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UNITY: **Santa Monica High School's softball team celebrates a 1-0 victory over Torrance on Tuesday. Samohi advanced to the CIF-SS finals.**

HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL

Vikings win one for Lacy

Samohi sneaks by Torrance, 1-0, to advance to first CIF-SS Division 4 final

BY DANIEL ARCHULETA
Managing Editor

SAMOHI Norm Lacy would have loved it.

The late athletic director at Santa Monica High School was remembered during a pre-game ceremony before the Vikings defeated Torrance, 1-0, on Thursday at Samohi to advance to the California Interscholastic Federation Southern Section Division 4 finals.

On most days, the victory itself would have been the news of the day. But, on Tuesday, seemingly everybody in the considerably packed house had Lacy on their minds and in their hearts.

"I kept thinking of Norm," Samohi Head Coach Debbie Skaggs said. "It was strange not seeing him here."

While the pre-game tribute that included all of the school's student athletes was touching, there was still a game to be played, something Samohi Principal Hugo Pedroza said Lacy would have insisted on.

"We all know [Lacy] would have been here cheering on the girls," Pedroza said before the game.

While Lacy dominated the emotional part of the day, Samohi's Celisha Walker continued her stellar march through the postseason. The senior pitcher, who is committed to play for New Mexico State next season, tossed a complete game shutout, giving up just two hits while striking out six.

Her Torrance counterpart, Lauren de Castro, pitched a complete game as well but started the game a bit wild.

She hit the game's first batter, Hayley Condon, and walked two of the next three to load the bases for Holly Elander, who too was hit by a pitch, scoring Condon for the game's only run.

Walker took it from there and effectively shut down Torrance for the victory and a trip to the CIF-SS finals, which will be played either Friday or Saturday at Deanna

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Brownley pushes for statewide plastic bag ban

BY NICK TABOREK
Daily Press Staff Writer

SM PIER Free plastic bags could soon vanish from checkout stands across California under a bill proposed by Assemblywoman Julia Brownley (D-Santa Monica) that is set for a crucial vote in Sacramento this week.

Brownley's proposal would bar grocery stores, convenience stores and pharmacies in California from giving customers free, single-use plastic bags. Stores could still use paper bags made out of 40 percent recycled paper but would be required to charge customers at least 5 cents for each bag.

At a press conference at the Santa Monica Pier on Tuesday, proponents of the bag ban said the bill now has the backing of a broad coalition of environmentalists, retailers and union workers.

Mark Gold, president of Heal the Bay, called the bill the logical first step in beginning to address a global environmental problem.

"We need to break our addiction to single-use plastic packaging and we need to do it now," he said.

Gold said his group, which is sponsoring the bill, has been working on passing a plastic bag ban for more than five years.

According to the group Environment California, another backer of the bag ban, Californians use 19 billion plastic bags each year. Bags end up in the ocean and on beaches, where they negatively impact 267 species each year, the group said.

In a single day, more than 71,000 of the bags were picked up on California's coast during a beach cleanup day, according to the Ocean Conservancy.

The plastic bag ban effort received a boost when Brownley announced her bill had won the backing of the California Grocers Association.

If the bill, AB 1998, passes the Assembly by this Friday it would proceed to the state Senate for a vote, and then to Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger for a signature before becoming law. The ban would take effect Jan 1, 2012.

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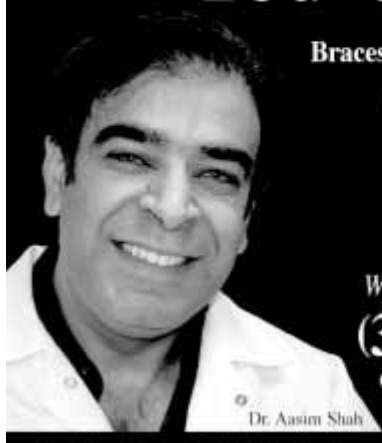

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Dancers of all ages and levels of experience are welcome to come to this "Ballroom by Bay" event. Learn to dance from 7 p.m. to 7:40 p.m. and then dance the night away to both modern hits and old standards. Dancing includes the waltz, fox trot, cha cha, tango, salsa, swing and more. Admission is $10 or $8 for students. Light snacks are included, and there is bottled water for sale.
For more information, call (310) 487-0911.

Thursday, June 3, 2010

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.

Friday, June 4, 2010

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.

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L.A. County boycotts Arizona

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES Los Angeles County on Tuesday became the latest government body to boycott Arizona to protest the state's tough new law targeting illegal immigration.

After a heated debate, the county's board of supervisors voted 3-2 to ban new contracts with Arizona-based companies and review those that could be canceled. The county has more than $26 million in contracts with Arizona companies this year.

Several California cities, including Los Angeles, Oakland and San Francisco, have passed similar measures.

The Arizona law, set to go into effect July 29, requires police enforcing another law to question people about their immigration status if there is reason to suspect they are in the country illegally.

Supervisor Gloria Molina said the law "goes too far."

"I am sworn as an L.A. County supervisor to uphold the Constitution. All I can say is that I believe that Arizona's law is unconstitutional," she said.

U.S. Justice Department officials have drafted a legal challenge asserting that Arizona's law is unconstitutional because it intrudes on the federal government's authority to guard the nation's borders. President Barack Obama, a critic of the law, is planning to meet Thursday with Ariz. Gov. Jan Brewer, a White House official said Tuesday.

Critics of the law also say it unfairly targets Hispanics and could lead to racial profiling. Proponents insist racial profiling will not be tolerated.

Dozens of people spoke on both sides of the issue Tuesday, trying to sway Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas, who was the last to announce his position and finally voted yes.

"We need solutions, not boycotts," said Supervisor Mike Antonovich, who voted against the motion along with Supervisor Don Knabe.

The boycott also calls the county's pension fund to rid itself of any investments in Arizona's state and municipal bonds. The county does have investments that would be affected by the boycott, said the county's treasurer, Mark Saladino.

The Los Angeles Unified School District

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SO CLOSE

Morgan Genser *news@smdp.com*

Crossroads' Perry Levine attempts to grab a line drive before it landed for a hit against Oxford Prep on Tuesday at Clover Park. Crossroads lost the CIF-SS Division 6 semi-final, 4-3. The Crossroads Roadrunners finish the season 18-8 overall.

Council votes for Arizona boycott, with wiggle room

BY NICK TABOREK
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL The City Council last week unanimously voted to boycott Arizona businesses to protest that state's tough new immigration law, but stopped short of pulling the plug on a possible $2 million contract with a company that has a facility near Phoenix.

The seven-member council was united last Tuesday in passing a resolution banning official travel to Arizona and requiring City Hall staff to avoid future business with Arizona vendors in most cases. But the panel left its options open when it comes to specialized contracts already in the works that might be difficult or costly to disrupt.

A contract that almost certainly falls into that category — a proposed $2 million agreement with software company Trapeze Group to provide digital information boards at Big Blue Bus stops — had been set to come before the council for approval this month.

Whether the council decides to go through with the deal will likely provide a test case for how serious a message on the Arizona immigration law council members want to send.

Trapeze Group earned $618,475.89 for work it did on the Big Blue Bus project this fiscal year, according to official records, and City Manager Rod Gould last week told the council rejecting the company's bid for phase two could mean abandoning City Hall's initial investment.

As part of the adopted resolution, staff will present the council with a detailed analysis of the costs associated with following through on the boycott with Trapeze Group.

While no decision has been made, council members last Tuesday appeared to be divided.

Council Member Kevin McKeown questioned whether exempting some companies from the boycott would render it toothless.

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Three fall

Editor:

There is an old saying that bad things happen in threes. First, the proposed property tax Measure A failed. Second, school board member Oscar de la Torre put his foot in his mouth again with his far-fetched blather about institutional racism in our schools (and because of it he's been invited back to kindergarten). And third, Bobby Shriver was elected mayor. Hopefully, nothing else goes wrong.

Helen R. McRoskey
Santa Monica

Shame on you

Editor:

My name is Noah Bishop, and I am gravely concerned about the ramifications my children will feel based on the selfishness of some voters.

My son Gavin is 7 years old, and is in Ms. Vallejo's first grade class at John Muir Elementary School. Due to the loss of Measure A, Gavin's teacher will most likely lose her job at the end of this year. I cannot put into words how much this disappoints me, as Ms. Vallejo's genuine caring for my son's well-being and growth is something that I couldn't have possibly hoped for or expected.

Which brings me to my point. My neighbor has a son who attends SMASH. He apparently felt that his no vote was pertinent to saving him money for a later date. This is a guy that takes month-long vacations once a year and easily clears six figures, but cannot be bothered to spend $198 a year for his son to get a better education than that offered by most private schools.

So I don't understand why his son is still enrolled in everything he refuses to pay for. I don't understand why so many children are wait-listed for SMASH whose parents would happily pay that.

Now I don't propose punishing children for their parents' incredibly selfish behavior. But I think if it was made clear that if you aren't going to support the school district in these tough times, that maybe your child won't have the liberty of art, music or computers, the result may have been different.

Where we live is unfortunately driven by appearance, so why don't we make a list of every voter who voted "no" and has a child attending an SMMUSD school and post it by the entrance?

Regardless, there are no easy or simple solutions. But if my neighbor's needs to be publicly embarrassed to save the jobs of some of the most amazing teachers I have ever encountered, then so be it.

Noah Bishop
Santa Monica

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Personally I have no children or family in the SMMUSD, so my actions clearly state I believe education is a civic duty. My question from last week still stands. How much money should we spend to give our children the best education in the country? If your husband or wife came home from the grocery store and had spent 35 percent more for the same or inferior groceries, wouldn't you ask why? What's more troubling is, when you ask the school district why, they just tell you that they need to spend more! Does that response make any sense to you? Right now we are scheduled to spend $10,636 per student in Santa Monica, so what do we get for spending 35 percent more than St. Monica Catholic school? How do the current budget cuts explain this problem?

The cost of giving children a good education is lost on those of you who wrote to me, chiding me for not wanting to spend 55 cents a day for measure A. I just now spent it; did you? My column last week opened with the question: "Why not raise spending per student to be number one in the country?" I was 100 percent for Measure A, but in this polarized world of pin heads, if you don't march behind them like a good Nazi, then you're the enemy. The anti-children lobby will even tell you that due to state budget cuts they are getting less money and that is bad. Why? They are failing your children and you want to give them more money? This is not the inner city people. Go to www.cde.ca.gov and look at the results. They are embarrassing and purposely confusing. I think it is a great idea to spend 50 percent more than what St. Monica spends, provided it will give us equal or better results than the local Catholic school.

I hope by now it's painfully obvious that I believe the problem is how we spend the money, not how much money we spend. I propose a grand experiment for the next five years with a simple string attached. We the people of Santa Monica should give $14 million dollars per year for our children. Per pupil spending would be about $11,850 or 50 percent more than what St. Monica charges. I also suggest we collect the proposed $14 million before we're allowed to spend it. This way we don't over spend money we don't have.

So here is the string that is attached to the spending. We require that every school in the city, both private and public, test their non-special needs students with the same state of California Department of Education test for math and English that the public schools already use. Then require SMMUSD to have to match or exceed the lowest price private school results within five years, or we'll give $11,000 vouchers to the parents to spend as they wish on school. Then cut the district budget to $11,000 per non-special needs student. I want a guarantee that in five years the money will give the children a good education or we give that choice to the parents. Catholic school was good enough for our President, and is good enough for me.

Let's stop the party politics and get on with the business of helping children. It is in all of our best interests to do so. The reason why Measure A didn't pass is because a large enough group of voters believe the money would be wasted by the SMMUSD. So instead of name calling, how can we make sure that the money isn't wasted? How about you reach across to your fellow citizen and put together a simple report card for all the schools and lets make sure all of them, both public and private are getting what they pay for.

In Washington D.C., Chancellor Michelle Rhee had a novel idea. She offered the teachers union a two-tier plan that would pay teachers up to $131,000 per year if they would be accountable for the education of their students. Starting pay to attract new teachers would be $78,000 per year. The unions said no. Just think about that for a second. Whatever they make is worth more than $131,000 and one month of vacation.

If SMMUSD, armed with 50 percent more money than St. Monica, cannot compete, then we should not keep giving them money. We the people should guarantee the children a good education, but the endless flow of cash to the SMMUSD should not be guaranteed. I want the best education for the children and am willing to participate in this experiment. Do you think SMMUSD is up to the task?

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Word in Edgewise

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Betting on Celtic green

FOR THE 12TH TIME IN OUR ILLUSTRIOUS history, my Boston Celtics are about to meet the Los Angeles Lakers to decide this season's NBA championship. With all the talk about renewing the playoff "rivalry" between the two franchises, I, as a lifelong Red Sox fan, finally understood why Yankees fans used to laugh at the idea when it came to Sox/Yanks prior to 2004: for a playoff rivalry to exist, the head-to-head record has to be close. The Celtics' tally against the Lakers in the Finals is 9-2, making the relationship more like big brother/little brother than rivals. This year's Celtics victory in 5 or 6 games will basically cement the Lakers' little brother status, a position Kobe Bryant should be used to after riding Shaq O'Neal's coattails on the way to (ahem) winning three rings between 2000 and 20002.

For you local fans who haven't seen it since Hall of Famers O'Neal, Karl Malone, Gary Payton, and Hall of Fame coach Phil Jackson left the Lakers in Kobe's ball-hogging hands back in 2004, please note the way Boston plays basketball as a team game. Our "Core Four" of Rajon Rondo, Paul Pierce, Ray Allen, and Kevin Garnett each attempted about 12 shots per game this season and scored between 12 and 18 points. These guys are all capable of scoring 30 on any given night, but they know a championship-winning offense has to be balanced so they share the ball. I realize that passing the rock to a teammate with a better shot at the basket is a foreign concept in this town, but the 17 banners hanging from the rafters of the Garden in Boston prove it works.

Another thing my Celtics do that the average Lakers fan wouldn't recognize is we take pride in playing individual and team defense. By contrast, Bryant and the mercurial Ron Artest are the only Los Angeles players who can be counted on to play hard when their team doesn't have the ball. Derek Fisher is too slow, Andrew Bynum is too banged-up, and the soft Spaniard Pau Gasol is best known for playing "matador" defense — where he reaches for the ball then pulls his hands out of the way as the opposing player charges past him like a bull. In the 2010 playoffs, Boston's team defense has held opponents to about 90 points per game despite the presence of prolific scorers like Dwayne Wade, LeBron James, and Dwight Howard. The Lakers as a team allow over 100 points per game and gave up 115 and 118 points in their most recent losses to the Phoenix Suns. Needless to say, that kind of defensive effort won't get it done when the Lakers offense will struggle to score 95 against the Celtics.

Lakers fans will be surprised when their team loses (again), but none of this will get through L.A.'s collective cognitive dissonance because they have Kobe; and in their basketball ignorance, Lakers fans have come to believe that one consistently superhuman player can win a title by himself. I would remind them that this player lost game 4 against OKC by pouting instead of shooting, missed a game-winning shot in game 6 of that series (Gasol's miracle put-back won the game), missed a game-winning shot in game 5 against Phoenix (Artest's miracle put-back won the game), and either of those series could have gone to a game 7 where the Lakers would have been a few bad bounces or breaks away from elimination.

To win a playoff series, whether it was against the No. 8 seed Thunder or the No. 3 seed Suns, the Lakers needed Kobe to play out of his mind and they needed some kind of miracle. To beat this Celtics team, the Lakers will also need a sustained team defensive effort and they will need Kobe to share the ball. The only way the Celtics lose is if Kobe is unstoppable AND the Lakers get at least one miracle AND play 48 minutes of team defense in every game AND Kobe voluntarily gives up shots to someone else. Of those four elements, the only thing Lakers fans can count on is Bryant's offensive output. That will win you one game, maybe two, but not a championship.

Once this series is over and the C's take the Larry O'Brien trophy on another Duck Tour of Boston, it won't take very long for basketball fans everywhere to look at two Celtics championships in 2008 and 2010 interrupted by a Lakers championship in 2009 and start asking some questions. What happened to the 2009 Celtics? Kevin Garnett was injured during the playoffs. If Garnett had been healthy, would Boston have played L.A. in the Finals? Yes. If the Lakers couldn't beat the Celtics in 2008 or 2010, should anyone believe they would have beaten a healthy Boston team in 2009? No. So, were the Lakers the best team in the NBA in 2009? We'll never know.

As a lover of the game of basketball, a fan of the premiere franchise in NBA history, and a card-carrying member of the Kobe Hater's Club, the only thing better than winning the championship this year will be putting an asterisk next to the Lakers 2009 championship in the process.

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The Q Line

What next?

Now that the SMMUSD's parcel tax Measure A appears to be headed to defeat, district officials are considering their options, which include another funding measure.

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NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING
BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA CITY COUNCIL

SUBJECT: **A Series of Public Hearings to Review and Certify the Final Environmental Impact Report (EIR) and Review and Adopt the Draft Land Use and Circulation Element (LUCE) of the City's General Plan and**

A public hearing will be held by the City Council to consider the following request:

The City Council is holding a series of hearings to take public input and discuss the Draft LUCE with the purpose of adoption the General Plan Element update and adoption of the LUCE and certification of the Final Environmental Impact Report. The Draft LUCE was released for public review on November 24, 2009. The Draft EIR was available for comment on January 21, 2010. Hearings will include, but not limited to, discussions on Neighborhoods, Boulevards, Districts, Activity Centers, Mixed-Uses, Community Benefits, Sustainability, Community Character, Circulation, Transportation Demand Management (TDM), Public Participation, Monitoring and Phasing, and Implementation. The City Council will also review the Planning Commission resolution for adoption of the Draft LUCE and certification of the Final Environmental Impact Report. The LUCE is a long range comprehensive planning document that sets forth integrated land use and transportation policies to guide decision-making, and to ensure a sustainable future.

DATE/TIME: **THURSDAY, JUNE 10, 2010, AT 6:30 P.M.**
TUESDAY, JUNE 15, 2010, AT 5:45 P.M.
THURSDAY, JUNE 24, 2010, AT 6:30 P.M.
THURSDAY, JULY 1, 2010, AT 6:30 P.M.
TUESDAY, JULY 6, 2010, AT 6:30 P.M.

LOCATION: City Council Chambers, Second Floor, Santa Monica City Hall
1685 Main Street, Santa Monica, California

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

Address your letters to: City Clerk
Re: Draft LUCE & FEIR
1685 Main Street, Room 102
Santa Monica, CA 90401

MORE INFORMATION
If you want more information about this project or wish to review the project file, please contact Francie Stefan at (310) 458-8341, or by e-mail at Francie.Stefan@smgov.net. The Zoning Ordinance is available at the Planning Counter during business hours and on the City's web site at www.santa-monica.org. The draft LUCE is available at www.shapethefuture2025.net.

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ESPAÑOL
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WALL STREET

Stocks experience late-day fade

TIM PARADIS
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK Stocks took another late-day dive Tuesday after the government said it was starting criminal and civil investigations into the Gulf of Mexico oil spill.

The Dow Jones industrial average dropped 112. Its plunge came shortly before the close and minutes after Attorney General Eric Holder made the announcement. Stocks in energy companies and oil service providers tumbled on the news, and other stocks followed.

Holder would not say which companies or individuals might be under investigation. But investors quickly dumped stocks across the energy industry. BP PLC, which operated the rig that caused the spill, fell almost 15 percent. Oil services company Anadarko Petroleum Corp. fell almost 20 percent, and competitor Halliburton Inc. fell almost 15 percent.

Analysts have said the oil spill has been among the many issues nagging at investors in recent weeks. Among the fears in the market is the potential economic impact of the spill. But Tuesday's announcement raised the possibility that oil companies might have to pay out huge amounts in fines, or see their operations affected by a government investigation.

Trading was choppy for much of the day before Holder's announcement, a sign that investors weren't sure where to put their money. Investors were juggling worries about Europe's debt problems with upbeat reports on U.S. manufacturing and construction.

Europe's economic issues were again a drag on the market. The euro slid as low as $1.2112, its lowest level since April 2006, before climbing back to $1.2298. The euro's moves against other currencies have come to reflect traders' confidence in Europe's ability to manage a sovereign debt crisis that started in Greece but has started to affect other European nations like Portugal and Spain.

Stocks did get some support from two upbeat economic reports. The Commerce Department said construction spending rose by the biggest amount in nearly a decade. The 2.7 percent April gain was the largest since August 2000. Economists forecast spending would be flat. However, homebuilders' stocks fell although the report showed a big jump in residential building. That blip upward was expected to disappear now that a homebuyers' tax credit has expired.

Meanwhile, the Institute for Supply Management said its manufacturing index fell to 59.7 in May from 60.4 in April. The figure was better than economists' forecast of 59.

"As long as they continue to go on the positive side, I think it will overshadow what's going on in Europe," said Charles Massimo, president of CJM Fiscal Management in Melville, N.Y.

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING
BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA CITY COUNCIL

SUBJECT: Proposed creation of new fees and revision to existing fees charged by the City related to development review, records, inspection and general services in the Planning and Community Development Department, Public Works Department, and Fire Department as well as general services provided by other City departments.

WHEN: TUESDAY, June 15, 2010
5:45 P.M.

WHERE: Santa Monica City Hall, Council Chambers- Room # 213
1685 Main Street
Santa Monica, California

PROJECT DESCRIPTION
The City Council will conduct a public hearing on the proposed creation of new fees and revision to existing fees charged by the City's Planning and Community Development for the provision of a variety of services including, but not limited to: processing of applications related to development review, planning approvals, construction permits on private property and in the public right of way, related inspections and plan reviews, review of related reports, building records and other related administrative services.

The proposed fee revisions are intended to more fully recover the City's cost of providing services and processing applications. The proposed fees are based on a comprehensive study of costs incurred in providing services, processing permit applications and regulating construction activity. A copy of this study and of the proposed fee schedule will be available at the City Clerk's office in Room 102 of City Hall, 1685 Main Street, Santa Monica, California no later than June 5, 2010. The public hearing will also consider the reaffirmation of existing fees at current rates for services charged by other City departments for a variety of services.

MORE INFORMATION
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ESPAÑOL
El Concilio Municipal de la ciudad de Santa Monica tendra una audiencia pública sobre la creacion propuesta para aumentar el costo del procedimiento de aplicaciones y para suministrar la variedad de servicios de la Division de Edificio y Seguridad. Para màs información, llame a Elsa Gonzalez al número (310) 458-2275.

ENERGY

Feds open investigation of Gulf spill

BEN NUCKOLS & JANE WARDELL
Associated Press Writers

PORT FOURCHON, La. Attorney General Eric Holder said Tuesday that federal authorities have opened criminal and civil investigations into the nation's worst oil spill, and BP lost billions in market value when shares dropped in the first trading day since the company failed yet again to plug the gusher.

Investors presumably realized the best chance to stop the leak was months away and there was no end in sight to the cleanup. As BP settled in for the long-term, Holder announced the criminal probe, though he would not specify the companies or individuals that might be targeted.

"We will closely examine the actions of those involved in the spill. If we find evidence of illegal behavior, we will be extremely forceful in our response," Holder said in New Orleans.

With the ambitious "top kill" abandoned over the weekend, BP's hope to stanch the leak lies with two relief wells that won't be finished until at least August. The company is, however, trying another risky temporary fix to contain the oil and siphon it to the surface by sawing through the leaking pipe and putting a cap over the spill.

Coast Guard Adm. Thad Allen, the national incident commander, said Tuesday that BP was making its first major cut with super shears that weigh 46,000 pounds and resemble a giant garden tool. The company will also use a powerful diamond-edged cutter the resembles a deli slicer to try to make a clean cut above the blowout preventer, then will lower a cap over it with a rubber seal.

After several failed attempts to divert or block the well, BP's latest attempt involves cutting the broken riser pipe, making it spew as much as 20 percent more oil into the water for days while engineers try to position a cap over the opening.

Eric Smith, an associate director of the Tulane Energy Institute, said the strategy had about a 50 to 70 percent chance to succeed. He likened it to trying to place a tiny cap on a fire hydrant.

"Will they have enough weight to overcome the force of the flow?" he said. "It could create a lot of turbulence, but I do think they'll have enough weight."

BP Chief Operating Officer Doug Suttles said there was no guarantee the cut-and-cap effort would work. He did say the company has learned from past efforts to contain the leak, which gives them a better shot at success.

"I'm very hopeful," Suttles said. "I think we'll find out over the next couple of days."

The cleanup, relief wells and temporary fixes were being watched closely by President Barack Obama's administration.

The president gave the leaders of an independent commission investigating the spill orders to thoroughly examine the disaster and its causes, and to follow the facts wherever they lead, without fear or favor.

The president said that if laws are insufficient, they'll be changed. He said that if government oversight wasn't tough enough, that will change, too.

Meanwhile, BP spokesman Graham MacEwen said the company was awaiting analysis of water samples taken in the Gulf before making a final determination on whether huge plumes of oil are suspended underwater. CEO Tony Hayward said Sunday there was "no evidence" of the plumes even though several scientists have made the claims.

Billy Nungesser, president of Plaquemines Parish, fired back at Hayward.

"We ought to take him offshore and dunk him 10 feet underwater and pull him up and ask him 'What's that all over your face?'" said Nungesser.

On the business side of things, the company's share price, which has fallen steadily since the start of the disaster, took a turn for the worse Tuesday, losing 15 percent to $6.13 in early afternoon trading on the London Stock Exchange.

That was the lowest level in more than a year. The shares have now lost more than a third of their value, wiping some $63 billion off BP's value, since the explosion at the Deepwater Horizon oil rig six weeks ago.

BP said early Tuesday it had spent $990 million so far on fighting and cleaning the spill, with multiple lawsuits for damages yet to be tallied.

The Coast Guard also announced that it was replacing the admiral who has been the federal on-scene coordinator since the oil rig exploded, though the agency said the change was previously planned. Rear Adm. Mary Landry will now return to duties as commandant of the 8th Coast Guard District in New Orleans to focus on hurricane season preparations.

BP failed to plug the leak Saturday after several attempts with its top kill, which shot mud and pieces of rubber into the well but couldn't beat back the pressure of the oil.

The spill has already leaked between 20 million and 44 million gallons, according to government estimates.

The National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration also announced that almost one-third of federal waters — or nearly 76,000 square miles — in the Gulf were closing to commercial and recreational fishing because of the spill.

The relief well is the best chance to stop the leak. A bore hole must precisely intersect the damaged well, which experts have compared to hitting a target the size of a dinner plate more than two miles into the earth. If it misses, BP will have to back up its drill, plug the hole it just created, and try again.

"The probability of them hitting it on the very first shot is virtually nil," said David Rensink, incoming president of the American Association of Petroleum Geologists, who spent most of his 39 years in the oil industry in offshore exploration. "If they get it on the first three or four shots they'd be very lucky."

The trial-and-error process could take weeks, but it will eventually work, scientists and BP said. Then engineers will then pump mud and cement through pipes to ultimately seal the well.

On the slim chance the relief well doesn't work, scientists weren't sure exactly how much — or how long — the oil would flow. The gusher would continue until the well bore hole collapsed or pressure in the reservoir dropped to a point where oil was no longer pushed to the surface, said Tad Patzek, chair of the Petroleum and Geosystems Engineering Department at the University of Texas-Austin.

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– Measure R Parcel Tax –

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Measure R 2010-11 Senior Exemption forms are being mailed in early June to prior applicants; the forms must be completed, signed and returned by July 31, 2010. To be added to the mailing list, please call 310/450-8338, ext. 269.

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SOFTBALL
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Manning Stadium in Irvine. The Vikings will play the winner of the Buena/North Torrance game. The score was not available at presstime.

"We just couldn't manufacture runs," Torrance Head Coach Don Glavich said. "[Walker] pitched a great game."

Walker, who has collected wins in every playoff game this season, was cool and composed following the game. But, when talk turned to the final, she livened up.

"I'm really excited," Walker said. "This is the seniors' last year, so we have to go big."

Samohi's Skaggs, who is retiring from coaching after 24 years of leading the Vikings, agreed, but added that her team would have to do a better job at the plate to take home the team's first CIF-SS softball title.

"We have to swing the bats," Skaggs said, "and keep playing our game: pitching, timely hitting and defense."



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CLUTCH: **Samohi's Celisha Walker delivers a pitch against Torrance on Tuesday.**

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BAG BAN
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The bill is opposed by the American Chemistry Council, which has said the ban would put bag providers out of business and burden consumers with an extra cost.

The bill's backers, though, said it could save people money.

"There is no such thing as a free plastic bag. Everytime you get a plastic bag at the grocery store, that cost is included in the price of your groceries," said Lisa Boyle, co-founder of the Plastic Pollution Coalition. "It's a cost we can no longer afford."

She said the measure would reduce taxpayer expenses for cleanup and litter abatement programs. Only about 5 percent of plastic bags currently get recycled, she said.

Santa Monica, meanwhile, has looked into enacting its own plastic bag ban, as Malibu has, but delayed taking action after Manhattan Beach, which had adopted a plastic bag ban, had its measure successfully challenged in court.

> **"WE NEED TO BREAK OUR ADDICTION TO SINGLE-USE PLASTIC PACKAGING AND WE NEED TO DO IT NOW."**
>
> **Mark Gold,**
> President of Heal the Bay

An environmental impact report on a local plastic bag ban, a step intended to preempt a legal challenge, was expected to be released today. The council is expected to consider the report at a meeting in September.

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STANDING UP AGAINST PLASTIC BAGS: **The Eco Hero Kids perform a song about the harmful use of plastic bags during a press conference on the Santa Monica Pier Tuesday morning regarding Assembly Bill 1998 (Brownley), a bill that would ban single-use plastic bags in California.**

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also voted Tuesday to condemn the law and explore ways of curtailing district-sponsored employee travel, economic support of Arizona and companies based there.

The resolution also calls for civics and history classes to include a discussion of the Arizona law "in the context of unity, diversity and equal protection for all."

A Quinnipiac University poll released Tuesday found that about three-fourths of voters in the U.S. think boycotting Arizona because of its immigration law is a bad idea. The national survey of 1,914 registered voters also found that most support the law itself, with 51 percent of voters approving of the measure and 31 percent disapproving.

The poll, conducted May 19-24, had a sampling error margin of plus or minus 2.2 percentage points.

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ARIZONA

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"Is this to be a real boycott, or is this to be a symbolic boycott?" he said.

Council Member Bob Holbrook, though, said he would look carefully at specific cases before deciding whether the boycott should apply.

"I would tend to look at the firm and see where they are in this," he said. If a company has made it clear it doesn't support the law, he said it shouldn't be penalized.

Reached last week, Trapeze Group's director of marketing, Kim Emmerson, said she was aware of Arizona's immigration law and boycotts to protest it but didn't believe her company should be affected.

"I don't see how it would really impact doing business with us, being headquartered in Canada," she said.

The company's Arizona office, she said, is one of more than 20 offices the firm operates worldwide. She said the company has "nothing to say" about Arizona's immigration law.

Signed by Arizona's governor in April, the law requires state law enforcement agencies to check immigration papers if they have "reasonable suspicion" that someone they've stopped may be in the country illegally. Critics have said the law will lead to racial profiling and have argued it improperly preempts the federal government's responsibility for enforcing immigration laws.

> **I DON'T SEE HOW IT WOULD REALLY IMPACT DOING BUSINESS WITH US, BEING HEADQUARTERED IN CANADA."**
>
> **Kim Emmerson,**
> Trapeze Group's director of marketing

This fiscal year, Santa Monica has spent $1.1 million on Arizona goods and services.

At presstime it was not known when the council will consider the possible contract with Trapeze Group.

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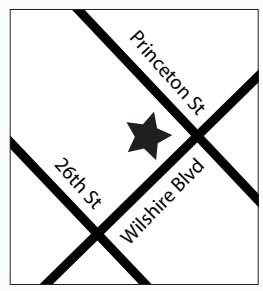
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QUICK STATS (for the last 30 days)

- Number of sewage spills -- 0
- Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0
- Number of wet days -- 0
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 39 / ns
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 7 / ns

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

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

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	ns
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechusa and Las Alina 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.	F	ns
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	A	ns
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Solstice Canyon at Don Blacker County Beach.	F	ns
Pverco State Beach at creek mouth.	D	ns
Marie Canyon storm drain at Pverca Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd..	D	ns
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	ns
Surfrider Beach (breach location)- daily.	C	ns
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	A	ns
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	A+	ns
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero).	B	ns
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs.	A+	ns
Pena Creek at Los 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.	F	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.	B	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
Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of D&W jetty).	A+	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain.	A	ns
Dockweiler Beach- opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant.	A+	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain.	A	ns

LEGEND

DRY -- each location is graded on an A – F scale based on bacterial pollution levels present in the surf zone
WET – grades for days of recorded rainfall and the following 3 days
ns -- no sample taken

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

The Beach Report Card is an indication of past water quality and is not a warranty of the current safety of those areas surveyed. Our lawyers are happy.

Heal the Bay is a non-profit environmental organization dedicated to making Santa Monica Bay and Southern California coastal waters safe and healthy for people and marine life.

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NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING
BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA PLANNING COMMISSION

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

LOCATION: Citywide
APPLICANT: City of Santa Monica

The Planning Commission is continuing a series of hearings to discuss the draft LUCE in order to formulate a resolution making recommendations to the City Council regarding adoption of the LUCE and certification of the Final Environmental Impact Report. The Draft LUCE was released for public review on November 24, 2009. Previous hearings have included discussions on Neighborhoods, Boulevards, Districts, Activity Centers, Mixed-Uses, Community Benefits, Sustainability, Community Character, Public Participation, Monitoring and Phasing, and Implementation. This hearing will include, but not be limited to, discussion of Districts and Mixed Uses and a review of text clarifications and changes in response to comments received on the Draft LUCE The LUCE is a long range comprehensive planning document that sets forth integrated land use and transportation policies to guide decision-making, and to ensure a sustainable future. Previous public hearings were held on May 6, May 12, May 17, May 19, May 24 and May 27, 2010.

DATE/TIME: **THURSDAY, June 3, 2010 at 6:00 p.m.**
LOCATION: City Council Chambers, Second Floor, Santa Monica City Hall,1685 Main Street, Santa Monica, California

HOW TO COMMENT

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

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

MORE INFORMATION

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

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

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

ESPAÑOL

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

MOVIE TIMES

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

Call theater for information.

AMC Loews Broadway 4
1441 Third Street Promenade

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

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

Kick-Ass (R) 1hr 57min
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.
(310) 289-4262

Iron Man 2 (PG-13) 2hrs 5min
11:00am, 2:00pm

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, 10:10pm

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

Shrek Forever After 3D (RealD 3D) (PG) 1hr 33min
11:45am, 1:00pm, 2:15pm, 3:30pm, 4:45pm, 6:00pm, 7:15pm, 8:30pm, 9:45pm

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

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

Exit Through The Gift Shop (R) 1hr 43min
1:10pm, 3:20pm, 5:30pm, 7:50pm, 10:10pm

Holy Rollers (R) 1hr 44min
1:00pm, 3:10pm, 5:20pm, 7:40pm, 10:00pm

Solitary Man (R) 1hr 45min
1:20pm, 3:30pm, 5:40pm, 8:00pm, 10:15pm

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

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) (PG) 1hr 33min
11:00am, 1:30pm, 4:05pm, 6:30pm, 9:00pm

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

Order in, Scorpio

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★★ What occurs allows many different possibilities. You could absorb a lot of tension from other people. Make sure you are on the same page as someone else financially before making any decisions. Tonight: Meet up with friends.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ You could feel extremely pushed by a boss or parent. You feel a bit out of kilter with someone's display of affection. You could be overly tired and pushed. Choose the right situation to express your views. Tonight: A must appearance.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ Keep reaching out for more information. Feel free to dig up an expert or two. You want and need different perspectives. You might feel that someone is trying to hassle you. Let it go. Tonight: New insights.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ One key person sees your logic and will defer to you. Though you could be confused about everything that is going on, stay centered. A friend might not understand the implications of what he or she is saying. Gently ask questions. Tonight: Chat over dinner.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Others seek you out. You might not feel comfortable. You see a situation differently from a boss. You might hear what someone says, but not as this person meant it to be taken. You could be a little touchy. Confirm what you are hearing. You might get a pleasant surprise. Tonight: Say "yes."

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★ Emphasize your skills, though someone might prove to be quite challenging. Stay level as someone plays devil's advocate. Though you could be frustrated, this process will only strengthen your plans. Tonight: Squeeze in some exercise. Summer is nearly here.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★★ Allow greater give-and-take between you and a child. You see a situation far differently. There might not be a meeting of the minds right now. Allow both of you to digest a conversation. Tonight: Where the fun is.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Stay level and clear as you process new ideas and approach your life differently. You easily could be overwhelmed by another person. A roommate or family member knows how to challenge you. Tonight: Order in.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★★ Your communication skills come forward. Is someone choosing not to understand, or is he or she simply not getting it? Try to express yourself in another way, and see if your message gets through. Tonight: Hang out.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★ Be aware of expenditures. You might want to splurge on a child or loved one. Try to curb this tendency to be extravagant. The receiver also might get used to being treated like this all the time. Tonight: Be aware of a risk.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ The Moon flatters you, allowing for greater give-and-take. You might wonder exactly what is needed to handle a domestic situation. Someone has pushed you way beyond your level of comfort. Tonight: Whatever makes you happy.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ Take off early if you can. You need some time to reflect and perhaps work through a problem. You could feel overwhelmed by a child or a new friend. Establish appropriate limits. Tonight: Vanish early.

Happy birthday

This year, stay focused on the bottom line. Don't get caught up in frivolous thinking. Do break past previously established mental barriers. The more you open up, the greater the possibilities that could enter your life. Curb a tendency to worry or push too hard. Lead a more balanced, even life. Going back to school or taking a seminar or two to increase your expertise in your field would be smart. If you are single, someone quite exotic and different could enter your life. This person has a lot of different ways you can learn from. If you are attached, the two of you might want to plan a second honeymoon or another special trip. AQUARIUS helps you bottom-out situations. Encourage discussions more often.

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

Girls and Sports

By Justin Borus and Andrew Feinstein



The Meaning of Lila

By John Forgetta & L.A. Rose



Garfield

By Jim Davis



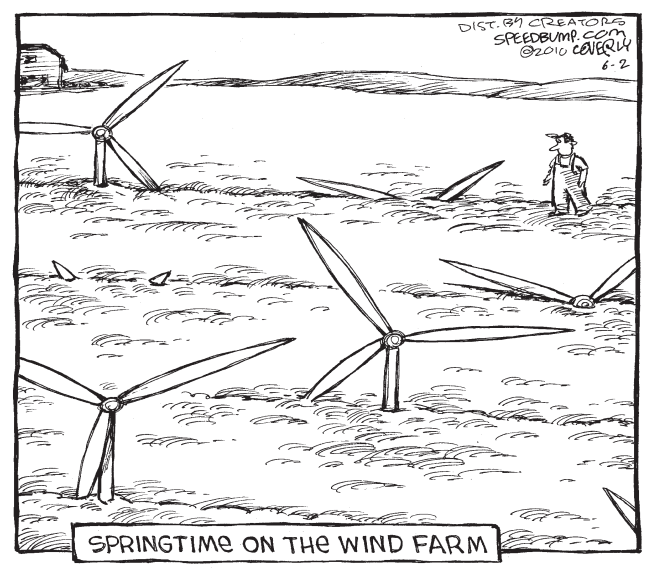
Strange Brew

By John Deering



Speed Bump

By Dave Coverly



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

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

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Make a plan.

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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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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

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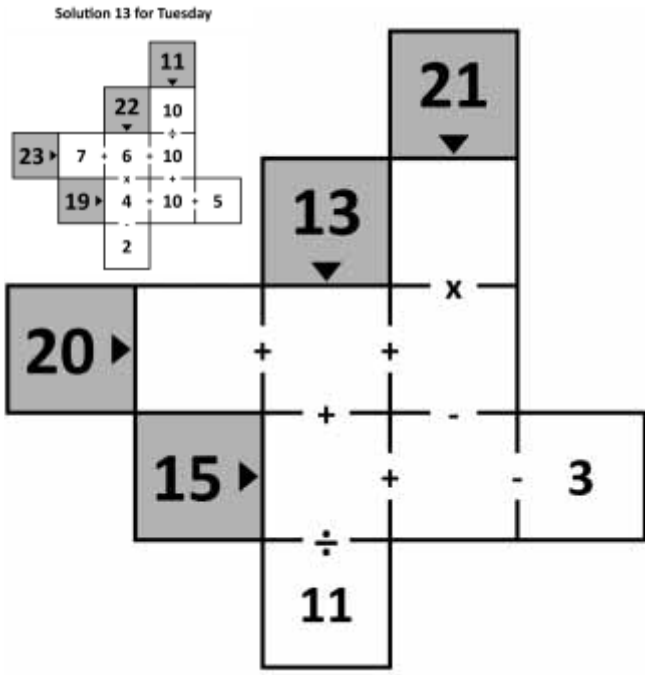
- Fill the grid with the set of given numbers (1 to 12) to satisfy the Equa demands (7 to 24) in the shaded boxes. The Equa demands represent the sum of the digits that you will insert into the empty squares.
- Each horizontal row has one Equa demand to satisfy; each vertical column also has one demand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

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

1, 4, 7, 7, 11, 12

Solution 13 for Tuesday





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CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Central
6 Stir-frying needs
10 Skater — Ohno
11 Pago Pago setting
12 Freshen
13 Court event
14 Formerly
15 Bump into
16 Fixed charge
17 Cargo unit
18 Texas' Houston
19 Scare
22 Command to Fido
23 Proton's place
26 Illuminate
29 Ludacris' music
32 Early hour
33 Golf prop
34 Source
36 Be too fond
37 Like CD sets
38 Bashful
39 Signs
40 — -garde
41 Yarn
42 Lively dance

DOWN

1 Remote
2 Starting bids
3 Swelled head
4 Out of the wind
5 De-pressed
6 Much of history
7 Overlooks
8 Eucalyp-tus eater
9 Witch trial setting
11 Paleolithic time
15 Take notes
17 Neck glands
20 Yak it up
21 Utmost
24 Footstool
25 Get-together
27 Travel stop
28 Must
29 Metal man
30 Kitchen come-on
31 Screen dot
35 Drummer Krupa
36 Singing star
38 Skin art, for short

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Yesterday's answer

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1	2	3	4	5	■	6	7	8	9	
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DAILY LOTTERY

MEGA MILLIONS: 12 27 44 45 51
Meganumber: 30
Jackpot: 12$M

SUPER LOTTO PLUS: 13 17 29 34 38
Meganumber: 4
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FANTASY 5: 6 8 16 29 35

DAILY 3: MIDDAY: 6 2 7
EVENING: 5 8 5

DAILY DERBY:
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2nd: 03 Hot Shot
3rd: 07 Eureka
RACE TIME: 1:40.30

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ In April, officials in Hudson, N.Y., proudly unveiled their state-of-the-art water fountain for the disabled in the county courthouse, a fixture whose installation was agreed to in a 2003 settlement with federal officials enforcing the Americans with Disabilities Act. However, the fountain was installed on the courthouse's second floor, which is accessible only by stairway. In defense, county officials said the fountain had several features for handicapped people other than those in wheelchairs.

■ Apparently, the death penalty is so important to Californians that they spend $125 million a year administering it, plus $400 million recently for a new death row and execution chamber even though the state is notoriously nearly bankrupt and even though, in a death-row population of more than 700, only 13 have been executed in the past 30 years. (As News of the Weird mentioned last year, one killer demanded the death penalty instead of life in prison because death row has better facilities and because, like nearly everyone on death row, he expects to die of disease or natural causes before the state can execute him.) Said the outraged mother of a raped-and-murdered teenage boy, of her son's killer, "(Scott Erskine) is (in) there watching television knowing I am going to die before he does."

TODAY IN HISTORY

1692 Bridget Bishop is the first person to go to trial in the Salem witch trials in Salem, Massachusetts. Found guilty, she is hanged on June 10.

1763 Pontiac's Rebellion: At what is now Mackinaw City, Michigan, Chippewas capture Fort Michilimackinac by diverting the garrison's attention with a game of lacrosse, then chasing a ball into the fort.

1774 Intolerable Acts: The Quartering Act is enacted, allowing a governor in colonial America to house British soldiers in uninhabited houses, outhouses, barns, or other buildings if suitable quarters are not provided.

1780 The Derby horse race is held for the first time.

1835 P. T. Barnum and his circus start their first tour of the United States.

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Obituaries

VIOLA MOOERS

Viola Mooers, longtime Malibu resident, passed away May 28th, 2010 in Bellingham, WA. She was born in Paterson, NJ on January 4th, 1918, the daughter of German and Russian Silkweavers, Arthur and Gussie Schrotke. In her late teens Vi worked as a vault teller in New York and as a waitress in New Jersey. Her daughter Helen was born in 1937. She met her husband Douglas in Santa Monica, CA; they married and lived together in Venice, CA, where they had a son, Douglas, Jr. They moved to Topanga Canyon, CA, where she was a homemaker and den mother. She loved to travel throughout the U.S. and England and was particularly fond of Phoenix and Las Vegas. She was a member of Trancas Riders and Ropers, bearing the American Flag on her horse, Beauty. She spent many hours walking her beloved white German shepherd, King. She returned to college in her 40's, earning a LVN, RN and AA at Santa Monica College. She worked as a Ward and E.R. Nurse at the Veterans Hospital in Los Angeles for 10 years. Vi was a longtime member of the Catholic Church. In 2004 she moved to Bellingham,WA to be closer to her family. She was preceded in death by her husband Douglas Mooers, Sr. She is survived by her son Douglas Mooers (Cheryl Van Etten), daughter Helen Martin (Ed), grandchildren Nick and Elizabeth Jerns, Tamara and Mike DePorter, Brenna and Dan Sartain, Marla and Jim Azinger, Susan Danforth, Joseph Pecarino and Randall Pecarino, 13 great grandchildren and 1 great-great-grandchild. Services will be held in Bellingham, WA. You may share memories with the family at www.westfordfuneralhome.com. Westford Funeral Home Bellingham, WA

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