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THE DIAMOND DAYS ISSUE



FIST BUMP FOR VETS

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War veterans near the Santa Monica Pier celebrate the completion of a 12-mile loop Wednesday, part of the Wounded Warrior Project's Soldier Ride, a four-day event to show support and thank the brave men and women who have served and sacrificed so much for the U.S.

Name of suspect in shooting released

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Editor in Chief

PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITY Police have released the name of the man suspected of opening fire on officers, wounding one, during a traffic stop early Tuesday morning on Lincoln Boulevard.

Dante Glenn Leverette, 32, of Los Angeles is expected to be booked on suspicion of trying to kill a police officer, said Santa Monica Police Sgt. Jay Trisler. Leverette was hospitalized Tuesday with gunshot wounds and dog bites. He has been placed under a police watch.

Leverette was in a vehicle driven by a 46-year-old man from Ohio, who was released without being charged after cooperating with police, Trisler said. The driver's name was not made public. Police initially said the car was stopped because the driver was believed to be drunk or intoxicated.

Trisler said Leverette had an extensive criminal record but did not elaborate.

A search of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department's inmate information website showed Leverette was arrested in February and charged with possession of cocaine for sale and possession of a firearm by a felon.

Sources said Leverette was free on bail for a grand theft auto case when he was arrested by the LAPD for the drug and weapon charges.

Officers made a traffic stop on Lincoln Boulevard near Bay Street about 1:40 a.m. Tuesday and shortly afterward, Leverette allegedly got out of the car, shot at officers and fled the scene. A 16-year veteran of the force was hit in the abdomen, just below his bullet proof vest, Trisler said. The name of the officer was not made public.

A search of the area involving SWAT, K-9 officers and police from various agencies including the Beverly Hills, Culver City Inglewood and Gardena police departments, ended with at least one officer wounding Leverette about 5:10 a.m. He was also bitten by a police dog during the arrest.

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HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS ROUNDUP

Bring on the postseason

BY DANIEL ARCHULETA
Managing Editor

SAMOHI There are few proving grounds like the playoffs.

Santa Monica High School's baseball team, co-champs of the Ocean League, open the postseason today at Quartz Hill (17-9 overall, 13-1 in Golden League play), giving their ace hurler Alonzo Gonzalez the ultimate opportunity to prove that his co-league most valuable player award was no fluke.

The senior is slated to take the hill against a team that Samohi Head Coach Sheldon Philip-Guide said has the potential to score runs in bunches. The game is scheduled for 3:15 p.m.

"We hope to keep it a low-scoring game," Philip-Guide said. "A lot of the games that

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Residents and chamber spar over LUCE

BY NICK TABOREK
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL In a preview of an expected showdown before the City Council next month, accusations between neighborhood groups and the Chamber of Commerce are flying over City Hall's long-studied general plan update known as the Land Use and Circulation Element (LUCE).

The document, which sets out a vision for growth in Santa Monica and places limits on building height and density for new construction, will go before the council in June for final approval after more than six years of discussion.

City Hall officials have said they are con-

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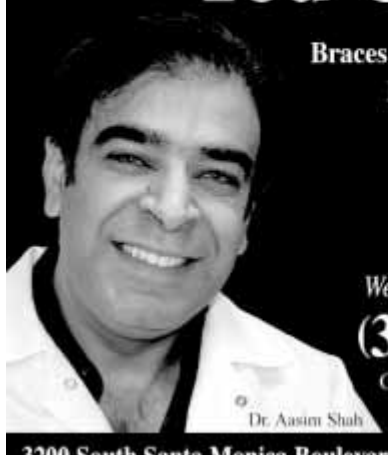
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Thursday, May 20, 2010

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Santa Monica Civic Auditorium
1855 Main St., 5 p.m. — 10 p.m.
Grab you girlfriends and shake off the cold with a little help from Shecky's at Girls Night Out. Experience the newest warm weather fashion trends, delicious cocktails, plus sensational spring beauty treatments. Admission is $25. For more information, call (212) 242-2566.

Buddhist Recovery
Against the Stream Buddhist Meditation Society
1001 Colorado Ave. #A, 7:30 p.m. — 8:30 p.m.
These meetings will focus on Buddhist teachings, traditions and practices that can be helpful to people recovering from all addictions. There will be an emphasis on meditation practice and waking up to the habitual patterns that drive us and our unskillful behaviors. For more information, call (323) 665-4300.

Friday, May 21, 2010

It takes two
Isabelle's Dance Academy
1334 Lincoln Blvd., 7:30 p.m.
Bring a date or come solo to Isabelle's Argentine Tango Class and Social. All levels are welcome, and partners are rotated. After the dance class, free beer and wine are provided during the social. It costs $20 for the class and social or $10 for just the social. Arrive at 7:15 p.m. for door registration. For more information, call (310) 392-3493.

Comedy night
Morgan-Wixson Theatre
Pico Boulevard at 27th Street, 8 p.m. — 10 p.m.
Acclaimed playwright Christopher Durang presents two one-act comedies, "The Actor's Nightmare," a spoof, and "Sister Mary Ignatius Explains It All For You," a satire. Tickets cost $18 or $15 for students and seniors. For more information, call (310) 828-7519.

Saturday, May 22, 2010

Cross your Ts
The Kaufman Brentwood Branch Library
11820 San Vicente Blvd., 2 p.m.
Graphologist Paula Sassi will discuss the mysteries that strokes of handwriting can reveal in the library's free program, "Cracking the Case, Using Handwriting Analysis." The event is free and open to the public and will be held in the community room of the library. For more information, call (310) 575-8273.

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



COLOR BY THE BAY

Brandon Wise *brandonw@smdp.com*

(Top) Members of the Portraits of Hope team on Wednesday unveil the new look of lifeguard towers 16-18, part of the 'Summer of Color' project. The towers are just three of 156 towers that will be transformed as part of a massive public art and civic project that stretches from Malibu to Palos Verdes. The art panels will be donated to participating institutions and to social service agencies around the world to beautify interior and exterior facilities. Many of the panels will be shipped to Haiti for transitional homes, temporary shelters, schools, hospitals, and senior centers.
(Above) Visitors watch the unveiling of the new look of lifeguard towers.

Congressman: Santa Monica gold-dealing firm overcharges

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK A New York congressman says a Santa Monica gold-dealing company that advertises heavily on conservative talk shows is overcharging its customers and preying on their fears about inflation.

Democratic Rep. Anthony Weiner released a report Tuesday saying that Goldline International Inc. "rips off consumers, uses misleading and possibly illegal sales tactics, and deliberately manipulates public fears of an impending government takeover."

Goldline President and CEO Mark Albarian denied the charges.

The company, headquartered in Santa Monica sells bars and coins made of gold, silver and platinum to investors and collectors, its website says.

The congressman's report based its findings on a study of 18 gold coins offered for sale on Goldline's website. When it compared the sale price with the value of the gold if it were melted, it found an average markup of 90 percent. Coins sold as collector items were even higher, with a markup of 152 percent, Weiner's report said.

Albarian defended gold as an investment and said his markup was 35 percent. He said melt value is only part of the value of a coin, which also has a collectible value that the company doesn't set.

Weiner complained that Goldline had formed "an unholy alliance" with conservative commentators who suggest gold as "the only safe investment alternative for consumers who want to safeguard their livelihoods."

He said Goldline sponsors talk shows during which the hosts praise investment in gold.

"When the show then cuts to commercial break, viewers are treated to an advertisement from Goldline," Weiner's report said.

Albarian said his company picks the shows it sponsors "not by their politics but by their passion for gold."

He also said gold "has been a good investment over the last 10-plus years and clients who have bought gold have made money."

The report also alleges that Goldline salespeople were misrepresenting themselves as investment advisers. Weiner spokesman Dave Arnold said that while it's not illegal to charge a high price, sellers were making misleading claims about gold's investment value. Albarian said that was false.

Weiner said he would propose a new law that would require Goldline and other dealers to disclose their fees and explain such terms as melt value and resale value. In addition, he asked the Securities Exchange Commission and the Federal Trade Commission to investigate.

Top cop candidates talk death penalty

DON THOMPSON
Associated Press Writer

SANTA MONICA Six Democrats seeking to become California's top law enforcement official found themselves focusing their debate Tuesday on perhaps the most recognizable among them: San Francisco District Attorney Kamala Harris.

She alone said she personally opposes the death penalty, though she said she would enforce the law as have other state attorney generals who have felt the same way.

Her support for letting prosecutors seek jail time for parents whose children are chronically truant prompted a rare philosophical split among the candidates as they seek voters' attention before the June 8 primary.

And she took a late broadside from one of her opponents, who used his closing statement to challenge her record as a prosecutor.

The hour-long debate, to be aired Sunday on ABC affiliates, included some distinguishing moments for a field that agreed on many of the issues. They uniformly supported medical marijuana and the rights of gays to marry, while opposing Arizona's new immigration law and an initiative on the November ballot that would legalize recreational marijuana use.

Harris and her two biggest critics in the race — former Los Angeles city attorney Rocky Delgadillo and former Facebook privacy chief Chris Kelly — found themselves united in support of giving prosecutors the option to cite parents for failing to get their kids to school.

Harris is pushing legislation, approved by the state Senate last week, that would permit a $2,000 fine and up to a year in jail for parents of students who miss too much school between kindergarten and eighth grade. Judges could delay the punishment as an

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Students affected by flight path change

Editor:

How can we get our voices to be louder than these planes overhead, so that we are heard by the FAA about this test and how this affects not only our residents, but our schools in the neighborhood, too? The sound is so loud over the John Muir/SMASH campus that as a group of us on the PTA tried to have a conversation on site, two times we had to wait until the plane flew over before we could continue. This means that each child hears this distraction, again and again and again, while they are at the early stages of learning (this week's STAR testing, I am sure, was impacted by this). It is hard enough to succeed and focus at this crucial learning stage, never mind when there is constant noise overhead. Oh, and should we talk about jet fuel particles and the playground and outside lunch area?

Natalie La Padura
Santa Monica

Tell the whole story

Editor:

It was interesting reading the long letter in support of Measure A published Tuesday, May 18 ("Support our kids"). For many elections there have been measures to raise taxes on behalf of the public school system. The story is always the same. Fantastic young people are worth taxpayers' investments. The fifth grader who needs the same quality education his brother had. The reasons go on and on at a frantic salesman's pitch to illustrate why another tax is needed.

Why don't the proponents of Measure A make mention of amounts previously bestowed by taxpayers and how it was spent? Why don't they say what school management has done within the education system to postpone another tax?

As an observer and one who will be forced to pay the tax, I would like to know what cost-cutting measures has the school system implemented? Who in the school system looked into the future and recognized the possibility of greatly reduced income from government and did something about it? From all the campaign hype and volunteer helpers' rhetoric, it appears no one did. The best suggestion our educators and booster club supporters can come up with is "raise taxes." That is the easy way out. Our educated administrators should be ashamed. Give a monkey enough paper and a typewriter and eventually he/she will come up with the same set of words.

It is recognized they have to think outside of the bureaucratic box and provide real world solutions to the monitory dilemma, as most businesses have done.

So, that's my issue. I know there are public records that truthfully and accurately show where the money has gone. The best supporters can come up with is how great our school system is and how our money will make it greater! I'm against such one-sided campaign practices and that is why I urge a no vote for Measure A. Let these highly educated administrators use their expertise as they take control to reduce their operating costs.

Tony Mollica
Santa Monica





Life Matters

JoAnne Barge & Katrina Davy Send comments to editor@smdp.com

What to do when a friend cuts you off

DEAR NEW SHRINK,

I am not sure where to start. I have (or had) this friend for the last five years or so. When we met, she had few to no friends, seemed very shy and was definitely without social skills. But something about her made me care about her. She has a good heart and a lot of class, in that she is well mannered and treats people well. We have fun together and as time went on, I got to know her as she opened up and revealed the many ways that she had been hurt and humiliated in the past. I felt for her and really cared about her.

I did notice that she tended to be a bit narrow minded, and lacked the ability to compromise, but it really did not get in the way of our friendship. Recently she told me about a problem she continues to struggle with and I made a suggestion, one I truly thought might help. She wanted no part of it. I shouldn't have argued, but I did push it because I truly believed it or something like it might help. In any event, it obviously hit a nerve because she has now left a message saying she never wants to see me or talk to me again. This hurts! I was just trying to help and after all these years of my being in her corner, one disagreement and I am history? This can't be good for her and it doesn't feel good to me. It doesn't feel healthy or right. I left her a message asking her to think it over, saying I was sorry but I hoped one wrong would not wash away the rest of a good relationship. Do you have any thoughts or suggestions?

Signed,
Sad and disappointed

DEAR SAD AND DISAPPOINTED,

There is no question that being completely cut off by what you thought was a friend is not pleasant. Ideally, you would at least have a conversation to look at what the misunderstanding might be. If you are truly coming from the caring place you describe, then your friend misunderstood you, or at least misunderstood your intentions. There may also be something you don't know, something that she never told you, maybe a secret that she could never tell you? We don't always know everything about our friends and sometimes we can walk right into a trap in trying to help. This is even more so if she didn't ask for your help.

There is a saying that you don't really know you have a relationship until you make it through your first fight. While this applies more to romantic relationships, there is a thread of truth to it with friendships as well. Relationships of all kinds are inherently loaded with conflict and misunderstandings are common.

If I were you, I would try to talk with your friend and explain that you realize you stepped on her toes but that you never meant to and hope that she can find it in her heart to give you another chance. Let's hope she will at least try to talk with you about what her hurt feelings are about and how the misunderstanding occurred.

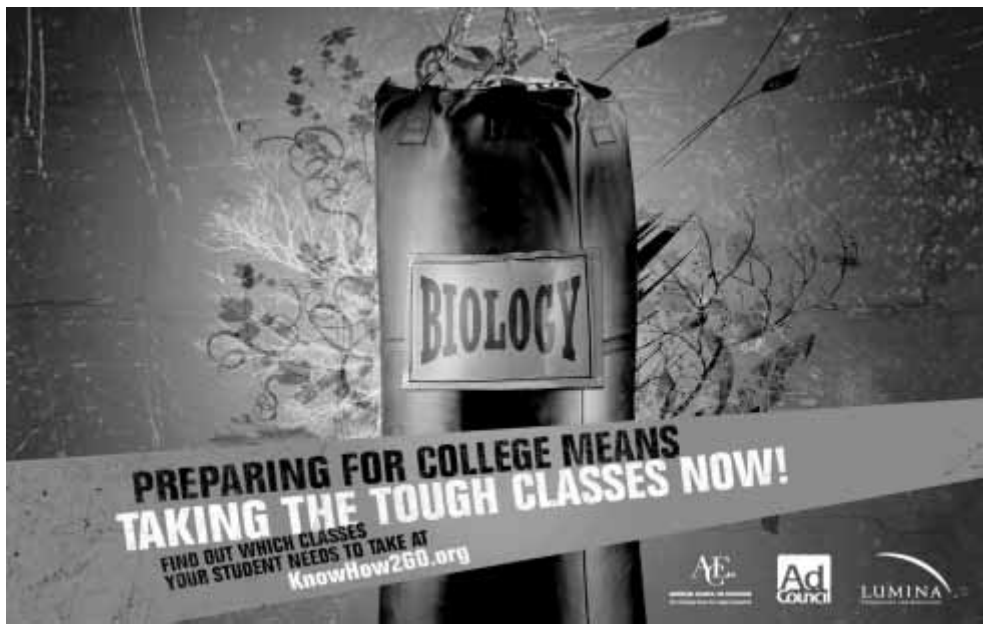
If she won't do this, you will just have to let go and move on. Send her lots of good wishes because it sounds like she is going to need it. You said she doesn't have many friends. You are one of her better friends and this is how she handles her anger at you? It is easy to see why her friends are few. Perhaps it was just a matter of time before this happened. Sometimes we need to pay attention to the things we notice about people in the beginning and we should never assume it is going to be different with us. I don't mean to sound harsh but why would you think that she wouldn't turn on you one day? She cuts people off, why not you?

You should also try to reflect about what you may have done to hurt her so much. Most people don't act like this unless they are deeply hurt. If you can figure it out, and have the opportunity to talk to her again, this may bring you a long way in mending the friendship.

You are correct, this is sad. And it is not healthy but do your best to do your part and hope that your friend comes around, not just for your sake but for her own sake as well.

Good luck.

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Expanding the family tree not quite ripe

LATELY I'VE BEEN DEVOURING ALL available information on families with enough immediate members to fill a football-team roster, like the Gosselin brood, the clan from "Nine By Design," the wonder that is "19 Kids and Counting," Octomom and her litter of 14, and the cast of "Eight is Enough." Given that I'm struggling a bit to find balance with my own plus one, my uterus and I tip our hats to those able to stage the finale of "Hair" solely with the people seated at their breakfast table.

I completely realize the sensation of gushing, oozing, unconditional, uncontrollable, irreplaceable and irresistible love when my daughter snores softly as the full weight of her is cuddled up tightly in my arms. Or when she plants a sweet, unsolicited kiss on my lips, complete with the "Mmmwah" sound effect. Or when she reaches up to hold my hand as we walk down the street, marching just a little more sprightly as soon as our fingers are clasped. It's at those moments that I want more (hugs and babies).

In general, my daughter acts like a healthy 21-month-old girl. She sings, stacks blocks, shoves lint from the crevice of the couch into her ears and throws Eyjafjallajökull-like tantrums at astonishingly inappropriate times in very public places. I work from home, although if she gets her way, the only work I actually get done these days is showing her the 2,490 pictures of herself that are stored on my computer. Over and over.

There's the basic kind of Mom-busy that accompanies earning a paycheck, running errands, shopping for, preparing and eating meals, taking showers and giving baths, and paying bills. And then there's the extraordinary kind of Mom-busy that accompanies tending to a toddler who jumped out of her crib due to the hysteria brought on by the pain of a sore throat and double ear infection, which trumps all of the aforementioned busy. Although, it doesn't mean that any of that aforementioned busy is dismissed. Which is why I wonder sometimes how anyone ever decides they have time to raise another (second, third, fourth, fifth or 20th) child.

Since my little girl was born nearly two years ago, I have ached for a night alone. Not because I don't love her more than my own limbs, but because it wouldn't kill me to not be on call every night like an ER doctor at a hospital with a staff of two.

Earlier this month, my husband and I finally made a break for it and went to a hotel 10 miles from home, leaving our daughter in the gentle care of my mother-in-law. I can count on less than two hands how many nights she hasn't slept 10-12 straight hours. Unfortunately our night away was one of them. We came back the next morning to a frazzled grandma and a child going on her 26th hour without sleep. Was it at that point that we were supposed to decide whether to expand our family?

While we now have a bed for her, in the next four weeks we'll be traveling twice, and since I don't want to get her used to the bed only to move her back to a crib in a hotel, we're holding off on making the transition until we're home for the duration. Which means even when she's asleep now, I'm busy with worry about whether she's going to jump crib again. It's surprising how much time and effort that kind of busy requires.

So that I can focus more on work, my husband and I hired a nanny. She doesn't start until the end of the month, but I've already taken an encyclopedia's worth of mental notes about the things she should know about my kid, and my kid is an easy one (seriously). I can't imagine how much more work it would be to leave multiple kids, or a not easy one, in someone else's care.

Sometimes I wonder what it would be like to be one of those chill moms, like the one I had dinner with the other night. While we were in a restaurant, she had her mom putting her four kids to bed and then once they were asleep, the grandma planned to go back to the hotel where she was staying, because really, why can't the kids be left alone for a few hours when they're asleep. It's moms like those, the kind who shrug off H1N1 and vaccines, and count broken arms and stitches like others count sheep and cards, who seem to have an easier time than me grasping the idea of bunk beds and third-generation hand-me-downs. They also get that many more kisses.

When my daughter was a few months old I remember telling an acquaintance about how fortunate I felt for having such an easy baby.

The woman looked at me and said with a saccharine smile, "It's not luck. God only gives us what we can handle."

Which is what leads me to wonder how and when I'll know I've reached capacity.

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The Q Line

Trust must be earned

City Hall has vowed to strictly enforce development agreements (DAs) after a comprehensive review showed that the majority of past DAs were not in compliance and that City Hall failed to properly review them.

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Do you trust the current City Council and staff to negotiate and properly monitor future DAs, which are expected to play a larger role under the new Land Use and Circulation Element?

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Traveling Back to Fitness

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Wiping away the fat

"I LIKE TO THINK OF IT LIKE A windshield wiper, wiping away the grime." That's the analogy my trainer Keith Sims uses to describe how I'm able to see muscle peeking through layers of fat.

"We're changing your body composition," says Sims. "As you strengthen and condition and lose fat, the muscle underneath will begin to show through."

In addition to working my muscles, Sims advocates diet as a way of increasing lean muscle mass. Thankfully, the Burn Fit program allows me to see exactly how many grams of fat, carbohydrates and protein I take in each day. It's only been three weeks, but I can see a difference in my body.

Sims has got me climbing stairs, jumping over blocks in the aerobics room, and walking up the step mill.

"The conditioning part is to get your heart to function at a higher heart rate so that it recovers quicker. The more conditioned you become the higher your heart rate is able to function," explains Sims. The bottom line, a better-conditioned heart is going to help me burn more calories and burn them more effectively.

Our heart rate drills consist of bringing my heart rate up for 20 seconds, then down, then up, then down — this goes on for 20 minutes and let's be frank here … water-boarding might be more pleasant, I don't know. What is quite delightful is that I'm down two dress sizes! This alone, is enough to press on.

There's a rationale to the torture.

"In the first three to five minutes of cardio your body is going to burn any sugars that haven't been taken through the digestive process, but your main energy source is stored carbs [glycogen in the muscles]. After 20 minutes, the body changes its fuel mixture because a low to moderate intensity can actually reluctantly burn stored fat as its energy source," Sims says. So … the longer the cardio — the more beneficial the cardio will be to achieving fat weight loss. "Exactly. So if you can get yourself to a place where you're at least doing 30 minutes you are at least assuring yourself of getting a fat burning workout."

By the numbers

Starting Weight: 182
Pounds Lost: 6.5
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Goal Weight: 135
Pounds to Lose to Goal: 40.5

Sims is a phenomenal trainer. He's tough when he needs to be but also encouraging and knowledgeable. He reminds me, "If having a great body was easy, everyone would have one." He's right; I press on.

By the fourth week, I'm in better shape, not as winded and I'm having an easier time with the plyometrics. But at the end of week four, I have an "emotional moment" during one of our sessions. As you know, losing weight can trigger memories; some of which can be painful. Sims asks me to jump up two sets of steps (lifting off with both feet at the same time). Sims demonstrates. Looks easy enough but I have a mental block. I just can't do it. Up until this moment I've been doing everything Sims asks of me. Now he's wondering why I'm having such an issue with jumping up a couple steps. It's not as if I'm unable to jump up on the blocks. What Sims has no way of knowing is that I'm deathly afraid of stairwells. Have been since I was a little kid and watched my grandfather tumble down a flight and injure himself.

So here I am standing trying to jump and nothing's happening. Well, one thing's happening — I'm crying … like a baby. So embarrassing. But Sims patiently talks me through it. "Let's try jumping just one step at a time," he suggests. I give it a shot. A small success! It feels good to address my fears. Sims promises I'll be jumping the entire set of stairs in no time, but for now … it's still one step at a time.

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Heart Association and Nintendo fight obesity

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NEW YORK Talk about strange bedfellows. The American Heart Association and Nintendo Co. are teaming up to promote the popular Wii video game console, as the health advocacy group concedes that its campaign for traditional exercise isn't working.

The surprising partnership, announced Monday, comes amid growing concern about obesity among kids who spend much of their time watching television and playing video games.

Nintendo will be able to brand its Wii products with the AHA's iconic heart logo to let consumers know that the organization considers the items a healthy choice. Nintendo will donate $1.5 million to the AHA as part of the partnership.

"We can keep beating the drum on traditional exercise and make small changes to the obesity epidemic, or we can try something that is really provocative and new," Clyde Yancy, the AHA's president, said in an interview.

Numerous studies show a correlation between obesity and the amount of time children spend with television and video games. Jeffrey Levi, executive director of Trust for America's Health, said the best solution is simply to cut the cord and encourage youths to spend less time in front of screens.

But the AHA said it is endorsing the Wii because it will encourage sedentary Americans to take the first step toward fitness. With 70 percent of Americans doing no regular physical activity at all, the AHA wants to find a way to reach out to people turned off by gyms and traditional sports.

The organization said its studies show that 40 percent of those who don't exercise say that it's not entertaining enough. The AHA says the Wii addresses the fun factor.

Samohi softball to face El Segundo

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have been shoot-outs, they won."

With the Samohi Vikings' top pitcher on the mound, he likes his team's chances of advancing to the second round of the California Interscholastic Federation Southern Section Division 3 playoffs.

"If we keep it close," Philip-Guide said, "we have a good chance."

If Gonzalez needs help from the bullpen, Philip-Guide said, he'll look to relievers Ethan Corn and Andrew Montanari to put out any fires.

If the past 10 games are any indicators, Samohi seems to have the goods to oust Quartz Hill from the playoffs. He attributes the team's strong showing in the Ocean League (8-2) to the fact that his team has finally "bought into" his style of baseball — and seem to have a good time doing it.

"It is helpful because I think the kids are starting to play well together," the first-year coach said. "They are starting to enjoy playing together."

The Vikings began the season slowly, losing its first four games. But, the team evened themselves out and entered the league portion of their schedule playing .500 ball.

At that point, the light bulb switched on.

The Vikings went on to outscore league opponents, 100-25, a sign that the team heeded their coach's pleas to be patient at the plate.

"Hopefully, we can translate that into the playoffs," Philip-Guide said.



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WAY TO GO, KID: **Samohi's Adam Padilla (center) is congratulated after hitting a home run in the season finale against Culver City.**

VIKINGS FILL ALL-LEAGUE TEAM

Following a co-championship in the Ocean League, the Samohi Vikings were honored for their strong season Tuesday with the announcement of All-Ocean League teams.

Leading the pack was pitcher/first baseman Gonzalez, who was named co-MVP. Fellow pitcher and left fielder Adam Padilla was named Most Outstanding Player. Making the first team was catcher Julien Solomita and pitcher/first baseman Corn. Shortstop/pitcher Montanari and infielder Mason Landis made the second team. First-year coach Philip-Guide was named co-coach of the year.

The reserved Philip-Guide, while happy to receive the honor, was humble in his response to the honor.

"If there is any credit, it's to the kids," he said.

NEW ROADS TO START CARRILLO

New Roads baseball will look to its ace Anthony Carrillo to start its first round CIF-SS Division 7 game today against Dunn at West Los Angeles College.

Carrillo, who was named Harbor League Player of the Year earlier this week, has impressed all season as he compiled a 6-2 record with a 2.83 earned run average. He also tallied 72 strikeouts, by far leading the Jaguars in that category.

"We have a tough draw," New Roads Head Coach Sean Brookes said of Dunn (5-7 overall, 4-3 in the Condor League). "But we're ready, I know we're ready."

Aside from preparing for the playoffs, New Roads is also celebrating a successful league-winning season as All-Harbor League teams were announced this week.

Aside from Carrillo's POY award, the team's Max Chilkov, Quinn Barbini, Nick Rhys and Dylan Elkin were named to the first team. Niko Delgado and Blaise Dolcemaschio were named to the second team.

SAMOHI SOFTBALL FACES EL SEGUNDO

Despite being the No. 2 seed in the CIF-SS Division 4 softball playoffs, Samohi (23-5 overall, 10-0 in the Ocean League) faces a tough first round foe.

The Vikings will face El Segundo (12-12 overall, 5-5 in the Pioneer League), a team that lost in last season's division finals.

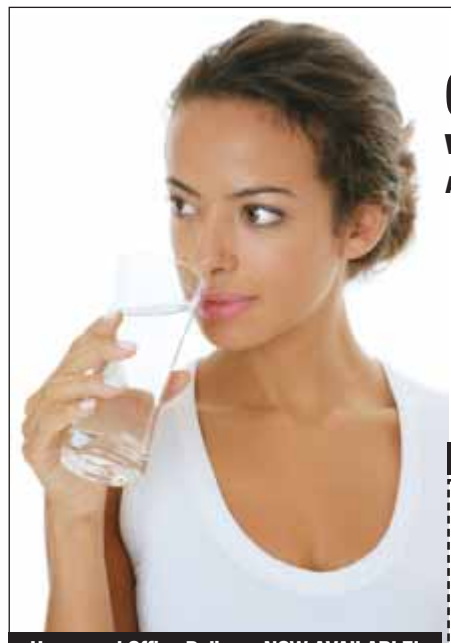
El Segundo advanced to face Samohi by defeating Lompoc, 3-0, on Tuesday.

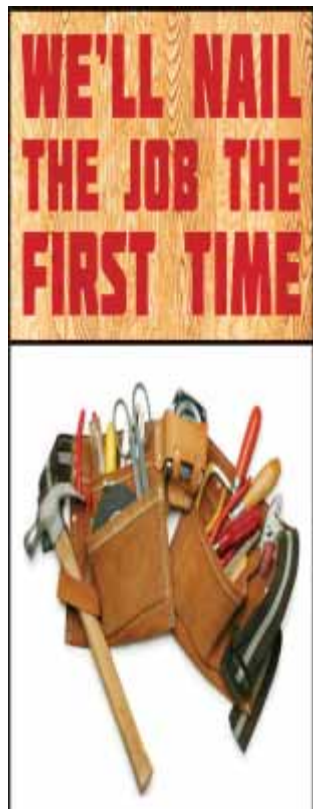
"We have to come ready to go," Samohi Head Coach Debbie Skaggs said. "But, I think we're stronger than them."

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Truancy a hot topic

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incentive to parents to make sure their children attend class.

Combating truancy "would be one of my major areas of focus" as attorney general, Harris said during the evening debate at Santa Monica's Milken Institute.

Delgadillo said he had a similar program when he held office in the state's most populous city. He is making his second bid for attorney general after losing the nomination to Brown four years ago. Brown decided to forgo seeking a second term as he runs for governor.

Kelly, who has poured nearly $10 million of his own money into his campaign, said jailing parents should be coupled with a broader program to give children alternatives to gangs and drug use.

The bill, SB1317, carried by Sen. Mark Leno, D-San Francisco, is now headed to the Assembly, where it faces opposition from all three Assemblymen running for attorney general.

"To me, it's way out of proportion," said Assemblyman Ted Lieu of Torrance.

He said parents who are in jail would not be able to make sure their children are going to school.

Assemblyman Pedro Nava of Santa Barbara said the legislation is unfair to poor parents who often work multiple jobs and might not be able to supervise their children as well as they would like. Assemblyman Alberto Torrico of Fremont agreed.

"I think if there was a breakout performance, it was Pedro Nava," said Sherry Bebitch Jeffe, a political science professor at the University of Southern California who attended the debate. Nava repeatedly coaxed laughter from the debate audience and his fellow candidates with humorous answers to questions.

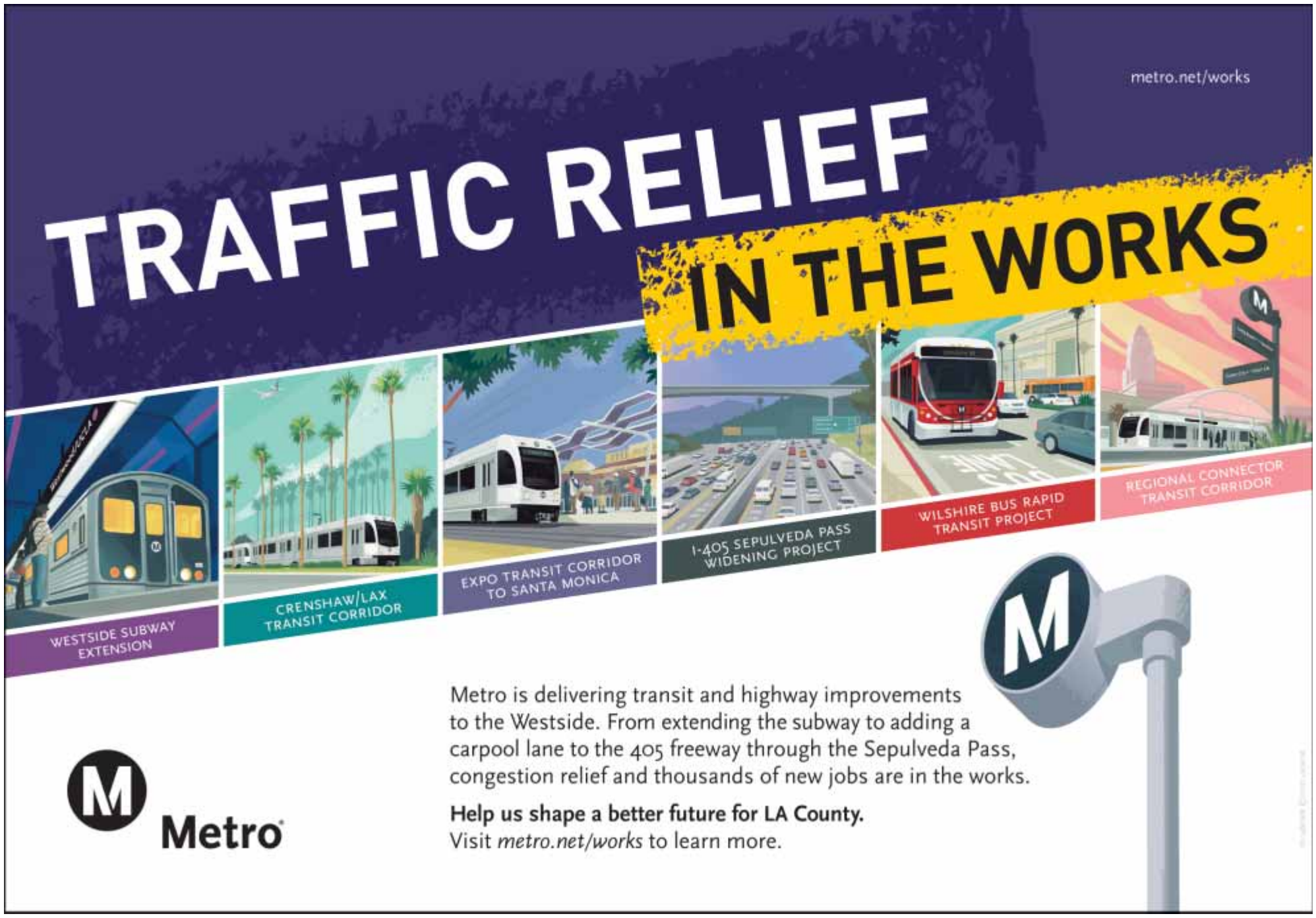
Harris' reluctance to impose the death penalty likely won't hurt her among Democratic primary voters, though it may resonate more in November if she is Democrats' nominee, she said.

"It will hurt her with voters who probably wouldn't have voted for her to begin with," said Bebitch Jeffe.

A late attack by Delgadillo may not resonate with viewers if only because Harris had no chance to respond in the closing minutes of the debate, she said.

Delgadillo said Harris has been slow to act against a technician who might have tainted evidence in the San Francisco crime lab, and said her office may have jeopardized more cases by failing to disclose the criminal and disciplinary histories of police officers involved in them.

"She failed to properly supervise evidence from the city's crime lab, resulting in hundreds of felony cases being dismissed or appealed. She failed to disclose — as the law requires — the arrest records of police officers who are witnesses," Delgadillo said. "She also failed to turn over criminals who are here in this country illegally for deportation. They remained here to commit violent crimes, including murder."



Residents at odds with chamber over proposed development rules

FROM LUCE PAGE 1

fident the LUCE is close to completion, but it's clear there's still plenty to be hashed out before the council adopts a final version.

Responding to a series of recommendations to change the LUCE contained in recent letters from the chamber subcommittee to City Hall officials, a coalition of neighborhood activists on Wednesday blasted the organization for what they called its eleventh-hour attempt to circumvent the public process.

In a letter to the Planning Commission on Wednesday, seven Santa Monica neighborhood groups accused the chamber of "engaging in a blatant attempt to derail the core vision and policies of the LUCE" by inserting development-friendly provisions into the document after most residents assumed it had been finalized. The letter urged the commission to reject all of the chamber's suggestions.

The letters from the chamber's LUCE subcommittee sent this month have argued for higher maximum heights in some areas of the city, slightly higher by-right building heights in other areas, and more flexibility for developers to build commercial space above a project's ground floor, among other changes.

Zina Josephs, who heads the Friends of Sunset Park, one of the groups that signed on to the letter, said the chamber's recommendations are contrary to the message residents sent to City Hall planners during years of public meetings on the LUCE.

"The people in the neighborhood groups attended the workshops and asked for lower heights and less density. And now this chamber group is coming in at the last minute and asking for higher heights and more density," she said.

Land use attorney Chris Harding, who co-chairs the chamber's LUCE subcommittee, immediately fired back, calling the neighborhood groups' letter "inaccurate" and saying it "is more about politics than policy."

Most of the chamber's recommendations, he said, focus on technical points of the LUCE and don't significantly change its vision.

"If the vast majority of people in these [neighborhood] groups knew the facts and knew how inaccurate their letter was, they would be embarrassed by it," Harding said.

He said the chamber is not pushing to allow more development. Most of the proposed changes, he said, are geared toward facilitating better building design and making smart development more practical.

He also rejected the groups' assertion that the chamber's recommendations for changing the LUCE have come at the last minute.

"If there's any surprise about the chamber's recommendations it's because they haven't been paying close attention to our prior participation," Harding said.

He added it's ironic that one of the neighborhood groups, the Santa Monica Coalition for a Livable City, was a major force behind Measure T, a failed 2008 ballot initiative to limit development that Harding characterized as an "end-run" around the LUCE process.

SMCLC Co-Chair Diana Gordon said her coalition, and the rest of Santa Monica's neighborhood groups, remain opposed to the chamber's efforts to influence decision makers at City Hall after public workshops to shape the LUCE have concluded.

"This is a cynical attempt by developers at the last minute to try and delay and derail a six year public process to come up with a master plan for Santa Monica's future," Gordon said.

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> Co-chair of the Santa Monica Coalition for a Livable City

NO CONFLICT, BUT DISCLOSURE REQUIRED

In another sign mounting LUCE-related tension, the leaders of several neighborhood groups this week also wrote to City Attorney Marsha Moutrie to inquire whether two Planning Commissioners who are also architects have a conflict of interest.

Written by Mary Marlow, president of the Ocean Park Association, the e-mail to Moutrie said two commissioners had allegedly consulted with the Chamber of Commerce before the group made recommendations about changing the LUCE to the commission.

"Should these architects recuse themselves from consideration of the proposals from this group due to their involvement, coupled with their potential financial interest?" Marlow asked in the e-mail.

Attempts to reach the Planning Commissioners in question, Hank Koning and Gwynne Pugh, were not successful on Wednesday. Harding said the chamber's LUCE subcommittee met with Pugh and other architects who have worked in Santa Monica to discuss "purely technical" aspects of design in order to formulate recommendations.

"They were a resource for us," he said of the architects. "We weren't lobbying them and they weren't involved in developing our recommendations other than to provide us with [technical] advice," Harding said. He added Koning was not able to attend the subcommittee's meetings with architects.

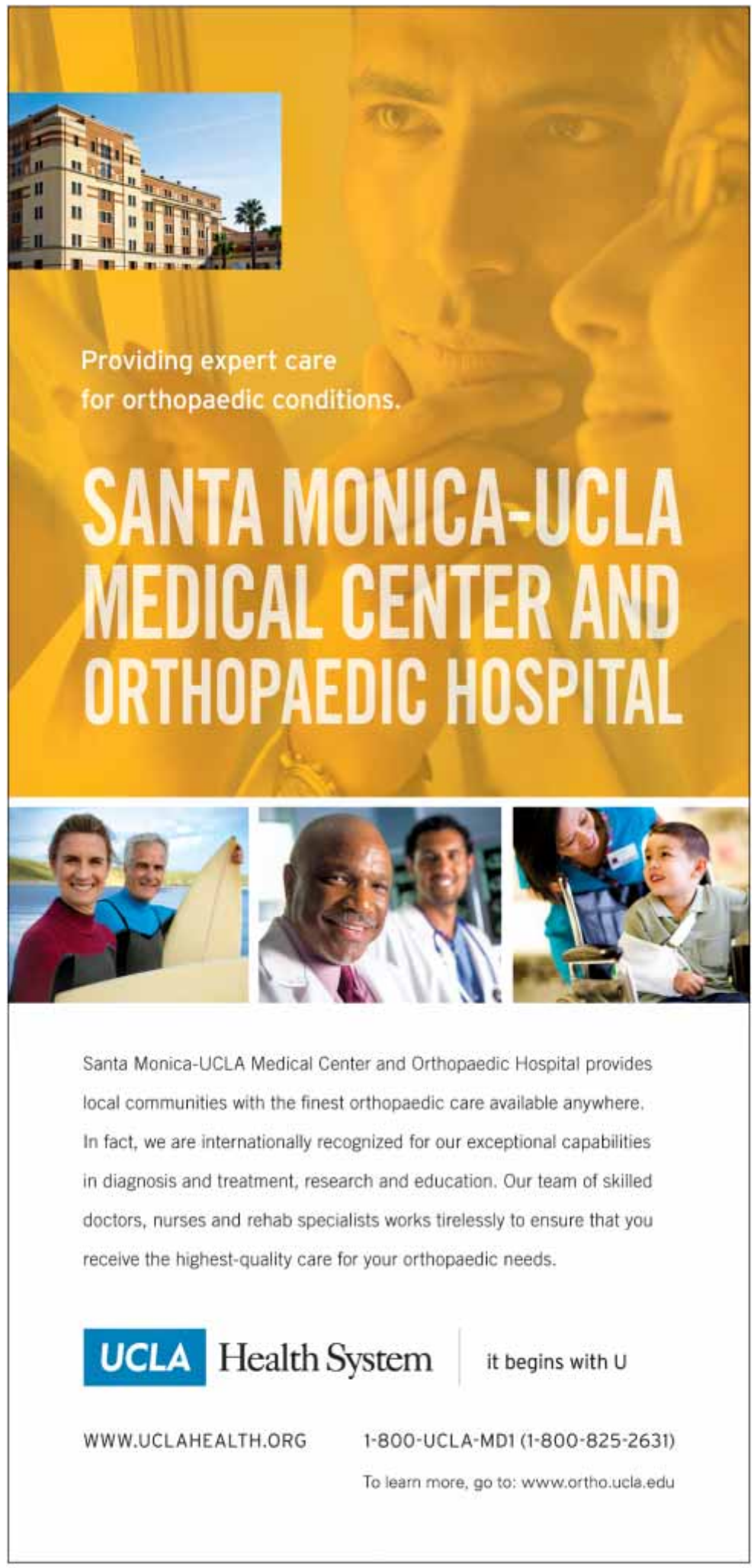
Responding to Marlow's inquiry, Moutrie said there was no conflict of interest, but "because the commissioners apparently participated in the formulation of a recommendation which will be assessed by the commission on which they serve, they should publicly disclose their participation in formulating the recommendation in order to avoid the appearance of concealing their role in formulating the recommendation."

Contacted Wednesday, Marlow said she was pleased with Moutrie's determination.

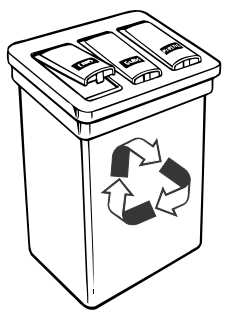
"The right of the public to know has really been vindicated by the city attorney," she said.

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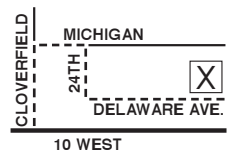


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Google set to launch apps store for browser

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SAN FRANCISCO Google Inc. will open a Web applications store later this year in an attempt to make it easier to find and set up programs within the Internet search leader's Chrome browser.

The online store, previewed Wednesday during a Google conference for software programmers, appears to be ideally suited for the lightweight laptops called "netbooks" that will rely on an operating system revolving around the Chrome browser. The Chrome OS netbooks won't have hard drives and will need Internet access to run applications.

These inexpensive computers are scheduled to be on store shelves in time for the holiday shopping season.

Google didn't specify a precise date for the opening of its new applications, or "apps," store, saying only that it will be accessible to the more than 70 million users of the Chrome browser before the end of the year. The company already operates an apps store for its Andriod software that powers a wide variety of smart phones.

Bigger news is likely to come Thursday at Google's developers conference. That's when the company is expected to announce it is working with Sony Corp., Intel Corp. and Logitech International to make it easier to search and view the Web on flat-panel televisions.

The Internet-connected televisions are expected to rely on Android as an operating system and use Chrome as its browser.

Although it has steadily grown in popularity since its 2008 debut, the Chrome browser still ranks far behind Microsoft Corp.'s Internet Explorer and also trails Mozilla's Firefox.

Google's Web apps store also could provide fodder for a tablet computer to compete with Apple's iPad. Verizon has acknowledged it is working with Google on an iPad alternative, although Google has said little about that effort.

Apple says iPad users have downloaded more than 12 million apps from its store since that computer's early April debut.

Like the Apple store, Google will offer free applications while other programs may charge a fee.

In Wednesday's preview, Sports Illustrated magazine showed why people may want to download an app from Google's store instead of visiting a website.

The Sports Illustrated app replicates the look of the print magazine while offering a variety of interactive features. Among other things, the application enables readers to rearrange the pages to suit their tastes, call up statistics and click on videos amplifying on subjects covered in the articles without leaving a page.

Like many magazines and newspapers, Time Warner Inc.'s Sports Illustrated is hoping that smart phones, tablet computers and other mobile gadgets will spur more sales of subscriptions and advertising to help offset dwindling revenue from print editions.

Pension fund delays rate increase

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SACRAMENTO The board of California's largest public pension fund voted Wednesday to delay asking the state for an additional $600 million contribution to pay for employee retirement benefits next year, citing concerns about the state's dire fiscal condition.

California faces a $19 billion budget deficit in the fiscal year that begins in July, prompting Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger to propose eliminating the state's main welfare program.

A key committee of the California Public Employees Retirement System had voted Tuesday to take $600 million more from the state than it did last year to help pay for government retirees.

The board will consider whether to postpone the rate increase for a year during its June meeting.

"An additional $600 million burden on a state budget that has a $20 billion deficit, it seems to me, is imprudent," said state Treasurer Bill Lockyer, a member of the CalPERS board.

The board also voted to delay the request for an additional $100 million for non-teaching school employee pensions. It also will revisit that decision in June.

Before the June meeting, CalPERS actuaries will analyze the effect of postponing the rate hike for a year, Lockyer said.

After the committee's decision on Tuesday, Schwarzenegger said the additional pension requests illustrated the need for pension reform, a cause he has championed.

The state is required to pay the contribution rate set by CalPERS every year. The need for additional money was driven by investment losses and the longer lifespans of retirees.

CalPERS' interim chief actuary, Alan Milligan, said Tuesday the investment losses would hurt the fund for years to come.

CalPERS, the nation's largest public pension fund, lost $55.2 billion during the 2008-09 fiscal year. It serves 1.6 million public employees, retirees and families and was valued at $205 billion on Friday.

California's second largest pension fund, the California State Teachers' Retirement System, does not plan to ask for a rate change from the state. It requires legislative approval when it requests more money, unlike CalPERS.

CalPERS' decision Wednesday was not welcomed by David Crane, an economic advisor to Schwarzenegger and former CalSTRS board member. He said CalPERS would miss out on investment returns it would earn on that $600 million.

"Today's vote was the wrong thing to do," Crane said in a statement. "While the additional $600 million would have put more pressure on this year's state budget, today's decision will only compound that pressure on future state budgets and take even more money from education, parks, health and public safety programs."

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Inventors say BP ignoring their oil spill solutions

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NEW ORLEANS A suggestion box or publicity stunt? BP has received thousands of ideas from the public on how to stop a blown oil well in the Gulf of Mexico, but some inventors are complaining that their efforts are getting ignored.

Oil-eating bacteria, bombs and a device that resembles a giant shower curtain are among the 10,000 fixes people have proposed to counter the growing environmental threat. BP is taking a closer look at 700 of the ideas, but the oil company has yet to use any of them nearly a month after the deadly explosion that caused the leak.

"They're clearly out of ideas, and there's a whole world of people willing to do this free of charge," said Dwayne Spradlin, CEO of InnoCentive Inc., which has created an online network of experts to solve problems.

BP spokesman Mark Salt said the company wants the public's help, but that considering proposed fixes takes time.

"They're taking bits of ideas from lots of places," Salt said. "This is not just a PR stunt."

BP said Wednesday it hopes to begin shooting a mixture known as drilling mud into the blown-out well in the Gulf by Sunday. The "top kill" method involves shooting heavy mud into crippled equipment on top of the well, then aiming cement at the well to permanently keep down the oil. Even if it works it could take several weeks to complete.

"This is all being done at a depth of 5,000 feet and it's never been done at these depths before," said Doug Suttles of BP PLC, which leased the rig that exploded April 20 off the coast of Louisiana.

If the top kill effort fails, BP is considering a "junk shot," which involves shooting knotted rope, pieces of tires and golf balls into the blowout preventer. Crews hope they will lodge into the nooks and crannies of the device to plug it.

About 70 BP workers are taking more suggestions at a tip line center in Houston. The company plans to test one idea from actor Kevin Costner — a centrifuge device to vacuum up the oil — but that was not delivered through the suggestion-box system.

Thousands of barrels of oil are still pouring into open waters each day, and some of it has washed ashore as far east as Alabama. Tar balls found in the Florida Keys were not from the spill, the Coast Guard said Wednesday.

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration scientists said a small portion of the oil slick from the blown-out well has reached a powerful current that could take it to Florida. They said diluted oil could appear in isolated locations in Florida if persistent winds push the current toward it, but that oil also could evaporate before reaching the coast.

The U.S. and Cuba were holding talks on how to respond to the spill, U.S. State Department spokesman Gordon Duguid said, underscoring worries that the oil might reach Cuba's northern coast.

BP succeeded in partially siphoning away the leak over the weekend, when it hooked up a mile-long tube to the broken pipe, sending some of the oil to a ship on the surface.

Gerald Graham, a marine environmental consultant and oil spill response expert from Victoria, British Columbia, said he suggested a similar idea at the end of April to the joint incident command center run by BP, government agencies and Transocean Ltd., which owned the rig. The command center had him forward the idea to NOAA, which didn't respond.

"Why didn't they do this sooner?" Graham said. "Why did they wait so long?"

In the weeks before BP hooked up the tube, it tried but failed to use a four-story concrete-and-metal box to funnel the oil into a pipe and to the surface.

Salt said ideas for stopping the mile-deep leak "have to be taken through loads of different stages" before BP can try to use them.

"We're dealing with things at a depth that has never been done before. They have to go through lots of vigorous tests," he said.

Spradlin, the InnoCentive CEO, denounced BP's call for help as a "publicity maneuver." His Massachusetts-based company challenged its Web-connected network of scientists, engineers, academics and other professionals to come up with possible solutions to stop the spill. Hundreds of ideas have poured in, but the company says BP has not responded.

Ideas submitted through InnoCentive include spreading oil-eating bacteria and dropping bombs to implode the leaking well.

Even the director of EPA's Gulf of Mexico Program Office is waiting to see if his idea will get used. Bryon O. Griffith worked in his spare time to develop an umbrella-style plug that could be deployed inside the damaged pipe, an idea that has been placed on a short list for consideration.

BP has fielded some 60,000 calls from the public that led to 10,000 tips. About 2,500 people sent in forms spelling out their ideas in greater detail, and BP advanced 700 to the next phase.

"And then we ask, is this something new?" BP spokesman David Nicholas said. "Can we incorporate it into our stuff, or is there an overlap? There hasn't been one that's come from that system that's come all the way."

Costner, the "Waterworld" and "Field of Dreams" actor, has invested more than $24 million in developing the centrifuge invention, along with business partner John Houghtaling II of New Orleans.

On Tuesday, Houghtaling said BP has agreed to test the devices, which can be dropped into the oil spill and separate water from oil, storing the petroleum in tanks. The smallest weighs 150 pounds; the largest 4,500 pounds.

"It's like a big vacuum cleaner," Houghtaling said. "These machines are ready to be employed. The technology is familiar to the industry."

It's not just BP that's been receiving ideas.

"You name it, it's been suggested. At least 15 times a day we get something about exploding the well — bombs, nuclear bombs, torpedoes," said Coast Guard Senior Chief Petty Officer Steve Carleton, who helps handle the flood of social media responses. He said he receives about a dozen emails a day with a link to a YouTube video of a man using hay to sop up oil.

Mark Badger, a businessman from Fort Lauderdale, Fla., proposed a series of wide fabric tubes that would connect and stretch to the sea floor. That contraption would contain the oil and allow workers to skim it.

"Think of a giant shower curtain at 5,000 feet that goes to the bottom of the ocean," Badger said.

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NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING
BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA PLANNING COMMISSION

SUBJECT: A Series of Public Hearings to Review and Prepare Recommendations to the City Council on the Draft Land Use and Circulation Element (LUCE) of the City's General Plan.

LOCATION: Citywide
APPLICANT: City of Santa Monica

The Planning Commission is holding a series of hearings to take public input and discuss the LUCE in order to formulate a resolution making recommendations to the City Council regarding adoption of the LUCE and certification of the Final Environmental Impact Report. The Draft LUCE was released for public review on November 24, 2009. In addition to the previous discussions on Neighborhoods, Boulevards, Districts, Activity Centers, and Mixed-Uses, topics for these hearings may include, but not be limited to, Community Benefits, Sustainability, Community Character, Public Participation, Monitoring and Phasing, and Implementation as well as a review of text clarifications and changes in response to comments received on the Draft LUCE The LUCE is a long range comprehensive planning document that sets forth integrated land use and transportation policies to guide decision-making, and to ensure a sustainable future. Previous public hearings were held on May 6, May 12, May 17 and May 19, 2010.

DATE/TIME: **MONDAY May 24, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.**
LOCATION: City Council Chambers, Second Floor, Santa Monica City Hall,1685 Main Street, Santa Monica, California

DATE/TIME: **THURSDAY, May 27, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.**
LOCATION: Ken Edwards Center, 1547 Fourth Street, Room 103, Santa Monica, California

HOW TO COMMENT
The City of Santa Monica encourages public comment. You may comment at the Planning Commission public hearing, or by writing a letter. Written information will be given to the Planning Commission at the meetings.

Address your letters to: Francie Stefan, Manager
Community and Strategic Planning
Re: LUCE
Planning & Community Development Department
1685 Main Street,
Santa Monica, CA 90401

MORE INFORMATION
The LUCE and EIR are posted on the City's project web site at www.shapethefuture2025.net. Hard copies are available for review at all library branches, or may be obtained at the City Hall Planning Counter, 1685 Main Street, during business hours.

Meeting facilities are wheelchair accessible. For disability-related accommodations, please contact (310) 458-8341 or (310) 458-8696 TTY at least 72 hours in advance. All written materials are available in alternate format upon request. Santa Monica Big Blue Bus Lines numbered 1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 8, 9, and 10 serve City Hall and the Ken Edwards Center.

Pursuant to California Government Code Section 65009(b), if this matter is subsequently challenged in Court, the challenge may be limited to only those issues raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of Santa Monica at, or prior to, the public hearing.

ESPAÑOL
Esto es una noticia para avisar que el documento Elemento de Vivienda ya esta disponible. Para más información, favor de llamar a Peter James en la División de Planificación al número (310) 458-8341.

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SURF REPORT

Surf Conditions **Water Temp:** 58°

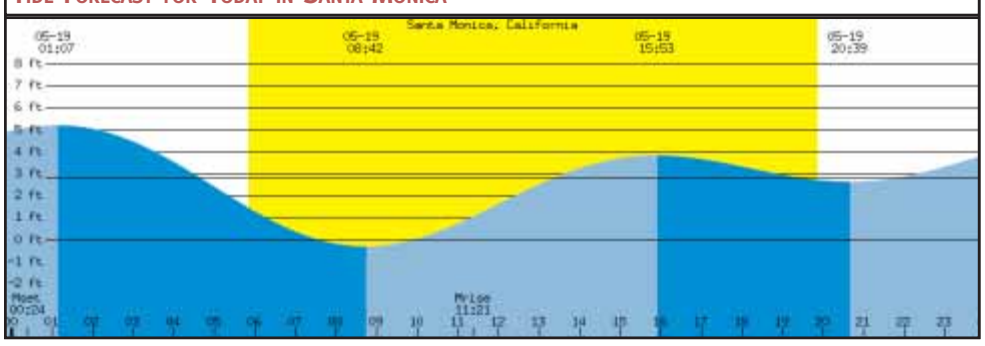
Swell Forecast

We should see the arrival of our next southern hemi swell. Most south facing breaks are looking at waist to chest high sets. NW wind swell should increase to waist to chest high.

Long Range Synopsis

Looks like the NW wind swell will increase to chest to head high for west facing breaks.

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 **May 11, 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 -- 8
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 40 / 24
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 4 / 21

The Beach Report Card is made possible by: The Diller – von Furstenberg Family Foundation; simplehuman; 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 Warning Protocol.

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	A+
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechasa and Las Alina 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.	B	A+
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	D
Solstice Canyon at Don Blacker County Beach.	D	A+
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	C
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	A	F
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	A+	A+
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero).	F	D
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.	ns	ns
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+	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.	A	B
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	C
Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth.	A	B
Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain.	A+	A
North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach.	A+	A+
Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of D&W jetty).	A+	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

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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MLB

Local boy Boesch comes home

BY LARRY LAGE
AP Sports Writer

DETROIT Tigers outfielder Brennan Boesch remembers going to Los Angeles Dodgers games with his father, watching a string of prospects have instant success and longing to be just like them.

Now, he's living his dream and soon will get to play in the place where his began.

"It's pretty neat," Boesch said before Detroit started a road trip Wednesday night in Oakland. "The beauty of this game is how dreams start with the kids so young. I just hope the butterflies subside before game time and Chavez Ravine treats me well."

A bigger question might be how Boesch treats Dodger Stadium. The first-year player has been on fire.

In fact, his production at the plate at the start of his career can't be matched by any player in more than a half-century.

He is the only player to hit at least .387 with 19 RBIs, three homers, two triples and have 10 multihit games in his first 20 games since at least 1952, according to STATS LLC.

If you narrow the search to batting average, RBIs and homers, Hall of Famer Willie McCovey and New York Mets outfielder Jeff Francoeur, who has had an up and down career, are the only players who did what Boesch has done in each category.

"What he's doing is unconscious," teammate Alex Avila said. "He's in uncharted waters."

Boesch helped the Tigers become the first team to win four straight series at home against reigning playoff teams since 1995, when baseball started putting four teams in the postseason. The defending champion New York Yankees left the Motor City raving about him.

"That guy is impressive," Yankees star Mark Teixeria said.

Manager Jim Leyland is leery of the media building Boesch up to be a future Hall of Famer less than a month after he was called up from the minors because Carlos Guillen was injured. He hopes Boesch doesn't get too excited or flustered by the attention.

"He is a story, he should be a story," Leyland said. "A lot of it is how he handles that."

Boesch seems to have the tools above his shoulder to cope with his newfound fame. He was born and raised in Santa Monica and had grades good enough for him to attend California, where he and his baseball teammates took advantage of $1 hot dogs the Athletics sell to draw fans. The well-spoken Boesch has a father who specializes in business and entertainment litigation and a mother who runs a Venice Beach inn.

Like a sponge, Boesch is trying to soak up every opportunity to pick up hitting tips from slugger Miguel Cabrera and the savvy Johnny Damon.

"The kid's having fun with it," Leyland said. "Like I said, enjoy the ride."

A slew of family and friends will watch the 25-year-old Boesch play Friday night against the Dodgers, who had five straight NL rookies of the year while he was a young fan in the stands in the 1990s.

"I remember watching (Mike) Piazza and seeing those guys out there, realizing that's what I want to do and I'm going to do everything I can to get there," Boesch recalled. "I just remember dreaming of the opportunity that maybe I'd get one day as a little kid. I always wanted to be a Dodger. To play them is going to be special to me."

Phil Boesch recalls taking his son to root for the Dodgers often as early as when he was 5, when he had enough passion for the game that he insisted on using a real baseball glove — not a miniature one — as he played in a T-ball league with older kids.

"It's great to see his dream come true," Phil Boesch said in a telephone interview. "Although his dream is not just to make it, but to stay."





MOVIE TIMES

Aero Theatre
1328 Montana Ave.
(323) 466-FILM

Chinatown (R) 2hr 11min
7:30pm

Call theater for more information.

AMC Loews Broadway 4
1441 Third Street Promenade

Furry Vengeance (PG) 1hr 32min
2:00pm, 4:30pm, 7:00pm, 9:30pm

Death at a Funeral (R) 1hr 30min
1:30pm, 4:00pm, 7:20pm, 9:50pm

Iron Man 2 Digital Projection (PG-13) 2hr 4min
12:15pm, 3:15pm, 6:15pm, 9:15pm

Babies (PG) 1hr 20min
1:10pm, 3:20pm, 5:30pm, 7:45pm, 10:00pm

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

Just Wright (PG) 1hr 51min
1:45pm, 4:25pm, 7:00pm, 9:40pm

Iron Man 2 (PG-13) 2hrs 5min
1:15pm, 4:15pm, 7:15pm, 10:15pm

Iron Man 2 Digital Presentation (PG-13) 2hrs 5min
2:15pm, 5:15pm, 8:15pm

A Nightmare on Elm Street (2010) Digital Presentation (R) 1hr 37min
2:30pm, 5:00pm, 7:35pm, 10:05pm

The Back-up Plan (PG-13) 1hr 38min
2:00pm, 4:30pm, 7:10pm

Date Night (PG-13) 1hr 28min
2:20pm, 5:00pm, 7:30pm, 10:00pm

Kick-Ass (Digital Presentation) (R) 1hr 57min
1:20pm, 4:10pm, 7:05pm

MacGruber (R) 1hr 28min
12:01am

Shrek Forever After 3D (RealD 3D, Digital Presentation) (PG) 1hr 33min
12:01am

Laemmle's Monica Fourplex
1332 Second St.
(310) 394-9741

Exit Through The Gift Shop (R) 1hr 43min
1:00pm, 3:10pm, 5:20pm, 7:40pm, 10:00pm

Princess Kaiulani (PG) 1hr 52min
1:40pm, 4:10pm, 7:10pm, 9:45pm

Harry Brown (R) 1hr 58min
1:50pm, 4:40pm, 7:30pm, 10:00pm

City Island (PG-13) 1hr 55min
1:50pm, 4:20pm, 7:20pm, 9:50pm

Mann's Criterion Theatre
1313 Third St.
(310) 395-1599

Robin Hood (PG-13) 2hrs 28min
11:10am, 12:10pm, 1:10pm, 2:10pm, 3:20pm, 4:20pm, 5:20pm, 6:40pm, 7:40pm, 8:30pm, 9:45pm, 10:45pm

Letters to Juliet (PG) 1hr 45min
11:30am, 12:30pm, 2:00pm, 3:00pm, 4:30pm, 5:30pm, 7:00pm, 8:00pm, 9:30pm, 10:30pm

How to Train Your Dragon (PG) 1hr 38min
11:00am, 1:30pm, 4:10pm, 6:50pm, 9:20pm

Shrek Forever After 3D (RealD 3D) (PG) 1hr 33min
12:01am

For more information, e-mail news@smdp.com

Happy to get home, Gemini

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Your strong sense of direction drives you through your day. You will have to plow through a cloud of confusion. Others need your insightful questions to help clear their mind as well. Opt not to work late. Tonight: Do something just for your well-being.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ You feel inordinately pressured by a domestic or personal situation. You know better than many that you cannot spread yourself so thin. The unexpected increase of demanding issues could overwhelm you. Tonight: Get into the weekend spirit.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Keep talks moving and don't lock on a minor point, or even a big point. Get the whole picture. Creativity blooms with someone you admire. You'll gain more and more understanding through a brainstorming session. Tonight: Happy to get home!

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★ You can only juggle your finances so much -- be realistic. You might not be seeing the whole picture, because you have yet to learn all the facts. News is not only surprising, but also triggers deep thought. Tonight: Run errands on the way home.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Use today to complete any important conversations and agreements. The unexpected bubbles up from out of nowhere as you deal with an associate. In some way, you delight in the excitement. Keep your eye on the big picture. Tonight: Splurge and treat another person.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★ You might be on the edge of a breakthrough. Others continue to act in the most unanticipated manner, to the point that the only stable factor is instability! Center on yourself and your strengths. Tonight: Take a deep breath. Leave work behind. Go forth.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Aim for more of what you want. Don't hesitate, or it could be too late. Meetings could change your work schedule, but are necessary. Continue to accept new technology and other ways to shorten the demands of your work. Tonight: Think "new" and "different."

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★ Take a stand quickly, understanding what needs to happen. Whether you are the boss or answer to a boss, allow greater creativity to enter. At the same time, make sure that you and others are on the same page. Tonight: Consider starting the weekend early.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Keep reaching out for a solution that can encompass everyone's needs. Give up either/or thinking. If you work with the concepts that oppose each other, you will find a similarity. Tonight: A force wherever you are.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★ Deal with others directly and, if possible, on a one-on-one level. People respond to your efforts, but expect some surprises along the way. Negotiate an agreement; time is an ally. Hold off if you're not content with what you are hearing. Tonight: Working late.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Others will be increasingly verbal. You could be surprised by the costs that you need to incur in order to make another person happy. Allow yourself to say "no." A conversation late in the day helps clear the air. Tonight: Togetherness is the theme.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ You might be cranky or pushed to your limit. Know when to call it a day or to discontinue dealing with a key issue. Speak your mind in order to clear out some of your own tension. Others will adjust. Tonight: Listen to a suggestion.

Happy birthday

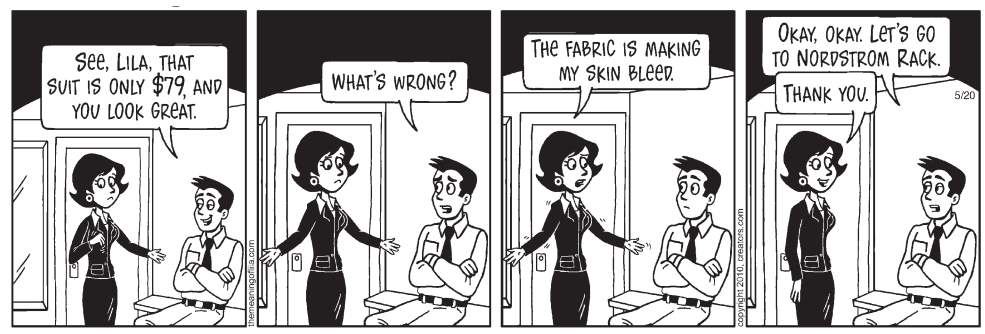
This year, you will push to create more of what you desire. Unexpected events often will color different aspects of your life. You can choose to flow and not fight the status quo. Be careful pushing beyond your physical limits, as invigorated as you might be with an idea or project. If you are single, communication is your strong suit. Make sure you hook up with someone who appreciates this ability. If you are attached, the two of you discuss many different issues and often have opposing ideas. Let that add to the color of the bond. VIRGO can be nitpicky.

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

Girls and Sports
By Justin Borus and Andrew Feinstein



The Meaning of Lila
By John Forgetta & L.A. Rose



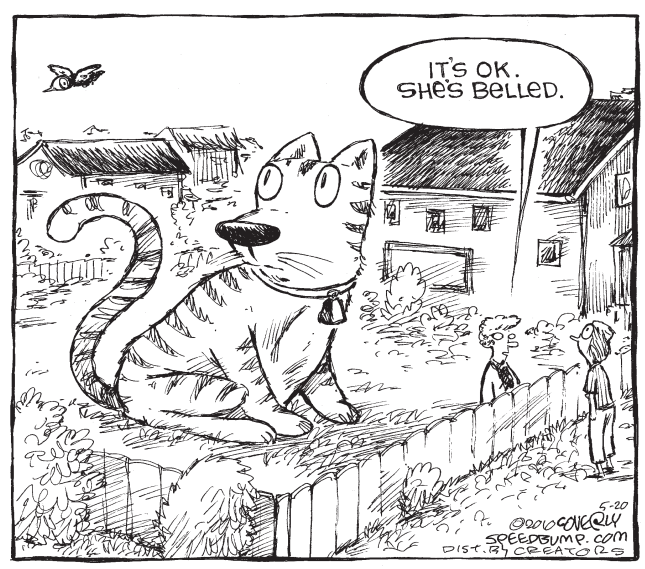
Garfield
By Jim Davis



Strange Brew
By John Deering



Speed Bump
By Dave Coverly



Procrastination is a problem when it comes to doing my disaster plan. As a business owner I have a lot to do. It's not like a disaster is going to happen tomorrow. Besides, we have that new business pitch. I've been waiting for this to happen for a while now. I'll get the disaster plan finished eventually. Nothing to worry about, it'll happen.

Whether natural or man-made, at least one in four businesses affected by a disaster never reopen. Though emergencies are unpredictable, when you have a plan in place you can adapt, recover and stay in control.

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Sudoku

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

Difficulty Level ★★★

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

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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

2	1	4	6	7	5	9	8	3
3	7	6	1	9	8	2	5	4
5	9	8	3	4	2	7	1	6
1	8	9	5	6	4	3	2	7
4	2	3	9	1	7	8	6	5
6	5	7	8	2	3	1	4	9
9	6	2	7	5	1	4	3	8
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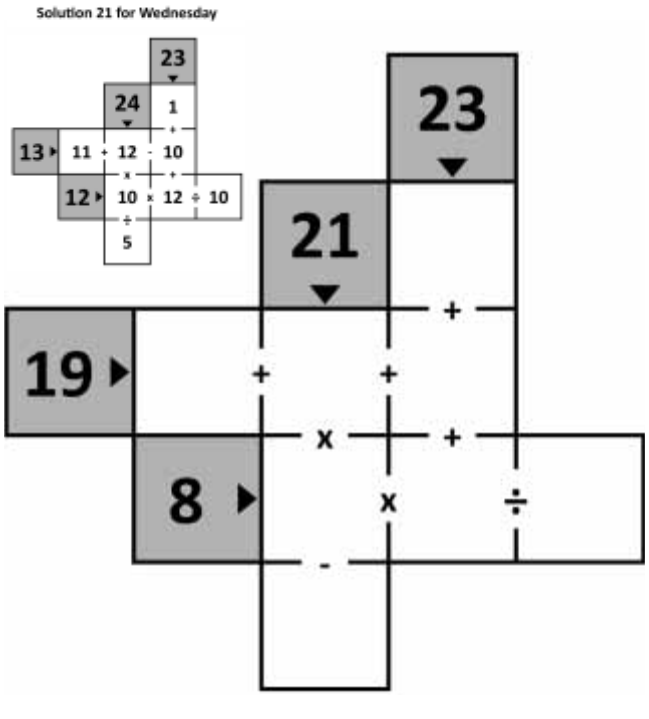
• Fill the grid with the set of given numbers (1 to 12) to satisfy the Equa demands (7 to 24) in the shaded boxes. The Equa demands represent the sum of the digits that you will insert into the empty squares.
• Each horizontal row has one Equa demand to satisfy; each vertical column also has one demand to satisfy. Each empty square in the grid dictates the math operation (addition +, subtraction -, multiplication X, and division ÷) that must be performed to meet the demands.
• You must follow the given math operations for each square and you must make sure all the numbers satisfy the demands in the shaded boxes when connected in adjacent threes and calculated together from left to right, and top to bottom.
• The numbers you insert into the grid must satisfy the Equa demands both horizontally and vertically.

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Fill in the empty fields with the given numbers so when calculated together they satisfy all Equas in the gray boxes:

2, 5, 5, 6, 9, 9, 9, 12

Solution 21 for Wednesday





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CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

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5 Nearby
10 Poet Sandburg
11 Something to save or seize
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25 Printer's need
27 Guidebook feature
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41 Young fellows
42 Secret meeting
43 Mailbox feature

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7 Unmatched
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9 Pupil's place
11 Armistice
15 Mariners
17 Calls on
18 Reddish brown
19 Lawman Eliot
20 Charity
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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ At press time, the British Columbia Human Rights Tribunal is considering declaring veteran comedian Guy Earle guilty of discrimination against two uncloseted lesbians who were heckling him in a night club. According to Earle, the women were loud, rude to the waitress and contemptuous of Earle, and thus opened the door to combat-type comedy of insult-exchange, except that some of his insults referred to the women's sexual orientation and frisky behavior at the table. Earle said his job requires him to be "offensive" and that the traditional verbal jousts between comedians and hecklers are not the same as illegal "hate speech."

■ More Fuzzy Thinking: (1) Schools' conventional "zero tolerance" policies prohibiting guns or weapons on campus not only apply (as they have recently) to drawings of guns and to a 2-inch-long toy charm in the shape of a gun, but, at an Ionia, Mich., school, to making the familiar, thumb-up hand representation of a gun, for which Mason Jammer, 6, was suspended in March. (2) Carly Houston, 29, was arrested in Naperville, Ill., in March after a rowdy early-morning dispute with a taxi driver, and, given her customary "one phone call" to ask a friend to post bond for her, she chose instead to call 9-1-1 and report that she was "trapped inside a detention facility" (thus causing police to add "abuse of 9-1-1" to the charges).

TODAY IN HISTORY

1969 The Battle of Hamburger Hill in Vietnam ends.

1980 In a referendum in Quebec, the population rejects by a 60% vote the proposal from its government to move towards independence from Canada.

1983 First publications of the discovery of the HIV virus that causes AIDS in the journal Science by Luc Montagnier and Robert Gallo individually.

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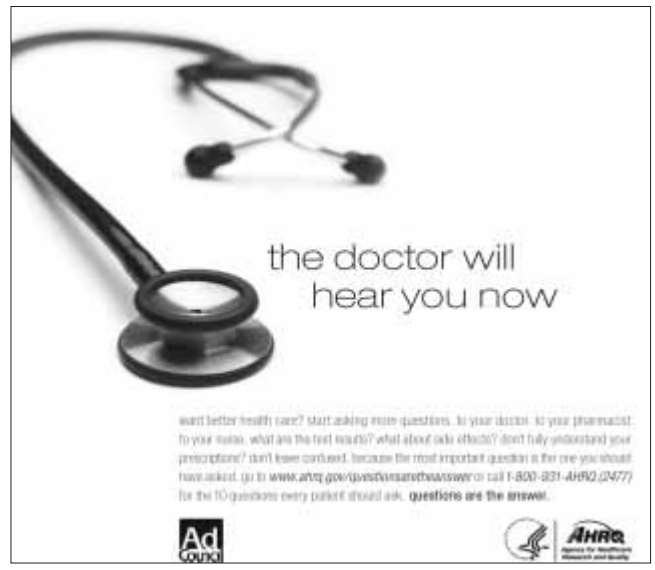
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