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THE BIG VICTORY ISSUE

Resolution to ACLU homeless case coming

BY NICK TABOREK
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL A tentative deal has been reached to resolve a lawsuit filed by the American Civil Liberties Union against Santa Monica that accused City Hall officials of harassing and intimidating homeless residents in an attempt to drive them out of town, according to a document ACLU attorneys filed in federal court on Monday.

"The parties have now reached a proposed resolution to dispose of the case," the attorneys wrote in court papers.

The document was a motion to drop five of the six plaintiffs named in the complaint and to withdraw a motion to certify the case as a class action.

Reached on Tuesday, Santa Monica Deputy City Attorney Jeanette Schachtner confirmed the case was close to resolution but declined to discuss the details of the proposed arrangement.

But she said the ACLU's latest motion, which City Hall is not opposing, is the final barrier to resolving the case. She said she hopes to finalize its resolution within two

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Photo courtesy Wendy Perl

ACE: **Santa Monica High School's Natalie Abel makes a pitch during a 16-0 win over Beverly Hills on Tuesday at Samohi.**

HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL

Samohi stays perfect in Ocean League

BY DANIEL ARCHULETA
Managing Editor

SAMOHI Seven down, three to go.

Santa Monica High School's softball team crushed Ocean League rival Beverly Hills, 16-0, on Tuesday, improving its record to a perfect 7-0 in league with just three games to play.

Leading the way was junior pitcher Natalie Abel, who tossed five innings of one-hit ball. She also struck out seven Beverly Hills Normans en route to the victory, which was called after five innings due to the mercy rule.

"We started off well," Abel said. "Everybody kept rallying — that's what we're working on."

Oh, that and keeping opponents off the

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Noise complaints pile up at SMO

BY NICK TABOREK
Daily Press Staff Writer

SM AIRPORT The complaints have been flooding in-boxes and tying up phone lines at Santa Monica Airport in recent weeks, the result of a concerted effort by nearby residents to oppose what they say is an unacceptable level of airplane noise caused by a shift in the takeoff routes of some low-flying propeller planes.

The Federal Aviation Administration in December began a six-month test aimed at reducing delays at LAX and SMO that required small, single-engine piston planes to take an alternate route when taking off from Santa Monica. The new route, which residents say has resulted in heavy airplane traffic over their homes, was meant to cut down on the amount of time that the small planes take to vacate airspace shared with jets.

The small planes will revert to their customary flight pattern June 8, but residents are worried the test route could become permanent if their concerns are ignored.

"It's terrible. The change has been profound," said Ocean Park resident Lori Nafshun. "Not only is it so much noise, you can see the underbellies of the planes and you can read the numbers on them."

The FAA has said it plans to evaluate the test's results and conduct an environmental review before making any permanent changes. While no decision has been reached, FAA Spokesman Ian Gregor said "preliminary test results indicate a significant reduction in aircraft delays at both SMO and LAX" due to the experimental route.

Anger over airport noise appears to be

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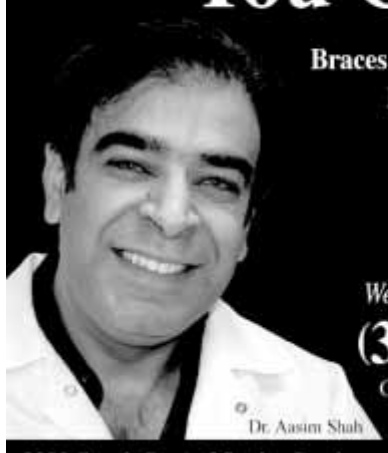
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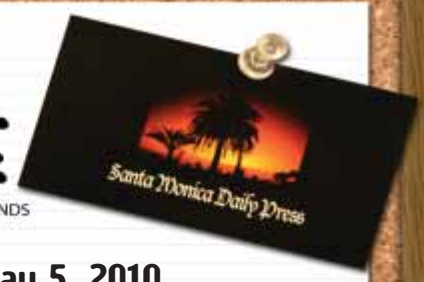
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OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA AND SURROUNDS



Wednesday, May 5, 2010

Cinco de Mayo in Santa Monica
El Texate Restaurant
316 Pico Blvd.
Celebrate Cinco de Mayo with a margarita in your hand. There will be an outdoor bar open to all walk-ins and a mariachi band. For more information, call (310) 399-1115.

Freshen up
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.

Sustainable workshop
Santa Monica Public Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd., 7:30 p.m.— 8:30 p.m.
Attend this second workshop in a series of six dedicated to teaching those interested in learning about and taking action to solve the environmental problems we face today. Topics covered include: water, energy, waste, chemicals, transportation, shopping and food. Admission is free for Santa Monica residents and a $50 donation is suggested for non-residents.

Sustainability quality awards
Sheraton Delfina Hotel
530 Pico Blvd., 11 a.m. -- 2 p.m.
The Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce, Dyson, and LAcarGuy present the sustainable quality awards, Santa Monica's annual celebrations of environmental leadership. Green businesses will be showcasing their products and services. The event will be emceed by Rachel Lincoln Sarnoff and include keynote speaker Terry Tamminen.

Thursday, May 6, 2010

'Celebrity Portraits' by Robert Zuckerman
Edgemar Center for the Arts
2437 Main St., 6 p.m.
If you aren't familiar with his name, then you are most certainly familiar with the images he shoots. Robert Zuckerman is a photographer whose images have driven the advertising campaigns for films such as "Training Day," "Terminator 3," "Transformers," and "The Pursuit of Happyness." Come and witness celebrity portraits captured by this critically acclaimed photographer.
Admission is free but RSVP is required.
Call (310) 392-0815 to RSVP.

'SKATEBOARD: Evolution and art in California'
California Heritage Museum
2612 Main St., 11 a.m. — 4 p.m.
May is the last month to see this exhibition, which traces the evolution of boards from pre-1950 to today, showcasing the riders, artists, and manufacturers that created the California phenomenon known as the skateboard. The works were guest-curated by legendary Z-Boy Nathan Pratt and are appropriately housed in the heart of "Dog Town," right where the California skate movement was born. General admission is $3, senior and student tickets are $2, and members and children under 12 are free.
For more information, call (310) 392-8537.

Wells Bring Hope
Santa Monica College
HSS 165, 11:15 a.m.
Barbara Goldberg is the founder of the nonprofit organization committed to drilling wells to bring safe, clean water to rural villages in West Africa. She will share her account of the community-changing effects — especially for women and girls in the villages — of the Wells Bring Hope project. The event is sponsored by the SMC Associates and SMC Office of Public Programs.

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Man who jumped off SM Pier charged with multiple felonies

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

DOWNTOWN A man accused of leading police on a high-speed chase in a stolen vehicle that ended with him jumping off the Santa Monica Pier was charged Tuesday with multiple felonies.

Prosecutors said Gerjuan Deshon Harmon, 27, is also suspected of burglarizing two UCLA dorm rooms prior to Saturday's chase.

Harmon, who prosecutors said has several prior burglary convictions, was charged with two counts of first-degree burglary and single counts of car theft and evading police.

Harmon pleaded not guilty Tuesday afternoon at the Airport Branch Courthouse in Los Angeles, and was ordered to return to court May 18 for a hearing to determine if there is enough evidence to require him to proceed to trial.

Police received a call about a man driving drunk in West Los Angeles about 11:30 p.m. Saturday, Los Angeles Police Department's Lt. Michael Burditt said.

The black 2010 Range Rover the suspect was driving was reported stolen April 19, he added.

As the pursuit wound through Beverly Hills, Harmon called 911 and spoke with Beverly Hills police, asking them why he was being followed and saying he was considering taking his own life, Burditt said.

The pursuit ended at the Santa Monica Pier, where Harmon got out of the vehicle then jumped from the pier onto the sand and water below, apparently in a suicide attempt, Burditt said.

Police eventually coaxed Harmon out of the water, and he was arrested at about 1:40 a.m. Sunday.

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Renewable energy lines installed

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Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES The first phase of a huge electrical transmission system to connect wind, solar and other renewable energy sources in the Mojave Desert to Los Angeles has been completed, Southern California Edison said Tuesday.

The new section is capable of transmitting 700 megawatts and is already energized with wind power, said Theodore F. Craver Jr., chairman, president and chief executive of Edison International, SoCal Edison's parent.

When the entire system of new and upgraded transmission lines is completed in 2015, it will be capable of delivering 4,500 megawatts of electricity, equivalent to the amount of power used by 3 million homes.

The first phase of the Tehachapi Renewable Transmission Project includes three trunk lines from the windmill-studded Tehachapi Mountains to substations. When eight more segments are completed the project will have cost $2.1 billion, Craver said.

"There are both wind and solar projects that we expect will ultimately fill up that 4,500 megawatts," he said in a telephone interview before ceremonies at a new substation in the town of Mojave.

The system will enable California to move toward its targets of serving 20 percent of the customer load with renewable energy by this year and 33 percent by 2020.

"Thousands of megawatts of wind, solar, geothermal, biomass and other clean energy is waiting to be developed," Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger said in a webcast of the completion ceremonies.

By building the transmission system to move power from remote locations to where it is needed, independent developers can move forward with plans to build renewable generation facilities, Craver said.

"More and more the constraint is actually transmission, not the projects," he said. "The projects are permitted, they're ready to go, we've even contracted to buy the power from those third parties. But they can't build the projects unless there's transmission to bring the power."

Craver said 17 percent of power used by SoCal Edison's customers comes from renewable resources and that will rise to 19.5 percent or more this year, compared to a national average of less than 4 percent.

Craver said renewable power serves public policy goals in making progress toward energy security and greenhouse gas reduction, but it does create system issues.

"The wind blows when it blows and the sun shines when it shines, unlike the rest of the system where we control the flow of power" from natural gas, nuclear and hydroelectric plants, he said. "On renewables, Mother Nature controls it."



LOW VISIBILITY

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Downtown Santa Monica was blanketed by intense fog Tuesday morning, taking visitors coming from the east, where it was sunny and warm, by surprise. Temperatures are expected to be in the high 60s today with fog clearing out by the afternoon.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Paying a fair share

Editor:

Every property in Santa Monica benefits, value wise, from the perceived quality of the Santa Monica school system. It is obvious why residential properties benefit as residents have the right to attend the schools. The desire to be in the Santa Monica-Malibu school district has long been a major factor in driving up home prices in the city and thereby contributing to the creation of Santa Monica's financially affluent residential population.

What is not so obvious is how non-residential properties benefit. The value of non-residential property is closely tied to how much revenue the property can generate, i.e., the greater the achievable rent, the higher the value.

Santa Monica retail space rents are higher, and in some cases considerably higher than similar space in neighboring areas. Main Street, Montana Avenue and the Third Street Promenade are able to command rental rates in excess of $180 per square foot per year in some cases because retailers can sell expensive items at high profit margins. This is due in part to the high levels of disposable income of our affluent residential population.

Office buildings also benefit from the reputation of the Santa Monica school system. For many years a great percentage of new Santa Monica home buyers with school age children have had to have much greater than average incomes to afford to live here. These new arrivals are most likely to be the owners or CEOs of their companies. An old but true real estate axiom is that "given a choice of buildings to locate his office, the boss will chose the building closest to his home." It is this desire to office close to home that has created a huge demand for office space, and correspondingly higher office space rents, in Santa Monica. This is evidenced by the fact that Santa Monica has become the second largest office sub-market in the Los Angeles region.

How is Measure A unfair to residents? The Water Garden, a 1.27 million square-foot office project occupying four parcels totaling 17 acres with a combined assessed valuation in excess of $450 million will only be obligated to pay $792 or .00017 percent of its value annually. On the other hand, a condominium with an assessed valuation of $500,000 will be obligated to pay $198 or .0396 percent of its value annually. In this example the condominium parcel is paying almost 228 times the relative amount required of the office property.

To tax the owner of a $100,000 condo the same as the owner of a $5,000,000 house is unfair, and to extend that same tax to the owner of a $450,000,000 office building is ridiculous. The fair method of taxation should be based upon assessed values.

Why then are Santa Monica residents being put in the position of subsidizing the retail, office and industrial properties located in the city? It all comes down to poor planning and taking the easy way out on the part of the school district.

Santa Monica residents have a long history of supporting their schools, and rightly so. We should continue to support our schools, but not in this manner. Twice in the recent past Santa Monica residents have been burdened with this unfair method of taxation, and at the last election these taxes were made permanent.

We need to let the school district know that we are willing to pay our fair share, but not more than our fair share. The only way to do this is to vote no on Measure A.

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Santa Monica







Word in Edgewise

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Legalizing pot will help save patients, California's economy

FROM WEEK TO WEEK, THERE ARE FIVE basic topics that a columnist covers. In ascending order of importance they are sports, pop culture and the arts, local politics, national politics, and predictions. Depending on the reader, there is some debate about whether local or national politics is number two, but there is no question that the most important skill any good columnist possesses is the ability to accurately forecast the future.

Naturally, my 14-months-before-anyone-else 2007 Official Groundbreaking Prediction that Barack Obama would be elected the 44th president of the United States followed by my alone-among-my-peers 2008 Official Groundbreaking Prediction that the Obama inauguration would be the "cultural, social, and political event of a generation; like Woodstock meets the March on Washington" cemented my status as America's smartest columnist.

My Official Groundbreaking Prediction of 2010, encompassing all five of the columnist's main topics, is that the voters in the state of California will once again lead the nation by making lawful the personal possession, processing, sharing, or transporting of not more than one ounce of cannabis — as well as cultivation, processing, distribution, the safe and secure transportation, sale and possession for sale of cannabis. In other words, Californians are finally going to legalize it.

In the interest of full disclosure, I first became interested in cannabis before I really knew what it was. The late, great John Hughes made a movie called "The Breakfast Club" in which a bunch of high school kids from different cliques stuck in an all-day Saturday detention together become friends after they smoke a few joints and let their guard down. As an eighth grader I remember thinking that anything that could bring jocks, metal-heads, freaks, geeks, and princesses together must be magic.

As I got older I got educated and I learned that it's not magic, it's medicine. That isn't to say that cannabis isn't abused as a recreational drug or that we should encourage its use by young people, but the fact remains that the Food & Drug Administration has approved it to treat nausea, vomiting, anorexia, and wasting. If a breast cancer patient wants to use cannabis to stimulate her appetite and help her keep food down so she doesn't waste away, Californians (when given the chance) aren't going to tell her she can't smoke a joint in the privacy of her own home because somebody somewhere might use cannabis just to get high. This November, voters will ignore the tired, old arguments about what message legalization sends to kids — at least until we talk about binge drinking in movies — and try to understand that the best message we can send is the truth: that cannabis helps sick patients get well. It will also be argued that the decriminalization measure will open the door to scientific research (and the accompanying grants) that can't be done in any other state. And it will pass.

Speaking of sick patients, the California economy — the eighth largest in the world — could also stand to get better. Right now we waste untold millions of dollars arresting, prosecuting, and incarcerating non-violent cannabis crimes; with four out of five being simple possession charges and one in five being a kid under 18. Proponents will successfully argue that decriminalizing cannabis would save us that money, spare us the opportunity costs of taking a law enforcement officer away from the investigation/prevention of real crime, and have the added benefit of saving hundreds of thousands of our fellow Californians from wearing the mark of the convicted criminal for the rest of their lives.

The most persuasive argument is going to be the economic benefit of cannabis tourism. When the hypocritical moral dispute is rightly tossed aside (since nobody can logically say that cannabis is more dangerous to society than alcohol), then we are left with the geographic reality of the Golden State — which is that in addition to southern California's wine country, the lush Central Valley, and northern California's wine country, we have the Emerald Triangle: Trinity, Mendocino, and Humboldt counties. Throughout the world, these places are as synonymous with premium cannabis as Sonoma and Napa are with fine wine. Cannabis is already a $40-plus billion per year industry, the legalization of which could lead to an additional $1.5 billion in tax revenue for California — and that's before tourists from the 13 other states where it's legal for patients start arriving.

Back in March, Debra Bowen, California's secretary of state, certified that the question would be on the ballot for the Nov. 2 general election after a random sampling verified that the required 433,971 valid signatures had been submitted. For the record, the actual number of qualifying signatures counted was over 694,000 when the tallying stopped — indicating broad support among voters and a smooth road to passage.

When California voters see past the inevitable ridiculous arguments in support of the same policies that incarcerate our people, hurt our economy, and prevent scientific breakthroughs that could help terminally ill patients, we will literally grow our way out of this recession — one cannabis plant at a time.

Remember where you read it first.

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Hiding in the Open

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Free immigration's slaves

THE RED CROSS, WORKING IN MEXICO, has protested the Mexican governments' open support of police intimidation and bribery schemes targeting illegal aliens for years. Did you know that Mexico has some of the toughest immigration laws in effect to keep people from entering Mexico? Do you think it would be racist if we decided to have our laws match Mexican immigration law?

You see, their law states: "A penalty of up to two years in prison and a fine of 300 to 5,000 pesos will be imposed on the foreigner who enters the country illegally." Did you know it is the law in Mexico that all police are responsible to check for illegal immigration status? According to Amnesty International, "nearly 10,000 (immigrants) were abducted over six months and almost half of interviewed victims saying that (Mexican) public officials were involved".

So can someone explain the president of Mexico's outrage about the new immigration law in Arizona while his government stands by and allows an estimated six out of 10 migrant women and girls to experience some form of sexual violence while passing through his country? Mexican President Felipe Calderon is not happy about Arizona's decision to enforce the immigration laws of the United States. Calderon says the law will lead to "intolerance, hate, discrimination and abuse in law enforcement."

"My government cannot and will not remain indifferent when these kinds of policies go against human rights," he said.

Felipe Calderon, leader of the totalitarian, narco-terrorist country of Mexico, openly supports the use of all law enforcement and military forces to find and arrest illegal immigrants in Mexico.

According to Amnesty International: "Public officials turn a blind eye, or even play an active part in kidnappings, rapes and murders." Did you know that as an American you have no rights in Mexico? You're banned from interfering in Mexican politics under penalty of jail or deportation. Don't even think of going to Mexico to protest their treatment of illegal aliens, you will end up in jail or be part of the six out of 10 statistic.

Where is the outrage from President Obama against the evil and abusive government of Mexico towards all Americans? Does President Obama believe it's acceptable to exploit Latino immigrants to support big business? What would President Calderon say if we adopted the same laws he enforces?

So what does the "evil" Arizona law actually say? In short, the law requires that Arizona state employees simply comply with federal law. Arizona SB1070 "requires officials and agencies of the state and political subdivisions to fully comply with and assist in the enforcement of federal immigration laws." They updated the law to state immigration-status questions would follow a law enforcement officer's stopping, detaining or arresting a person while enforcing another law. The earlier law had referred to a "contact" with police, which lawsuits asserted was too vague.

Choosing to not enforce the immigration laws hides the much more sinister and unintended consequence of supporting slavery in our country. People living in the United States illegally have become the new slave class. Why are we exploiting impoverished Latinos? When slavery was legal in the United States, the slaves were considered property, and had a value the owner wished to protect. No one is protecting the illegal workers. They live in the gray areas of the law. These people don't even know if they'll get paid for their hard days of work. They're exposed to hazardous materials and dangerous working conditions because their employers have no responsibility to illegals. All forms of physical, mental, sexual and financial abuse are a part of the daily life of undocumented workers.

Do you truly care about these people? Is cheap slave labor really what's important to you? Are you empowering the slave trade by purchasing their products and letting them operate illegally? How about you help the next slave laborer you meet get her green card, so she may work here legally and earn a fair wage? Are you protesting the new law in order to keep them illegal and enslaved, while self-righteously calling the other side racist? The Arizona law would be irrelevant if we found a way to deal with the corrupt narco-terrorist states south of the border. Imagine how desperately deserving of a better life one must be to illegally enter Mexico?

The real problem is why these people will choose a life of slavery over staying in their country. The answer is simple. The U.S. supports the corrupt narco-terrorist government of Mexico to force these people to flee to the United States. I believe if we really want to solve this issue once and for all, we should invade Mexico and make them the 51st state. It makes more sense than invading Afghanistan. We like the Mexican people more than the Afghanis and, based on the number of Mexicans in Santa Monica, they like us too. If you doubt it would be good for Mexico, just compare Tijuana and San Diego. If you question this would be good for America, imagine the real estate and construction boom! Lets give free elections and a better life to the people of Mexico, who are fleeing the narco-terrorists and a corrupt government for a life of slavery in the U.S.

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The Q Line

City for rent

A recent Daily Press article discovered that, although illegal, vacation rentals of residences are not actively enforced.

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What do you think city officials should do to curtail this activity?

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May 10	Var	St. Bernard	St. Bernard	3:15pm
BOYS VOLLEYBALL				
May 5	JV/Var	La Salle	SMCHS	5/6:30pm
TENNIS				
May 5	Var	Practice	Reed Park	3pm
May 6	Var	League Prelims	TBA	TBA
BOYS GOLF				
May 6	Var	League Finals	Harding	12pm
BOYS BASEBALL				
May 7	JV	Serra	Serra	3:15pm
May 7	Var	Serra	Marine Park	3pm
May 10	JV	Cathedral	Cathedral	2:30pm
May 10	Var	Cathedral	Marine Park	3pm
COED TRACK				
May 5	Var	League Finals	TBA	4:30pm

Santa Monica High School

DATE	TEAM	OPPONENT	LOCATION	TIME
COED TRACK				
May 6	Var	Ocean League Finals	Culver City	2:45pm
May 7	All	Ocean League Championships		2pm
COED SWIMMING				
May 7	All	Ocean League Finals		TBA
BOYS SWIMMING				
May 5	All	Ocean League Prelims		TBA
GIRLS SOFTBALL				
May 6	Var	Hawthorne		3:15pm
BOYS BASEBALL				
May 6	Var	Beverly Hills		3:15pm
BOYS VOLLEYBALL				
May 6	Var	Beverly Hills	Beverly Hills	3:15pm
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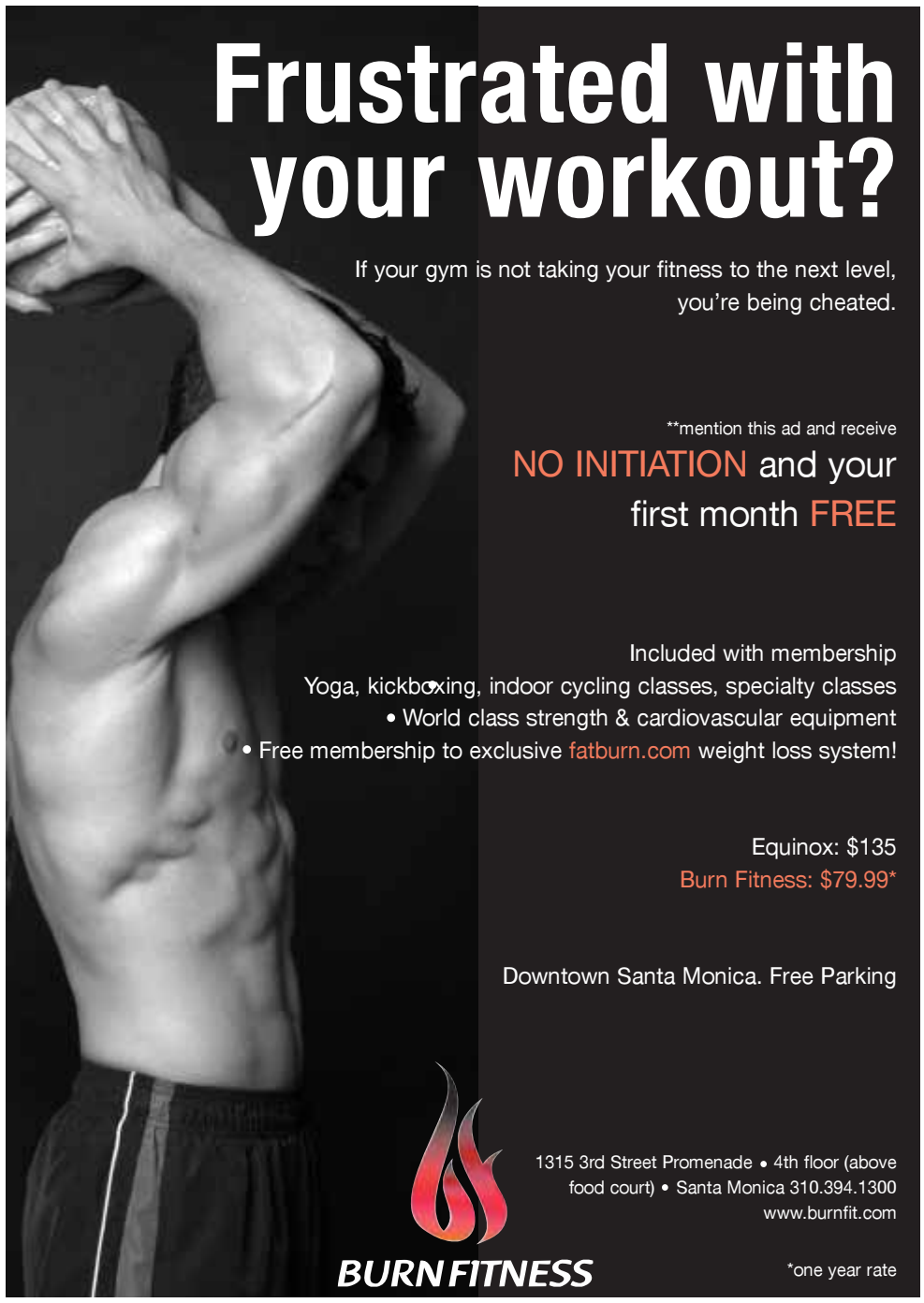
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Stocks slide as Europe moves to assist Greece

TIM PARADIS
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK Stocks plunged around the world Tuesday as fears spread that Europe's attempt to contain Greece's debt crisis would fail. The euro fell to its lowest point against the dollar in a year.

The Dow Jones industrial average lost 225 points, its biggest drop in three months. The slide erased a 143-point gain from Monday. The Dow and broader indexes each fell more than 2 percent. Meanwhile, Treasury prices rose on increased demand for safe investments.

Stocks have seesawed in the past week as European countries' efforts to agree on a bailout package for Greece proceeded in fits and starts. An agreement finally came together over the weekend, but its ballooning size of $144 billion has investors worried that Europe would have an even tougher time assembling an aid package if a larger country such as Spain or Portugal were to get in trouble. Traders are concerned that problems in Greece and other countries could spill over to the rest of Europe and in turn, the U.S.

The market's plunge wasn't a surprise to some analysts who have warned for weeks that stocks were due for a retreat. After Monday's rally, the Standard & Poor's 500 index was up almost 14 percent from its 2010 low of 1,056.74, reached Feb. 8. Investors have spent the past three months largely shrugging off the problems in Europe and focusing instead on the continuing signs of improvement in the U.S. economy.

The stock drop was a reminder that it doesn't take much to rattle investors who are on alert for anything that could disrupt the economic recovery. The avalanche of selling could continue while investors await answers on Greece. But analysts said most drops are likely to be mild because buyers have been using pullbacks as opportunities to buy.

Tuesday's slump marked the fifth time in six days that the Dow rose or fell by triple digits. The market's moves are reminiscent of the fearsome swings in the fall of 2008 and early 2009 when investors were panicked over how bad the recession would get.

Scott Fullman, director of derivatives investment strategy for WJB Capital Group in New York, said sudden turns in the market are to be expected as traders wrestle with concerns that stocks are overheated.

"The market has kind of gotten itself into a volatile trading range," Fullman said.

Investors are worried that other cash-strapped European governments could also ask for emergency loans while the economy of the entire region is still recovering.

"It's not as though even the strongest economies of Europe are doing particularly well," Mike Shea, managing partner at Direct Access Partners LLC in New York. "Why is a plumber in Germany going to bail out Greece or Portugal?"

The Dow fell 225.06, or 2 percent, to 10,926.77, its lowest close since April 7. The Dow was down as much as 283 points at its low of the day.

The S&P 500 index fell 28.66, or 2.4 percent, to 1,173.60. The Nasdaq composite index fell 74.49, or 3 percent, to 2,424.25. The Nasdaq's more intense drop reflected the fact that it includes smaller companies seen as riskier investments than the big names in the Dow or S&P 500.

Investors rushed to safer holdings like Treasurys, pushing interest rates sharply lower. The yield on the benchmark 10-year Treasury note fell to 3.61 percent from 3.69 percent late Monday.

The Chicago Board Options Exchange's Volatility Index, which is known as the market's fear gauge, soared 18 percent. That is a signal that more investors are betting on big drops in the market.

The euro again fell against the dollar as traders turned away from the currency used by 16 European Union countries including Greece. When investors start doubting a country's economic strength, they tend to sell its currency.

Anthony Chan, chief economist at J.P. Morgan Private Wealth Management in New York, said Greece's troubles aren't enough to spoil a global rebound but that investors are concerned that this small hole in the world economy will become bigger.

"My suspicion is that this won't end up being large enough to really cause the kind of problems that the market is obsessed with," he said.

The dollar rose against other major currencies, especially the euro. The euro sank as low as $1.2994 in New York, its weakest point since April 2009. It was worth $1.3212 late Monday and had traded as high as $1.51 last November.

The stronger dollar is a negative for investors because it would cut into profits for U.S. companies with sizable foreign operations. When the dollar is up, overseas profits translate into less money. The rising dollar also makes it more expensive for foreign buyers to purchase commodities like oil. That hurts demand.

Crude oil fell to $3.45, or 4 percent, to $82.74 per barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

The drop in commodities hurt companies like aluminum producer Alcoa Inc., which fell 57 cents, or 4.3 percent, to $12.58. Caterpillar Inc., the maker of construction and mining equipment, lost $3.24, or 4.6 percent, to $66.70. Caterpillar posted the steepest percentage drop among the 30 stocks that make up the Dow industrials.

Banks also fell in response to the debt problems. Spain's Banco Santander S.A. fell $1.08, or 8.8 percent, to $11.14. Bank of America Corp. fell 50 cents, or 2.8 percent, to $17.56.

"Everybody is worried about who is going to be next," said Scott Fullman, director of derivatives investment strategy for WJB Capital Group in New York. He said stocks are still likely to resume their climb after a drop of a day or two.

"The trend of the market is still up," Fullman said.

Improved economic reports brought little help to stocks.

The Commerce Department said orders to U.S. factories rose 1.3 percent in March. Analysts expected a drop. The National Association of Realtors said its index of sales agreements for previously occupied homes rose a stronger-than-expected 5.3 percent in March.

About six stocks fell for every one that rose on the New York Stock Exchange, where volume came to 1.5 billion shares compared with 1.2 billion Monday.

The Russell 2000 index of smaller companies fell 23.12, or 3.2 percent, to 709.70.

Britain's FTSE 100 and Germany's DAX index each dropped 2.6 percent, and France's CAC-40 tumbled 3.3 percent.

LOCAL ECONOMY

Macerich reports $6.4M loss

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

DOWNTOWN Santa Monica-based mall operator Macerich Co. today reported a loss of $6.4 million, or 8 cents per share, for the quarter ended March 31, compared with net income of $14 million, or 18 cents per share, for the same period in 2009.

Macerich, a real estate investment trust, reported quarterly net operating income up 1.8 percent, and its occupancy rate increasing slightly from 90.1 percent to 91.1 percent.

In April, the company raised more than $1.2 billion through the sale of 31 million shares of stock.

"Over a year ago we embarked on a multi-faceted capital plan to raise liquidity and strengthen our balance sheet," Macerich chairman and chief executive Arthur Coppola said. "With the completion of our recent equity issuance we have successfully executed our capital plan and we now have a very strong balance sheet and have positioned the company to be opportunistic."

In 2010, Macerich announced new leases with 18 retailers for the new Santa Monica Place

In addition to brands like Burberry, Hugo Boss, and Swarovski, the property revealed that Betsey Johnson, Barneys Co-Op, L'Occitane, and White House | Black Market will also be among the new additions to its roster.

Other names include Johnny Was, which offers urban bohemian style clothing; Pandora, a jewelry shop featuring handcrafted Danish designs; Bird Pick Tea and Herb, the L.A. Chinatown-based retailer of teas, Asian imports, and fine wines; Chilli Beans, a Brazilian sunglasses company; Tous, a popular international jewelry brand; Foreign Exchange, a California clothing concept for men and women; Kensington Luggage, a local luggage purveyor; Sea of Silver, a local jewelry concept; and GNC, a popular stop for nutritional supplements.

Since the old mall closed in March 2008, the property which lies just a block south of the Third Street Promenade has undergone a complete stylistic and conceptual transformatiion. Slated to open on August 6, 2010, the new three-level open-air shopping and dining destination will focus on creating an urban beach experience, reflecting the Santa Monica lifestyle.

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Apple's iPad outsells first iPhone

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CUPERTINO Apple Inc. said Monday that is has sold 1 million of its new iPad tablet computers in the month after its launch, meaning it's been selling more than twice as fast as the iPhone did when it was new.

Apple said it reached the milestone on Friday, when the new 3G model of the iPad was delivered to its first buyers. That model can access AT&T's cellular broadband network. The first models had only Wi-Fi access.

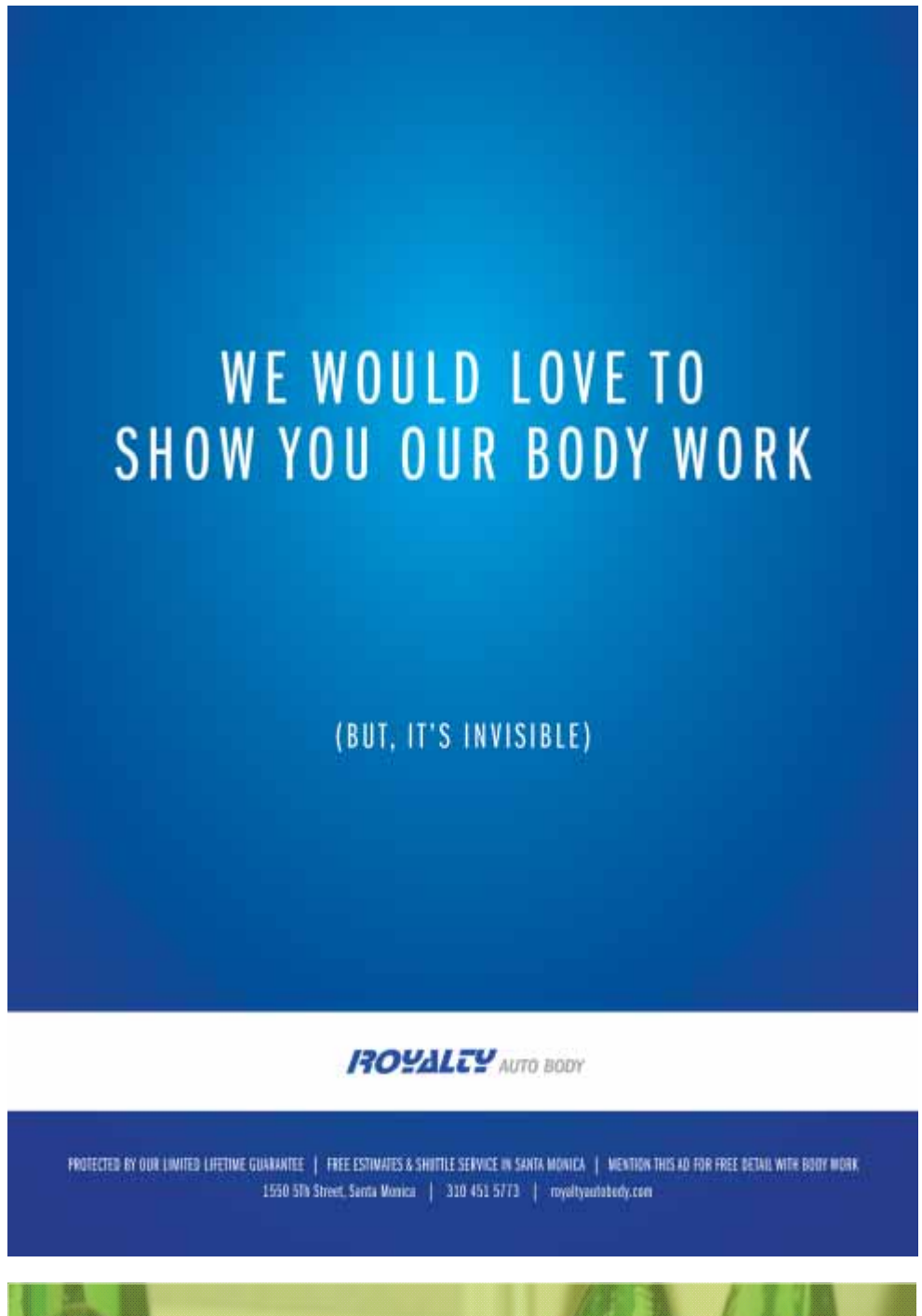
"One million iPads in 28 days — that's less than half of the 74 days it took to achieve this milestone with iPhone," said CEO Steve Jobs. Demand keeps exceeding supply for the tablet, he added.

The iPad went on sale in the U.S. on April 3. Apple has already delayed the international launch of the device, saying sales in the U.S. were unexpectedly strong. It's planning to start taking orders for the iPad from international buyers on May 10.

Apple shares rose $5.26, or 2 percent, to close at $266.35 Monday.

The iPad is half an inch thick and has a 9.7-inch screen. The Wi-Fi-only models start at $499, and the 3G models at $629.







Samohi's Abel pitches gem

FROM **SAMOHI** PAGE 1

scoreboard. For the seventh time in seven games the Samohi Vikings shut out a league opponent. The Vikings have outscored the league, 95-0.

"Our goal is to not allow a run in league," Samohi Head Coach Debbie Skaggs said. "We need to keep this momentum for [the playoffs],"

Despite the final score, the game began slowly. The Vikings scored once in the first inning on a sacrifice fly ball by Kaile Nakao, scoring leadoff hitter Meghan Bradley.

Samohi (20-5 overall) struck again in the second inning on Hayley Condon's solo home run to left field, putting the Vikings up 2-0 after two. Condon finished the day 2-for-2 with a dinger and four runs batted in.

With the game close, the Vikings broke the game open in the third inning. The first six Samohi batters scored, with another four scoring later in the inning.

With the score 12-0 after three innings, the only question was whether or not Abel would toss a no-hitter.

She cruised four-and-a-third innings before the Normans' Tamar Rotstein singled into short center field breaking up the no-hit bid.

"These guys are too good," Beverly Hills Head Coach Len Mitchell said. "We were lucky to get a hit."

The last time the two teams played, Samohi's Celisha Walker threw a no-hitter, which gave Mitchell and his Normans a humble goal on Tuesday.

"At least we got that one hit," Mitchell said. "All we can do is wish them well in the playoffs."

The Vikings' road to the postseason has three tests remaining with the next game coming Thursday at home against Hawthorne (19-5 overall, 4-2 in league). The two teams met last week with Samohi coming away with a 11-0 win. Hawthorne took on Morningside on Tuesday, but the score was not available at presstime.

The final three games are pivotal for Samohi as they pursue a high seed in the California Interscholastic Southern Section playoffs. With seven seniors on the roster, Skaggs and co. are hopeful that this year's edition of Vikings softball has the goods to advance deep into the postseason.

"We hope to finally get past the quarterfinals," Abel said.

With Skaggs, coaching in her 24th season, expected to retire after the season, the Vikings see this as their best chance in years to win the school's first title in the sport.

"This is the year for us," Abel said. "People are nervous, but we think we can do this."

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Five homeless plaintiffs could not be found

FROM **HOMELESS** PAGE 1

weeks.

Reached briefly on Tuesday, Bradley Phillips, an attorney with Munger Tolles & Olson who worked with the ACLU on the case, declined to comment on details of the proposed resolution. Mark Rosenbaum, legal director of the ACLU of Southern California, could not be reached before deadline on Tuesday.

Filed last July, the ACLU's complaint alleged that City Hall had "for all intents and purposes ... made it a crime to be homeless within [Santa Monica's] borders and instituted a policy and practice of using its police officers to harass and intimidate homeless residents in order to force them to leave Santa Monica and relocate to nearby communities such as Venice, Malibu, and downtown Los Angeles."

It went on to allege that City Hall had violated homeless individuals' civil rights by "selectively and discriminatorily" citing homeless people for minor offenses like sitting, sleeping or smoking cigarettes in public while failing to provide adequate shelter and services to its homeless population.

The suit was met with scorn at City Hall, where officials denied the claims had any merit and said it was a waste of resources to sue a city that supports nonprofit groups that provide homeless services and invests millions of dollars a year building affordable housing.

"THE PARTIES HAVE NOW REACHED A PROPOSED RESOLUTION TO DISPOSE OF THE CASE."

ACLU court filing

Six homeless individuals were named in the original lawsuit, but in a document filed in court on Monday, an ACLU attorney stated that five of the plaintiffs could not be found to approve the proposed deal to end the case. One homeless plaintiff, Alejandra Solana, agreed to the deal, according to the ACLU.

The ACLU had sought an injunction against City Hall enjoining police officers and other officials from enforcing laws that criminalize sitting or sleeping in public against homeless individuals.

The ACLU also sued Laguna Beach and Santa Barbara over similar issues last year, reaching settlements with both cities.

The Laguna Beach settlement required police officers to refrain from citing, arresting or harassing people under state law for sleeping in public places, as long as there are no reasonable public health or safety concerns.

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FEMA audit: L.A. County overbilled

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES A federal audit says Los Angeles County improperly billed the federal government more than $2 million in cost overruns for repairs on roads damaged by the severe winter storms of 2005.

The Los Angeles Times reported Tuesday that an audit by Department of Homeland Security inspectors says the overbilling included $330,000 in repairs on a road repair project that was not related to disaster damage.

The audit for the Federal Emergency Management Agency determined the cracked berms were not storm-related.

The audit says the county also asked for $1 million in reimbursements for a project that had already been rejected by FEMA for funding.

FEMA presented the audit to county officials, who disagreed with most of them.

County officials did not return calls for comment Tuesday evening.

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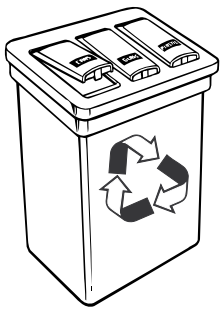
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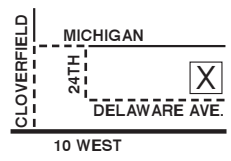


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DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF BID PROPOSALS: 2:00 PM May 21, 2010
LOCATION FOR SUBMISSION OF BID PROPOSALS: SANTA MONICA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT, FACILITIES OFFICE, 2121 16TH STREET, SANTA MONICA, CA 90405
PLACE FOR OBTAINING BID AND CONTRACT DOCUMENTS: ONE COPY PER BIDDER WILL BE PROVIDED AT MANDATORY JOB WALK

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FAA: New flight route has reduced delays

FROM SMO PAGE 1

mounting, despite the fact that SMO officials say only a small percentage of takeoffs from the airport have been affected by the FAA test route.

SMO Airport Manager Bob Trimborn said on average 16 small, propeller planes that are subject to the test route fly out of SMO each day, compared with hundreds of daily operations that haven't been affected by the test.

But awareness of the FAA test has nevertheless provoked impassioned responses.

Last month, the Ocean Park Association and the Friends of Sunset Park, the neighborhood groups that represent the areas closest to the airport, together spent $1,300 on fliers that went to 10,000 households, notifying residents about the flight test and explaining how to submit noise complaints, said Zina Josephs, chair of Friends of Sunset Park.

Nafshun said the most recent OPA board meeting attracted the biggest crowd in recent memory because of widespread anger over airplane noise. In response, the OPA board has set up an ad hoc committee that already has 25 members to address concerns related to the FAA test, she said.

The neighborhood groups' efforts are being felt at SMO.

Accustomed to receiving about six noise complaints per week before the test began in December, SMO's noise management and operations supervisor, Stelios Makrides, said he received about 750 complaints in April. Since December, about 1,000 messages complaining about noise related to 4,500 operations have been received.

The complaints are being forwarded to the FAA, which, Gregor said, is "in the process of validating each complaint by comparing radar data with the time of the complaint."

In an interim report on the progress of the test released in March, the FAA said the test route is geared toward reducing pollutants released by idling planes awaiting takeoff at SMO and LAX and saving money wasted on needlessly spent fuel. The average number of delay minutes per month was down 85 percent, according to the interim report.

Josephs, though, said the "maddening" impacts on residents aren't worth the possible benefits.

"It's ludicrous. When you balance out the pros and cons of doing it, it just seems totally out of whack," she said.

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LOW TO THE GROUND: **Residents in Santa Monica are not happy with the FAA's decision to change the flight path for piston-powered planes from SMO, sending more over homes.**

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Bombing suspect charged

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NEW YORK A Pakistani-born U.S. citizen was charged Tuesday with terrorism and attempting to use a weapon of mass destruction in the botched Times Square bombing. The government said he confessed to receiving explosives training in Pakistan.

Faisal Shahzad was arrested Monday night, pulled off a plane that was about to fly to the Middle East.

According to the complaint, Shahzad confessed to buying an SUV, rigging it with a homemade bomb and driving it Saturday night into Times Square, where he tried to detonate it.

In Pakistan, intelligence officials said several people had been detained in connection with the Times Square case.

Shahzad admitted to receiving bomb-making training in Waziristan, the lawless tribal region where the Pakistani Taliban operates with near impunity, but there is no mention of al-Qaida in the complaint filed in Manhattan federal court.

"Based on what we know so far, it is clear that this was a terrorist plot aimed at murdering Americans in one of the busiest places in our country," Attorney General Eric Holder said in Washington.

Shahzad was on board a Dubai-bound flight that was taxiing away from the gate at Kennedy Airport late Monday when the plane was turned around and federal authorities took him into custody, law enforcement officials said. Federal officials had placed him on a "no-fly" list hours before his arrest.

Holder said Shahzad was talking to investigators, providing them with valuable information, The FBI read Shahzad his constitutional rights after he provided the information, and he continued to cooperate, FBI Deputy Director John Pistole said.

Shahzad's court appearance Tuesday was delayed, in part because he was cooperating with authorities.

President Barack Obama said "hundreds of lives" may have been saved Saturday night by the quick action of ordinary citizens and law enforcement authorities who raised the alarm about the 1993 Nissan Pathfinder rigged with a crude bomb made of gasoline, propane and fireworks. The SUV, which had begun smoking, was parked on a bustling street in Times Square.

"As Americans and as a nation, we will not be terrorized. We will not cower in fear. We will not be intimidated," Obama said.

Shahzad, 30, became a naturalized U.S. citizen last year shortly before traveling to Pakistan, where he had a wife, according to law enforcement officials who spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because of the sensitivity of the investigation.

Investigators hadn't established an immediate connection to the Pakistani Taliban — which had claimed responsibility for the botched bombing in three videos — or any foreign terrorist groups, a law enforcement official told the AP.

"He's claimed to have acted alone, but these are things that have to be investigated," the official said.

Shahzad is the son of a former top Pakistani air force officer and deputy director general of the civil aviation authority, according to Kifyat Ali, the cousin of Faisal Shahzad's father.

Ali told reporters outside a two-story home in an upmarket part of Peshawar, the main city in northwestern Pakistan, that the family had yet to be officially informed of Shahzad's arrest in the United States.

"This is a conspiracy so the (Americans) can bomb more Pashtuns," Ali said, referring to a major ethnic group in Peshawar and the nearby tribal areas of Pakistan and southwest Afghanistan. "He was never linked to any political or religious party here."

He said Faisal often stayed in Peshawar when he came back from the United States.

His mother and father, retired Air Vice Marshall Baharul Haq, had left the house for an undisclosed location because of the media interest.

One man detained in Karachi was identified only as Tauseef and was a friend of Shahzad, according to one official, who spoke on condition of anonymity because Pakistani intelligence officers insist on anonymity as a matter of policy. Media reports described some of the others detained as relatives of Shahzad.

In Washington, Pakistani Embassy spokesman Nadeem Haider Kiani said early indications suggest the bomber was "a disturbed individual."

Authorities removed filled plastic bags and a bomb squad came and went from a Bridgeport, Conn., house listed in Shahzad's name Tuesday in a working-class neighborhood of multifamily homes in Connecticut's largest city. FBI agents found a box of consumer-grade firecrackers and other fireworks in the driveway that they were marking off as evidence.

Shahzad used to live in a two-story grayish-brown colonial with a sloping yard in a working-class neighborhood in Shelton, Conn. The home looked as if it had been unoccupied for a while, with grass growing in the driveway and bags of garbage lying about.

He graduated from the University of Bridgeport with a bachelor's degree in computer applications and information systems in 2000 and later returned to earn a master's in business administration in 2005, the school said.

"Nobody ever had a problem with him," said Dawn Sampson, 34, who lives across the street from Shahzad's third-floor apartment. She said he had remodeled it and had put on the market to rent for $1,200, a fee she thought was much too high.

Law enforcement officials say Shahzad paid $1,300 cash three weeks ago for the Pathfinder, going for a test-drive in a mall and offering less than the $1,800 advertised price. Peggy Colas, 19, of Bridgeport, sold the car to Shahzad after he answered an Internet ad, law enforcement officials said. The officials spoke to the AP on condition of anonymity because of the sensitive nature of the case.

The vehicle identification number had been removed from the Pathfinder's dashboard, but it was stamped on the engine, and investigators used it to find the owner of record, who told them a stranger bought it.

Another law enforcement official said Shahzad was not known to the U.S. intelligence community before the bombing attempt.

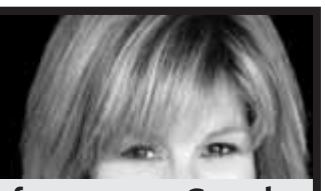
Shahzad was placed on a "no-fly" list Monday after he was identified as the SUV's buyer, Pistole said. Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano declined to say how Shahzad was able to board the flight if he was on the "no-fly" list.

The SUV was parked near a theater where the musical "The Lion King" was being performed. The bomb inside it had cheap-looking alarm clocks connected to a 16-ounce can filled with fireworks, which were apparently intended to detonate gas cans and set off propane tanks in a chain reaction "to cause mayhem, to create casualties," police Commissioner Raymond Kelly said.

A metal rifle cabinet in the SUV's cargo area was packed with fertilizer, but NYPD bomb experts believe it was incapable of exploding like the ammonium nitrate grade fertilizer used in previous terrorist bombings.

Police said the SUV bomb could have produced "a significant fireball" and sprayed shrapnel with enough force to kill pedestrians and knock out windows.

A vendor alerted a police officer to the smoking SUV parked on a street clogged with a pre-theater crowd on a warm evening. Times Square was shut down for 10 hours and a bomb squad dismantled the device.

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SURF REPORT

Surf Conditions **Water Temp:** 58°

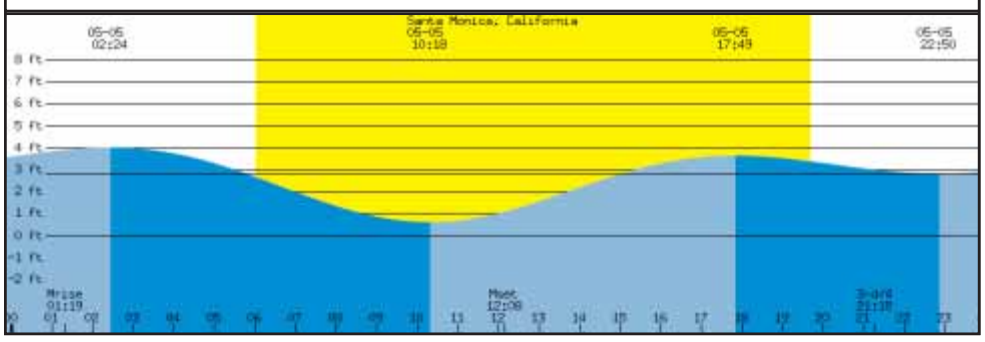
Swell Forecast

Chest high sets are expected around south facing breaks. Wind swell is likely Wednesday as well with at least waist high sets around west facing breaks.

Long Range Synopsis

Head high sets to south facing breaks. West facing breaks should see chest high NW wind swell.

Tide Forecast for Today in Santa Monica



BEACH REPORT CARD

NORTH LOS ANGELES COUNTY

Grades for this report are based on monitoring data from the previous 30 days up to the ending date of **April 27, 2010**

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QUICK STATS (for the last 30 days)

- Number of sewage spills -- 0
- Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0
- Number of wet days -- 13
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 41 / 23
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 5 / 23

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Heal the Bay reminds you not to swim or surf within 100 yards of any flowing storm drain or for 3 days after a rainstorm. After a rain, indicator bacteria counts at beaches throughout California usually far exceed health criteria in the state's Beach Closure and Health Warning Protocol.

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Los Cerrillos Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	A+
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechusa and Las Aline creeks.	A+	A+
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	A+	A+
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth.	A+	F
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	A	A+
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	A+	A+
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth.	B	A+
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	F	A+
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	D
Solstice Canyon at Don Blacker County Beach.	F	C
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth.	A+	F
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd..	A	F
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	A+
Surfrider Beach (breach location)- daily.	F	D
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	A	F
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	A+	B
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero).	A+	F
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs.	A+	A+
Pena Creek at Los Tunos County Beach.	A+	A+
Tuna Canyon.	A+	A+
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	F	F
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+	F
Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence.	A+	F
Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain.	A+	A
Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain.	A+	F
Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua).	B	F
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain.	A+	F
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain.	A+	F
Santa Monica Municipal Pier.	F	A
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain.	A+	A+
Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms).	A+	A+
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+	D
Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain.	A+	A
Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south.	A+	C
Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St..	A+	F
Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- lifeguard tower.	A	B
Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth.	A+	D
Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain.	A+	D
North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach.	A+	A+
Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of D&W jetty).	A+	F
Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain.	A+	A+
Dockweiler Beach- opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant.	A+	D
Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain.	A+	F

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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NCAA FOOTBALL

Iowa's Aaron Fuller transfers to USC

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES Iowa forward Aaron Fuller is transferring to Southern California and will sit out the upcoming season.

Coach Kevin O'Neill said Tuesday that Fuller signed as a transfer.

The 6-foot-6, 230-pounder from Mesa, Ariz., averaged 9.7 points and 6.2 rebounds while starting 22 of 30 games last season for the Hawkeyes. He led Iowa in scoring and rebounding during Big Ten Conference play with 12.3 points and 7.6 rebounds, earning All-Big Ten honorable mention.

NFL

Willis gets 5-year contract extension from 49ers

JANIE MCCAULEY
AP Sports Writer

SANTA CLARA Pro Bowl linebacker Patrick Willis has a new long-term deal from the San Francisco 49ers.

Willis and the Niners agreed to a five-year contract extension Tuesday that takes him through the 2016 season. This is another big offseason splash by new San Francisco personnel chief Trent Baalke, who took charge after general manager Scot McCloughan's abrupt departure in March.

Locking up Willis for the long haul makes sure the 49ers keep their defensive leader after they bolstered their offense in the draft with two top linemen.

The 25-year-old Willis, the 49ers' 11th overall pick in the first round of the 2007 NFL draft, has led the team in tackles in each of his first three seasons and has made 48 straight starts.

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Double Feature
The Mask of Zorro (NR) 1hr 34min
The Sign of Zorro (NR) 1hr 31min
7:30

AMC Loews Broadway 4
1441 Third Street Promenade

The Joneses (R) 1hr 33min
2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 9:50

Alice in Wonderland in Disney Digital 3D (PG) 1hr 49min
2:05, 4:40, 7:15, 9:55

Hot Tub Time Machine (R) 1hr 40min
2:20, 4:45, 7:20, 9:45

A Nightmare on Elm Street (2010) (R) 1hr 37min
2:00, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30

AMC 7 Santa Monica
1310 Third St.
(310) 289-4262

Furry Vengeance (PG) 1hr 32min
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A Nightmare on Elm Street (2010) Digital Presentation (R) 1hr 37min
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The Back-up Plan (PG-13) 1hr 38min
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Clash of the Titans 3D (PG-13) 1hr 50min
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Date Night (PG-13) 1hr 28min
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Kick-Ass (Digital Presentation) (R) 1hr 57min
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Oceans (G) 1hr 24min
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Laemmle's Monica Fourplex
1332 Second St.
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Talking up a storm, Sagittarius

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Use care with your funds if you want to get the spectacular results that you are capable of. You don't need a last-minute snafu. Your fiery creativity attracts many, except for one person who often is a stick in the mud! Tonight: Wherever your friends are.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ Tension builds, and you seem to demand so much from yourself. On the other hand, so do others. Will you make the grade? On a break, stop to buy a card or token of affection. Your thoughtfulness will be greatly appreciated. Tonight: A must appearance.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ You seem to jump every hurdle, every difficult moment, and come out with a greater understanding. You are in the process of tremendous growth and change, and are letting go of what doesn't work. Trust yourself. Tonight: Let your mind wander to a good movie.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★★ One-on-one relating helps you gain another's attention. The fact that this person cannot focus is not a reflection on you but on him or her. Learn to be more dramatic. Curb impulse buying. Tonight: Go along with another's suggestion.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Others can be challenging. What is new about that? Your ability to absorb and understand takes you to a whole new level. Others do you a favor by playing devil's advocate, whether they intend to or not. Say "thank you" more often. Tonight: Be with a favorite person.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ You could be plagued by an unusual amount of thought and worry. Maintain a busy pace. Push comes to shove quickly if you are feeling pressured by anything more. Be proactive and use the word "no" today. Everyone will be happier ultimately. Tonight: Easy works.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ You know much more than you realize. If you're in a brainstorming situation, solutions keep popping up. The reason that your resourcefulness is peaked is because you know much more than you realize. Tonight: Plug some of that special resourcefulness into fun.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★ Bottom out and think positively. Your concern over a key issue might be appropriate, but being feisty or demanding about it won't work. Kick back and relate as openly as possible. Tonight: Togetherness works.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★★ Emphasize what you want in a conversation. You might feel pressured by a work or daily issue. Your sense of direction comes from your need to have situations work. You keep going through hassle after hassle. Tonight: Talking up a storm.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★ Be aware of your financial commitments. You don't want to overextend yourself or cause yourself a problem. A partner sees financial commitment in a very different way from you. Do more listening. Tonight: Balance your budget.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ You feel on top of your game, but you could be overwhelmed by others' flak, disagreement and general attitude. Of all signs, you have the best ability to get past today's hurdles. Jump over them rather than get involved. Tonight: Your time -- finally.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ You know what is going on behind the scenes. Realize that you are capable of tremendous change, if need be. Your sense of humor emerges with today's stalemates. You know what to do. Just play the waiting game. Tonight: Ask, and you shall receive.

Happy birthday

This year, you change directions professionally or spread your wings. Sometimes you discover you are in conflict with authority figures and wonder what is going on. You might need to emphasize your similarities rather than your differences, which might take detachment. Use an innate talent or gift with the arts or people to enhance your situation. If you are single, you will be noticed. Be sure you know what type of person you would like to attract and what you need. Make wise choices. If you are attached, involve your sweetie more in your work and community activities. AQUARIUS can push your buttons.

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

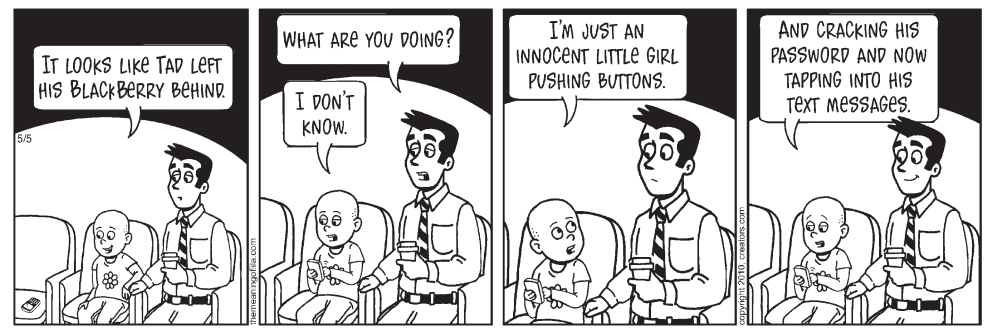
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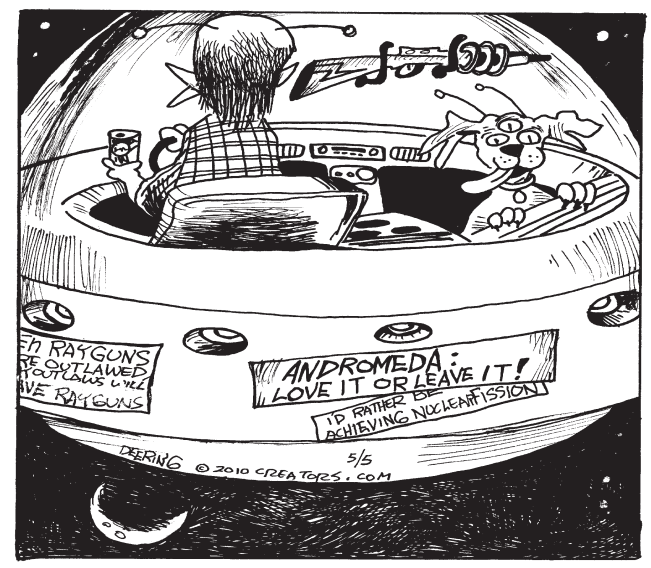
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Difficulty Level ★★★

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GETTING STARTED

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

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CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Digging tool
6 Campus bigwig
10 Dwight's wife
11 Pageant topper
12 Flynn of film
13 Assesses
14 Deceitful one
15 Hushed
16 Young fellow
17 Alias letters
18 Veto vote
19 Twelve pence
22 Bisque, for one
23 Charity affair
26 Like ghost stories
29 Drama division
32 Dogfight pro
33 Life story, for short
34 In poor condition
36 Rope material
37 Mischievous fairy
38 Singer McLachlan
39 News item
40 Packing box
41 Capone's foe
42 Lazy sort

DOWN

1 Odors
2 Outcasts
3 News station's place, often
4 A-line designer
5 Long fish
6 Watch part
7 Devoured
8 Concert spot
9 Just plain mean
11 Pool rack shape
15 Enjoy 29-Down
17 First-grade subject
20 Director Besson
21 Guy's date
24 Conservative's foe
25 Give life to
27 Hostile
28 Chipmunk's cousin
29 Colorado resort
30 Onion's kin
31 Government income
35 Storage spots
36 Challenging
38 Chem. or biol.

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ American companies continue trying to outsource work overseas, no matter how increasingly improbable the project. The Chronicle of Higher Education in April reported on the University of Houston business school's contract to have student papers uploaded to "teaching assistants" (mostly residing in India, Singapore and Malaysia), who read them, mark them up and offer constructive advice. UH professor Lori Whisenant, who initiated the university's contract with the firm EduMetry, said she is generally pleased with the results.

■ Recycled Components: (1) Swiss clockmaker Artya announced in March the creation of a wristwatch set in fossilized dinosaur feces (with a strap made with skin from an American cane toad). Designer Yvan Arpa told the Associated Press the watch would sell for about $12,000. (2) The spa Ten Thousand Waves near Santa Fe, N.M., is only the latest U.S. facility to offer as a "signature" treatment the "Japanese Nightingale Facial," supposedly used for centuries by Japanese geisha for skin rejuvenation. Nightingale droppings are dried and sanitized, then spiced with oils and used as a face scrubber.

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1809 Mary Kies becomes the first woman awarded a U.S. patent, for a technique of weaving straw with silk and thread.

1809 The Swiss canton of Aargau denies citizenship to Jews.

1821 Emperor Napoleon I dies in exile on the island of Saint Helena in the South Atlantic Ocean.

1835 In Belgium, the first railway in continental Europe opens between Brussels and Mechelen.

1862 Cinco de Mayo in Mexico: troops led by Ignacio Zaragoza halt a French invasion in the Battle of Puebla.

1864 American Civil War: The Battle of the Wilderness begins in Spotsylvania County, Virginia.

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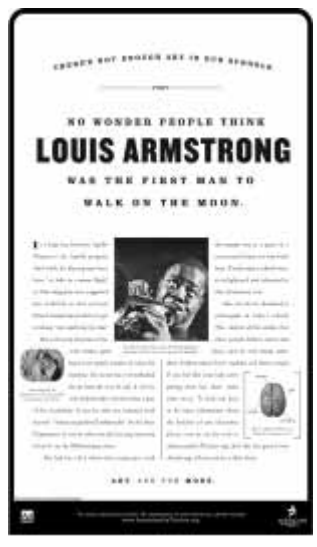
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