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HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL

Samohi's Nakao blasts way to CIF semi-finals

BY DANIEL ARCHULETA
Managing Editor

POMONA It may have taken two calendar years and extra innings, but Santa Monica High School's softball team finally advanced to the semi-finals of the playoffs.

It was the third-straight visit to the quarter finals of the California Interscholastic Federation Southern Section Division 4 playoffs for the Samohi Vikings, but something about this year's team is different.

On the strength of an extra-inning home run off the bat of Kaile Nakao, Samohi defeated Pomona Catholic, 4-3, in seven innings on the road Thursday, setting up a semi-final matchup with Torrance High

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FEELS GOOD! **Santa Monica High School's Kaile Nakao (left) celebrates with Hailey Sheridan after hitting a game-winning home run against Pomona Catholic on Thursday. Samohi won, 4-3.**

Body of sailboat skipper found off Long Beach coast

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LONG BEACH The Coast Guard says a body found in the water off Long Beach has been identified as a 57-year-old man whose sailboat ran aground in Santa Monica over the weekend.

Thomas Kirschbaum's body was discovered Wednesday by fishermen. He was wearing a life vest and weather resistant clothing.

The Los Angeles County coroner's office says an autopsy will be performed in the next few days to determine the cause of death.

Kirschbaum's empty 30-foot sailboat was found Sunday with its sails up, one mile south of the Santa Monica Pier.

An experienced solo sailor, he was returning to the mainland after participating in a race that started in Marina del Rey, went around Santa Barbara Island and ended at Catalina.

Homeless lawsuit dismissed

BY NICK TABOREK
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL A federal judge has dismissed a lawsuit against City Hall filed by the American Civil Liberties Union that accused Santa Monica officials of harassing and intimidating homeless residents in an attempt to drive them out of town.

The suit was dismissed "with prejudice," meaning the ACLU is barred from bringing a future action on the same claim.

According to court papers filed on Monday, the dismissal was made "on the basis that the parties have reached an agreement to resolve the case out of court."

Though the dismissal appeared to be a victory for City Hall, where members of the City Council were united in condemning the suit as baseless, officials on Thursday declined to reveal details of the out-of-court agreement with the ACLU.

City Manager Rod Gould said the parties are still working on the resolution agreement and are not prepared to discuss it.

"At this time, that's all we can say until it's finalized," he said.

Mark Rosenbaum, the ACLU of Southern California's legal director, could not be reached for comment.

Several sources familiar with the lawsuit, though, said the resolution agreement would not require Santa Monica to make a payment, change a law or policy, or admit to fault.

A provision in the proposed resolution agreement with the ACLU had required Santa Monica to consider participating in a lawsuit accusing Los Angeles County of failing to provide adequate homelessness services. But a source knowledgeable about the ACLU talks said that provision of the proposed resolution was in doubt.

Reached on Thursday, Joel Bellman,

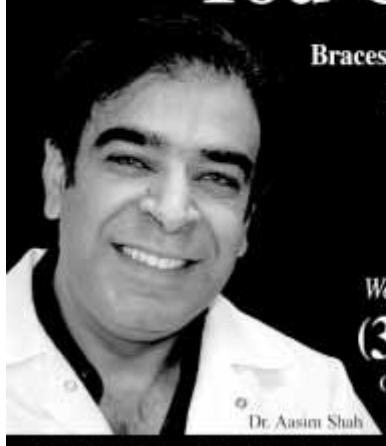
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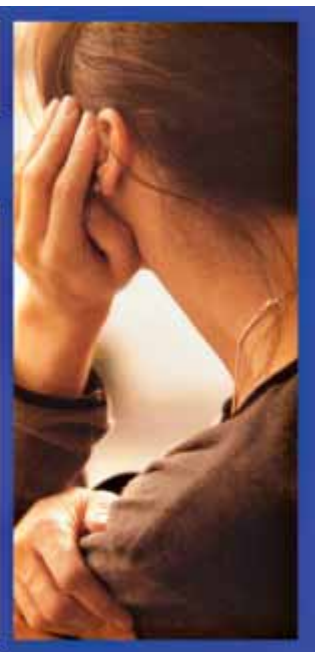
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Friday, May 28, 2010

Wicked Wilde Shakespeare Festival
Miles Memorial Playhouse
1130 Lincoln Blvd., Various times
Streamlined, gender-bending versions of classic plays are the name of the game in a five-week summer theater festival from the Los Angeles Women's Shakespeare Company. Longtime fans of the company's all-female explorations of classic texts will be intrigued to discover this festivals inclusion of male actors - although not always in the roles one might expect. For more information, call (310) 453-5069.

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.

Skate art
California Heritage Museum
2612 Main St., 11 a.m. — 4 p.m.
"SKATEBOARD: Evolution and Art in California" shows how the design of skateboards evolved from their birth pre-1950 to the present. The show is guest curated by the legendary Z-boy Nathan Pratt and is the first exhibition of the California skate movement to be shown where it was born, in "Dog Town." General admission cost $3, students and seniors cost $2, and children under 12 and members are free. For more information, call (310) 392-8537.

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Sunday, May 30, 2010

Mind, body and soul
Kathmandu Boutique
1844 Lincoln Blvd., 11:30 a.m. — 12:30 p.m.
Beginners and older adults are encouraged to come to this yoga class, which will be ongoing each Sunday beginning today. The poses will be gentle, yet challenging. Participants must bring their own mats. The cost is by donation, part of which goes to charity. For more information, call (310) 392-4711 or (310) 396-4036.

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Sugary drinks not long for state schools

ROBIN HINDERY
Associated Press Writer

SACRAMENTO California students seeking a lunchtime electrolyte boost would be out of luck under a bill passed Thursday by the state Senate.

The measure would prohibit sales of sugar-sweetened sports drinks in public middle schools and high schools. It's sponsored by Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger as part of his effort to combat childhood obesity.

California already bans sports drinks in elementary schools. Sodas have been absent from all school vending machines since 2007.

But older students can still buy electrolyte-replacement beverages — an unhealthy loophole that SB1255 would close, said its author, Sen. Alex Padilla, D-Los Angeles.

Padilla stressed that the bill would not prohibit student athletes from consuming sports drinks during after-school practices or competitions.

"We're not touching the football team, we're not touching the soccer team," he said.

Critics of the bill called it the latest example of the state trying to control personal choices.

"I think this is nanny government run amok," said Sen. Tony Strickland, R-Thousand Oaks.

He said the bill would simply delay the consumption of sugary drinks until after school, not stop it from happening.

SB1255 passed by a 21-11 vote and now moves to the Assembly.

Schwarzenegger urged the Assembly to act quickly so he can sign the bill into law. It would join a number of other state laws promoting healthy diets.

"Studies have shown weight gain is connected to consuming sports drinks," said Schwarzenegger, a former bodybuilder.

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IN THE ACT: **Zac Geoffray (left) and Luke Henderson star in 'Barnabus & Bella.' The entire film's dialogue is in Latin.**

Renaissance man ready to unveil film

BY DENNIS LIN
Special to the Daily Press

MONTANA AVE The Santa Monica High School baseball team's season may be over, but senior first baseman Ethan Corn still has some performing left to do.

This time, however, he won't be fielding groundballs or tagging out opposing runners. Instead, Corn will look on as "Barnabus & Bella" — a musical comedy filmed entirely in Latin — premieres Sunday at the Aero Theatre.

Directed by Corn, the film follows the story of a young man as he adjusts to attending a new high school — all while singing and conversing in Latin.

English subtitles will accompany the dialogue, but the mere use of the ancient language makes the production a novelty.

"When you tell somebody that you're doing a Latin musical, one, they don't believe that," Corn said.

What may be even harder to believe, though, are the many and varied talents of the director himself.

Corn, whose father is a noted director and producer, isn't your typical film enthusiast. He also happens to be a standout athlete. Just last week, he earned 2010 First-Team All-Ocean League honors as a member of the Vikings baseball team.

But, that's not the only place Corn is getting noticed.

Latin teacher Luke Henderson said he has seen Corn distinguish himself in multiple disciplines.

"Ethan is a very special student," said Henderson, who composed the music score for "Barnabus & Bella" and plays a supporting role in the film. "He's one of the top few that I can think of in my whole career that have been just so excellent at so many things."

In addition to film, baseball and Latin, Corn sings in Samohi's choir and has been the lead in several school musicals, including a recent rendition of "Rent."

"He has athletics, academics, fine arts. I would say that pretty much defines him, as a renaissance man," Henderson added.

But amid all these interests and pursuits, film has become Corn's first choice in terms of a future career.

"I enjoy being around the process of so many people working hard to put on entertainment," he said. "I like entertaining people. It's just something about it that attracts me."

And in his young career, "Barnabus & Bella" qualifies as his most ambitious undertaking yet, running approximately two hours in length and fielding a cast that includes more than a dozen Samohi students.

With help from Henderson and lead actor Zac Geoffray, Corn first developed the

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Take time to remember

Editor:

It is easy to celebrate Memorial Day and allow its true meaning to escape us. Gathering at barbecues or ball games with family and friends, Americans often overlook the holiday's origins and significance.

This year, let us try to remedy that. This year, let us pause on Memorial Day to honor our war dead from decades past and our soldiers overseas today, risking their lives in Afghanistan and Iraq.

Originally known as Decoration Day, Memorial Day was established in 1868 to commemorate those killed in the Civil War. Over time it came to serve as a day to honor all Americans killed or missing in action in all wars.

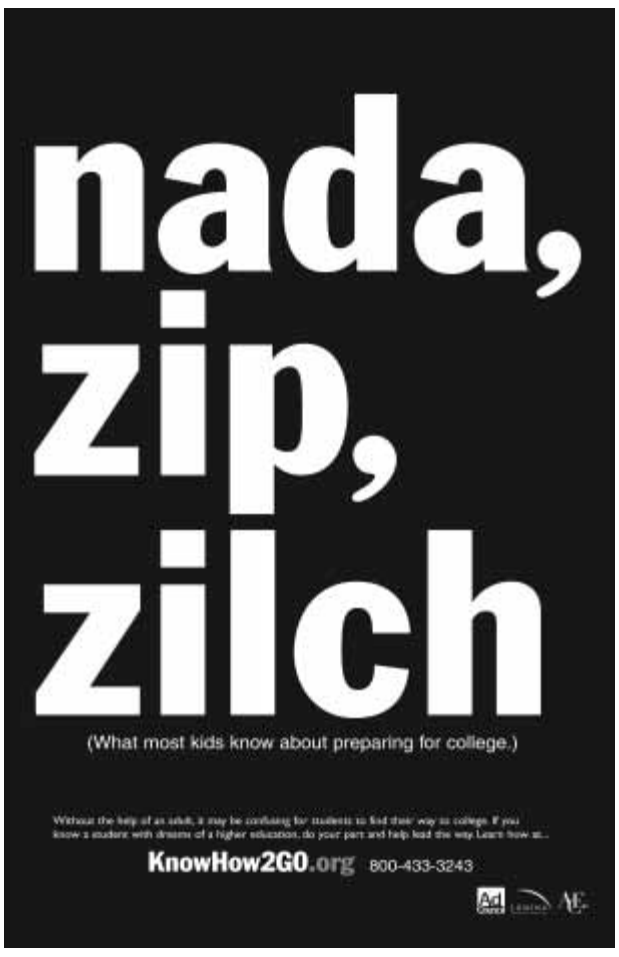
Each year around Memorial Day, the Veterans of Foreign Wars distribute millions of bright red poppies in exchange for donations to help needy veterans and their orphans. The poppies have become a national symbol of the sacrifice embodied by those who lost their lives in military service.

As you enjoy your long holiday weekend this year, take time to chat with a veteran, visit a monument or pay tribute to the fallen at a local cemetery. Or join others in a national moment of remembrance Monday at 3 p.m. local time.

Let's put the meaning back into Memorial Day. Our men and women in uniform – and those who served and died before them – deserve no less.

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Veterans of Foreign Wars, Department of California
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Write Rachel

Rachel Iverson

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Busted with photos of ex

Q. DEAR RACHEL,

In the past month, I got married and moved in with my husband. The other day, I was organizing our closet when I found his collection of photo albums. I opened an album at random and found some old, vacation pictures of my husband with his ex-girlfriend. When I confronted him about the pictures, he got angry and told me that I have no right to snoop through his things. He thinks I'm acting immature for asking him to destroy the photos, while I think he's being disrespectful by holding on to memories with an ex. Who's right?

— Signed, Disrespected

A. DEAR DISRESPECTED,

I can't say that one of you is unequivocally right or wrong in this situation. Your marriage should be custom-built to suit the needs and desires of you and your husband, and no one else. There's no official rulebook on marriage, with a list of do's and don'ts. Therefore, it's up to the two of you to determine how to make your union thrive. You each make a valid point in regards to the photos of his ex. On the one hand, let's face it — he married you — not her, so does it really matter that he has some photos of her in a dusty, old album in the closet? Should he have to destroy all signs of the life he had before he met you? On the other hand, maybe you've discarded your own photos for your husband, and you feel it's only fair for him to return the favor. Whatever the two of you decide, be careful not to slip into society's idea of what your marriage should be. Many people will tell you what you or your husband "should" do in various situations, but ultimately it's up to the two of you to make up your own rules.

Getting married and moving in together are both big life changes. You and your husband may both be feeling more sensitive than usual during this time of adjustment, so be extra compassionate with each other as you settle into your new life together. To ensure a harmonious marriage, choose your battles wisely. Your new partnership signifies a deeper level of commitment, and requires a greater need for compromise. If you decide that you can't compromise on the issue of the photos, you may be able to convince your husband to concede. However, if he gives in to this conflict, know that it may be your turn to give in when the next conflict arises. Over time, you'll learn when to stand your ground on an issue and when to relent for the health of your marriage.

Q. DEAR RACHEL,

I recently went on a date with a man who was cheap at every turn. He didn't tip the valet at the restaurant, he refused to let me try his hors d'oeuvre at dinner, and he snapped his fingers at the waitress and then spoke to her so rudely that I felt ashamed to be seen with him. After dinner, I was so disgusted by his behavior that I faked a sudden illness so that he'd have to take me home. I haven't returned his calls since. How can I send this guy the message that I don't want to date him because he's cheap?

— Singed, Too Cheap To Date

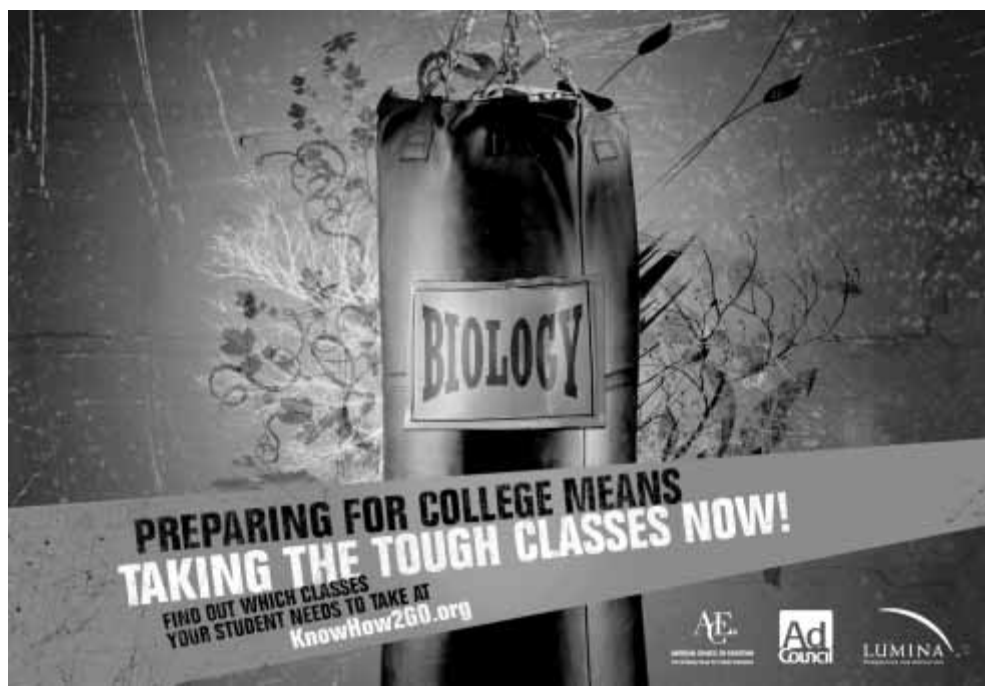
A. DEAR TOO CHEAP TO DATE,

This guy isn't just cheap; he's straight out rude! And since sensitivity isn't his strong suit, you'll have to be very direct when you tell him to kiss off. He's obviously clueless when it comes to common courtesy, which means you were wise to wrap up the date before he snapped his fingers at you.

For the record, anyone who's callous to restaurant employees will also be callous to you if you let them (hence the lack of sharing with the appetizer). Additionally, your date's stingy behavior was a red flag that he's an overall self-centered creep. In other words, the man deserves to be dumped.

Next time this guy calls, don't bother beating around the bush. Be straightforward and tell him that you didn't appreciate his rude behavior during your date, and that you don't want to see him again. It's not your responsibility to make him a better person, but your honestly might be a critical, first step on his path to a much-needed wake-up call.

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Laughing Matters

Jack Neworth

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Vexing texting is perplexing

THIS PAST WEEKEND, I WAS LOUNGING at the pool and happened to notice a pretty woman, a recent divorcee. She was babysitting her 6-year-old son who's an excellent swimmer but she didn't seem to be watching him.

Her head drooped toward the ground as though the weight of the world was on her rather attractive shoulders. Having gone through divorce myself, I could empathize. Until I realized that her head tilted downward wasn't depression, she was … texting!

The boy got out of the water and scampered toward the Jacuzzi, but slipped. He wasn't hurt but residents comforted him as he debated whether to cry or not. (Something I do daily.) Oblivious, his mom continued texting. Maybe it was a hot prospect from a dating website?

To me, texting is emblematic of a generation that wants everything now, if not sooner. Carrie Fisher put it best, "The only thing wrong with instant gratification is that it takes too long."

Everywhere in Santa Monica one sees people walking with their heads focused downward toward the all-consuming messaging device. The devotion appears almost religious. A klutz myself, I'm impressed that they're able to walk, talk and text, that is until they occasionally bump into a lamppost. In Manhattan, a distracted 15-year-old female texter fell into an open sewer. Naturally, her family is suing.

As more and more people walk around with their heads bent over, it won't be long before orthopedic surgeons cash in with neck operations. Similarly, soon dermatologists will be making fortunes in tattoo removal. The tat that looks hot on a college coed is going to look absurd when she's a grandmother. It's often lamented that the U.S. doesn't manufacture anything anymore. Hey, how about tattoos? We're No. 1!

Comedian Jerry Seinfeld finds it rude when, in the middle of a face-to-face conversation, a friend suddenly starts texting. Seinfeld wonders if it would be OK if, while conversing, he just started reading a magazine. Either way, it seems that eye contact is rapidly becoming a thing of the past.

People even text while driving, the thought of which gives me chills. Using cell phones while driving is dangerous enough. Once I was in a crosswalk with Oscar the dog, when, to my horror, I realized that the driver barreling toward us was on his cell and completely distracted.

It was the classic deer in the headlights moment. Which direction would I jump? How would I save Oscar? Finally, the driver heard my blood curdling screams and jammed on the brakes. With adrenaline rushing, it was all I could do not to open the door, grab the cell phone and stomp it into pieces.

The driver's response? "Hey dude, I didn't hit you, did I?" Then and there I decided that using a cell phone in the car, without hands free equipment, should be subject to the death penalty.

I was so incensed that I E-mailed a City Council member. (No longer on the council.) I asked if Santa Monica could ban cell phones while driving in our city limits, or at least require hands free. I still remember his/her (not revealing the gender) rather stinging return e-mail. "Jack, maybe we should make a law against women putting on lipstick while driving?" I e-mailed back, "By all means."

I'm generally not a big "law and order" guy. I'm more of a "when I'm in a crosswalk I'd like to get to the other side alive" guy. After hands-free had become state law, I bumped into the former council member. I reminded him/her of my suggestion from years ago. Unfortunately his/her memory was fuzzy. Then again while we were chatting, and I'm not joking, he/she was texting. Rather than pull my hair out, I politely excused myself

Many cell phone users are seemingly oblivious to others around them. Not long ago I was alone in my building elevator when a 30-something woman got on and continued talking on her cell as though I was invisible. She rambled on about an ex-boyfriend who apparently was not only a lousy lover, he had stolen money from her. (What a catch.)

Finally, I blurted out, "Excuse me, in case you haven't noticed, you're not alone in this elevator." Angrily, she told her friend that she would call her right back and glared at me with dagger eyes.

"How dare you talk to me that way," she barked. "You don't even know me." "Exactly my point!" I countered. "And that's why I don't want to know about your thieving ex-boyfriend and his E.D. issues."

Amidst an awkward silence, when the elevator arrived at my floor I exited casually. Out of curiosity, I turned around as the doors slowly closed. The woman had a stunned, "I've never been so insulted in my life" look. I, on the other hand, felt surprisingly chipper.

When he isn't in a crosswalk dodging distracted drivers using cell phones, **JACK** can be reached at Jackneworth@yahoo.com.

The Q Line

Getting tough on smokers

There is a movement afoot to expand Santa Monica's already strict smoking laws. The new rules would restrict smoking on patios and balconies of multi-unit residences.

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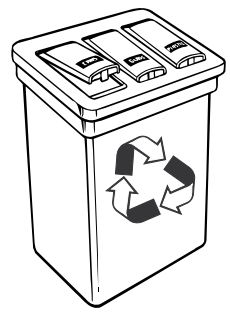
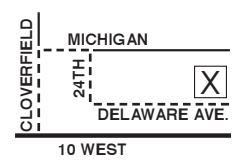

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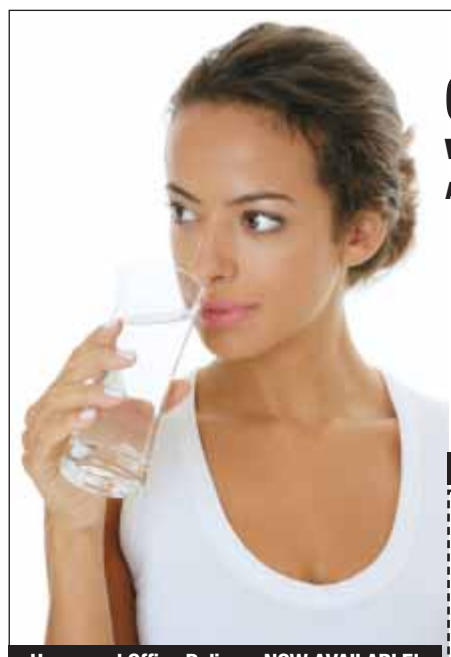
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Jerry Brown reports having $20M in race for governor

JULIET WILLIAMS
Associated Press Writer

SACRAMENTO Democrat Jerry Brown reported Thursday that he has $20.6 million for his comeback bid in the race for California governor and was saving his money for what will be a costly general election fight.

His campaign said it raised nearly $7 million in the past two months, including $2.2 million from the state Democratic Party, and spent about $260,000.

Brown, the state attorney general and former governor, also reported returning $1,000 to Federico Buenrostro Jr., a former official with the California Public Employees Retirement System. Brown's office sued Buenrostro for fraud earlier this month. Buenrostro denied the allegations.

Brown also returned $1,000 to Carrissa Villalobos, the daughter of Alfred Villalobos, a former member of the pension board who is accused of awarding kickbacks to people who helped steer investments from the pension fund to his firm. Alfred Villalobos denied the accusations.

Brown returned $5,000 in all to five other Villalobos associates, according to his filing with the secretary of state's office.

Unions representing electrical workers, engineers, teachers and other labor groups were by far Brown's largest donors. Some of the groups were mobilizing separate campaign committees to operate on his behalf.

Brown faces no serious Democratic challengers in the June 8 primary.

His campaign has spent just $400,000 so far this year.

Tesla to purchase shuttered auto plant for $42 million

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

PALO ALTO Tesla Motors Inc. said Thursday it expects to pay about $42 million for a shuttered San Francisco Bay area factory where the company plans to team with Toyota Motor Corp. to build electric cars.

Palo Alto-based Tesla reported the anticipated price tag in a filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Toyota shut down operations last month at the New United Motor Manufacturing Inc. plant in Fremont, where it had established a joint venture with General Motors Corp. in 1984. Tesla said in the filing that the purchase price included the cost of the land and the facility but not any manufacturing equipment it may acquire from the earlier operation.

The Toyota-Tesla partnership announced last week brought hope to thousands of autoworkers who lost their jobs with the closure of the plant, known as Nummi. Tesla CEO Elon Musk has said the company has already started hiring former Nummi employees.

New workers will be added at a rate of about 50 per month, he said.

Under the companies' agreement, Toyota will invest $50 million in Tesla following its initial public stock offering.

Tesla plans to use the factory to build its Model S, an electric sedan scheduled to go on sale in 2012. The company expects to build up to 20,000 cars per year.

The Model S is set to have a base price of $57,400 but will be eligible for an $7,500 federal tax credit. Tesla says the car can travel as far as 300 miles on a three- to five-hour charge.



15 bald eagles born this year on SoCal islands

SUE MANNING
Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES There haven't been so many bald eagle chicks on the Channel Islands in 50 years — since chemicals contaminated their food supply and destroyed all of the majestic birds on the island chain off the Southern California coast.

Fifteen chicks have hatched this year on three of the eight islands — Santa Cruz, Santa Rosa and Santa Catalina — bringing to 36 the number of chicks that have survived since recovery efforts started in 2002, said Yvonne Menard of the National Park Service.

Bald eagles disappeared from the Channel Islands by the early 1960s due to human impacts, primarily pollution. Millions of pounds of the deadly pesticide DDT and other chemicals were dumped in the ocean off the Palos Verdes Peninsula between the 1940s and 1970s.

The chemicals caused bald eagles to lay thin-shelled eggs that either dehydrate or break in the nest.

The recovery project is being funded by the chemical companies and cities that dumped the pesticide.

So far, the biggest problem for the young birds from the Channel Islands has been trying to fly from the islands to the mainland, said Annie Little, a U.S. Fish and Wildlife biologist.

It is 18 miles from Santa Cruz Island to shore, Menard said. The young birds, which haven't developed their flying skills yet, get tired, land in the water and can't get back up, Little said.

There has been no evidence of death by pesticide yet, Little said.

As the birds age and get stronger, they will venture farther and may come in contact with higher concentrations of contaminants, Little said. But so far, there have been no pesticide fatalities.

Eagles start reproducing when they are 4 or 5 years old, so it won't be long before biologists know if the eagles hatched on the island since 2002 will rebound for future generations.

CRIME WATCH
BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

Hit and run

Crime Watch is a weekly series culled from reports provided by the Santa Monica Police Department. These are arrests only. All parties are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

FRIDAY, MAY 7, AT 11:32 A.M.

Santa Monica Police officers responded to the 2500 block of Lincoln Boulevard — Arco — regarding an armed robbery. The victim told officers that the suspect approached the counter and pointed a gun at him. The suspect demanded money from the register before coming around the counter to grab the cash from the till. The suspect then struck the victim in the head and fled with $300 in cash. Further investigation revealed the identity of the suspect. He was arrested on May 20 and booked for robbery and a probation violation. He was identified as Karl Wesley, of Gardena. His bail was set at $100,000.

SUNDAY, MAY 23, AT 3:56 A.M.

Police were summoned to the 1800 block of 17th Street regarding a suspected vehicle burglary. Upon arrival, the reporting party stated he was on his back patio when he heard his back fence rattling. He observed a suspect jump over the fence. He believed it was his roommate entering the backyard, but a check discovered that he was already home. He ran back outside and observed two suspects exiting the backyard. As they were leaving they were seen carrying tools that were in the roommates' vehicle. The reporting person yelled and chased after the suspects. As he ran down the alley, one of the suspects dropped the stolen property. The other suspect continued down the alley with the remainder of the stolen goods. Officers located the suspects a short distance away. The suspects were identified as Edgar Gutierrez, 21, of Los Angeles; and Sergio Celis, 18, also of Los Angeles. They were charged with burglary and possession of a club. The stolen items were recovered at the scene. Their bails were set at $20,000, respectively.

SUNDAY, MAY 23, AT 5:07 P.M.

Officers responded to the 2900 block of Neilson Way regarding a possible drug overdose. When officers arrived they made contact with a subject who admitting ingesting drugs earlier in the day. During the investigation, officers found a small plastic bag that contained what was determined to be cocaine. The suspect was arrested for possession of a controlled substance and possession of pot. He was identified as Robert Rosenbaum, 66, of Santa Monica. His bail was set at $10,000.

FRIDAY, MAY 21, AT 9:40 P.M.

Officers were patrolling the area of the 3100 block of Broadway when they observed a vehicle with a front headlight out. The officers conducted a traffic stop on the vehicle. During the stop, officers located methamphetamine, cocaine and prescription drugs, not belonging to the individual, inside the vehicle. The suspect was arrested for possession of a controlled substance, possession of a controlled substance without a prescription and a probation violation. He was identified as Juan Salas, 44, of Los Angeles. He was not eligible for bail.

SATURDAY, MAY 22, AT 7:54 P.M.

Officers were patrolling the alley near the 2400 block of Lincoln Boulevard when they observed a subject riding a bicycle on the sidewalk. Officers stopped the rider to issue her a citation. The subject did not have any identification. Further investigation revealed that the subject gave the officers false information about her identity. During a search, officers located a glass cylinder pipe used to smoke narcotics. Officers also located a white crystal substance that turned out to be methamphetamine in the suspect's possession. The suspect was arrested for possession of a controlled substance, false impersonation of another person, paraphernalia and a municipal code violation. She was identified as Hannah Thew, 19, a transient. Her bail was set at $50,000

FRIDAY, MAY 21, AT 4:05 P.M

Officers responded to the 2400 block of Pico Boulevard — Rite Aid — regarding a theft that just occurred. Upon arrival, store security advised she observed the suspect place a bottle of wine in his jacket. The suspect continued shopping and placed additional items in his jacket. The suspect then walked past the registers and exited the business. Loss prevention confronted the suspect at which time she fled the scene only to be later detained by responding officers. She was arrested for burglary and a prior warrant. She was identified as Pius Walters, 62, of Santa Monica. Her bail was set at $20,500.

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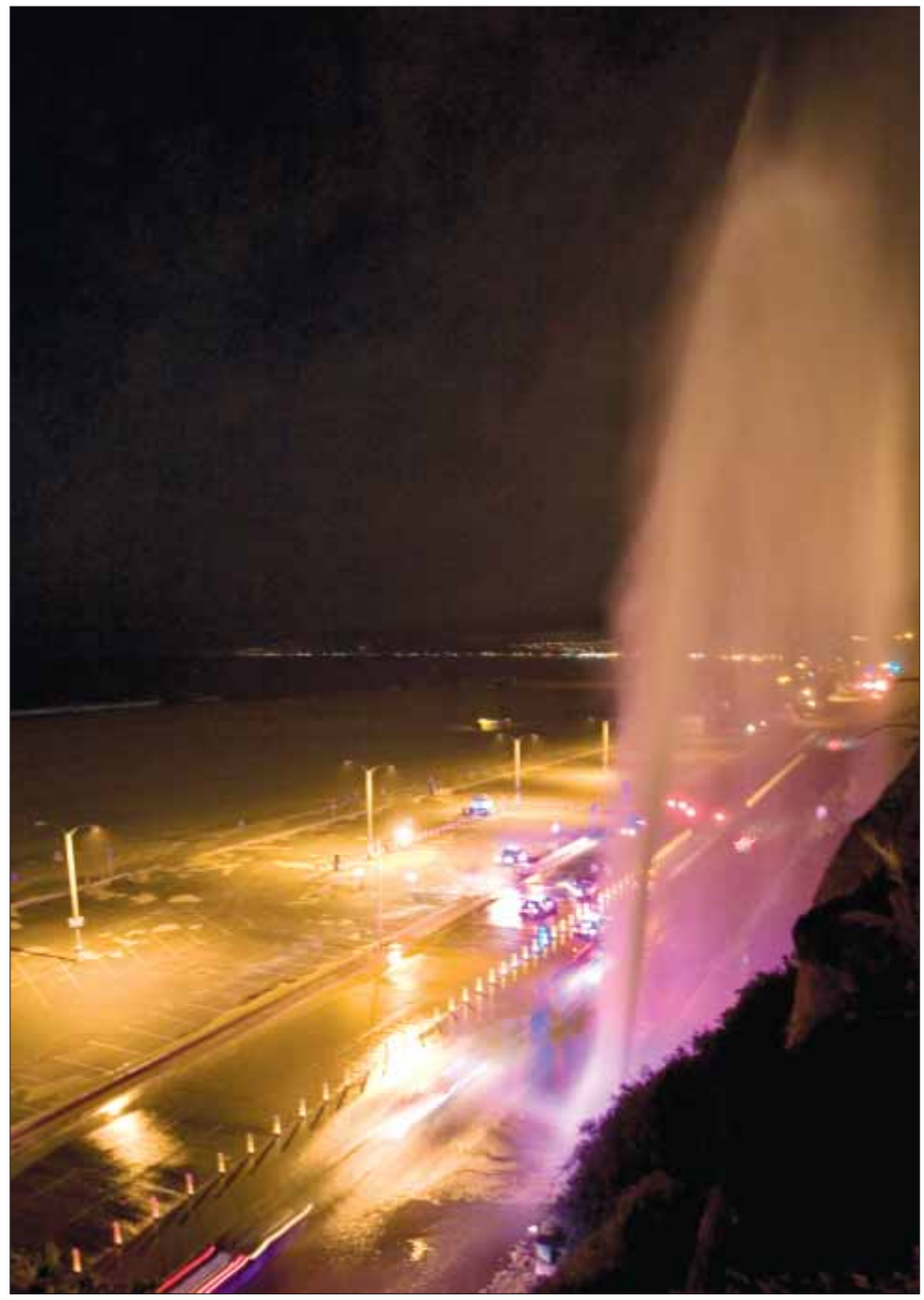
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UP, UP, UP: **A suspected drunk driver hit a water line on Wednesday creating this geyser on PCH.**

PCH reopens after gusher, mudslide

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

PCH Authorities say all lanes on Pacific Coast Highway near Santa Monica have been reopened to traffic after an apparently drunken driver hit a water line, sending up a 150-foot geyser of water.

Pacific Coast Highway was closed in both directions after the crash at 1:30 a.m. Thursday. Authorities say the driver hit an above-ground water line near the highway, and the resulting gusher eroded the hillside and covered the road with muddy water.

The water was shut off at about 6 a.m. and half the road reopened around 8 a.m. Northbound lanes were reopened later in the morning.

Police Lt. Mohamed Marhaba says the driver was arrested for investigation of driving under the influence.



MAY GRAY

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Clouds hang over Santa Monica on Thursday. Temps are expected to reach the low 70s Friday.

LAWSUIT
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press deputy for Los Angeles County Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky, said he would be surprised if Santa Monica officials signed onto a lawsuit against the county, which in the past has partnered with City Hall on programs like the homeless court, which aims to divert homeless individuals out of the criminal justice system and into recovery.

"I can't conceive of a situation where they would be party to a lawsuit against the county over the adequacy of homelessness services after all the support, financial assistance and collaboration that we've given them in addressing problems in this service area," Bellman said.

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

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

The ACLU collaborated with attorneys from the law firm Munger Tolles & Olson.

City Hall officials denied the claims and argued it was misguided for the ACLU to target Santa Monica, which spends more than $5 million annually on homelessness programs.

> **"I THINK IT'S SHOCKING AND HYPOCRITICAL FOR THE ACLU AND MUNGER TOLLES TO WASTE THEIR VALUABLE RESOURCES ON THIS FAILED LAWSUIT."**
>
> **Bobby Shriver,**
> Santa Monica Mayor

On Thursday, Mayor Bobby Shriver said he hoped the ACLU would focus its efforts on different government entities involved with homelessness services.

"I think it's shocking and hypocritical for the ACLU and Munger Tolles to waste their valuable resources on this failed lawsuit," he said. "I hope they will turn their attention to the Veterans Administration, [which has] left thousands of veterans homeless on the streets of every city in Los Angeles County."

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COMMON SIGHT: **A homeless man rests in Palisades Park on Thursday afternoon.**

SOFTBALL
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School on Tuesday at home.

"It was a great win for our team," Samohi Head Coach Debbie Skaggs said. "The girls stayed positive."

The Vikings scored the game's first run and led, 1-0, after three and a half innings, but that lead was short lived. Pomona Catholic came out and scored twice in the bottom of the fourth, putting them up, 2-1. The teams exchanged runs in the fifth inning, with the game tied at 3-3 heading into extra frames.

"It was a struggle a little bit," Skaggs said. "We made a few mistakes that kept them in the ball game."

In the top of the seventh, Samohi's Nakao stepped to the plate and sent a long fly ball over the center fielder's head and motored around the bases to score the game's deciding run on an inside the park homer.

"She hit a bomb," Skaggs said of the blast.

Samohi starting pitcher Celisha Walker, who pitched a complete game, retired the side in the bottom of the seventh to secure the win and send Samohi into uncharted ground.

The semi-final matchup will be the second meeting of the year for Torrance and Samohi. The Vikings won the first game, 3-1, during the El Segundo Tournament, but Skaggs isn't taking anything for granted.

"It doesn't make a difference how you played [earlier in the season]," Skaggs said. "It's all about who's playing well right now."

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO BE HELD BY THE SANTA MONICA ZONING ADMINISTRATOR ON APPLICATIONS FOR VARIANCES

TIME: **10:30 a.m., Tuesday, June 8, 2010**

LOCATION: Council Chambers, Room 213, Santa Monica City Hall, 1685 Main Street, Santa Monica

A Public Hearing will be held by the Zoning Administrator of the City of Santa Monica at the above noted time and place in regard to the following requests:

Use Permit 09-006, 1656 Ocean Park Boulevard. The applicant (Verizon Wireless) requests approval to modify an existing unmanned wireless communications facility on a commercial building located at 1656 Ocean Park Boulevard (Bob's Market) in the City of Santa Monica. The proposed project includes replacement of the existing panel antennas and the installation of three (3) new panel antennas and one (1) GPS antenna within the existing sign structure, and related equipment cabinets. As proposed, the project does not comply with the requirements for non-parabolic antennas contained in Santa Monica Municipal Code (SMMC) Section 9.04.10.06.110(a). Pursuant to SMMC Section 9.04.10.06.110(b), the Zoning Administrator may approve modifications to the requirements for non-parabolic commercial antennas through the approval of a Use Permit application. [Planner: Steve Mizokami] **APPLICANT:** Verizon Wireless **PROPERTY OWNER:** Robert and Bette Rosenbloom.

Variance 10VAR-006, 125 Wadsworth Avenue. The applicant requests approval of a variance to allow for the renovation of a single family dwelling that will have portions of the principal building project into the front and side yard setbacks. Pursuant to SMMC Section 9.04.20.10.030(d)(1), the applicant may request a modification to the yard setbacks when a parcel has a lot depth less than 90-feet or a lot width less than 39-feet. The subject property has a width of 37.5 feet. [Planner: Dennis Banks] **APPLICANT / PROPERTY OWNER:** Craig Knickerbocker.

Variance 10-007, 606 Marine Street. The applicant requests approval of a variance to allow the modification of the parcel coverage from 50% to 61%; to permit the rear yard setback to be 4 feet instead the required 15 feet; and to allow a modification to the placement of a primary window to be located 4 feet from the side property line instead of 8 feet. Pursuant to SMMC Section 9.04.20.10.030(d)(1), the applicant may request a modification to parcel coverage or to setbacks when a parcel has a lot depth less than 90-feet or a lot width less than 39-feet. The subject property has a lot depth of 80-feet. Pursuant to SMMC Section 9.04.20.10.030(j), the applicant may request a modification of the side yard setback for a primary window in the OP-2 district. [Planner: Dennis Banks] **APPLICANT/PROPERTY OWNER:** Roberto and Paola Vezzulli.

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

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IN ACTION: **Samohi's Ethan Corn (right) makes a play against Crossroads early this season.**

MOVIE
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idea for a musical comedy last January. Then, during a trip to Europe for a choir tour, Corn and Geoffray handwrote the entire script on the plane.

Despite that being more than a year ago, the trio said it hasn't seen major changes in the film.

"When we were writing it I had in my mind pretty specific ideas of what I wanted the scenes to end up like," Geoffray said. "And then looking back on what we actually filmed, how closely it resembles what I thought it would, it's a testament to how much preparation we put into it and Ethan's skills as a director."

Ironically, "Barnabus & Bella" might never have existed, at least not in Latin. Corn admits he originally enrolled in Henderson's class as a freshman mostly in an attempt to get ahead in baseball.

"For me, it was definitely a political decision because I knew that Henderson was a baseball coach," Corn said of his teacher, who still helps coach the Vikings' junior varsity team.

Since then, Corn has grown to appreciate the practicality of Latin.

"It's cool to see where words come from, and Latin's sort of the basis of English and a lot of other languages so it's definitely something good to know," he said.

Corn isn't sure if he wants to keep playing baseball after high school. He noted that the club team at New York University, where he is headed in the fall to study film, often has games canceled due to poor weather.

And while he doesn't yet know exactly what area of film he will eventually go into, he said he hopes to enter college with an "open mind."

For now, unveiling "Barnabus & Bella" is his main concern. Corn said he is excited to see the product of more than a year's worth of work go on display.

"To have it all come together over such a long period of time and to finally see it piece together — and just be such a marathon and make it through to the finish line — it's definitely rewarding," he said.

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President Obama on Gulf spill: 'I take responsibility'

JENNIFER LOVEN & TOM RAUM
Associated Press Writers

WASHINGTON Criticism mounting, President Barack Obama vigorously defended his administration's response to the worst oil spill in the nation's history as he prepared for his second inspection tour of the battered Gulf Coast. While standing up for the effort so far, he frankly acknowledged he could have done better.

"I take responsibility. It is my job to make sure that everything is done to shut this down," Obama declared in a lengthy news conference at the White House on Thursday. As he spoke, well owner BP struggled anew to plug the blown well that exploded five weeks ago, killing 11 workers and sending millions of gallons of polluting oil gushing out.

Obama's words marked a clear shift of emphasis for an administration that previously had said it was generally "in charge" but there were limits to what it could do — and that oil giant BP was responsible for stopping the flow and cleaning up the disastrous damage.

"Those who think we were either slow on the response or lacked urgency, don't know the facts," said Obama at a White House news conference at which he also announced new restrictions on offshore drilling. Separately, Elizabeth Birnbaum, the head of the Minerals Management Service that oversees offshore drilling, resigned under pressure.

Obama's move to take responsibility and accept accountability was a gesture few politicians are eager to make. But with each passing day, frustration with Obama's administration has grown, and his poll numbers on the matter are dropping. The news conference and his trip to the coast on Friday represent a more aggressive public effort by the president.

Asked about comparisons to the Bush administration's much-criticized handling of the Hurricane Katrina aftermath, he said that was for others to judge but he insisted his administration has been active from the start.

"This has been our highest priority" since the rig exploded, he said, making the point repeatedly.

New estimates Thursday showed the spill has already surpassed the Exxon Valdez accident in Alaska as the nation's worst.

The president announced new steps to restrict drilling, including continuing a moratorium on drilling permits for six months, suspending planned exploratory drilling off the coasts of Alaska and Virginia and ordering a halt to 33 exploratory deepwater rigs in the Gulf of Mexico.

Obama's news conference was his third this year, but just his first scheduled question-and-answer session at the White House since a prime-time East Room session in July of last year.

He spoke at times in personal terms.

"My job right now is just to make sure everybody in the Gulf understands: This is what I wake up to in the morning, and this is what I go to bed at night thinking about. The spill."

Obama marked out half a dozen areas where he and his administration could have done better.

They included: not moving sooner to finish reforming what he called "cozy and sometimes corrupt" relations between the oil industry and government regulators; not recognizing that those flaws continued before approving an expansion of offshore drilling, and not obtaining more quickly an accurate estimate on the amount of oil gushing from the leak.

He also said he regretted not pushing BP sooner to release underwater video footage of the leak and not realizing that oil companies did not have "their act together when it came to worst case scenarios." Though he said the government was giving the orders in the aftermath, he acknowledged that BP hasn't always done what officials have asked, for instance ignoring directions to fully explore less-toxic alternatives to the chemical dispersant being used now on the oil.

"If the question is, are we doing everything perfectly out there, then the answer is absolutely not. We can always do better," he said. "If you're living on the coasts and you see this sludge coming at you, you are going to be continually upset and from your perspective, the response is going to be continually inadequate until it actually stops. And that's entirely appropriate and understandable."

Asked about inevitable comparisons between his handling of the disaster with his predecessor's handling of Hurricane Katrina in 2005, Obama said: "I'll leave it to you guys to make those comparisons ... because what I'm spending my time thinking about is how do we solve the problem?"

"I'm confident that people are going to look back and say that this administration was on top of what was an unprecedented crisis," he added.

Meanwhile, U.S. Geological Survey Director Marcia McNutt said two different teams of scientists calculated the spill has grown to nearly 18 million to 39 million gallons over the past five weeks. When the Exxon Valdez ran aground in Alaska in 1989, nearly 11 million gallons were spilled.

As an example of the government's hands-on approach, Obama said that BP had wanted to drill a single "relief" well in an effort to eventually stop the leak in several months if all else failed. Instead, the administration insisted on two relief wells, Obama said.

Over and over, the president sought to counter criticism that the administration was giving too much leeway to BP PLC. "Make no mistake, BP is operating at our direction," he said.

"We will demand that they pay every dime they owe for the damage they've done and the painful losses that they've cost," he said. Still, he acknowledged, "We've got to get it right."

The continuing leak, damaging coastal areas and threatening much greater harm, has been sobering for lawmakers.

Rep. John Dingell, D-Mich., noted he has supported offshore gas and oil drilling but said, "Today I am forced to come to a difficult conclusion."

"We need to establish a complete moratorium on all leasing and drilling activity until it is established that all of it was done and is being done" in compliance with environmental laws, he said.

Obama said a too-comfortable relationship between industry and government didn't change when he came into office.

Interior Secretary Ken Salazar "came in and started cleaning house. But the culture had not fully changed at MMS. And surely I take responsibility for that."

He spoke shortly after the resignation of Birnbaum, the director of the Minerals Management Service, was announced.

"I found out about her resignation today. I don't know the circumstances under which this occurred," Obama said.

A senior administration official said that Salazar informed the president Wednesday night that he had decided to replace Birnbaum after Obama told the interior secretary to make sure that every person under him was capable of doing the job. However, Obama was not aware of how the replacement was carried out Thursday morning, said the official, speaking on condition of anonymity to describe private conversations.

Obama's suspension of consideration of any applications for drilling oil in the Arctic until 2011 was a blow to Royal Dutch Shell PLC, which had plans for such drilling this summer.

"We respect and understand today's decision in the context of the tragic spill in the Gulf of Mexico, but we remain confident in our drilling expertise, which is built upon a foundation of redundant safety systems and company global standards," said Shell Alaska Vice President Pete Slaiby.

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Redevelopment of 1800 Stewart Street for a new building for Research and Development, Office, and Manufacturing

June 9, 2010
7:00 PM

Thelma Terry Room
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2200 Virginia Avenue

You are invited to attend a community meeting to review plans concerning the Development Agreement application filed by Agensys, Inc. to build a new headquarters replacing the existing buildings to support Agensys' Research and Development, Office, and Manufacturing operations.



Project Location

This meeting is to inform the public about the project status and revisions, and to show how the design plans have progressed since the initial community meeting on January 19, 2010. The goal of this meeting is to allow residents, property owners, and interested parties the opportunity to learn more about the proposed project, to understand the timeframe for completion, to see how the plans have evolved from the concept stage, and to provide comments on the design. For further information, please contact Bradley J. Misner, AICP, Principal Planner at (310) 458-8341.

RSVP appreciated to (310) 458-8341.

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ESPANOL
Esto es una noticia de una reunión de la comunidad para revisar el diseño de la applicaciónes proponiendo desarrollo en Santa Monica. Si deseas más información, favor de llamar a Carmen Gutierrez en la División de Planificación al número (310) 458-8341.



SURF REPORT

Surf Conditions **Water Temp:** 61°

Swell Forecast

Similar for the SW (chest high or so), and wind swell will likely be on the rise, at least waist high early, and chest+ by nightfall.

Long Range Synopsis

Southerly swell should back down to chest high max. Wind swell is likely in the waist to chest high range 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 19, 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 -- 4
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 33 / 17
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 12 / 4

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LOCATION	DRY	WET
Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth.	A+	ss
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	ss
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	ss
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	A+	ss
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	A+	A+
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth.	F	ss
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	A	A+
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	ss
Solstice Canyon at Don Blacker County Beach.	F	A+
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth.	D	ss
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd..	F	B
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fences.	A+	ss
Surfrider Beach (breach location)- daily.	B	C
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	A	ss
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	A+	A+
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero).	F	F
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs.	A+	ss
Pena Creek at Los Tunos County Beach.	A+	A+
Tuna Canyon.	A+	ss
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	F	F
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	F	A+
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	ss	ss
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	A+	ss

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence.	C	ss
Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain.	C	B
Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain.	C	ss
Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua).	A	F
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain.	A+	ss
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain.	A+	ss
Santa Monica Municipal Pier.	B	A
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain.	C	A+
Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms).	A+	ss
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+	ss
Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain.	A+	A+
Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south.	A+	ss
Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St..	A+	ss
Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- lifeguard tower.	A	A+
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+	ss
Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain.	F	A+
Dockweiler Beach- opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant.	A+	ss
Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain.	A	ss

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
ss -- no sample taken

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MLB

Dodgers designate RHP Ortiz for minor league assignment

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHICAGO The Los Angeles Dodgers have designated right-handed pitcher Ramon Ortiz for assignment and purchased the contract of right-hander Justin Miller from Triple-A Albuquerque.

The moves were announced Thursday.

Ortiz is 1-2 with a 6.30 ERA in 16 appearances.

Miller was 0-1 with a 2.22 ERA in 18 appearances with Albuquerque. He was 24-14 with a 4.84 ERA in six seasons with Toronto, Florida and San Francisco.

MLB

Bochy tells struggling ace Lincecum to relax a little bit

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SAN FRANCISCO San Francisco Giants manager Bruce Bochy met with struggling ace Tim Lincecum on Thursday and had a simple message for the reigning two-time NL Cy Young winner: relax.

One day after Lincecum gave up six earned runs in 4 2-3 innings en route to his first loss of the season — the third straight rough outing by the Giants' right-hander — Bochy sought out the pitcher prior to San Francisco's series finale against the Washington Nationals and offered a few bits of advice.

"We talked about a lot of things," Bochy said. "When things aren't going so well for a player there's some times as a manager you do want to talk to them to see where they're at. I talked to Timmy and basically he's fine. He's a little frustrated. This guy has set the bar so high that he's tough on himself when he doesn't pitch like he's accustomed to."

Lincecum has been consistently dominant since his arrival in the majors, evidenced by the pair of Cy Young trophies he owns.

He was nearly flawless in April while winning his first four starts and appeared well on his way to a third straight NL Cy Young award. The Giants, who rewarded their ace with a $23 million, two-year contract in February, had no reason to think things would go south so quickly.

But with only one win over his last six starts, Lincecum's performance is beginning to raise questions. Radio shows spent much of Thursday morning debating his outing against the Nationals, and his recent lack of command was the primary topic during Bochy's pre-game meeting with reporters.

Nevermind his 5-1 record or the 3.00 ERA. The main theme: What's wrong with Timmy?

"That's what's tough on some of these players, especially great players," Bochy said. "The bar does get set so high that you expect too much out of yourself. Fans in general, us, that puts a little added pressure on the player, I think, and that's what you want to stay away from. I certainly don't want Timmy to put any added pressure on himself. He's had a great year. We're talking about a couple starts here, come on.

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Bananas (PG-13) 1hr 22min

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Babies (PG) 1hr 19min
10:30am, 12:35pm, 2:45pm, 4:55pm, 7:05pm, 9:20pm

Iron Man 2 Digital Presentation (PG-13) 2hr 5min
10:00am, 1:00pm, 4:00pm, 7:00pm, 10:00pm

Kick-Ass (R) 1hr 57min
11:35am, 5:05pm, 10:20pm

Date Night (PG-13) 1hr 28min
12:25pm, 2:50pm, 5:10pm, 7:35pm, 9:55pm

Just Wright (PG)
2:30pm, 7:50pm

AMC 7 Santa Monica
1310 Third St.
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Iron Man 2 (PG-13) 2hrs 5min
10:40am, 1:40pm, 4:40pm, 7:45pm, 10:45pm

Iron Man 2 Digital Presentation (PG-13) 2hrs 5min
12:30pm, 3:35pm, 6:30pm, 9:30pm

MacGruber (R) 1hr 28min
11:15am, 1:45pm, 4:30pm, 7:00pm, 9:30pm

Prince of Persia: The Sands of Time (PG-13) 1hr 55min
10:15am, 11:10am, 1:15pm, 2:10pm, 4:15pm, 5:10pm, 7:20pm, 8:10pm, 10:20pm, 11:05pm

Shrek Forever After 3D (RealD 3D, Digital Presentation) (PG) 1hr 33min
11:15am, 12:15pm, 1:45pm, 2:45pm, 4:15pm, 5:15pm, 6:45pm, 7:45pm, 9:15pm, 10:15pm

Laemmle's Monica Fourplex
1332 Second St.
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City Island (PG-13) 1hr 55min
1:50pm, 4:20pm, 7:20pm, 9:50pm

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

Looking for Eric (NR) 2hrs 12min
1:10pm, 4:00pm, 7:00pm, 9:55pm

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

Mann's Criterion Theatre
1313 Third St.
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Letters to Juliet (PG) 1hr 45min
11:40am, 2:10pm, 4:40pm, 7:10pm, 9:40pm

Robin Hood (PG-13) 2hrs 20min
12:10pm, 3:20pm, 6:40pm, 9:50pm, 11:15pm

Sex and the City 2 (R) 2hrs 27min
10:45am, 11:30am, 12:30pm, 2:00pm, 2:45pm, 3:45pm, 5:15pm, 6:00pm, 7:00pm, 8:30pm, 9:15pm, 10:15pm, 11:45pm, 12:30am

Shrek Forever After 3D (RealD 3D, Digital Presentation) (PG) 1hr 33min
11:00am, 1:30pm, 4:05pm, 6:30pm, 9:00pm

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

Hang with favorites, Libra

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Pressure might continue, but in a more subtle manner. You could be out of sync with certain matters, and aware of this gap as well. Remain in touch with your budget when choosing a gift or card. Tonight: Should the whim hit, take off.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ Deal with others directly. At least you know the lay of the land. Your ideas are more valued than you might think. A discussion has its awkward moments. Tonight: Meet up with a special person.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ Listen to what someone is saying without personalizing what you hear. You could be most uncomfortable with some judgments. Remember, they are your judgments and just might be off. Treat yourself to a new item for your wardrobe. Tonight: Don't be alone.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★ You might not be as comfortable as you would like to be. Your inner thoughts might be dominating, to the extent that you simply might not be getting the story straight. Facts are disappearing into thin air. Tonight: Do what will relax you the most.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★★ You have a sense of naughtiness and mischief, even when dealing with a talkative boss or an emotional tie that might not always be comfortable. Be aware of how you feel, and follow your whims -- as long as they are responsible. Tonight: Let the fun begin.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★ Remain sensitive to a roommate or an animal that lives with you. Communication is heading in your direction that makes you aware of this person's needs. A meeting or a late lunch could end the day on a happy note. Tonight: Choose something different.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Return calls and keep up the pace. You would like to clear out of the workweek with as much done as possible. You could be tired of a partner who keeps repeating old ideas and doesn't try to find solutions. Tonight: Favorite people, favorite hangout.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★ Take a hard look at your spending. Get on top of a project and finish the workweek with a clear desk (or at least a crossed-off to-do list). Seek out different opinions on an issue. Tonight: Maintain a little self-discipline.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★★ Launch into your day without overthinking an issue. Associates will be talking about a problem to such an extent that you feel you might be happy not to hear anything more. A close friend demonstrates his or her caring. Tonight: Celebrate the weekend.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★ You might want to continue to pull back. You might have a lot on your plate and easily could feel overwhelmed. A creative brainstorming session could provide at least a suggestion or two. Tonight: Maintain a low profile.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ You might be overwhelmed by a friend or co-worker who seems to keep providing more and more information. You might not even have time to absorb what is really being said. Still, you will be asked to respond! Tonight: Find your pals.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ You might have to fill in for a boss or respond to a difficult authority figure. Be happy it is Friday and that you are at the end of this cycle for the week. A brainstorming situation could be delightful. Tonight: Having a good time wherever you are.

Happy birthday

This year, you open up to new beginnings. You will have to wade through an enormous amount of facts and trivia that others deem important. You will tend to indulge yourself more often than not. If relating, single or attached, you could be overly sensitive and often take statements too personally. Work on detaching. If you are single, open up to meeting people more often. You will have a choice of one or more suitors. If you are attached, defer to your sweetie more often. You will be happier that way. SAGITTARIUS can be challenging.

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

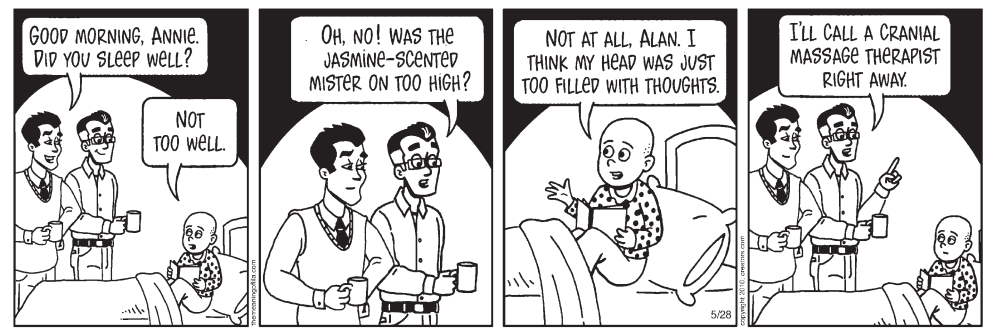
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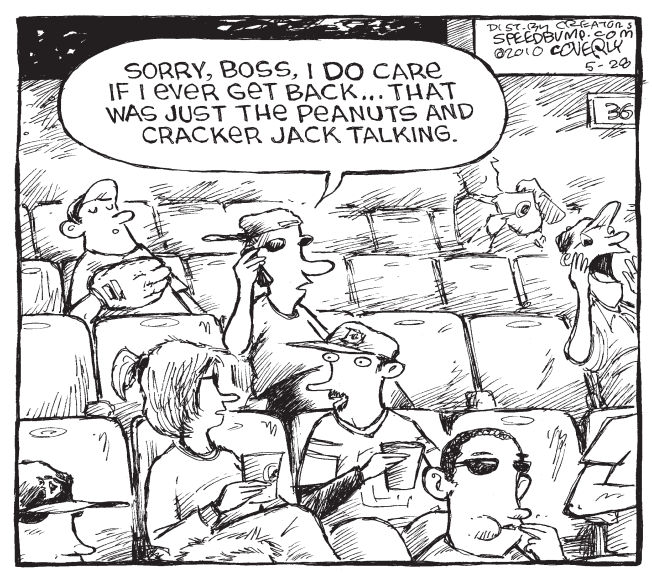
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Sudoku

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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		7			8	4		
	1			7			9	
	7		8		6			
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				8				

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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	5	6	1	4	8	9	3	7
7	8	4	2	9	3	5	1	6
3	1	9	7	6	5	8	4	2
9	2	3	8	1	6	4	7	5
8	7	1	5	2	4	6	9	3
6	4	5	3	7	9	1	2	8
1	6	7	9	8	2	3	5	4
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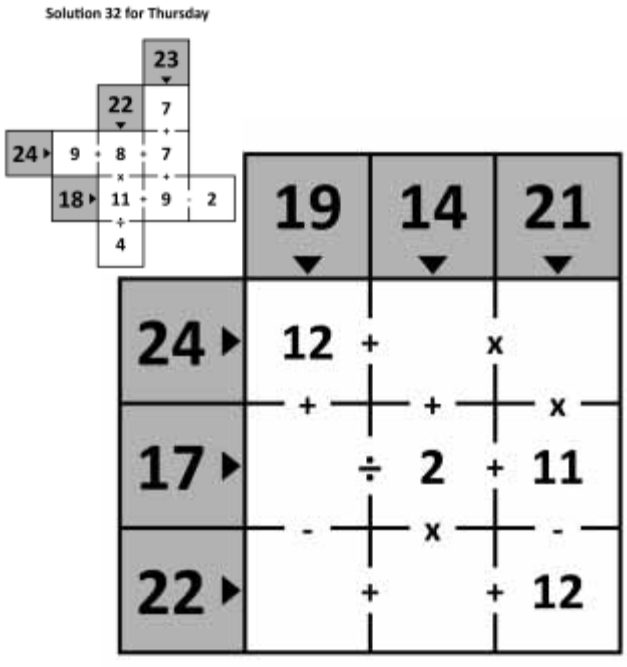
• Fill the grid with the set of given numbers (1 to 12) to satisfy the Equa demands (7 to 24) in the shaded boxes. The Equa demands represent the sum of the digits that you will insert into the empty squares.
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• You must follow the given math operations 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:

3, 4, 5, 5, 12

Solution 32 for Thursday





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By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Mexican peninsula
5 Campaign
9 Draw out
11 Embarrass
13 Collectible car
14 Size from a barista
15 Calif. hrs.
16 Stewed
18 Marks of shame
20 Garden visitor
21 Words after court or rule
22 Totals
23 Hankering
24 Retiring
25 Showed up
27 Bulls and Bears
29 One of Jo's sisters
30 Iodine source
32 California observatory
34 Shelter
35 Fresh air
36 Carburetor valve
38 Fresh
39 Imitate a UFO
40 High home
41 Used to be

DOWN

1 Microwave sounds
2 Augments
3 No. 1 Madonna song
4 Stunning serve
5 Dance parties
6 Help in crime
7 No. 1 Beatles song
8 Prize
10 Soundtrack composer Danny
12 Lies low
17 Unrefined
19 Hit Fox show
22 "Pygmalion" writer
24 Website feature
25 Poultry purchase
26 Electric eel's home
27 Caffeine source
28 Harry Potter's position in Quidditch
30 Refine ore
31 Plow pioneer
33 Wallet bills
37 In what way

A	C	M	E	■	■	S	P	A	T	S
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Yesterday's answer

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1	2	3	4	■	■	5	6	7	8	■
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35					■	36	37			
38					■	39				
■	40				■	■	41			

5-28

DAILY LOTTERY

MEGA MILLIONS: 5 14 17 19 24 Meganumber: 25 Jackpot: 12$M

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Spectacular Errors: (1) Milton High School beat Westlake, 56-46, for the Georgia 5A boys' basketball championship in March. Westlake's chances evaporated during the pre-game warm-ups, when their Georgia-player-of-the-year candidate Marcus Thornton was forced to sit after spraining his ankle leaping to ceremonially hip-bump a teammate. (2) Two North Carolina surgeons were issued official "letters of concern" in January for a 2008 incident in which they performed a C-section on a woman who was not pregnant. (They relied on an intern's confused diagnosis and followed an ultrasound with no heartbeat and several obviously failed attempts to induce labor.)

■ Frustrated customers frequently challenge bills, and occasionally, "rescission" of the original deal is a suitable remedy. However, it's not suitable for some services. Deborah Dillow was late with the $150 she allegedly owed to The Bomb Squad dog waste pick-up service in Bend, Ore., in April, and appeared to be avoiding calls at her home. The Bomb Squad owner, frustrated by the delays, simply returned all the work done to that point on Dillow's property in one big pile, in her front yard.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1961 Peter Benenson's article "The Forgotten Prisoners" is published in several internationally read newspapers. This will later be thought of as the founding of the human rights organization Amnesty International.

1964 The Palestine Liberation Organization is formed.

1970 The formerly united Free University of Brussels officially splits into two separate entities, the French-speaking Université Libre de Bruxelles and the Dutch-speaking Vrije Universiteit Brussel.

1978 Second round of the presidential elections in Upper Volta. The election is won by incumbent Sangoulé Lamizana.

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The Executive Director has determined that it is reasonable to expect adequate or better public notice through newspaper publication, only if: a) such newspaper notice is published at least ten days prior to the hearing date, b) at least three newspapers publish the notice for at least one day (including the Los Angeles Times and The Argonaut), and c) the following information is included in each newspaper notice:

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Coastal Development Permit Application Nos.: 5-08-313, A-5-VEN-08-343 & A-5-VEN-08-344 (Venice Overnight Parking District Nos. 523 & 526)

Hearing Item Nos.: Th14a-c

Applicant: City of Los Angeles Dept. of Transportation

Project Description: Establish Overnight Parking District (OPD) No. 523 (in the Venice area) and No. 526 (in the Villa Marina area) with early morning parking restrictions, exempting vehicles with District parking permits.

Project Location: Public Streets located throughout the Venice and Villa Marina areas, Venice, City of Los Angeles, Los Angeles County.

Public Hearing Date: Thursday, June 10, 2010, 10:00 a.m.

Hearing Location:
Marina del Rey Hotel
13534 Bali Way
Marina del Rey, CA 90292

Hearing Procedures: This item has been scheduled for a public hearing before the Coastal Commission. The Commission may vote at the conclusion of the public hearing, or it may continue the matter to a subsequent meeting. Time limits are determined by the chair, but generally fifteen minutes will be allowed each side to address the Commission. No one can predict how quickly the Commission will complete agenda items or how many will be postponed to a later date. The Commission begins each session at the time listed and considers each item in order, except in extraordinary circumstances. Staff at the appropriate Commission office can give you more information prior to the hearing date. Questions regarding this item and requests for staff reports should be directed to Charles Posner, Coastal Program Analyst, at the South Coast District Office in Long Beach (562) 590-5071. People wishing to testify on this matter may appear at the hearing or may present their concerns by letter to the Commission on or before the hearing date. Copies of all correspondence will be provided to the Commission if received a minimum of three working days prior to the public hearing.

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