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More money, less benefits for new district supe

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

SMMUSD HDQTRS Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District's newest superintendent will start at $230,000 in base pay, but will not receive all the same perks or the work schedule that her predecessor enjoyed, according to the contract released Monday by district officials.

The contract, provided in response to a public records request by the Daily Press, shows that incoming Superintendent Sandra Lyon will make $10,000 more in base salary than her predecessor, Tim Cuneo, but will not receive a housing allowance worth $38,400 that Cuneo was given as an incentive to move from his home in San Jose.

She will get a one-time moving allowance of $12,000.

Under the terms of the agreement, Lyon will also get a slightly smaller phone and car allowance ($900 a month compared to Cuneo's $1,000), work two more days a year and earn one less day of vacation. She'll rack up vacation days more slowly than Cuneo as well, two days a month rather than two and a half days a month for Cuneo.

Cuneo's contract included a number of things that were "unusual," said Board of Education President


LYON

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KEEPING THINGS AS IS: **A Metro bus passes 24th Street on its way down Wilshire Boulevard on Monday afternoon.**

No bus-only lane for Wilshire Boulevard after all

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Editor in Chief

WILSHIRE BLVD Proposed bus-only lanes along Wilshire Boulevard will move forward, but not in Santa Monica, if a Metropolitan Transportation Authority committee approves a staff recommendation next week.

Under the plan, parking spaces would be converted to bus-only lanes during rush hours along 9.9 miles of Wilshire Boulevard in an attempt to cut down on travel times. However, key sections of the major east-west artery will be cut out of the plan, including Beverly Hills, the "condo canyon" area in Westwood and Santa Monica.

Metro staff said the express and local routes along Wilshire are the most heavily used buses in Los Angeles County, with 80,000 boardings per weekday.

City officials expressed concerns about

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Campaign contribution increase plan hits wall

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL The mix of money and politics can create a toxic brew, and local politicians are trying to pass the poisoned cup as they debate the possibility of raising campaign contribution limits for Santa Monica elections.

The argument centers around a proposal brought by the City Attorney's Office in March that would raise the amount a person can give to a local candidate from the current $250 to $400.

City Attorney Marsha Moutrie raised the issue in response to court decisions that she felt might open Santa Monica up to litigation for keeping the contribution limit relatively low.

The council also needed to change its ordinance to reflect the 2010 U.S. Supreme Court decision Citizens United vs. the Federal Elections Commission, which allowed any individual or corporation to contribute an unlimited amount to independent expenditure campaigns, or campaigns not controlled directly by a given candidate.

Proponents of the increase contest that the $250 limit, not changed since 1992, would now be worth $400 as a result of inflation, and in that case, raising the limit would actually keep it equal to the intended amount.

Without the increase, candidates also lose out on funding right when independent expenditure campaigns can really start pumping money into campaigns, proponents say.

On the other side of the fence are those that feel that by increasing transparency and forcing independent expenditure campaigns to reveal their contributors, good public policy can take the teeth out of the "shadowy"

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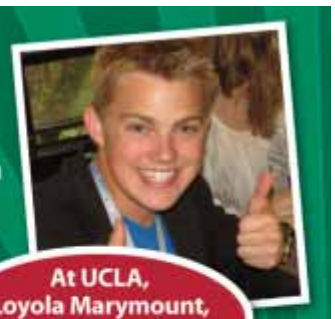
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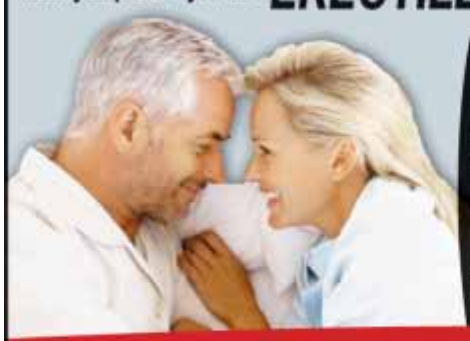
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What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Tuesday, May 17, 2011

City as arboretum
Virginia Avenue Park Thelma Terry Building
2200 Virginia Ave., 7 p.m.
Join in the discussion about creating an arboretum that embraces all of Santa Monica. Speakers include David Brown, Executive Director of Descanso Gardens; Walt Warriner, Community Forester; Brian Sullivan, Descanso Gardens Horticulture Director; and Dryden Helgoe, Recreation & Parks Commissioner and noted landscape designer. For more information, call (310) 458-8310.

Estate talk
Ken Edwards Center
1527 Fourth St., 7 p.m.
Free estate planning lecture by non-profit WISE & Healthy Aging. Find out how estate planning, wills and trusts can work for you. For more information, call (310) 394-9871.

'Life at the Miramar'
Santa Monica History Museum
1350 Seventh St., 10 a.m. — 8 p.m.
Learn the early history of the Fairmont Miramar. Images and documents from those early days will be on display at the museum. For more information, call (310) 395-2290.

Craft Beer Week
Library Alehouse
2911 Main St., daily
From May 16-22, Library Alehouse will join the Brewers Association and other purveyors of fine suds nationwide in celebrating American Craft Beer Week. For more information, call (310) 314-4855.

Rally for Alabama
South
3001 Wilshire Blvd., 6 p.m. — close
Enjoy a night of bluegrass music, food specials and a little charity during South's fundraiser for the Alabama relief effort. Proceeds go to UA Acts of Kindness to help the disaster-plagued region. For more information, visit southsantamonica.com

Wednesday, May 18, 2011

Financial planning for older adults
Main Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd., 1:30 p.m.
Experts in the field of financial planning will be on hand to help older adults better understand what they are doing right and where there is room for improvement in managing their finances. This event is sponsored by the library and the Commission for the Senior Community. For information, call (310) 458-8644.

'Goldfinger' on deck
Santa Monica Place
Broadway and Third Street, 7 p.m.
Catch a free screening of the James Bond classic "Goldfinger." This event is free. Guests are encouraged to bring blankets and chairs. For more information, visit santamonicaplace.com.

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Crowded field for Harman's House seat

MICHAEL R. BLOOD
AP Political Writer

LOS ANGELES One thing looks certain in a southern California congressional election this week — no one is going to win. With 16 candidates dividing the vote, there's almost no chance anyone will clear the 50-percent threshold needed to claim the seat once held by Rep. Jane Harman.

What's in doubt today is who will advance to an expected July 12 runoff between the top two finishers.

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Buckle up or pay the price

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Editor in Chief

CITYWIDE Santa Monica police will be searching high and low for drivers and passengers not wearing their seat belts as part of an enforcement campaign — "Click it or Ticket," authorities said Monday.

The mobilization will take place from May 23 to June 5.

The fines and fees for adults who fail to wear their seat belts is a minimum of $142, police said. For children under 16, the fine jumps to $445 for a first offense.

"Many traffic deaths can be prevented if more motorists simply start wearing their seat belts," said SMPD Chief Tim Jackman. "Law enforcement throughout the area will be looking for seat belt violators, day and night. Citations will be issued without warning.

"It's not just about avoiding a costly ticket," Jackman added, "it's about keeping the ones you care about alive. Remember to buckle up on every trip, day and night."

Properly restrained drivers, passengers and children have a 50 percent better chance of surviving a crash than those who are not buckled up. Those ejected from vehicles in crashes or rollovers are up to 35 times more likely to die than those restrained, authori-

SEE **CLICK IT** PAGE 9



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EYE ON BALL: **Samohi's Nick Herrera makes a play against Culver City last week. The Vikings open the playoffs at home against Montebello.**

HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS ROUNDUP

Softball, baseball playoffs open at home

BY DANIEL ARCHULETA
Managing Editor

SAMOHI The Vikings' late-season resurgence has earned them a home playoff game.

Fresh off winning the Ocean League crown last week and completing the league season a perfect 10-0, Santa Monica High School's baseball team will take on Montebello in the first round of the CIF-Southern Section Division 3 playoffs on Friday at Samohi. The game is scheduled for 3 p.m.

"We had a preseason where we didn't do terribly well," Head Coach Sheldon Philip-Guide said of his Vikings that began the year 1-9. "Come league season, we finally started playing pretty well.

"Hopefully, we'll continue to build on that."

Philip-Guide said he doesn't know much about Montebello beyond its 17-8 overall record, but will spend the next couple of days gathering scouting information on the Oilers.

He also hasn't decided who to start on the mound, but he's narrowed it down to three pitchers: Adam Padilla, Andrew McRitchie and Albert Garcia. He's particularly intrigued by Garcia, who has emerged as the team's closer.

"We have to figure out what's in our best interest," Philip-Guide said. "If we move on, who do we have available then?"

SAMOHI SOFTBALL BEGINS AT HOME

The reigning CIF-SS Division 4 softball champion Samohi Vikings begin their title defense at home against Loara on Thursday.

Many of the same players return this year for a team that is making a transition of sorts. First-year head coach Marybell Moreno said she just wants to continue the tradition set by former coach Debbie Skaggs, who led the Vikings for 24 seasons before retiring last season.

But, she's very aware that her team is now the hunted instead of the hunter.

"There's always a target, having the title," Moreno said. "Coming from a great program that Debbie had, teams are always out to get us."

The Vikings enter the playoffs on a hot streak, having just won a 10th-straight Ocean League championship.

But, the team's perennial success alone isn't enough to advance the team deep into the playoffs, Moreno said.

"Like I told the girls, whatever happens, it's win or go home," she said. "And I'm not ready to go home just yet."

Moreno hasn't decided on a starter, but said she is leaning toward senior Natalie Abel, who was the No. 2 starter on last year's championship team. She is even considering starting freshman Sara Garcia, who has been the No. 2 pitcher this season.

The team has experimented with starting Garcia with Abel coming off the bench as a closer of sorts, but Moreno wasn't quite ready to show her hand just yet.

NEW ROADS NABS TOP SEED

New Roads' baseball team enters the CIF-SS Division 7 playoffs as the No. 1 seed,

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Treated well

Editor:

After reading the letter to the editor entitled "Treated poorly," page 4, May 13, I thought my Friday the 13th was going to be a bad day as I had four cans of paint in my trunk that I planned to drop off at the Hazardous Waste Center. However, my experience was totally different than Mr. Soloff. I was greeted with a, "Friendly good morning, what can I do for you?" I explained what I was there for, showed my driver's license and received it back with a "Thank you." The employee removed the paint cans from my trunk, came back to my window and said he was finished. I asked him what the rules were, the maximum number of cans, and how often I could drop waste off. He patiently answered my question, then told me to have a good day and I was on my way. I found the young man to be a competent, polite representative of the city. I am sorry I did not get his name.

Bob Sullivan
Santa Monica

Fine with Fairmont

Editor:

The proposed plans to revitalize the Fairmont Miramar Hotel will definitely benefit the Santa Monica community. The owner and designers have been very caring and sensitive to the on-site historic Moreton Bay fig tree, as well as planning for even more green open space along the corner of Wilshire Boulevard and Ocean Avenue.

Jerry Rubin
Santa Monica

Idea for the incline

Editor:

As Santa Monica is planning on reconstructing the California Incline, some thought should be given to the possibility of providing for an exit to the incline from the Pacific Coast Highway going north. As matters stand, vehicles traveling the Santa Monica Freeway westbound and heading for the northern sections of Santa Monica frequently take the Lincoln Boulevard or Fourth/Fifth Street exits and drive through Downtown to reach the north part of Santa Monica. Providing an exit for these vehicles at the California Incline, already north of the Downtown business district, could dramatically reduce Downtown traffic congestion and pollution, save fuel use, not to mention the time saved for those driving.

Melvyn Klein
Santa Monica





What's the Point?

David Pisarra — Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Don't be afraid of the prostate

I LOVE MEN.

I love a strong man, both physically and spiritually. A man who can take charge, make a decision and get things done will always have a fan in me.

Men who are tough are legendary. The Bear Bryant and the John Wayne models of masculinity define much of the American male. They take a bullet in the butt and keep on walking, they break an arm and want to "shake it off."

Those are the hallmarks of the strong, silent type that women adore and other men want to be. It's a version of manhood that is based on a warrior ethic — man as hunter, provider and elder.

In days of old, when a man had to build a house, till the back 40, and fight a bear for wild salmon, it made sense. Men had roles to play, women had roles to play and life was full of immense hardship. Men had to be strong and they didn't have support groups, and cigar nights to share their feelings. Hell, most of them didn't have feelings.

But today it's different.

Today, men sip their lattes over lightly toasted bagels and Nova lox, while they discuss the virtues of soy milk over low-fat milk. They have their eyebrows waxed and their hair gelled into the perfect fauxhawk.

It's a world that has me confused on many levels. I'm constantly thinking a guy is gay when he's "just being metrosexual." It makes me crazy because hitting on a guy is scary enough and when he has all the hallmarks of being gay, but is straight, I feel even more embarrassed. But that's a different column.

Today, the topic is prostate cancer and awareness. Last May I wrote a column about the "unsexy cancer." The Prostate Cancer Foundation is located here in Santa Monica and I had some correspondence with a couple of people over there and then we fell out of touch. My column was about how frustrated I was that while one in eight women will face breast cancer, one in six men will face prostate cancer and there is almost no awareness campaign about that.

A man is 35 percent more likely to face prostate cancer than a woman is facing breast cancer. Yet no one talks about it. I think it comes down to the fact that men are squeamish about their bodies. We don't really like to discuss bodies, our own or someone else's, unless it is to brag, or make fun of, some attribute. Most men have this fear of letting another man touch them unless it is a punch. They fear physical contact from another man in most forms, lest it betray some hidden homosexual desires.

So the traditional test for prostate cancer, which takes 30 seconds at most, is the subject of much fear, humor and anxiety for men. It's a scary process for men to be so vulnerable to another man, to willingly allow another man to be so intimate, and God forbid a female doctor should be involved.

Men need to be screened and tested more often and they have to get over their fears. But they can't, and won't, get over them until we start to talk about, and address the fears.

These days the initial test is part of a whole series of screening protocols that are done with a simple blood draw. So, while the doctor is having your cholesterol levels checked, they can have a test done to look for a prostate specific antigen.

Being tested is not a sign of weakness. Allowing another man to touch you does not mean you are suddenly going to have an intuitive understanding of color and textures.

The problem with prostate cancer awareness is that it's not an easy sell and the "movement" has been slow to get going. I just this month heard a radio ad on mobile giving.

The Prostate Cancer Foundation (www.PCF.org) has an ad on GoCountry (105.1 FM) where you can donate $10 by texting 4DAD to 20222. The money goes to the foundation for research and education.

THE PROSTATE CANCER FOUNDATION (WWW.PCF.ORG) HAS AN AD ON GOCOUNTRY (105.1 FM) WHERE YOU CAN DONATE $10 BY TEXTING 4DAD TO 20222. THE MONEY GOES TO THE FOUNDATION FOR RESEARCH AND EDUCATION.

I want to applaud the good people at PCF for taking this step, but I also want to encourage them to work harder, be louder, and to confront the fears that men have head on. By talking about our fears, we can relieve them.

Also, women have everything pink these days. Let's make things blue for the boys. I want to support the PCF when I go shopping. I can buy a can of soup that has a pink ribbon on it, I should be able to buy that same can of soup and support PCF. If I can buy paper towels that have a faint pink ribbon on the package, I want to buy paper towels that have a blue ribbon for the men.

I want to attend regional Blue Balls — events that are designed around activities we men want, from marathons to bike rides, to dance contests, there's no limit.

Let's go, guys! We need to get our acts in gear. The playbook is already written, and it's not that difficult to get men to do things. Just put it on their "Honey Do …" lists as one more thing to get done. That might even be the campaign theme.

Prostate cancer is deadly, it can go undetected for years, and men can and do ignore the warning signs. If you have a man in your life that you love, have him get tested, because the only ones who can't get prostate cancer, are women.

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May revise or May reprise?

IN 1978, WHEN VOTERS ENACTED THE landmark Proposition 13, Jerry Brown was governor and Democrats controlled both houses of the legislature. Voters passed Prop. 13 to send a message to government: stop destroying California with your endless grab on our money to cover up your inability to properly manage an affordable government.

Thirty three years later, Brown is governor again, Democrats control the legislature and the voters have rejected every single proposed statewide tax increase in the last several election cycles, including an embarrassing drubbing of Prop. 1A, a tax "extension" proposal involving the very same taxes that Brown, the Democrats and their labor allies are now demanding.

In music, a reprise is a return to a theme. When Gov. Brown reveals his May budget revision, known as the May revise, we can expect a return to several themes used by the tax takers seeking to extract ever more revenue from the taxpayers.

The first among these themes is to scare voters into thinking that the world will end without tax increases. This tactic is so common that, even at the national level, it has been given a name: The Washington Monument Syndrome. When the budget stalemates in Congress, the establishment threatens — or actually carries out the threat — to close down the Washington Monument, one of the most popular tourist attractions in Washington D.C. Of course, they won't do anything about the $9,000 toilet seat purchased by the Pentagon or the billions given to Wall Street firms as part of the bailout.

In California, it is the same drill. The governor just announced the closure of 70 state parks. First, as anyone who uses state parks knows, they sit on some of the best real estate in California. It makes one wonder if, in the hands of a private concessionaire, wouldn't these parks actually make money? While we don't expect our park system to turn a profit, if properly managed, shouldn't it at least break even?

With schools, they will continue their threats of layoffs and closures without, of course, talking about the long list of reforms that would actually give us a better educational product for less money. Something as simple as giving local school districts the ability to contract out non-educational functions like transportation and food service is an anathema to a party completely controlled by public employee unions. And heaven forbid we should expand school choice with more charter schools or — gasp — vouchers to parents of low-income students stuck in failing schools.

The problem for Gov. Brown and Democrats is that voters have heard this all before. With Prop. 13, UCLA economists ominously intoned in a TV ad against the measure that California would be plunged into a deep recession if 13 passed. The opposite happened.

SOMETHING AS SIMPLE AS GIVING LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS THE ABILITY TO CONTRACT OUT NON-EDUCATIONAL FUNCTIONS LIKE TRANSPORTATION AND FOOD SERVICE IS AN ANATHEMA TO A PARTY COMPLETELY CONTROLLED BY PUBLIC EMPLOYEE UNIONS.

Two years ago, the same interests warned of dire consequences if the tax increases set forth in Prop. 1A weren't extended. The voters listened very carefully — and then rejected 1A by a 2-1 margin. The problem for the Democrats and their union backers is that no one believes them anymore.

Even last November, the education lobby pulled out all the stops to repeal tax breaks for those oh-so-evil corporations with Prop. 24 and, in so doing, ran ads showing children in classrooms. David Sanchez, the president of the California Teachers Association, signed the ballot argument in favor of 24. What happened? Prop. 24 lost and, just last week, Sanchez got his posterior thrown in jail for illegal activity during a CTA protest.

The very, very bad news for Brown, the Democrats in the legislature and their union backers is that voters are on to their game. Even they know it. That is why they want the tax increases without a vote of the people as promised by Brown because, they too, have seen the polling.

Whether it is 33 years ago, two years ago or today, those who live off tax dollars are playing the same theme music in the background. But those of us who pay the bills — the taxpayers — are singing a song of our own and the lyrics are simple and straightforward: Live within your means, don't raise taxes and stop using school children as human shields.

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The Q Line

Gap lingers on

A report by Education Trust-West found the achievement gap between white and minority SMMUSD students persists despite efforts to close it.

So, this week's Q-Line question asks:
What do you think can be done to bridge the gap?

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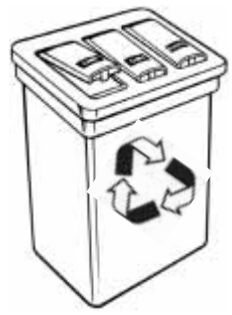
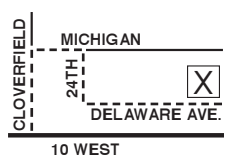
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Gov. Brown pushes tax increases

JULIET WILLIAMS
Associated Press

SACRAMENTO Gov. Jerry Brown is betting that California continues its gradual climb from the depths of the recession but said Monday that even a multibillion dollar bounce in tax revenue will not close the state's budget deficit and he wants to keep pushing a series of tax increases.

The Democratic governor released his revised budget proposal for the fiscal year that starts July 1, a spending plan that mixes hope for better days ahead with a warning about the future if the Legislature fails to enact his plan for higher taxes.

Public schools will receive nearly $3 billion more under his plan but would be hit particularly hard if his call for higher taxes is rebuffed in the Legislature or by voters.

The governor proposed spending of $88.8 billion, a nearly 5 percent increase over the budget he introduced in January. The boost was fueled by rising sales, personal income and corporate tax receipts — the three main sources of the state's general fund.

The governor expects an overall increase of $6.6 billion in tax receipts through the rest of this fiscal year and into the coming one.

The rising revenue and spending cuts already enacted by Brown and Democratic lawmakers have reduced the projected deficit to $9.6 billion. It had been estimated as high as $26.6 billion at the start of the year.

Noting the increased tax revenue, Brown proposed to slightly modify his call for a renewal of expiring tax increases. But he defended his decision to push ahead with the tax plan, saying the state faces deficits into the future.

"California's finances were plunged into turmoil by the Great Recession and a decade of short-term fixes and fiscal gimmicks," he said during a Capitol news conference. "This is not the time to delay or evade. This is the time to put our finances in order."

Brown and Democratic lawmakers want to renew increases to the personal income, sales and vehicles taxes that were approved two years ago but are scheduled to expire June 30. Brown had wanted the increases extended for five years.

He said Monday he still wants to renew the increases to the sales and vehicle taxes this year but not the increase to the personal income tax. Instead, that increase would be reinstated for the 2012 through 2015 tax years.

The additional revenue would mainly go to education and to pay for the realignment of public safety programs to local agencies. He argued that the relative tax burden would remain below historic levels.

The governor said his proposal for spending cuts and tax increases represented a reasonable, balanced approach that would put the state's finances on sound footing over the next few years. Without the renewal of the higher taxes, Brown said California faces a budget deficit of about $20 billion in two years.

He would not say whether he had an alternate plan if Republican lawmakers continue to block his call for tax renewals.

"I'm not going to give the Republicans a roadmap to ruin, I'm giving them a roadmap to success," he said.

Even though Democrats have majorities in the Assembly and Senate, two Republican votes are needed in each house to reach the two-thirds threshold to approve tax increases or place a measure on the ballot.

Brown does not want lawmakers to authorize the tax extensions directly. Instead, he wants them to place the question before voters in a special election, perhaps this fall.

The governor's May revise, as it's called in the Capitol, marks the unofficial starting point for lawmakers to get serious about their most important job — creating a state spending plan for the coming fiscal year.

It's not clear whether the parties will be able to agree on Brown's plan by their June 15 constitutional deadline to pass a budget.

Assembly Republicans questioned whether the state needs to extend the temporary tax increases. They also criticized Brown's plan — already signed into law — transferring responsibility for some low-level offenders from the state to local law enforcement agencies. The governor has said the shift will not take place unless the tax renewals are approved.

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>
> **Gov. Jerry Brown**
> D-California

"Those are two fundamental places we do not have any interest in going," said Assemblyman Jim Nielsen, R-Gerber, speaking for the GOP caucus. "In terms of compromise on tax increases, I don't see any place to go there."

GOP lawmakers have steadfastly refused to go along with Brown's plan to extend the temporary tax increases and say a combination of an improving economy and targeted spending cuts can solve the remaining deficit for the fiscal year that starts July 1.

They want deeper cuts to services to the poor, elderly and disabled; 10 percent salary cuts for state workers; and a raid on one-time funds intended for early childhood development and mental health.

Republicans also want long-term reforms to public employee pensions, a strict spending cap and regulatory reforms for businesses. Brown has proposed a package of pension reforms and on Monday agreed that the state needs a spending limit.

Brown broke off talks in late March with five Republican senators who seemed willing to deal on his call for higher taxes if he and the Democratic majority conceded on their reforms. But the governor complained that they kept changing their demands, making negotiations impossible.

Since then, Brown has given occasional speeches warning of dire consequences if the temporary tax increases are not renewed. At the same time, education officials and the state's two main teachers unions have said schools will face thousands of teacher layoffs, increased class sizes and a shortened school year if the budget deficit is closed through cuts alone.

Brown has been largely out of public view since late April, when he had a basal cell carcinoma removed from the right side of his nose and underwent reconstructive surgery. Doctors said they removed all the cancerous cells.

The surgery sidelined Brown at a time when governors typically are working hard to sell their revised budget plan to lawmakers and interest groups.



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TAKING TIME: **Residents cast their ballots during last year's general election at City Hall.**

ELECTION
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independent campaigns.

If that happens, raising the contribution limits would open the door to an influx of money from business interests, which can afford to meet the higher contribution limits where the average voter may not.

The two sides aired their views at the May 10 City Council meeting, personified by Councilmember Bobby Shriver for the increase, and Councilmember Kevin McKeown against it.

Shriver pointed out that people with real estate interests gave tens of thousands of dollars to independent expenditure campaigns to use against candidates through mailers and advertising.

"If money wants to get into politics, it will get in," Shriver said. "Why wouldn't you give an individual some capacity to be heard at the same volume as the IEs are heard?"

McKeown pointed out that money isn't everything — in his 2006 campaign, he was outspent by a factor of 20 and still managed to retain his seat.

"If I felt that my getting more money would help, I guess my self-interest would bring me there, but I don't think it serves the community to keep opening the floodgate wider and wider because the people who live here in Santa Monica aren't all doing that great," McKeown said. "On the other hand, special interests give what seems to be a good investment to them."

Santa Monicans for Renters' Rights (SMRR) — which controls one of the main independent expenditure campaigns alongside the education IE, police and fire unions, and the hospitality industry — "invested" $100,000 in the 2006 campaign, Shriver noted.

"Although you might have been outspent, you were endorsed by SMRR, therefore all that mail went to your benefit," Shriver said.

Shriver, who bills himself as a primarily self-funded candidate, and Bob Holbrook are the only two councilmembers that SMRR did not back in their council runs.

Jessica Levinson, director of political reform at the Los Angeles-based Center for Governmental Studies, said that the idea of calling groups like SMRR fully independent of the candidates they endorse "troubling."

"It strains reality," Levinson said. "By definition, those are people that are interested in the outcome of races who know candidates or advisors or may have strong ties to candidates or advisors. I think, in reality, expenditures by independent groups are made by people that know candidates and campaigns."

In the absence of council members Pam O'Connor and Holbrook, the City Council chose to put off a final decision on the matter until all council members were present.

To the eyes of the outside world, the Santa Monica conflagration is all smoke and little fire.

The question about raising the campaign contribution limits should focus on two things, said Paul S. Ryan, an attorney with the Washington D.C.-based Campaign Legal Center.

First, does the proposed $150 increase mean that a donor that gives the maximum gets extra pull with the candidate, like a greater tendency to answer the phone or discuss issues?

Second, without the increase, can a candidate mount a viable campaign, or is it too expensive to get the message out?

Neither situation seemed likely if the limit went to $400, Ryan said.

"In my view, as someone who's made a career of fighting for sensible dollars in political campaigns, [the council] may want to invest [its] energy in other battles," Ryan said.

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The City of Santa Monica hereby releases its Draft 2010 Urban Water Management Plan (Plan) for public review. The plan will be available through June 28, 2011 at all City of Santa Monica public libraries, City Hall, the City of Santa Monica Water Resources Division Administration Office (1212-5th Street, 3rd Floor, Santa Monica) and at the following City Website:

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A Public Hearing will be held to consider comments to the Draft Plan; to consider and adopt the City's method for determining the City's water use targets under SBX-7-7 ("20 by 2020" water conservation requirements); and implementation of the Plan including economic impacts, if any.

The Public Hearing will be held at the City Council Chambers located at 1685 Main Street on Tuesday June 28, 2011. The time of the hearing will be posted on the Agenda for the meeting on the Thursday prior to the meeting.

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The coastal 36th Congressional District was carved out to elect Democrats, so the smart money is on the party's leading candidates, Los Angeles City Councilwoman Janice Hahn, 59, and California Secretary of State Debra Bowen, 55. They share similar political views, have six-figure campaign accounts and both have roots in a district that stretches from the famous Venice boardwalk through the playground of Manhattan Beach to the edge of the sprawling Los Angeles port.

But a projected low turnout in the little-noticed special election — only 15 percent to 20 percent of voters are expected to participate — makes the outcome less predictable.

That creates potential wild-card opportunities for school teacher Marcy Winograd, 57, a Democrat with an anti-war following who's run in the district before, and entertainment industry executive Daniel H. Adler, 48, another Democrat whose campaign is being run by "The Lord of the Rings" actor Sean Astin.

Hahn and Bowen are favorites but in a low-turnout race "someone who has the ability to target and motivate a relatively small number of voters can prevail," says Darry Sragow, an editor at the California Target Book, an analysis of legislative and congressional races. "Sometimes that means that people who are not considered front-runners can pull off a surprise."

Democrats are expected to hold the seat easily.

For those who follow election mechanics, the race is notable because it is the first congressional test of California's new system for electing lawmakers — an open primary in which voters, regardless of registration, can select candidates from any party. If no one clears 50 percent to win outright, the top two vote-getters advance to a runoff, even if they are from the same party.

In the 36th district, the road to the runoff is rougher for Republicans: Democrats hold an imposing 18-point registration edge, and six Republicans are on the ballot will compete for votes.

The GOP field includes Redondo Beach Mayor Mike Gin, 48, and conservative businessman Craig Huey, 60, who has tea party support and loaned his campaign $500,000.

Members of the Pasadena Patriots, a prominent southern California tea party group, have been knocking on doors and making phone calls on Huey's behalf. Even with the Democratic registration edge, Pasadena Patriots spokesman Mike Alexander says Huey can be competitive with so many candidates splintering the vote.

There are five Democrats on the ballot, candidates from the Peace and Freedom and Libertarian parties, and several nonpartisan candidates. Two in ten voters in the district are independents, though they tend to lean Democratic.

"Craig has more than a chance," Alexander predicts.

With the economy struggling, much of the race has focused on job growth in a region with double-digit unemployment.

Hahn, scion of a prominent Los Angeles political family, has emerged as the establishment favorite, winning endorsements from U.S. Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa and the powerful Los Angeles County Federation of Labor. Former legislator Bowen has the backing of the Sierra Club, the California Nurses Association and former Democratic National Committee Chairman Howard Dean.

With a large field, the calculus of the campaign is tricky. If Winograd can rally her base from prior races — she received nearly 19,000 votes in a 2010 primary against Harman — does that take more votes from Hahn or Bowen? As of Friday, Republican-registered voters turned in nearly as many mail-in ballots as Democrats in the district, which suggests a motivated GOP.

Not surprisingly in a race where the leading Democrats occupy common ground, the contest has veered into personal attacks in attempts to draw a comparison between them.

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Jose Escarce, although the housing allowance was the most valuable add-on by far.

Escarce and board Vice President Ben Allen were part of Lyon's contract negotiations.

"He was going to be the interim superintendent, and when we extended his contract we knew he wouldn't be here for many years, and had another home in San Jose," Escarce said. "It helped him continue to be a superintendent. That wouldn't be part of a normal package. We already decided that irrespective of the candidate, this was going to be a permanent position and relocation."

Lyon's contract also includes very specific duties and expectations like directives to represent the school to parents and other community members, provide leadership in instruction and curriculum and communicate openly with staff any critical "issues or incidents," among others.

The language in Cuneo's contract included a single paragraph listing seven points of general responsibilities to Lyon's 12, focusing primarily on his relationship with and obligations to the board of education.

"There are two approaches to this," Escarce said. "We spell out a number of responsibilities and allude to the job description. Mr. Cuneo's was more general."

The additional working days — 222 to Cuneo's 220 — will bring Lyon's work-year in line with the rest of the senior cabinet members, and the vacation time is "pretty standard," Escarce said.

One benefit that Cuneo did not receive, however, was the $12,000 to pay for a "coach" during Lyon's first year.

Both former superintendents John Deasy and Dianne Talarico also used a coach, essentially a confidant for the otherwise isolated superintendent.

"The position of superintendent can be a lonely job, like many jobs where you are at the top of a complicated organization," Escarce said. "The coach gives you someone to talk to at the same level."

Usually, the coach is a superintendent or retired superintendent that understands the issues at the school district and can provide feedback on decisions that the new hire is making.

Lyon will have the opportunity to select her own coach, which the board will then either approve or deny.

Lyon's first day on the job is July 1.

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PLAYOFFS
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a distinction that isn't giving the Jaguars big heads.

"There are some good teams in Division 7," Head Coach Sean Brookes said. "Not that I'm looking forward, but it will be a tough road no matter what happens.

"We have our work cut out."

The Jaguars open the playoffs at West Los Angeles College on Friday against the winner of a wild card game between West Shores and Southwestern Academy, which will be played this afternoon.

Brookes said he's unsure who his starting pitcher will be, with junior Anthony Carrillo and freshman Christian Vibiano being the likely candidates.

PACIFICA CHRISTIAN HOSTS FIRST ROUND

Pacifica Christian, winner of the Heritage League, will open the CIF-SS Division 7 playoffs at home on Friday against the winner of a wild card game between Coast Union and Trinity Classical Academy.

The Seawolves are the No. 10 ranked team in the division. There is a potential for Pacifica Christian and fellow Santa Monica-based New Roads to meet later in the postseason.

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ties said. In 2009 alone seat belts saved approximately 12,713 lives nationwide. In California, it is estimated that 320 people who were killed in 2009 would be alive today if they had been wearing seat belts.

California's current seat belt use rate of 96.2 percent is at an all-time high, but that still leaves nearly 1 million people who are not buckling up, putting their lives at risk every time they get into the car, said Christopher Murphy, director of the state's Office of Traffic Safety. The Click it or Ticket campaign is credited with increasing the state's adult seat belt usage rate from 92.5 percent in 2005 to 96.2 percent in 2010.

"We are very proud of California's seat belt and child safety seat use rates," Murphy said. "However, with nearly 1 million motorists still not buckling up, there is much work to do. Reaching the last 4 percent of motorists is crucial to reaching our goal of zero deaths."

More than 600 Click it or Ticket highway signs, which have been up since 2005, have been updated to reflect the "minimum $142" message, reminding motorists that failing to buckle up is costly.

Over 140 local law enforcement agencies statewide and the California Highway Patrol will be participating in the mobilization. Funding is provided by a grant from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

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extending the plan into Santa Monica. Parking is scarce along Wilshire, where many small businesses rely on street parking to meet the needs of their customers. City officials wanted to preserve that parking as much as possible, said Beth Rolandson, City Hall's principal transportation planner.

City Hall also studied traffic patterns and travel times and found that most buses make good time while traveling in Santa Monica, doing away with the need for dedicated bus lanes. It's not until they hit Los Angeles that traffic starts to create delays.

"Congestion starts east of us, near the 405 [freeway]," Rolandson said.

Staff also was unclear as to how the bus-only lanes would impact a redesign of Wilshire that included medians. Rolandson said there was concern that the medians would have to be removed or trimmed.

Metro plans to eliminate curbside parking during rush hours, repave and widen curb lanes to better handle heavy buses, and modify traffic signals to favor buses. About $31.5 million has been set aside for the "bus rapid transit" project.

Metro staff has recommended that the MTA board reject a request from the Los Angeles City Council to limit the bus-only lanes to the 5.4 miles of Wilshire east of Beverly Hills. Metro staff said the benefits to Brentwood residents would be outweighed by delays imposed on bus patrons, and snarled Wilshire Boulevard traffic.

The proposed project will go before an MTA board committee next Wednesday, according to reports. If built, the bus lanes would parallel the Wilshire Boulevard subway, which will not open until at least 2022 under current construction plans.

Santa Monica has bus-only lanes in the Downtown Transit Mall, but has not expanded them to other areas of the city. There have been talks of creating a bus-only lane along Lincoln Boulevard to enhance service to Rapid and local line 3 but nothing has materialized.

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Navy SEALS-mania on rise since bin Laden mission

JULIE WATSON
Associated Press

ENCINITAS Joe Stumpf snaps the 115-pound barbell up to his chest and swiftly lifts it over his head, holding it with gritting teeth and locked arms as sweat streams down from his gray hair line.

The barbell hits the ground in a clang seconds later. After eight reps, the 54-year-old businessman dressed in camouflage pants rushes to the next excruciating exercise.

Stumpf is one of a growing number of Americans putting themselves through grueling fitness programs modeled after Navy SEAL workouts as interest in the elite military unit has soared since one of its teams killed Osama bin Laden. Everyone these days seems to be dreaming of what it's like to be a SEAL, know a SEAL or at least look like one.

Book publishers say they cannot order the printings of the memoirs of former SEALs fast enough, while people are dialing 1-800-Hooyah! like mad to get their hands on T-shirts emblazoned with the SEAL insignia and sayings like: "When it absolutely, positively must be destroyed overnight! Call in the US Navy SEALs."

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> **Mark Divine**
> Former Navy SEAL Cmdr.

Awe over the covert operation is even putting the city of Fort Pierce, Fla., on the map for vacation destinations. The city's National Navy UDT-SEAL Museum — the only museum dedicated to the secretive SEALs — has been flooded with calls from people planning to visit.

But nothing short of joining the SEALs offers a more true-to-life taste of their toughness than the workout places run by ex-Navy commandos.

"Every little boy has got a SEAL in them," Stumpf joked after completing one of the workouts in Southern California.

Former Navy SEAL Cmdr. Mark Divine said his business has been inundated with inquiries since the raid. Most have been from the general public caught up in the excitement over the surprise attack on bin Laden's compound in Pakistan. He said military candidates aren't showing greater interest and Navy officials say visitors to recruiting centers have not spiked since the historic May 2 operation.

"Certainly a lot of corn balls have called for sure — people who wouldn't stand a chance of making it through our training," said the brawny accountant-turned-SEAL who founded NavySEALs.com, SEALFIT and US CrossFit gyms in the beach town of Encinitas, just north of San Diego. "I had an email today from a kid asking if I could train him from home because his parents don't want him to become a SEAL."

Divine started SEALFIT to help sailors and Marines interested in becoming special forces members by giving them a peek at the Navy's notoriously brutal basic training for SEALs. His tough workouts, he says, also save the dreamers "from four to five years in the Navy chipping paint for the USS Never-Sail."

Divine soon discovered even people who will never be a SEAL could benefit from his trainings, which run the gamut from daily hard-core workouts to a month-long live-in academy involving 10 hours of exercise, seven days a week.

The fittest can move on to a SEALFIT camp, which is based on the Navy's "Hell Week," the defining moment for SEAL candidates who must endure more than five days of constant exercise — including swimming, running, and slogging through mud — on fewer than four hours of sleep a day.

Camp-goers exercise for 50 hours without sleep, and get to go out on a mock, SEAL-type mission.

"It's not easy to determine who is going to make it through SEAL training or not," Divine said. "The secret sauce is inside of you. It's mental toughness and unbeatable spirit."



Photo courtesy U.S. Navy

ASSUMING THE FORCE POSTURE: **SEAL team members, one equipped with an AN-PAQ-1 laser target designator, right, the other armed with an M-14 rifle, assume a defensive position after assaulting the beach during an amphibious demonstration for the 14th Annual Inter-American Naval Conference.**

Stumpf wanted to find out if he had that "sauce" long before the national euphoria erupted over the SEALs.

Eight months ago, the business coach for real estate agents and mortgage brokers started taking Devine's SEAL training class to prepare for the 50-hour camp.

On a recent afternoon, Stumpf kept stride with the men half his age as they race walked a half-mile down an Encinitas street, lugging up to 70 pounds in weights in each hand. At one point, Stumpf stopped and dropped his 55-pound kettlebells to the ground, letting out a grunt and sigh of total exhaustion. As the others fast approached, he picked them up again and made it across the imaginary finish line.

"If you really want to find out what's happening in Afghanistan, you want to get a taste of it and you're never going to be over there to do it, but you might be admiring what's going on, you can come here and get a little taste," he said. "I like that I'm getting to taste something that a lot of men are putting their life on the line for. I encourage men my age to go for it. To push it, push it all farther than they ever have. Taste what they teach."

Stumpf said the timing of the SEAL mission coinciding with his training has made his pride over the historic event feel much more personal.

"I got phone calls from all my colleagues that know I'm doing this and they were like, 'Hey man, you guys did it!'" he said, laughing. "Well, I'm like I'm not a SEAL! But I'll take it. So I put the shirt on that day, you know."

He added with a chuckle that at least, "I've got the T-shirt!"



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Obama's grassroots army rebuilds

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PHILADELPHIA President Barack Obama's re-election campaign is barely a month old, but Camille Gervasio and other volunteers nationwide already are hard at work.

"Are you with us? Are you in?" Gervasio asks into her iPhone, dialing through a call sheet resting on her laptop to line up supporters for an election 18 months away.

In call centers like this one on the eighth floor of an office building, the president's backers are trying to take advantage of a head start over the still-forming Republican field and the benefits of incumbency to rebuild a grassroots effort that mobilized millions of voters in 2008.

Obama's campaign has pledged to reach out to every voter it was in contact with during his first run, a herculean 50-state organizational effort to reconnect with its supporters — some of them now disillusioned with the president because of his policies — while giving it an early indication of any vulnerabilities among critical constituent groups.

Without having to focus on a primary opponent, Obama's campaign also is spending much of its time and money trying to build foundations of support early in battleground states like Pennsylvania, New Mexico and Ohio that backed Obama last time but have since elected Republican governors, weakening state Democratic Party operations.

"Every single day we have to go scratch and claw for those votes," Jim Messina, Obama's campaign manager, said recently in a video outlining Obama's strategy. He argued that Obama's team must "act like an insurgent campaign" to win re-election.

In some ways, Obama's first campaign never folded.

After he was elected, he turned it into an organization called Organizing for America to communicate with supporters, rally them behind his policies and encourage get-out-the-vote efforts during the midterm elections. The group, run through the Democratic National Committee, has been criticized even by some Democrats for being ineffective at translating support for Obama's campaign into support for his policies.

Since Obama officially announced his re-election campaign in early April, his advisers have been working to reignite the grassroots campaign that was inspired by Obama's days as a community organizer.

Under the slogan "I'm In!," volunteer events are under way across the country, from brainstorming sessions at coffee houses to holding phone banks, house parties and door-to-door neighborhood canvassing events.

In Florida on Saturday, Obama volunteers were asked to bring a cell phone and charger to staff phone banks around the state. In Bloomington, Ind., near the campus of Indiana University, the president's backers are running phone banks twice a week.

New York City supporters held a seminar on using Facebook as an organizing tool. Los Angeles backers entered data collected from thousands of voter commitment cards from an Obama event at the University of Southern California in October 2010. And Las Cruces, N.M., volunteers are running a voter registration drive at a farmer's market.

"We've expanded upon what we did in 2008," said Jeremy Bird, the Obama campaign's national field director. "We could have said we'll come back to you when we run another presidential election, but we've maintained contact with our supporters, they've been involved in voter outreach, legislative fights, training people."

Beyond the reintroductions, the early efforts are also aimed at a changed political landscape.

When Obama locked up the Democratic nomination in 2008, he was able to turn to Democratic governors like Ed Rendell of Pennsylvania, Ted Strickland of Ohio and Tim Kaine of Virginia for help.

But, last year, Republicans captured governors' posts in several states Obama carried in 2008, including Iowa, Michigan, New Mexico, Ohio, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin. And in 2009, Virginia voters elected Republican Bob McDonnell to succeed Kaine. Collectively, the seven states now account for 88 electoral votes, or nearly a third of the 270 electoral votes needed to win the White House.

Controlling a state's top political office can be a boon for a party's White House nominee because governors frequently offer up efficient campaign operations, a long list of financial supporters and key advisers to a presidential campaign.

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SURF REPORT

Surf Conditions **Water Temp:** 61°

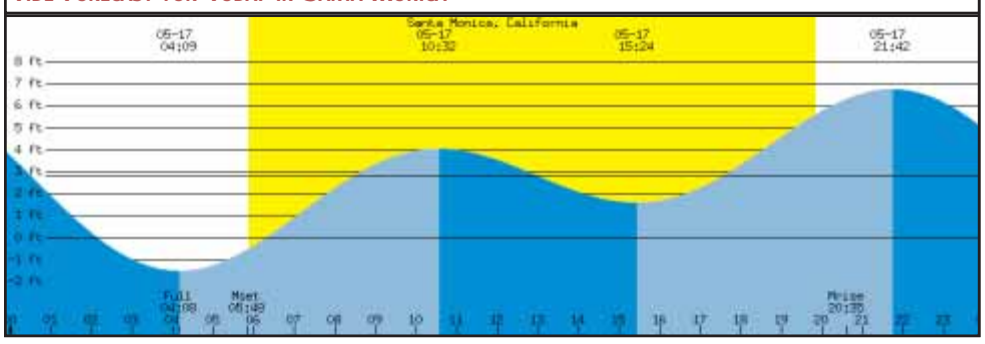
Swell Forecast

Should see a touch of NW energy come in to help west facing breaks with some waist+ waves. South facing breaks are looking at knee to waist high sets.

Long Range Synopsis

Looking like the building day for the Pitcairn swell. Early AM sessions are looking at chest hgih waves, then head high+ by nightfall.

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 6, 2011**

HEAL THE BAY - 1444 9th Street, Santa Monica, CA 90401 - www.healthebay.org - brc@healthebay.org - 800 HEAL BAY

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 -- 10
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 34 / 12
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 11 / 32

The Beach Report Card is made possible by: The Diller – von Furstenberg Family Foundation, Grousbeck Family Foundation, simplehuman, LAcarGUY, SIMA

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 Criteria Protocol.

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth.	F	F
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	A+
El Pescador State Beach, between Lachusa and Los Aliso creeks.	A+	A+
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	A+	A+
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth.	B	F
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	A+	F
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	A	A+
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth.	F	F
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	F	A+
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	A	F
Solstice Canyon at Dan Blocker County Beach.	A+	F
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth.	A+	F
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd..	F	ns
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	C
Surfrider Beach (breach location)- daily.	F	F
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	B	F
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	F	F
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero).	A+	A
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs.	A+	C
Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach.	A+	B
Tuna Canyon.	ns	ns
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.	F	A+
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	A+	F

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

Heal the Bay's Beach Report Card℠ is based on weekly water quality monitoring data provided by the City of Los Angeles' Environmental Monitoring Division and the Los Angeles County Department of Health Services. Data is analyzed as soon as it is made available to us by the public agencies. Beaches are graded on an A–F scale based on the risk of ocean users becoming ill. Samples are analyzed for bacteria—enterococcus, total and fecal coliforms—that indicate biological pollution. A fact sheet detailing the exact methodology used in determining grades for each location is available from the office or on our web site. The report is not designed to measure the amount of trash or toxins found at local beaches.

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SAFETY

Helmet bill sparks lobbying effort

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Associated Press

WASHINGTON A major football helmet manufacturer has sharply increased its Washington lobbying this year, responding to a congressional push to come up with new safety standards for children's football helmets.

Riddell, which makes helmets for both kids and adults and is the official helmet of the NFL, spent $80,000 in the first quarter of this year lobbying on new legislation that could lead to federal regulation of youth football helmets. The company, which has come under criticism from one of the bill's sponsors for claiming that its product reduces concussions, had spent almost nothing on lobbying last year.

At the same time, the group that sets voluntary standards for helmets, the National Operating Committee on Standards for Athletic Equipment, last month hired a Washington lobbyist for the first time since the group's establishment in 1969. The group is funded by license fees paid by manufacturers.

Sen. Tom Udall, D-N.M., and Rep. Bill Pascrell, D-N.J., introduced the Children's Sports Athletic Equipment Safety Act in March. The bill would give the industry nine months to come up with new standards that address concussion risks and the specific needs of young players. Failing that, the Consumer Product Safety Commission would write mandatory standards.

About 3 million children ages 6-14 play organized youth tackle football, according to USA Football, the sport's national governing body in this country.

Sports concussions among young people have become a big issue in schools across the country, and not just in football. About 135,000 children between the ages of 5 and 18 are treated in emergency rooms each year for sports- or recreation-related concussions and other head injuries. Schools, cities and states are taking steps to reduce these injuries, and some are barring student athletes who show signs of concussions from competing again until cleared by a health care professional.

But the search for a concussion-proof helmet has proven elusive, and there's a consensus that concussions can't be eliminated from football. Last year, the NFL acknowledged that the lack of a perfect helmet was a factor in its decision to impose hefty fines and the threat of suspensions to cut down on dangerous hits at the professional level.

In a statement about its lobbying, Riddell noted that football concussions at all levels have become a leading health concern and touted the effectiveness of its products.

"We believe it is only prudent to follow this legislation and to help members (of Congress), and their staffs, better understand the leadership role that Riddell has played in designing the best head protection we can manufacture for athletes who play football," Riddell said. The company said it is still studying the legislation and hasn't yet taken a position on it.

Udall has assailed helmet makers including Riddell for what he called "misleading safety claims and deceptive practices," and urged the Federal Trade Commission to investigate. He specifically criticized Riddell for claiming that its Riddell Revolution football helmet reduces the risk of concussions.



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Thor (PG-13) 1hr 54min
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Hesher (R) 1hr 42min
1:30pm, 4:15pm, 7:00pm, 9:40pm

African Cats (G) 1hr 29min
12:10pm, 2:30pm, 4:55pm

Source Code (PG-13) 1hr 34min
7:20pm, 9:50pm

Bridesmaids (R) 2hrs 05min
12:30pm, 3:30pm, 6:30pm, 9:30pm

AMC 7 Santa Monica
1310 Third St.
(310) 451-9440

Fast Five (PG-13) 2hrs 10min
10:50am, 2:00pm, 4:10pm, 6:10pm, 7:10pm, 9:10pm, 10:10pm

Everything Must Go (R) 1hr 40min
11:20am, 2:30pm, 5:00pm, 7:35pm, 10:15pm

Bridesmaids (R) 2hrs 05min
10:30am, 1:30pm, 4:30pm, 7:30pm, 10:30pm

Soul Surfer (PG-13) 1hr 45min
10:40am, 1:25pm

Rio 3D (PG) 1hr 36min
11:30am, 2:10pm, 4:45pm, 7:15pm, 9:55pm

Priest 3D (PG-13) 1hr 27min
10:15am, 12:45pm, 3:10pm, 5:40pm, 8:00pm, 10:25pm

Thor 3D (PG-13) 1hr 54min
10:05am, 1:05pm, 4:05pm, 7:05pm, 10:05pm

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Last Night (R) 2hrs 00min
3:10pm, 7:40pm

Princess of Montpensier (La Princesse de Montpensier) (NR) 2hrs 19min
1:40pm, 4:50pm, 8:00pm

Forks Over Knives (PG) 1hr 30min
1:30pm, 7:00pm

13 Assassins (R) 2hrs 06min
4:00pm, 9:20pm

Exporting Raymond (PG) 1hr 26min
1:00pm, 5:30pm, 10:00pm

I Am (NR) 1hr 16min
1:10pm, 3:20pm, 5:30pm, 7:40pm, 9:50pm

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1313 Third St.
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Something Borrowed (PG-13) 1hr 43min
11:05am, 1:45pm, 4:25pm, 7:05pm, 9:45pm

Jumping the Broom (PG-13) 1hr 53min
10:45am, 1:40pm, 4:30pm, 7:20pm, 10:10pm

Water for Elephants (PG-13) 2hrs 00min
10:50am, 1:50pm, 4:45pm, 7:40pm, 10:20pm

Priest 3D (PG-13) 1hr 27min
11:50am, 2:15pm, 4:40pm, 7:00pm, 9:30pm

Thor 3D (PG-13) 1hr 54min
11:00am, 2:00pm, 5:00pm, 8:00pm, 10:50pm

Go for It! (PG-13) 1hr 30min
11:40am, 2:10pm, 4:50pm, 7:15pm, 9:50pm

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All smiles tonight, Sag

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Look for an original idea or solution. In the process, you could be so distracted that you get nothing done! Reality hits like a bolt of lightning. Tonight: Now allow your mind to roam.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ After as much uproar as you have experienced lately, a partner might be justified in seizing control. Be honest about that fact. Actually, you might like getting off the hot seat for a while. Tonight: Accept an invitation for a chat over dinner.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★ Whatever interrupts your sleep -- be it a dream or an actual event -- could set you off on the wrong foot this morning. By the afternoon, you'll see a solution. Allow others to handle the issues. They always want to anyway. Tonight: Just go along with the moment.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Moving from an emotional plane to a more intellectual one needs to happen soon. You cannot count on detaching and seeing the big picture otherwise. You know there is a hot issue brewing. Avoid a confrontation. Tonight: Remain nurturing.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Pressure might be rather intense in the morning, but it changes radically once you are on track. Creativity, brainstorming and being open to unusual ideas all lead to your ability to move past a situation. Tonight: Let your hair down.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Today's Full Moon shoves you into the limelight. How effective is your method of dealing with many demands? You will find out today. If you are to accomplish anything, you will need to isolate yourself, to a degree. Tonight: Head home.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★ Be aware of your finances when making choices today. Sometimes what looks like it's free could carry a far heavier but less obvious cost. Several conversations have a unique and exciting tone. Explore a different idea or approach. Tonight: Hang out with a friend.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★ Events highlight you. Whether you want to move on or do something different, you could trip yourself up financially. You might take on an unexpected side job or accept a one-time project offer. Wanting to build on your security is normal. Tonight: Buy a token of affection or a card for a loved one.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ You weigh the pros and cons of a situation in the morning. You might not want to discuss it. You bloom in the afternoon, perhaps feeling better than you have in a long time. Realize what is happening with a dear friend or loved one. Pitch in. Tonight: All smiles.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★ Use the morning to the max. Zero in on a goal. A meeting could bring unusual or surprising information forward. Pull back and think about what has occurred in the afternoon. Spontaneity draws a great deal of excitement. Tonight: Take some much-needed personal time.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Your style and approach could be very different than anticipated. Pressure from others could force a review of what has happened. You are heading in a new direction, possibly a more successful one. Tonight: Express what you are thinking and feeling.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ New information comes forward that might be unanticipated. Listen well. You might opt to go on a fact-finding mission and take a strong stand if information supports it. Take charge in the afternoon. Tonight: In the limelight.

Happy birthday

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

This year, you will make a difficult situation work or you will walk away from it. During 2011, you enter a new life cycle in which you need to release what isn't working. New opportunities will come forward. Relating and how much to give could be key issues, but also areas of tremendous growth. If you are single, you might date several different people until you find the right one. If you are attached, the two of you might take a workshop or class to improve your bond and interactions. SAGITTARIUS often pulls you in very close.



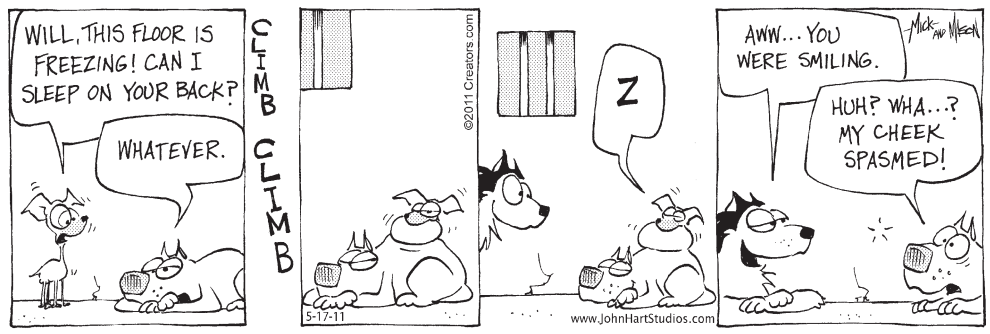
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Speed Bump

By Dave Coverly



Sudoku

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

Difficulty Level ★★

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GETTING STARTED

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

4	9	7	1	2	6	3	5	8
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8	6	2	4	3	5	9	7	1
9	8	1	2	5	3	6	4	7
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CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Verdi opera
7 Sweeping story
11 Realm
12 Nevada city
13 Earns a ticket, in a way
15 Caravan stop
16 Painter Chagall
18 Table parts
21 Band's jobs
22 Ring around the sun
24 Chopping tool
25 Manx, for one
26 Play-ground game
27 Booth Tarkington book
29 Maze runners
30 Mix up
31 Painful spasm
32 Hack-neyed
34 Baseball game feats
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41 Prepare to play
42 Nasty
43 Like hot showers

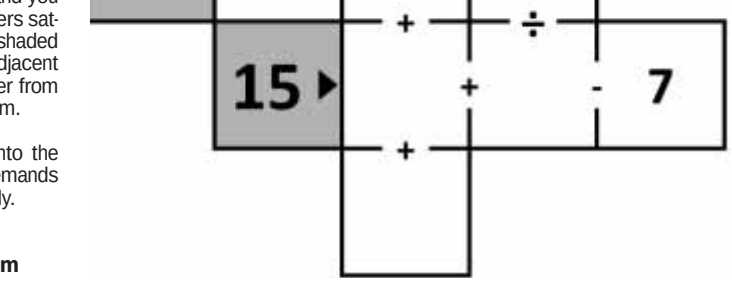
DOWN

1 Peculiar
2 Not to mention
3 Australian bird
4 Dozen for Hercules
5 Purple hue
6 Wallet bills
7 Pencil end
8 For each
9 Pen fill
10 Trig function, for short
14 Cockpit worker
16 Blends
17 Deal maker
19 Arrived
20 Dieter's no-no
21 Opening
22 Scoundrel
23 Maturity
25 Deep pink
28 Fair prize
29 Former White House dog
31 Out of order
33 Lawman Eliot
34 River blocker
35 Flamenco cry
36 Mex. neighbor
37 One — time
38 "This is tasty!"
39 Secret agent

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Thomas Cavender, 60, of Bessemer City, N.C., pleaded unsuccessfully with a judge in March to remove him from the National Sex Offender Registry, to which he had been assigned as part of his sentence in 2000 for molesting a third-grade girl. Cavender told the judge that he had become a preacher and evangelist and that it "hurts my ministry when you're in the pulpit, and someone goes to the computer, and there you are."

■ In April, two police constables in North London, England, threatened Louise Willows with arrest for criminal damage and forced her to clean her artwork from a city sidewalk. Willows had cleared off 25 deposits of droppings that dog-walkers had failed to remove and in their place drawn pink cupcakes in chalk (with a nearby message, "Dog owners, Please clear up your dog's mess. Children walk here").

■ The notorious U.S. military contractor KBR, prominent for having earned several billion dollars from no-bid contracts during the Iraq and Afghanistan wars and which has been accused of numerous employee sexual harassment cover-ups (including nine pending lawsuits filed by female employees), has apparently been voted by readers of Woman Engineer magazine as one of the top 50 places for women to work. (KBR and other companies on the list made announcements in April, but at press time, Woman Engineer's issue containing the list had not been published.)

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