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THE IT WAS A GOOD RUN ISSUE

Officials hope fees bridge budget gap

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL The economic downturn could force higher parking citations and overdue library book fines in Santa Monica.

Those are just some of the measures that city officials have incorporated into a roughly half billion dollar budget for the 2009-10 fiscal year, hoping to weather the storm through raising the fees for certain programs and violations that could altogether result in an additional $4.2 million available for spending.

The $510 million budget, which was presented to the City Council on Tuesday, comes with a series of cost savings and money raising recommendations to help City Hall battle through a $14.1 million hole caused by drops in tax revenues, cuts from state funding, and expected increases in contributions to employee pensions and health insurance.

While the budget isn't pretty for City Hall, it's a much more attractive financial situation than the predicament facing other municipalities. City Hall has been able to avoid layoffs and furloughing employees, as well as drastic cuts to services. The impact on residents should be minimal, city officials said.

"I have to say compared to other communities, Santa Monica has again been able to weather the storm," City Manager Lamont Ewell said.

The proposals include raising parking citations for various infractions, including the fine for exceeding the meter time limit from $40 to $47, and the fine for street sweeping and preferential parking from $52 to $61.

"This is one key area where people's

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TAKING IT TO THE STREETS: **Demonstrators march down Main Street Tuesday in protest of the state Supreme Court's decision to uphold Proposition 8, a ballot measure that banned same-sex marriages. Prop. 8 opponents organized rallies across the state protesting the decision.**

Court upholds California gay marriage ban

LISA LEFF
Associated Press Writer

SAN FRANCISCO California's Supreme Court upheld the state's gay-marriage ban Tuesday but said the estimated 18,000 same-sex weddings that took place before the prohibition passed are still valid — a ruling decried by gay-rights activists as a hollow victory.

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HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL PLAYOFFS

Samohi's bats go cold in loss

BY DANIEL ARCHULETA
Managing Editor

SAMOHI The staff ace was on the mound and the stands were filled with screaming fans giving the blue and gold faithful reason to be optimistic, but it was a lack of hitting that doomed the Vikings' playoff run.

Senior pitcher Tyler Skaggs, making his first appearance in nearly a month, kept the game close for most of the afternoon giving Samohi's hitters time to figure out Los Altos' starter Ronnie Blagg, but that time never came as the Vikings lost the California Interscholastic Federation Southern Section Division III second round playoff game 1-3.

"We played well on defense, but we couldn't score," Skaggs said. "That's been our problem all year."

On a day when runs were at a premium, the Vikings were hard pressed to mount rallies against Blagg, who tossed a complete game in the victory. The Vikings' lone rally came during the fourth inning with Samohi trailing 0-2.

With two out in the inning, senior Michael Alonge hit a single to right field. Freshman Adam Padilla followed with a walk giving the Vikings runners on first and second. Seldom used Alfredo Morales stepped into the batter's box and slapped an RBI single to right scoring Alonge with

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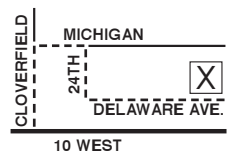

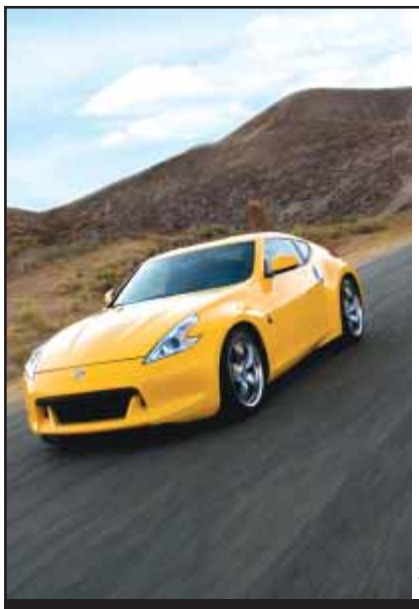

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WHAT'S UP WESTSIDE

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA AND SURROUNDS

Future workforce
Virginia Avenue Park
2200 Virginia Ave., 3:30 p.m. — 5:30 p.m.
Summer is quickly approaching and that means it's time for many teens to get a job. Join the Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce and City Hall for the annual "Employer & Student Expo," a gathering of local businesses offering summer employment as well as full and part-time positions, in addition to internships and volunteer opportunities for ages 14-24. Workshops will be conducted in conjunction with the Expo as well as training in interviewing skills. For additional information regarding the expo, contact Carla Fantozzi, City of Santa Monica Human Services Division, at (310) 458-8688.

Ballroom by the bay
Santa Monica Bay Women's Club
1210 Fourth St., 7 p.m. — 11 p.m.
Come for a free lesson at 7 p.m., and stick around after for more dancing for $10. Learn how to waltz, fox-trot, swing and hustle by request. Partners are not required. Parking is available next door. Call (310) 487-0911 for more information.

'Why We Want to Kill You'
UCLA
7 p.m.
Walid Shoebat and Kamal Saleem, two former Islamic terrorists, will be speaking in Royce Hall on the UCLA campus about their experiences recruiting, training and acting as terrorists. The two, who are currently touring the United States, are speaking at universities and other venues about conceptions of the United States abroad and about the reasons why terrorist organizations target Americans and other groups. The event is free and tickets are available in advance at the UCLA Central Ticket Office or one hour prior to the event at the Royce Hall box office. Those interested can obtain more information by calling the UCLA Central Ticket Office at (310) 825-2101.

Thursday, May 28, 2009

Prose and poetry
Novel Cafe
212 Pier Ave., 8 p.m. — 10 p.m.
Come read, listen and enjoy free open prose and poetry readings every Thursday. Everyone and all genres are welcome, including poetry, fiction and non-fiction, as long as there is a 1,000 word limit per reader. Visit forthmagazine.com/weeklyreadings.php or call (310) 396-8566 for more information.

An Evening at the Opera
Main Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd., 7 p.m.
The final installment of L.A. Opera's recent behind-the-scenes speaker series will be taking place this Thursday. Attendees will enjoy a multimedia talk on La Traviata in this week's meeting, the last of four monthly gatherings aimed at providing information to the public about the world of opera. The event will be held in the library's multipurpose room on the second floor. Attendance is free and audiences of all ages are welcome. Those interested can obtain more information by calling (310) 458-8600.

Time to volunteer
Johnnie's New York Pizzeria
1444 Third St., noon
Michele Gran, co-founder and CEO of Global Volunteers, a St. Paul, Minn.-based volunteer organization known as one of the first "volunteer vacation" providers, will be speaking on the importance of short-term volunteer service programs. Gran's organization, which will be celebrating it's 25th anniversary and 25,000th volunteer, has provided aid in more than 100 communities in 19 countries around the world. Those interested can obtain more information about the organization and the speaker event by visiting www.globalvolunteers.org.

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.

FAA sets temporary SMO flight restrictions

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES The Federal Aviation Administration announced that temporary flight restrictions on private pilots will be in effect in the greater Los Angeles area between early Wednesday afternoon and Thursday morning.

An FAA statement Tuesday said only airlines, law enforcement aircraft and air ambulances will be allowed to fly within a 12-mile radius of Santa Monica Airport between 1:15 p.m. Wednesday and 7:40 a.m. Thursday.

"During this time, private pilots will not be able to fly into or out of Los Angeles International Airport, Santa Monica Airport, Hawthorne Municipal Airport, Van Nuys Airport and Burbank Airport," the statement said.

During those restrictions, private pilots may fly in and out of airports between 12 miles and 30 miles from Santa Monica Airport, the FAA said. Pilots may also fly through that airspace but must have filed flight plans, must talk to air traffic controllers and must use transponders broadcasting a code unique to each aircraft.

The FAA said that at times the center of the restricted area will be at Los Angeles International Airport. Only airlines, law enforcement aircraft and air ambulance aircraft will be allowed to fly within a 10-mile radius of LAX between 1:05 p.m. and 2:10 p.m. on Wednesday, and between 6:55 a.m. and 8 a.m. on Thursday.

The FAA urged private pilots to view details of the temporary flight restrictions on its Web site.

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NOW, HOLD IT! **Trainer Michael Thurmond works with students to improve their fitness at Olympic High School last week.**

Celebrity trainer helps kids get healthy

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

OLYMPIC HIGH SCHOOL Hunter Irons' face slowly turns the shade of a tomato, his forehead covered in small beads of sweat as he tries to remain focused on the task at hand for just a little bit longer.

Facing him inside the humid makeshift gym at the Olympic High School cafeteria is world renown trainer Michael Thurmond who guides the 11th grader while he tries to complete the last few reps in his workout, the two pulling an elastic exercise band in opposite directions.

"Now breathe in, breathe out, through your mouth," Thurmond instructs. "Focus! Beautiful!"

Finally finished, Thurmond compliments Irons on a job well done and moves on to the next student waiting. Irons exhales.

The scene repeats itself for the next hour as the celebrity trainer, who is famous for his work on the reality show "Extreme Makeover," proceeds to advise the students who signed up for his new and free six-week-long workout program, which launched earlier this month at Olympic High School.

Funded by the 60-year-old trainer, Leadership in Exercise and Diets in Schools (LEAD) aims to improve self-esteem through personalized fitness and nutritional plans.

"You can literally change your body to look the way you want," Thurmond said during a training session with the students last week. "To do that with these kids empowers them because it teaches them high self-esteem."

The fitness guru was in search of a school to launch the exercise program when long-time friend Oscar de la Torre, who is a member of the Board of Education and runs the Pico Youth and Family Center, referred Thurmond to Janie Gates, the principal of the district's only continuation high school.

Along with a team of trainers, Thurmond spends about an hour after school with the students every Monday, Wednesday and Thursday, guiding their workout and analyzing progress. About half a dozen teachers and their spouses occasionally participate.

Gates, who was doing a few workouts of her own last week, said the program has helped students who have problems with attendance issues stay on track with classes.

"For us to have kids stay after school for activities is really incredible," she said.

Thurmond, who grew up in the Northern California town of Monte Rio, began traveling at a young age after admiring pictures of bodybuilders. He went from an overeating child to a bodybuilding champion.

Throughout his career, Thurmond has trained more than 1,000 people, written a best-selling book and created a weight loss program called "Six Week Body Makeover."

His newest venture has apparently led

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Ways to save

Editor:

A reasonable plan for dealing with California's budget crisis is to stop spending money where it doesn't do any good. I have three recommendations.

The first is to consider eliminating the High School Exit Exam. California spends about $250 million each year just for remedial instruction for this exam, and millions more for administration and scoring.

Recent research done by scholars at Indiana University has shown that state high school exit exams do not lead to more college completion, higher employment, or higher earnings by graduates. Researchers at UC Davis and the University of Minnesota have reported that exit exams do not result in improved academic achievement. In fact, researchers have yet to discover any benefits of having a High School Exit Exam.

Second, as proposed by State Sen. Loni Hancock, let's re-examine the issue of requiring standardized testing of children in second grade, which is not required by federal law.

Is there any evidence that this test does anybody (except test publishers) any good? Does it supply information to teachers that is not available in other forms? Most likely, our teachers are much better at evaluating students than are strangers miles away, some of whom have never spent a day in a room with 7-year-olds.

Third, stop testing fitness in schools using expensive and time-consuming tests. California tests children in grades five, seven, and nine using the Fitnessgram, which costs at least $300 per school (about $3,000,000 for the entire state). The test consists of pushups, sit-ups, and a mile run, and measures flexibility and body fat.

To get children to pass, PE must devote time to sit-ups, pushups, and running. This is a threat to the idea that a major goal of PE is to introduce children to a variety of sports to encourage them to become fit for life in enjoyable ways.

There is, of course, plenty of evidence relating exercise to physical and mental health, but none that I know of related specifically to testing children using this tool.

If we decide to eliminate the High School Exit Exam, stop giving high-stakes tests to second graders, and stop using the Fitnessgram, we would save a lot of money, and save valuable time for students and teachers. Also, these steps might inspire similar steps for additional savings.

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Bike etiquette

Editor:

Q. When is a bicycle like an automobile?

A. When it is in the middle of the roadway making a left turn from the left turn lane.

Q. When is a bicycle like a pedestrian?

A. When it is racing down the sidewalk passing within inches of unsuspecting "foot pedestrians" at unsafe speeds.

Q. When is a bicycle dangerous to both automobiles and pedestrians?

A. Almost always.

Suggested sidewalk bicycle etiquette.

1. When riding on the sidewalk slow way down.

2. When in heavy pedestrian traffic, how about getting off and walking your bike?

3. When passing a pedestrian from the rear give a little warning signal. "Passing on the left" would do nicely.

I walk all over Santa Monica and fear being hit by a bicycle more than a car.

P.S. A great thank you to all bicyclists who use safe and common sense riding practices.

Jack L. Allen
Santa Monica

Going Postal

Steve "the Mailman" Breen — Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Why so SERE-ious?

Part two in a series about torture

"SERE [SURVIVAL EVASION RESISTANCE Escape] was the best training I've had. It prepared me for marriage."

— Chuck Kasinger, U.S. Navy officer [ret], War Criminal No. 48, and Bruce Willis' stunt-double.

No truer words have ever been spoken. And Obamatrons think that waterboarding is torture? If proffered the choice between being waterboarded or facing a megalodon divorce attorney, I'd make a $787 billion stimulus-sized wager that most folks would enthusiastically opt for a session of "rub-a-dub-dub, three-men-in-a tub" over the litigious cannibalism called "family court."

For the enlightenment of feckless "hopium addicts" out there with no conspicuous hobbies other than timing their neighbor's gardener using a weed blower or pandering at tractor pulls, enhanced interrogation techniques [EIT] such as "waterboarding," "walling" and "boxing" do not reify "torture."

In reference to the Bush EIT memos, the term "torture," as an implement of political utility, clumsily wielded by the Holder clown carnival at the Department of Justice while legally held as inaccurate under sections 2340 and 2340A of the federal penal code, its recent and correct application by the DOJ in Demjanjuk v. Holder successfully addressed the definitions of "specific intent" and "general intent." Holder's own recent testimony before Congress on the matter essentially denies prosecution of anyone connected with crafting or implementing any of the EITs described in the Bush administration memos.

Sorry, Mr. President, but it appears you need a new shade of lipstick for your piggy.

But let's look at real "torture," shall we? This past Memorial Day weekend occasioned the Bondage Ball in Hollywood. Was there anything that reasonably occurred among the leather and lather crowd in Hollywood that was more "torturous" than anything that was possibly done to Khalid Sheikh Mohammed by hunky Marines at Gitmo?

Don't forget your "safe word!"

Is it an inconvenient truth that jihadi terrorists merit more fetishistic civil rights from Obama than his gay/lesbian supporters in bondage deserve insofar as they just don't ask nor tell? Well, spank me and call me "Nancy!"

I spent my SERE "summer vacation" during July of 1986 at a special camp located in the wind-swept, rattlesnake-infested desert boonies near San Diego. "The Facility" was a full blown mock up of a concentration camp complete with weapons towers, concrete bunkers, concertina wire and large white men in Russian uniforms beating the holy crap out of you.

I enthusiastically volunteered.

The Facility's existence and scripted scenario makes the reality TV show "Survivor" appear like "Mr. Roger's Neighborhood" by comparison. Its purpose is to expose U.S. Navy and Marine personnel to the hazards of possible capture and interrogation by enemy forces of the U.S. It was a lot of "fun" but then again I have a sick and twisted notion of what constitutes "fun."

Meanwhile, as veterans get to have all of the "fun," constipated conspiracy theory Democrats clamor for "truth tribunals" and then flatulently insist that 69-year-old Nancy Pelosi is as honest in her claims against the CIA as she is about her hair color.

IS IT AN INCONVENIENT TRUTH THAT JIHADI TERRORISTS MERIT MORE FETISHISTIC CIVIL RIGHTS FROM OBAMA THAN HIS GAY/LESBIAN SUPPORTERS IN BONDAGE DESERVE INSOFAR AS THEY JUST DON'T ASK NOR TELL?

"No freezing deserts for me, just frozen snowy [Maine] in November … everyone was stripped down to their birthday suits … I got to spend some quality time in a small box … the guards comment was, 'this is the only decision you will make here. Do you want your head in that corner or that corner [of the box]?'"

— Dave "Odie" Bodin, SERE graduate, former Olongapo rodeo champion.

Let me get this straight: naked, cold and locked in a box like a meat-sicle and sunny Gitmo is somehow "torture" for terrorists?

"Boxing," as an EIT, is not a pugilistic endeavor. It employs a simple, sturdy and somewhat smallish wooden box with a locking lid. You enter the box in a yogic fetal position (think "child's pose"). You are then locked in the box and wait until claustrophobia sets in. You can't move as the dimensions of the box precludes no more than about 1 to 2 inches of movement in any given direction depending on your size. Get comfortable, though, as you're going to be here awhile, a long while, after an effervescent and stylishly delivered beating, of course.

Is it fair to question the president, despite his uniquely uninformed opinion, as to what "other means" of interrogation to which he was referring that are somehow more efficacious than EITs? How does the Community-Organizer-in-Chief, who has never so much as managed a Dairy Queen, now qualify the rules of interrogation against an implacable foe when the security of the American people is at risk? Let me guess, do we now have to ask terrorists, "Pretty please with sugar on top" or possibly suffer a stern finger-wagging?

Think about it, folks. I'll be in my box when you need me.

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Sit down and shut up

"POWER TENDS TO CORRUPT, AND absolute power corrupts absolutely. … There is no worse heresy than the fact that the office sanctifies the holder of it," was how Lord John Acton worded his rejection of the idea that popes and kings could do no wrong.

That quote was stuck in my head as I watched our former v.p., Dick Cheney, trying in vain to defend his administration's legacy of military aggression, torture, and secrecy in the name of national security. The speech wasn't half-bad as revisionist history, and it may have worked if it hadn't immediately followed President Obama speaking on the same subject. For six or seven years, Cheney has been telling us that based on the intelligence he's seen, the extraordinary lengths his administration went to were necessary. For the past six or seven months, Barack Obama has seen the exact same intelligence — and he's saying Cheney is wrong. The time has come for the former vice president to do what the former president has done since leaving office: sit down and shut up. It's tough for Cheney to ride off into the Wyoming sunset because he's been around Washington for decades, served every Republican president since Richard Nixon, and has never been more than an election cycle or two away from a job in the White House. He's been minority whip in Congress, White House chief of staff for Gerald Ford, secretary of defense for George H. W. Bush, and after heading up the committee to select George W. Bush's running mate in 2000, had the power to pick himself. So he did.

I don't believe he ever took young George Bush seriously as an authority figure, and that led to what Cheney described to former Vice President Dan Quayle as a "different understanding with the president" about what his role would be. Instead of fundraising and funerals, Cheney would essentially run the White House (and the Executive Branch) as a "surrogate chief of staff," and would always be the last person in the room with The Decider. That special relationship — plus Congressional authorization to use force in response to the hijackings of Sept. 11, 2001 and a letter from some hack lawyers saying the president is infallible during wartime — basically left Cheney free to break the law.

And break the law he did. His office leaked classified information about an undercover CIA agent named Valerie Plame to discredit her husband, a critic of the administration's Iraq policy. On their watch, the NSA tapped domestic phone calls in a massive data-collection effort and the CIA disappeared people off the street, stuck them in Guantanamo and secret prisons in eastern Europe, interrogated them using "enhanced techniques" that were, in fact, torture, then exported those torture techniques to places like Abu Ghraib. They even held American citizens in custody without charging them with any crimes. They tainted the White House, polluted the press, compromised the intelligence community, and dishonored the military — all in the name of our security.

So there was the most powerful vice president in American history standing in the Hall of Evil that is the American Enterprise Institute trying to claim the bottom line is that his administration has kept us safe since their wake-up call on Sept. 11, 2001. Of course, that assumes I give them a pass for not keeping us safe on that day — and I don't. I was there, so I can't. Not when the president's daily brief warned them about what was coming in no uncertain terms on Aug. 6, 2001 — and was ignored. Not when counter-terrorism expert Richard Clarke was running around with his "hair on fire" trying to warn them something big was coming — and was demoted. Not when they took office with the official military response to the terrorist bombing of the USS Cole on their to-do list — and did nothing. Sorry, Dick, but there is no way to prove why something didn't happen; though the ignored PDB, the demoted counter-terrorism expert, and the impotent response to the Cole bombing go a long way toward demonstrating why the hijackings of that September morning did happen. They happened because you failed to keep us safe.

With its casual relationship with the rule of law, its disastrous war policies, and the belief in a strong unitary executive, I thought the Nixon administration would go down as the most corrupt in history. Then came George W. Bush and the Nixon holdover Cheney — one tricky Dick picking up right where the other left off. He still loves Nixon's idea of the wartime president as a tyrant American king with the power to rule the courts and the Congress, and he played that role for most of their first term. But after losing three Supreme Court cases, two national elections, and the confidence of his boss, he was marginalized to the point where he couldn't even get a pardon for his convicted felon former chief of staff. And all Dick Cheney will be remembered for is basically being fired by the worst president ever.

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The Q Line

Just cruisin'

City Hall was recently recognized by the League of American Bicyclists for its efforts to make Santa Monica a bike-friendly city. Yet there are some in the bike community who feel that the city needs to go even further.

So this week's Q-Line question asks:

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Budget picture isn't pretty, but better than others

FROM BUDGET PAGE 1

behavior dictates whether they pay the fine or not," Ewell said, emphasizing City Hall's plan to protect the least vulnerable.

The projected $4.2 million will also come from raising the fine for overdue books by an undetermined amount, increasing fees to use the Santa Monica Swim Center, adjusting fees for youth sports and the afterschool CREST program, and increasing enforcement in the neighborhoods. The library book fines have not been increased since 1994.

Ewell said that increases in parking enforcement is predicated on existing patterns and not revenue, though doing so is expected to bring in an extra $1 million. City Hall has received a flood of complaints from residents about visitors who ignore preferential parking signs and take up spaces in neighborhoods.

"We decided in response to those complaints, we would put three additional TSO [traffic safety officers] out in the neighborhoods to help reduce this negative impact," Ewell said.

City Hall also plans to use approximately $8.2 million it set aside in reserves last year in case a local ballot measure to modernize the Utility Users Tax did not pass, which it did. That money will be used over the next two fiscal years, providing breathing room for the community and City Hall to come up with a better game plan.

"This gives us time to determine what the real impact of the economy is," Finance Director Carol Swindell said.

The budget also includes cost savings from instituting a hiring freeze on 18 vacant positions, asking all departments to provide a 5 percent contingency reduction scenario for 2008-09, and requesting that several unions forgo performance bonuses. While two unions have agreed to waive the bonuses for this year, City Hall is still waiting on a third — the Administrative Team Associates, which isn't expected to make a decision until next month.

Hurting the general fund is the drop in sales taxes, hotel occupancy, business licenses and property values. City officials are expecting sales tax revenues to decrease by 8.9 percent for next year, a conservative figure based on the fact that the opening of Santa Monica Place has been postponed to the summer of 2010 and because auto sales are continuing to decline. One of the biggest dealerships in the area, Infiniti of Santa Monica, recently closed.

The transient occupancy tax, which concerns lodging, is projected to decrease by 3.6 percent.

Over the past six months, the transient occupancy tax revenue has declined from a low of 10 percent to a high of 28 percent.

"It's reflective of what the global market is experiencing," Ewell said.

The business license tax is anticipated to drop by 2.5 percent, while the Utility User Tax, the lone bright spot, is projected to increase by 3.7 percent because of similar spikes in utility costs.

City Hall is also preparing for an increase in its contribution to CalPERS, which is the public employee retirement fund, by approximately 20 percent, translating to an additional $5.1 million expenditure from the general fund. The reason for the increase is because CalPERS lost nearly 30 percent of its portfolio in the stock market, Ewell said.

Some shifting in state funds from various propositions could also mean losses of more than $5 million for City Hall.The state has the option of shifting property tax revenue from Proposition 1A twice within a 10 year period so long as they reimburse the money with interest. If the state does exercise the option, City Hall could loose between $3-$5 million. Ewell is recommending that City Hall borrow from itself, using money from the MTBE contamination settlement as a source, though the money would have to be reimbursed within three years.

Ewell added that City Hall could see a decline of about $1.5 million from gas tax funds, $800,000 from Proposition 172, which is the half cent sales tax for public safety, and $900,000 from Proposition 42 transportation funds.

He believes that five of the budget propositions from the special election last week failed because California residents are tired of state officials presenting ballot measures that promises to fund various projects, only to have them shifted.

"I think people are fed up with the bait and switch approach that has taken place in this state," Ewell said.

The proposed budget shows an 8.1 percent decrease from the revised budget in 2008-09. Ewell said that the reduction is not because of the recession, but rather the completion of several key projects, including the Annenberg Community Beach House and the sewer line at Second Street and Colorado Avenue, which finished on time.

While all departments were asked to reduce their budgets by 5 percent, Ewell said he is not recommending all of their suggestions.

The cuts are also not spread evenly, with preference being given to public safety, which was a previously set council priority.

The Fire Department will see an increase of nine personnel, mainly due to the reactivation of the dispatch center, and the Police Department is budgeted to receive three extra traffic safety officers and an additional crime analyst.

City officials did acknowledge that the result of the budget cuts will be a reduction in services, which might be noticed aesthetically, such as with maintenance.

Elaine Polachek, the deputy city manager, said the intent was to keep the cuts farthest from the most vulnerable residents.

"It was a very surgical approach," she said.

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NOT THE BEST OF TIMES: **A dejected Colter Johnson sits in Samohi's dugout following a 1-3 loss to Los Altos in the second round of the CIF-SS playoffs on Tuesday afternoon.**

Samohi exits playoffs

FROM **VIKINGS** PAGE 1

Samohi's first run of the game. Morales advanced to second as Los Altos attempted to make a play at the plate.

With the potential tying and go-ahead runs on board, Walker Dove drew a walk loading the bases.

Unfortunately Josh Huerta hit a fly ball to left field ending the Vikings' rally and ultimately their season.

"Words can't explain how good this feels right now," Blagg said. "I just tried to work ahead [in the count] all day and today it worked."

Los Altos' righty was able to consistently get first-pitch strikes for much of the game giving Samohi's hitters little to work with.

"It was a good ball game," Samohi Head Coach Rob Duron said. "We played well, they played a little better."

Skaggs allowed just five hits while striking out nine in seven innings, but the hits Los Altos did get were often turned into runs. Justin Zamano collected Los Altos' first hit of the game in the second inning and later scored on Michael Luna's double to deep center field that just eluded Samohi center fielder Vince Lawrence.

The third inning looked like it may be a replay of the second as Los Altos' Mario Carrillo led off the inning with a double to deep left. With a man in scoring position and no outs Skaggs was able to strike out the side ending the scoring threat buying the Vikings more time to create offense.

The Vikings appeared to be on the way to more runs in the fifth when senior Logan Whitchurch led off the inning with a bloop double to left field. Senior Colter Johnson successfully sacrificed Whitchurch to third on a grounder to shortstop. With the tying run 90 feet away, seniors Lawrence and Ricky Gomez both flied out to first base ending the Vikings' last credible scoring chance.

"To battle against a guy like Skaggs was huge," Los Altos Head Coach Andrew Formano said. "He was damn near unhittable."

The baseball season may have come to an end for the rest of the team, but not for Skaggs. The highly-coveted lefty is expected to be an early round pick in June's Major League Draft.

He has committed to Cal State Fullerton, but those close to him say he is more than likely going to make the jump from high school to the pros and should be playing minor league baseball this summer.

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Samohi's Emma Woo makes a play on a Bishop Montgomery base runner during a 4-3 win in the second round of the CIF-SS Division IV playoffs on Tuesday. With the win Samohi advances to the third round on Thursday. The opponent and location have yet to be announced.

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Protesters take to streets in L.A.

FROM **DECISION** PAGE 1

Demonstrators outside the court booed, wept and yelled, "Shame on you!" Activists said they would go back to the voters as early as next year in a bid to repeal the ban, and a federal lawsuit seeking to overturn it was filed late last week.

In a 6-1 decision written by Chief Justice Ron George, the court rejected arguments that the ban approved by the voters last fall was such a fundamental change in the California Constitution that it first needed the Legislature's approval.

"We are extremely pleased that the Supreme Court has acknowledged the right of voters to define marriage in the California Constitution," said Andrew P. Pugno, a lawyer for ProtectMarriage.com, the leading group behind the initiative. "The voters have decided this issue and their views should be respected."

As for the thousands of couples who tied the knot last year in the five months that gay marriage was legal in California, the court said it is well-established principle that an amendment is not retroactive unless it is clear that the voters intended it to be, and that was not the case with Proposition 8.

Moreover, the court said it would be too disruptive to apply Proposition 8 retroactively and dissolve all gay marriages.

Doing that would have the effect of "throwing property rights into disarray, destroying the legal interests and expectations of thousands of couples and their families, and potentially undermining the ability of citizens to plan their lives according to the law as it has been determined by this state's highest court," the ruling said.

While gay rights advocates accused the court of failing to protect a minority group from the will of the majority, the justices said that the state's governing framework gives voters almost unfettered ability to change the California Constitution.

The decision set off an outcry among a sea of demonstrators who had gathered in front of the San Francisco courthouse, holding signs and waving rainbow flags. Many people also held hands in a chain around an intersection in an act of protest. More than 150 protesters were arrested, with citations for failure to obey a police officer and jaywalking.

About 80 protesters rallied outside the Los Angeles County clerk's office, where marriage licenses are issued. They waved rainbow flags and carried signs that read "Repeal Prop 8 in 2010."

In San Francisco's Castro district, where many gay men and lesbians live, the large rainbow gay pride flag that flies in Harvey Milk Plaza had been lowered to half-staff and a black stripe put on the top.

"We're relieved our marriage was not invalidated, but this is a hollow victory because there are so many that are not allowed to marry those they love," said Amber Weiss, 32, who was in the crowd at City Hall, near the courthouse, with her partner, Sharon Papo. They were married on the first day gay marriage was legal last year, June 17.

Students use workout to gain self esteem, fitness

FROM **FITNESS** PAGE 3

to some results for students at Olympic, some of whom saw changes after the first week.

Alex Ramirez, a senior at Olympic, said he enrolled in the program to lose some weight, which registered at 255.6 pounds in the first week. He lost about nearly 10 pounds in three weeks.

The student has also seen some improvement in his blood pressure, from 151/89 to 130/80.

"The workouts aren't that intense so I can handle it," Ramirez said. "You always feel good afterward, even if you get sore."

Students sign up for different reasons, some to improve health, others to sculpt their bodies.

"They're all different so you don't train anyone the same way," Thurmond said.

Irons has been working to gain more muscle and has noticed some changes in both arms.

"I've been really skinny my whole life so I thought why not try and build some muscle," he said.

Gates said that the goal of the program, which counts toward the physical education requirement, isn't just about physical appearance.

"The kids have really bought into it," she said. "Overall, it's for them to focus on their health."

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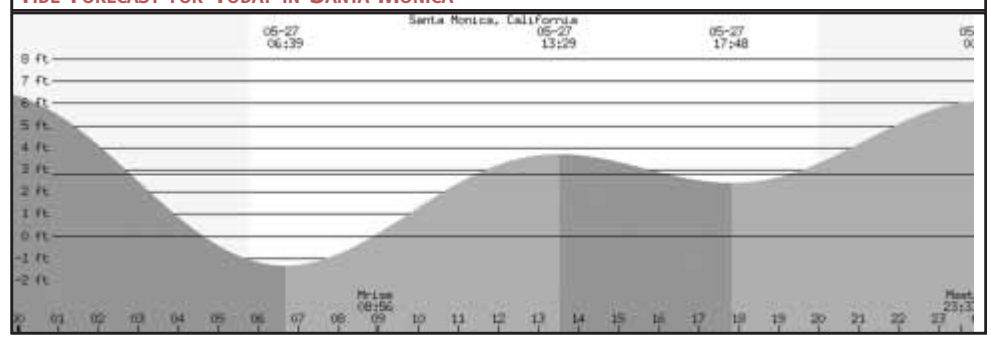

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- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 42 / ns
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 5 / ns

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

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain	A	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua)	A	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain	A+	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain	A	ns
Santa Monica Municipal Pier	F	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain	A	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms)	A+	ns
Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain	A	ns
Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain	A+	ns
Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain	A+	ns
Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain	A+	ns
Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south	A+	ns
Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St.	A+	ns
Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- lifeguard tower	A	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth	A	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain	A	ns
North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach	A+	ns
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DRY -- each location is graded on an A – F scale based on bacterial pollution levels present in the surf zone
WET -- grades for days of recorded rainfall and the following 3 days
ns -- no sample taken

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MOVIE TIMES

Aero Theatre
1328 Montana Ave.
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Ruthless (NR) (1948) 1hr 44min
7:30

Edgar G. Ulmer – The Man Off-Screen (NR) (2004) 1hr 17min
7:30

AMC Loews Broadway 4
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Angels & Demons (PG-13) 2hrs 20min
Noon, 3:05, 6:15, 9:25

Earth (G) 1hr 30min
12:20, 2:40, 5:05, 7:30, 9:55

Night at the Museum: Battle of the Smithsonian (PG) 1hr 45min
1:40, 4:20, 7:00, 9:40

Star Trek (PG-13) 2hrs 6min
12:50, 3:45, 6:45, 9:50

AMC 7 Santa Monica
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(310) 289-4262

Ghosts of Girlfriends Past (PG-13) 1hr 40min
1:40, 4:10, 6:45, 9:20

Night at the Museum: Battle of the Smithsonian (PG) 1hr 45min
1:00, 2:20, 3:40, 5:00, 6:20, 7:40, 9:00, 10:20

Angels & Demons (PG-13) 2hrs 20min
1:20, 4:45, 8:00

Angels & Demons (Digital) (PG-13) 2hrs 20min
12:30, 3:45, 7:00, 10:15

Star Trek (2009) (PG-13) 2hrs 06min
1:30, 2:10, 4:20, 5:15, 7:15, 8:15, 10:15

Laemmle's Monica Fourplex
1332 Second St.
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The Brothers Bloom (PG-13) 1hr 49min
1:30, 4:20, 7:10, 9:55

Tyson (R) 1hr 30min
1:00, 3:15, 5:30, 7:45, 10:00

Management (R) 1hr 33min
1:40, 4:10, 7:10, 9:40

Easy Virtue (PG-13) 1hr 33min
1:00, 3:20, 5:40, 8:00, 10:15

Mann's Criterion Theatre
1313 Third St.
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Terminator Salvation (Digital) (PG-13) 1hr 54min
1:20, 4:10, 7:00, 9:50, 12:30 a.m.

X-Men Origins: Wolverine (PG-13) 1hr 47min
1:30, 4:20, 7:10, 10:00

Dance Flick (PG-13)
12:40, 2:50, 5:00, 7:20, 9:30

The Soloist (PG-13) 1hr 49min
12:50, 3:50, 6:50, 9:50

Terminator Salvation (PG-13) 1hr 54min
11:40 a.m., 12:20, 2:20, 3:10, 5:10, 6:00, 8:00, 9:00, 10:40

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Out late, Libra

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Keep your intentions on the front burner, because if you are distracted, your fiery temperament could emerge. Recently, you've had a tendency to get angry quickly. Then it is hard to take back words. A meeting inspires you to follow through on an idea. Tonight: Head home.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ Express yourself with openness. You might have more than ordinary anger and frustration to deal with. If you discharge it, things will be better for you. If you discharge it in a palatable manner for others, everyone gains. Work on that skill. Tonight: Out and about.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Many people have to juggle their finances, not just you. Allow new and seemingly revolutionary thinking to knock on your door. Don't worry. Enjoy the sharing, and open up to another style or way. Tonight: Treat yourself.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★★ No matter what goes down, you seem to radiate and handle what comes down your path. Though you might not realize it, you are setting an example. Many of you will display an extraordinary work ethic. Tonight: Be the magnanimous Moon Child.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★ Back off of a complex situation. You don't need to fix the world — remember that. However, you might want to internalize and do some outside-the-box thinking. A brainstorming session gives a better lay of the land. A partner has the ability to mesmerize. Tonight: Vanish.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★★ Meetings and get-togethers keep you dancing and full of spunk. Though serious-minded, you make your to-do list a fun, enlightening experience. Tonight: So many choices.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★ You might be surprised by everything that happens. What should you do to make a long-term wish a reality? Listen to your instincts with a loved one you care a lot about. A problem occurs when you least expect it. Tonight: Out late.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Reach out for a distant friend. Your ability to look at a matter more carefully makes it possible. See where your thinking might have prevented you from achieving a long-term goal. Others might be extremely resourceful in creating a solution. Tonight: Read between the lines.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Don't get into ego wars or power plays; rather, work as a team with a key person in your life. Success earmarks the results. Agree to disagree. The unexpected occurs with a family member or around your home. Tonight: Refuse to get into an argument. Go for a walk.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★★ Understand what is happening within the framework of a situation. Your ability to make a difference to walk through intense situations earmarks your day. Make sure to stop and relax with a key person in your life. He or she makes a difference. Tonight: Easy works.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★ Tune in to what must be done, and organize accordingly. True, you cannot do everything all at once, but do prioritize. Delight yourself with what you can really accomplish. Share an idea and get feedback. Tonight: Choose a favorite tension-buster.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★★ Are you having difficulty reining in your imagination? Use that gift to become a solution-finder. Harnessed, this ability could actually become a business. Tonight: Stay light and easy.

Happy birthday

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

This year, touch base with your innate gifts. Do not dwell on insecurity and underestimate yourself or your abilities. Perhaps distancing yourself will allow better visualization. If you are single, you'll meet people with ease, especially in new settings, when traveling or following intellectual and spiritual pursuits. Take your time getting to know a special someone. A friend could be quite pushy about this person. If you are attached, as a couple you might want to make a major investment in your future. Your choice will reflect the bond. CANCER can be quite possessive.

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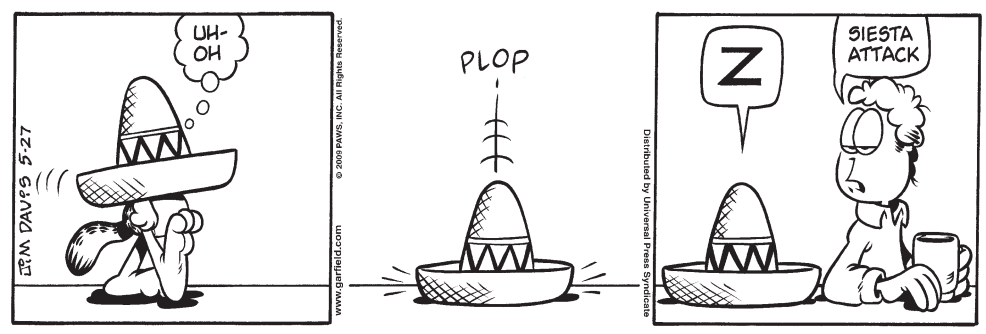
By Justin Borus and Andrew Feinstein

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

Garfield
By Jim Davis



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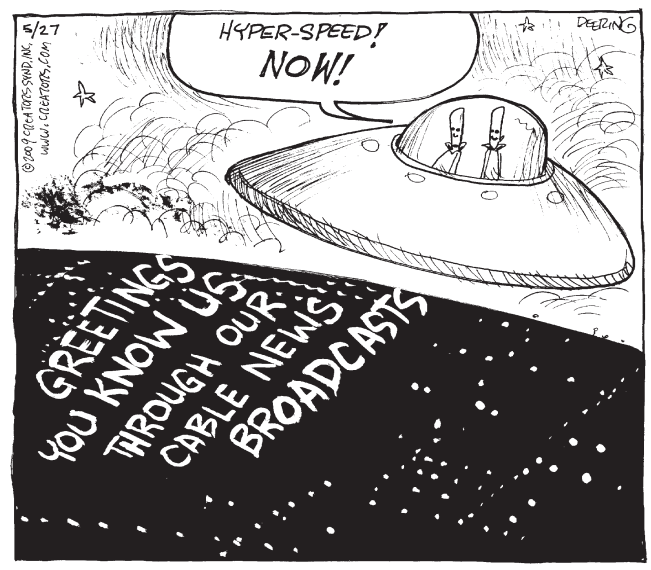

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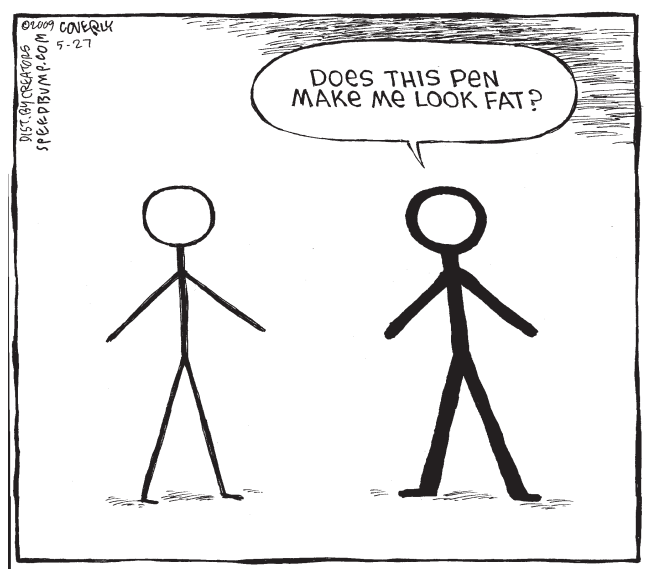

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Difficulty Level ★★★

	3	8	1	5	9			
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SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

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

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Hammed it up
7 Sacred bird of Egypt
11 Lady of riding fame
12 Poet Van Duyn
13 Starting bid
14 Bob's "Road" buddy
15 Fairy tale sister
17 Yaks it up
20 Caravan stop
23 "Evil Woman" group
24 Florida race site
26 Pull along
27 Flock female
28 Moving truck
29 Like blank paper
31 Goal
32 Nuisances
33 Deuce beater
34 "The Gift of the Magi" writer
37 Stubbs of the Four Tops
39 Nanny's kin
43 Chef's need
44 Rugged range
45 Make the coffee
46 Painter Wyeth

DOWN

1 Swelled head
2 Janitor's tool
3 Poem of praise
4 Small bell sounds
5 Eternally
6 Be bold
7 Pooped person's utterance
8 Loses one's temper
9 Hostelry
10 Slump
16 Trifled
17 Outfit
18 Unaided
19 Stuns
21 Laughable
22 Annie's pooch
24 None too bright
25 Reverence
30 Words of speculation
33 Used a keyboard
35 Shuttle org.
36 Destroy
37 Cut off
38 Abel's mother
40 Airport abbr.
41 Anger
42 Bitterly cold

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Yesterday's answer

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13						■	14			
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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Recurring Themes: (1) Victor Harris was pouring an additive into his SUV's fuel tank in March in Saginaw, Mich., when he got his index finger stuck. These situations are often inexplicably difficult, and it took firefighters four hours to remove a section of the tank and transport Harris to a doctor, who pried his finger loose and stitched it up. (2) Another careless pistol-whipping took place in April in Upper Darby, Pa., when, according to police, Jamiyl Muhammad, 17, was beating up on a street punk, and the gun accidentally fired, shooting Muhammad's 19-year-old brother in the arm.

■ Elderly drivers' recent lapses of concentration, confusing the brake pedal with the gas (or "drive" with "reverse"): An 89-year-old man accidentally crashed into his wife in a parking lot in Greenville, S.C. (April). An 88-year-old man accidentally drove through the front window of a restaurant in Redondo Beach, Calif., injuring five (March). An 85-year-old woman, on her way to take her driver's test, accidentally crashed into the building that houses the licensing office in Schram City, Ill. (February). An 82-year-old woman accidentally drove into the Indulgence Salon in Prescott Valley, Ariz., while trying to park (May). A man in his 80s, arriving at a Subaru dealer in Town of McCandless, Pa., for service, accidentally crashed into the showroom (April). An 80-year-old woman, backing out of a parking space, accidentally sped out, instead, hitting six cars and ramming a building, in Indianapolis (February).

TODAY IN HISTORY

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Obituaries

PATRICIA JOYCE ANDREAE

Pat was born on September 8, 1941 in Santa Monica, California. Over the years she lived in Southern California; Greeley, Colorado; Mesquite, Nevada; and finally in San Felipe, Mexico. After a long battle with cancer, she passed away on January 20, 2009 in San Diego, California.

Pat is survived by her three sons: Richard Renken, John Snider (Elaine Snider), and Edward Snider (Maureen Snider); her two grandsons, Whelan and Nate Snider; and her two sisters Nancy Ringwald (Walter Ringwald) and Gloria Andreae. She also has six nieces and nephews and 13 great nieces and nephews.

We celebrate her heavenly birthday on January 20, 2009, remembering with love the precious moments that we shared. May Pat rest in eternal peace.

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