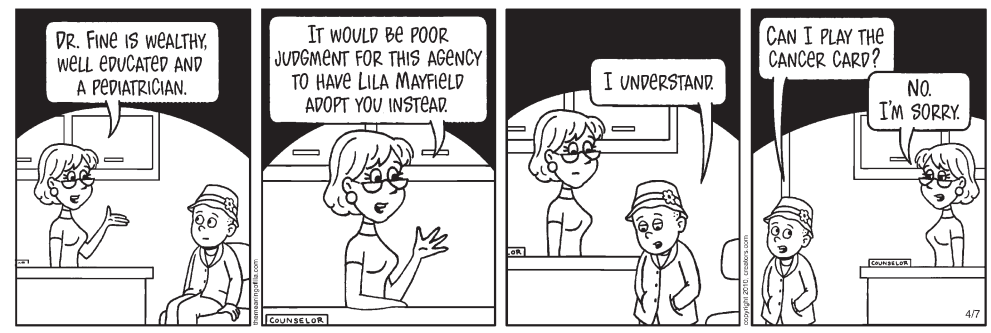
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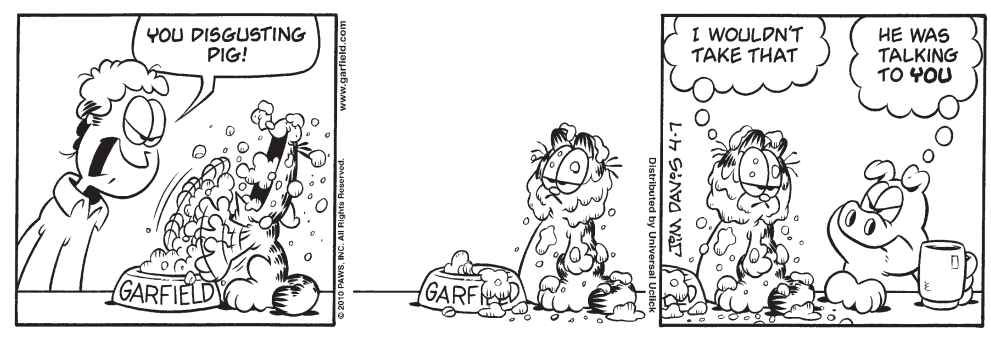
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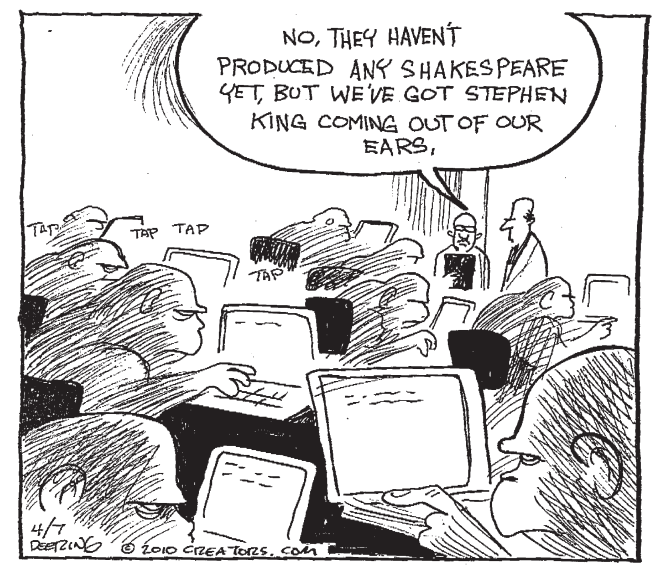
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Difficulty Level ★★★

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

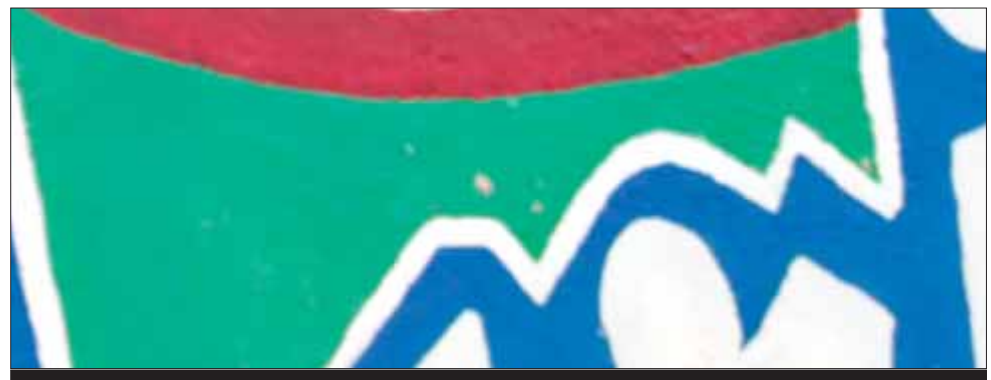
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CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

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1 Flies and gnats
6 Arizona tribe
10 Indian coin
11 Forum figure
12 One at —
13 Missouri tribe
14 Maryland player, for short
15 Ball carrier
16 Pitching no.
17 Mineo of movies
18 Gallery fill
19 Paint mess
22 Spot
23 Lawn makeup
26 Serving aids
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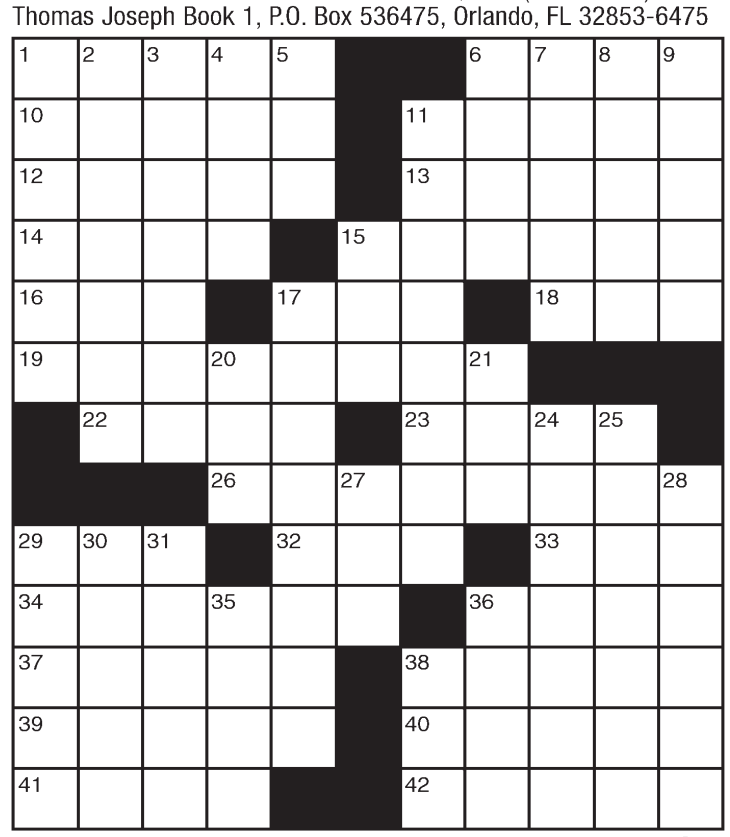
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2 Muse of music
3 Nautilus shapes
4 Office helper
5 Glimpse
6 Little Joe's brother
7 Nebraska tribe
8 Pocket beeper
9 Static
11 Casino game
15 Scoundrel
17 Penlike devices
20 Program, for short
21 Deep groove
24 Come-back
25 Old naval vessel
27 Inquire
28 Book parts
29 Social group
30 Road reversal
31 Make rugs
35 Singer Burl
36 River of Arizona
38 Grass coating

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ In 2005, News of the Weird reported the bustling sales for artist Erin Crowe's series of oil paintings of Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan, who was then riding high, with Greenspan-worshipping money managers quickly buying up her inventory for thousands of dollars each. A Wall Street Journal reporter tracked down Crowe and some of her customers in February 2010 and found, obviously, subdued demand (with some customers having hidden or discarded their Greenspans). Crowe said that one of her Greenspan customers had recently asked her to paint a Ben Bernanke for him, but for about half the fee that he had earlier paid for a Greenspan.

■ In January 1996, The Wall Street Journal reported on a growing fetish surrounding the act of smoking. Examples: (1) An erotic smoking video from an Oklahoma City firm, CoherentLight: "The scene opens with a young blonde (Paula), dressed in a shimmering strapless gown and a veiled black hat, lighting her cigarette from a nearby candle," the Journal wrote. "She takes numerous long drags." (2) A smokers' newsletter, with film reviews: Of the above video, it wrote, "(Paula) is a fabulous smoker." Another review, of the Hollywood movie "Mad Love": "Drew Barrymore smokes throughout; there are many deep inhales, although the exhales aren't great."

TODAY IN HISTORY

1348 Charles University is founded in Prague.

1521 Ferdinand Magellan arrives at Cebu.

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