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HIGH SCHOOL TRACK AND FIELD

Samohi shot putter set for state finals

BY DENNIS LIN
Special to the Daily Press

CLOVIS Joe Daou has already broken a 55-year-old school shot put record. Now, after placing first at Friday's California Interscholastic Federation Southern Section Masters Meet, Daou has his sights set on a state title.

Daou, a senior on the Santa Monica High School track and field team, will be among the top contenders at the CIF State Championships. The two-day meet will begin Friday at Buchanan High School in Clovis.

"I've thrown against most of the top-10 people in state," said Daou, who is the only Samohi track and field athlete to have advanced past the CIF-SS Division I Prelims this season. "I know how far they throw. As far as my abilities, I believe that I can come home with a state championship."

Daou will enter the meet as the third-seeded shot putter, having thrown a personal-best 61'7" at the Masters meet. The mark surpassed his previous best of 61'5 3/4", set May 22 at the CIF-SS Divisional Finals, where he finished first among Division I competitors and second overall.

That performance came on the heels of another first-place finish at the CIF-SS Division I Prelims. Daou, who in April broke Duncan Ward's school record of 59'4 1/2", also took first in several other meets this year, including the Ocean League Finals in early May.

Despite Daou's dominance this season, Samohi shot put coach Greg Bernard said his pupil hasn't received his proper due.

"I think Joe's been overlooked all year. We thought there would be more recruiting of him," Bernard said of Daou, who will be attending Brown University in the fall. "We've just got a little chip on our shoulder."

Daou hopes to turn heads with another first-place finish in Clovis, but he knows the bigger stage will present another challenge.

"The biggest thing is just trying to handle

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HE'S GOING THE DISTANCE: **Samohi's Joe Daou practices the shot put Wednesday on campus.**

Rent Control wants more protections

BY NICK TABOREK
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL In a bid to significantly broaden the scope of tenant protections in Santa Monica, the Rent Control Board wants to bolster rules that protect against evictions and extend those protections to cover all tenants in the city, rather than just those who live in rent-controlled apartments.

To take effect, the proposed changes would require Santa Monica voters to approve several amendments to the Rent Control Agency's charter.

Voters could get to decide on the amendments in November, if the City Council approves the Rent Control Board's recommendations and places the proposed amendments on the ballot. The council is set to consider the proposals on June 8.

In addition to extending "just-cause" eviction protections to all tenants in Santa Monica, the proposed amendments would give renters additional time to correct lease violations before they could be served with an eviction notice and would afford added eviction protections to senior citizens and those who are disabled or terminally ill.

"Just cause" protections affect the eviction process in cases where a landlord alleges a tenant has breached a contract, created a nuisance, refused to execute a written lease extension, damaged the premises or denied the landlord access to the rented unit.

The five-member Rent Control Board on May 27 voted 4-1 to recommend that the council place the proposed charter amendments before voters. Commissioner Robert Kronovet, who owns property in the city, cast the dissenting vote.

"Especially in this economically tumultuous time I think anything the Rent Control Board can help do to provide more stability in the community through enhanced tenant protections would be good," said Rent Control Board Commissioner Jennifer Kennedy, who requested the board take action on the proposed amendments.

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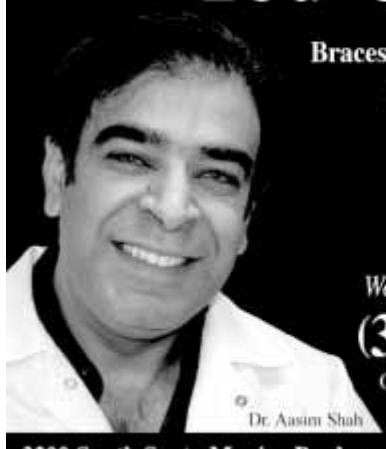
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Skate art
California Heritage Museum
2612 Main St., 11 a.m. — 4 p.m.
"SKATEBOARD: Evolution and Art in California" shows how the design of skateboards evolved from their birth pre-1950 to the present. The show is guest curated by the legendary Z-boy 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

'Jesse Boy'
Ruskin Group Theatre
3000 Airport Ave., 8 p.m.
"Jesse Boy" is a Southern Gothic tale of one family, trapped by its own tradition. The obsession with an American icon brings hope of salvation for them, as they continue to invest in the dream that American pop culture promises. "Jesse Boy" also plays on Saturday at 8 p.m., and Sunday at 2 p.m.

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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Woman sues Google

PAUL FOY
Associated Press writer

SALT LAKE CITY A pedestrian injured by a motorist while following an online route has filed a lawsuit claiming Google Inc. supplied unsafe directions.

Lauren Rosenberg filed a lawsuit on Thursday seeking more than $100,000 in U.S. District Court in Utah. It also named a motorist she says hit her.

Rosenberg used her phone in January to download directions from one end of Park City to the other.

Google Maps led her to a four-lane boulevard without sidewalks that was "not reasonably safe for pedestrians," according to the lawsuit filed by the Northridge, Calif., resident.

The case has become a sensation on tech blogs, websites and cable television channels, with critics assailing the woman for ignoring her own safety to blindly follow online directions. Her lawyer, Allen Young, said the truth was different.

Rosenberg believed she could reach a sidewalk on the other side of Deer Valley Drive and tried to cross the boulevard, but didn't even make it to the median, he said.

She was struck by a speeding car on a pitch-black night and received multiple bone fractures that required six weeks of rehabilitation, Young added.

"We think there's enough fault to go around, but Google had some responsibility to direct people correctly or warn them," Young said. "They created a trap with walking instructions that people rely on. She relied on it and thought she should cross the street."

Rosenberg is seeking compensation for medical bills, plus more for lost wages and punitive damages. The lawsuit provided no other information about the woman, who has been misidentified online as a Santa Monica publicist by the same name, the Los Angeles Times reported.

Young said the woman is a native of Northridge in her mid-20s and is unemployed. No phone listing could be found for

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HOLE IN THE WALL

Brandon Wise *brandonw@smdp.com*

A collision on Wednesday at Olympic Boulevard and 20th Street left a sizable hole in Lincoln Appliance's wall. The driver of one of the cars and a passenger in the other complained of pain after the wreck but refused medical treatment, Santa Monica police said. No one inside the store or on the sidewalk was hurt. The crash happened when a 2007 Volvo heading westbound on Olympic was struck by a vehicle turning from the eastbound lane of Olympic north onto 20th Street. Police were still investigating but said no one was expected to be arrested.

Apple's Jobs says iPad begat iPhone

RYAN NAKASHIMA
AP Business Writer

RANCHO PALOS VERDES Apple Inc. CEO Steve Jobs shared a secret with his audience at a technology conference outside Los Angeles Tuesday: The idea for the iPad came before the iPhone.

The idea to ditch the keyboard for what Jobs calls a multi-touch display came about in the early 2000s, although the company was working on a telephone at the time, he said. That's when a prototype was brought to him that used the device's now-famous scrolling mechanism.

"I thought, 'My God we can build a phone out of this,'" Jobs said at The Wall Street Journal's "D: All Things Digital" conference in Rancho Palos Verdes.

But the tablet product was put on the shelf, the iPhone went into development for several years before making its debut in 2007 and Apple only started selling the iPad tablet computer in April.

Both products have taken on more of the personal computing tasks once handled by computers running Microsoft Corp.'s Windows operating system and other programs.

That's helped Apple surpass Microsoft, its longtime nemesis, as the largest technology company in the world by market capitalization — a milestone achieved last week.

"It's surreal," Jobs said Tuesday.

Jobs was asked why the once close relationship between Google Inc. and Apple has lately turned tense. Google has developed a Web browser and a computer operating system and began selling its own cell phone in January a bid to upstage the iPhone.

"They decided to compete with us, and so they are," Jobs said.

Although he acknowledged the popularity of the iPhone has caused network troubles at carrier AT&T, Jobs said the problems would have happened to any wireless phone company with that many iPhone and iPad users.

He said many places in the U.S. will have much better reception by the end of the summer. He did not rule out having the iPhone operate on other carriers in the future.

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Calling for consistency

Editor:

Your May 28 article, "Sugary drinks not long for state schools," includes a quote from state Sen. Tony Strickland that this is "... nanny government run amok." While I suppose it is encouraging that someone is keeping an eye out for unnecessary government intrusion in our lives, I would remind him and others that there is nothing free, open, or neutral about allowing a private contractor to have the exclusive right to place these drink machines in schools to begin with. That in itself was a policy decision, just as serving milk (non-fat I hope), not soda with school lunches is.

I hope Sen. Strickland is at least consistent in his minimum government beliefs and is also against government involvement in abortion, homosexual relations, drug use and other private matters, though as a modern day Republican I somehow doubt it.

Murray Burk
Santa Monica

Thanks, UCLA

Editor:

Ten UCLA pediatric residents and their three faculty supervisors are to be commended for their report that presents mounting evidence of potential detrimental effects of Santa Monica Airport on the health of the surrounding community.

The report is the first that I've seen that underscores the multiple hazards posed by the airport (emissions, noise, lack of runway buffer zone) as well as the urgent need to address them, rather than continuing to allow the vulnerable (children, older adults, and those with cardiac disease, pulmonary disease, or diabetes) to serve as canaries in the mine or rodents in the particle chamber.

Page 12 of the report states: "Although there remains a need for additional investigations to further delineate these risks, it is unwise to ignore the current evidence which suggests that airport-vicinity residents may be predisposed to respiratory, cardiovascular, and oncologic diseases as well as an increased rate of mortality."

The significance of this report goes well beyond the science. Doctors on the front lines of health care are concerned enough to add their voices to those of the community. Based upon the precautionary principle (p. 15), they assert that it is the responsibility of elected officials to do something now.

Ping Ho
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Boycott is a bad move

Editor:

It is my considered opinion that your resolution to boycott travel and business dealings with Arizona contains flawed wording. For example, you state that "This new law aims to identify, prosecute and deport immigrants who will also face fines of up to $2,500 and up to six months in jail" is missing the word "illegal" before the word "immigrants." No one in Arizona nor anyone in the entire country is interested in deporting immigrants. We are a country of immigrants. Where some of us have a problem is when people from other countries thumb their collective noses at our immigration laws and you guys give them a helping hand. All Arizona has done is write its own law that mirrors the one written by the U.S. government. When the feds get the back bone to uphold the immigration laws already on the books, individual states like Arizona won't have to take matters into their own hands.

Barry Barker
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Life Matters

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

Book smarts may not translate into dating IQ

DEAR NEW SHRINK,

Why are so many smart women so dumb when it comes to men? I have a friend who is smart and successful and I think most people would agree, is also beautiful. But unfortunately, she seems out of touch when it comes to men. She doesn't seem to be able to discern sincerity from bologna. And she seems to get hopeful when there is no good reason to.

For example, one evening a successful businessman but known player, made a sincere sounding declaration of his desire for her, adding in his desire to settle down, be married and have kids. It was one night when they were all celebrating a big success. Mind you, they had never been out before.

She had been attracted to him as well. They had a heavy "make out session," if you want to call it that. He promised to call her as soon as he returned from his next business trip. However, it's been three months, and you guessed it, no call!

While she understands that he probably will not be calling, there is a part of her that clings to the notion that they were meant to be together and is secretly waiting for him to call one day.

I don't understand why an otherwise smart woman would believe this? Can you explain it to me or at least help me understand this? I don't think she is alone. If there were something I can do to help, I would love to, please let me know. I hate seeing her suffer because I care about her deeply. But I am clueless on what to say, if anything. And truthfully, I do not understand it.

Signed,
Maybe I'm dumb, too?

DEAR MAYBE,

First off, relationships can be difficult to understand and work out. Anyone who knows anything about relationships knows they are fraught with questions, concerns and difficulties. They definitely require a lot of work, but that is generally after a commitment has been made.

However, this is a different question here. Smart women, successful women, I assume you mean in their given career. They make money and can take care of themselves?

Your friend sounds as if she believes in magic. Maybe even the magic kingdom with the prince charming that one day finally comes along and makes everything so perfect and wonderful. All love, no more worries. Now the princess is protected and taken care of and he is hers, and it's love and romance forever more.

This would be fantastic and while there are many good men as well as many good women, we all are, in the end, just people. Even those appointed with the titles of "prince" and "princess," are just human beings with all the same frailties and failings as the rest of the human race.

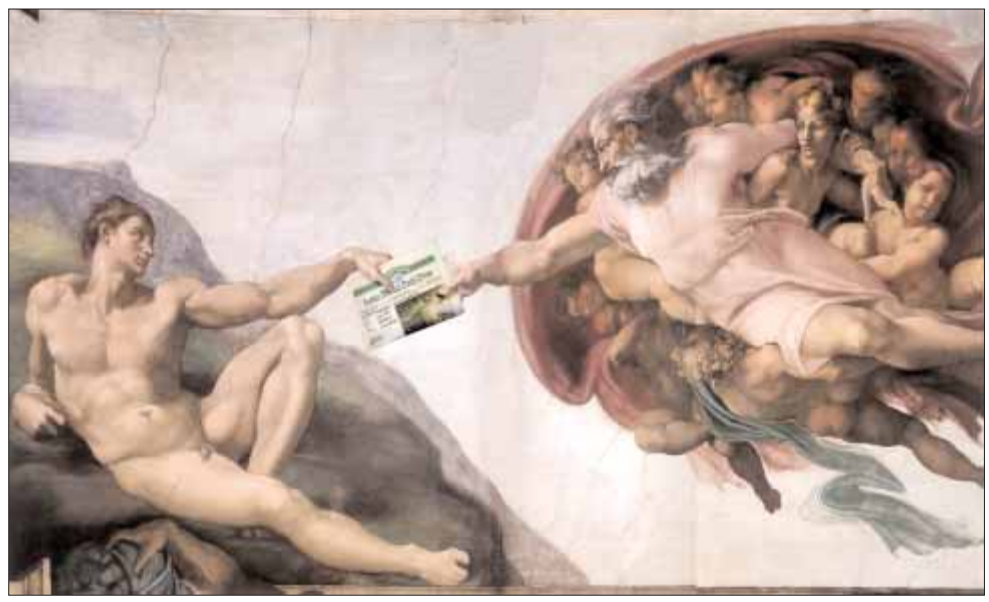
About men: they are not all the same, but they do have one thing in common. They have a drug pumping through their veins, 24/7 and it's not their fault. Testosterone makes them say and do things uncharacteristic of themselves. They mean it in the moment, or at least sort of, but it is forgotten the next day. They were under the influence.

If you or your friend wants to know what' s real, take a little time to get to know your man. If he is truly interested in you as a person, then a few dinners together is not too long to wait to get intimate. He will wait. If he doesn't or can't, it probably was just testosterone talking.

As for women (or men) with sudden dumbness in a given area, this is what we call "neurotic stupidity." It is a defense. We get all confused so that we cannot or will not have to face something we don't want to think about or feel. It does sound like your otherwise smart woman friend may become neurotically stupid so that she doesn't have to face, deal with or experience some issue she has with men.

Maybe she prefers to live in her magical fantasy world of "hope." Hope is interesting. We certainly need it; it has a very important function in our psyches. But there is a dark side to it as well. Hope is a drug when we use it to deny reality, it may help us fight a disease but it can also cost us a lot of wasted time when we use it to dope ourselves up. We need to hope that we use hope in a realistic way and are able to tell ourselves how to read the signs and when to move on.

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The hand that rocks my cradle

I'M NOT SAYING SHE'S BLOWN INTO the front door of our house by a gust of wind while carrying an umbrella and a bottomless carpetbag, but my daughter's new nanny otherwise couldn't exude more Mary Poppins-ness if she were a relative of Julie Andrews who dances with magical broomsticks and sews dresses from curtains.

Initially the idea of having a stranger look after my baby made me queasy. I imagined Rebecca De Mornay in "The Hand That Rocks the Cradle" or Glenn Close in "Fatal Attraction" (not a nanny, but seriously psychotic nonetheless). The anticipation of bringing an unknown into my home was nagging, like a paper cut on the inside of a knuckle — a stinging and constant reminder that something isn't quite right.

I feared being the subject of a tawdry news program, with my neighbors giving interviews about how they saw suspicious activity at my home as soon as I'd left. It'd be one of those stories on "Dateline" or "Nancy Grace" that you feel dirty for watching, yet don't change the channel.

Getting past the nanny fear was one thing. However, after spending 21 months with my daughter and nary a baby-sitter of note, necessity finally dictated I bite the bullet and call in some official back-up. An ad was placed in the paper, and within six days, I received somewhere in the ballpark of 35 inquiries.

The first woman I met with was fine, except she would have to commute more than an hour twice a day, had no local references and balked a little when I told her I would be conducting a background check. One candidate showed up for our meeting 90 minutes early, complained incessantly about an interview with another potential employer and then told me dramatically about the recent murder of a relative.

I met with one woman at a local park who immediately grabbed my daughter, dragged her to the swings and then manically tried to engage her in "Ring Around the Rosie." She seemed lovely, if not a little hopped up on cocaine or Adderall.

There was a guy who expressed interest in the job who would have made an exceptional manny had he not been on the verge of leaving town. A woman with a strong background in early childhood education told me she prayed to Jesus before every meal. When I told her my daughter and I are Jewish, she said, "Oh, that's OK, I don't mind."

The shortest interview — clocking in at eight minutes — was with a college-aged young woman from a family with offspring in the double digits who neither made eye contact with nor acknowledged my daughter. She seemed like she could have been one of the kids from "Big Love," but from one of the creepy groups on the compound, not from the normal family of polygamists.

The whole process was sort of like the iconic scene from "Pretty Woman," except instead of designer dresses, I tried on women to replace me in my daughter's life for roughly 28 hours a week.

AT ONE TIME I THINK I THOUGHT HAVING A NANNY MIGHT MAKE ME FEEL GUILTY FOR LEAVING MY DAUGHTER'S CARE TO SOMEONE ELSE, BUT THE EFFECT HAS ACTUALLY BEEN THE OPPOSITE.

My haute couture — our Mary Poppins — finally arrived on the last day of interviews. She immediately got down on the floor with my daughter and started stacking blocks. At one point she started singing, my daughter and I looking at her with our jaws dropped as if we were at a private Carole King concert.

At one time I think I thought having a nanny might make me feel guilty for leaving my daughter's care to someone else, but the effect has actually been the opposite. Instead of me turning on "Barney" out of frustration so I can get some work done, there's now someone whose work is to play and have fun with my baby. And in the short time she's been with us, our Mary Poppins has gotten her to sit still long enough to put her hair in a ponytail, which has actually stayed in for longer than 11 seconds.

Our Mary Poppins arrives each day with her own stash of art supplies. They make murals in chalk on the sidewalk, paste letters on construction paper and draw with crayons on what appears to be any available surface in the house. They go to the park and play on the swings and slide, and no one's worried about checking the Blackberry for business correspondence. To the best of my knowledge, there have also been no purple dinosaur sightings since the arrival of our Mary Poppins.

And I feel secure enough in my daughter's love for me that I don't worry about being replaced in her heart. (I'm just not taking it personally that she's been having epic meltdowns within an hour of me arriving home. Or that she's been hitting me in the face way more than usual.)

While my daughter's room has yet to get clean upon hearing fingers snap, I have faith that'll start happening any day now.

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The Q Line

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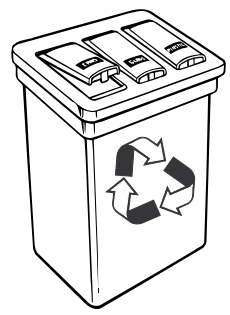
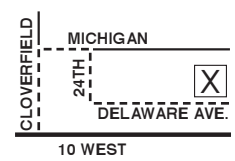
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So, this week's Q-Line question asks:
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Coroner: Mexican man's stun gun death a homicide

ELLIOT SPAGAT
Associated Press Writer

SAN DIEGO The San Diego County coroner ruled Wednesday that the death of a Mexican migrant at the U.S. border was a homicide, five days after an American immigration officer shot him with a stun gun.

The cause of death was determined to be a heart attack, with methamphetamine abuse and hypertension listed as contributing factors.

Anastacio Hernandez, 32, was shocked with a stun gun fired by a Customs and Border Protection officer Friday night at the San Ysidro border crossing that separates San Diego and Tijuana, Mexico, said San Diego police Capt. Jim Collins. Hernandez had wrestled two Border Patrol agents to the ground after his handcuffs were removed, police said.

The medical examiner's office said Hernandez died Saturday, about 21 hours after the clash. Collins said Hernandez was declared brain-dead Saturday and his family removed him from life support Monday.

Results of the police investigation will be sent to federal prosecutors, who will determine if criminal charges are filed, Collins said.

Mexico's Foreign Relations Department has condemned the use of force against Hernandez.

The head of the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement promised a federal investigation. John Morton, an assistant Homeland Security secretary, told reporters Wednesday in Mexico City that he is concerned about the case and regrets what he called a tragic death.

Collins said Hernandez attacked the Border Patrol agents after they escorted him out of a van and prepared to return him to Mexico. The agents radioed for help.

One agent, apparently from ICE, struck Hernandez with a baton, Collins said. The CBP officer then shocked Hernandez with the stun gun. Hernandez stopped breathing and showed no pulse.

Relatives told the American Friends Service Committee that Hernandez was deported May 25 after being stopped for a traffic violation in San Diego, said Christian Ramirez, national coordinator of the group's Project Voice immigration reform campaign.

He then returned to the U.S. illegally through the rugged mountains east of San Diego with his younger brother, who had also been deported, Ramirez said. They were arrested by the Border Patrol.

Hernandez came to the U.S. when he was 14, followed by his brothers, and all of them work construction jobs, Ramirez said. He has mostly lived in the San Diego area and has five U.S.-born children.

Relatives say Hernandez was 42 years old and that he spells his first name Anastasio, according to Ramirez.



Major retailers agree to limit lead in handbags

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OAKLAND More than 40 major retailers and apparel makers have agreed to limit the use of lead in handbags and other fashion accessories, an environmental group said Wednesday.

The companies will set new industry standards for lead use in their products as part of a $1.7 million legal settlement filed Tuesday in Alameda County Superior Court.

The agreement settles a lawsuit filed against the companies last year by the Oakland-based Center for Environmental Health.

The environmental advocacy group found high levels of lead when it tested dozens of vinyl and faux leather women's handbags, purses and wallets it bought at major retail outlets in the San Francisco Bay area.

Michael Green, the center's executive director, said he hopes other companies that make, import or sell fashion accessories will follow the health standards spelled out in the legal agreement.

The settlement means "millions of women no longer need to fear that their purse may pose a threat to their health or the health of their children," Green said.

The retailers that signed the settlement include Macy's, Target, Kohl's, JC Penney, Guess, Sears, Kmart, Saks and Victoria's Secret.

Jeffrey Margulies, who represents seven retailers in the case, said his clients agreed to the settlement to avoid costly, time-consuming litigation.

The retailers do not believe the lead levels in their products were dangerous to consumers, but "if customers are concerned about lead in products, this settlement should remove any concern about that," Margulies said.

Other companies can join the settlement by agreeing to comply with its content standards, which would protect them from future litigation involving their products' lead levels.

The $1.7 million settlement will include payments to California's Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment and the Center for Environmental Health. The center said it will use the money to pay for legal expenses, monitor compliance with the agreement and fund its environmental protection work.

Lead exposure has been linked to a variety of health problems including higher infertility rates for women and increased risk for stroke, high blood pressure and heart attacks. Young children and pregnant women are particularly at risk.

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Traveling Back to Fitness

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Slimming down for Mr. Right

LET'S FACE IT ... IN SANTA MONICA YOU have to be thin to attract a good-looking guy. And we're not just talking "thin," but "in-shape thin."

That means no flabby arms, no sagging butt and no cellulite — anywhere. All this of course, should be coupled with great muscle tone, evenly tanned skin and a dewy, youthful complexion. Burn Fitness is helping me to take care of the physical part of this process (and I've always had dewy skin — so no worries there) but what about the mental part that comes with losing weight? We go through myriad changes when we drop those unwanted pounds, some joyous, some emotional (like my crying fit on the stairs last week — which by the way, I'm proud to report, I'm now jumping those steps like a champ), and some that are less tangible than the aforementioned states. These may be comprised of little bouts of insecurity, self-doubt, hesitation and the sinking feeling that everyone else at the gym is way ahead of you in terms of their programs.

My trainer, Keith Sims says, "You have to get yourself to a place where you look at yourself in the mirror and see something positive. You need to first be happy with your body and then in a healthy way, evaluate how you can be in even better shape than your current state." It's so true. There are women I see at the gym that to me, look perfect. But if you ask them, they may be feeling fat or tell you they're not in as great shape as they used to be. But no matter where we are in our fitness regiment, we all need encouragement.

That's where the girls at the front desk come in. The front desk of any gym gives you a good indication of what to expect from the gym itself; at Burn Fitness it translates to "supportive, nurturing and uplifting."

The girls here offer me daily positive affirmations, a good dose of humor to balance out any insecure thoughts I may be having that particular day — menstrual bloating, anyone? But most importantly … these girls and I, we talk about guys. And there are a lot of guys. There's the screenwriter (can we say, unstable), the older dude who needs blue pills (they are slowly convincing me to ditch him), the market owner (the guy I keep dreaming about. Yeah, you know who you are — pick up the phone), and the 22 year old. Did I mention that since I've lost 10 pounds I've been seeing a younger guy? Let me say it again, I'm dating a 22 year old! Demi Moore, eat your heart out. Your husband's a relic compared to my young stallion.

But what good is dating a young guy if you can't dish about him? Enter effervescent Kejo Thomas — the upbeat, driving force behind the front desk. She's the person I see most often and is always genuinely interested in my life — particularly that 22-year-old element. "You go girl," she tells me.

To be fair, I did join Burn Fitness to find "Mr. Right" and finally hot guys are starting to look at me. But something else is happening, too. I'm starting to feel good about myself and this is inspiring me to continue with my program.

"I see you here everyday doing your cardio, talking with Keith about what you're eating. You can definitely see results, you look great," says Kassie Hight, a pretty girl who also works the front desk. It is feedback like this, coupled with seeing members, such as Susy Sedano, a beautiful gal in amazing shape, that help keep me motivated. When I first embarked on this journey, I would watch Sedano effortlessly glide over the steps and she would watch me huffing and puffing. About my progress Sedano says, "I see your endurance building. Your stamina and your cardio have increased. You're so much stronger when you're doing the step-ups. You last longer."

And I have to last longer … excuse me, I'm am seeing a 22 year old.

If dating a hot, young guy is the result of 10 shed pounds, one can only surmise what the next 10 will bring? Oh, I'm so ready to be thin again.

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RENT CONTROL

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Kennedy, who many believe may seek a City Council seat in this year's municipal election, asked the board to recommend the changes after the Rent Control Agency's annual report in May showed that 74 percent of eviction notices the agency tallied between 2005 and 2009 were for breach of contract or nuisance.

Under one of the proposed amendments, renters who receive those types of notices could be entitled to additional time to change their behavior in order to avoid eviction, said Rent Control Administrator Tracy Conden.

Conden added the proposed changes "could help stabilize the community a little bit and provide some civility in terms of the interactions between owners and tenants."

The landlord group Action Apartment Association, though, immediately declared its opposition to the proposals.

Rosario Perry, the association's attorney, said the proposed amendments would have "unintended and horrible consequences" for apartment owners in Santa Monica and would force landlords out of the rental business. He said he would file a lawsuit to prevent the proposals from appearing on November's ballot.

"What they're trying to do now is impose rent control on new units," he said.

The proposal to give tenants additional time to correct lease violations, he said, is based on faulty legal arguments and is vulnerable to a challenge in court.

He said the idea of extending eviction protections to non rent-controlled units is essentially meaningless, because apartment owners could always just raise the rent to force a problem tenant out.

But according to a report on the proposal by the Rent Control Board's general counsel, Maichaelyn Jones, the extension of protections to all units would afford real benefits to tenants, including those who live in units that once fell under the Rent Control Agency's jurisdiction but lost their rent control status because of the owner-occupancy exemption.

Action's president, Wes Wellman, also criticized the proposals as "generally unnecessary solutions in search of problems" but indicated the proposal to give elderly tenants and others with special needs may have merit.

"It is hard to argue against eviction protections for the terminally ill, the genuinely disabled or financially strapped seniors," he said. "But loopholes should be closed for dubious disabilities induced by stress, from other creative mental origins or from substance abuse. Affluent seniors should not be shielded under the sympathetic umbrella raised for the truly needy."

> **"ESPECIALLY IN THIS ECONOMICALLY TUMULTUOUS TIME I THINK ANYTHING THE RENT CONTROL BOARD CAN HELP DO TO PROVIDE MORE STABILITY IN THE COMMUNITY THROUGH ENHANCED TENANT PROTECTIONS WOULD BE GOOD."**
>
> Jennifer Kennedy,
> Rent Control Board Commissioner

Patricia Hoffman, who chairs the political party Santa Monicans for Renters' Rights, said SMRR would back the proposals if they appear on the ballot in November.

"Our highest priority is to protect people in their units so they can age in place, so anything that facilitates that, I think, is good for the tenants of Santa Monica, and ultimately good for the homeowners, too," she said.

If the amendments are approved, it would be the fourth change to the Rent Control Agency's charter since the rent control law was enacted in 1979. Amendments to the charter were made in 1984, 1999 and 2002, respectively.

The Rent Control Board last week also suggested the City Council consider increasing relocation fees paid to tenants who are evicted because of owner occupancy and expanding the relocation ordinance to cover more tenants.

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DAOU
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pressure situations," Daou said. "I think I've done a better job of doing that this year, but the state meet is a whole different thing."

Daou, who also holds the Samohi record in the discus throw, competed in the event at the CIF-SS Divisional Finals but failed to advance to the Masters meet after a 13th-place finish. His 165'1" throw was well off his record of 184'5 1/4".

Although surprised by the subpar showing, Samohi track and field coach Pat Cady said not having to worry about the discus throw may help Daou.

"Now he can just concentrate on one thing," Cady said.

Cady added that Daou has the ability to set another personal record at the state championships.

"He hit the 65-foot line last week and then his heel just grazed the toe board," Cady said. "We certainly expect him to qualify for the final [at the state championships]. If he can uncork one, he can be the state champion."

Bernard went even further in his prediction.

"Don't be surprised if he goes 67 [feet]. We've reset his goal."

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SUIT
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her.

Google spokeswoman Elaine Filadelfo said the company had not received a copy of the lawsuit and couldn't discuss it, but she disputed Young's assertion that Google Maps provides no warning that walking routes may be missing sidewalks or pedestrian paths.

Every software version for desktop computers and mobile devices has had that disclaimer since Google Maps was launched in 2008, she said.

Park City police said some segments of Deer Valley Drive have sidewalks but not the stretch that Rosenberg reached. The boulevard has a walking path on the side Rosenberg failed to reach, police Capt. Rick Ryan said.

Young said the walking path was "totally snowpacked" and of no use to pedestrians in January.

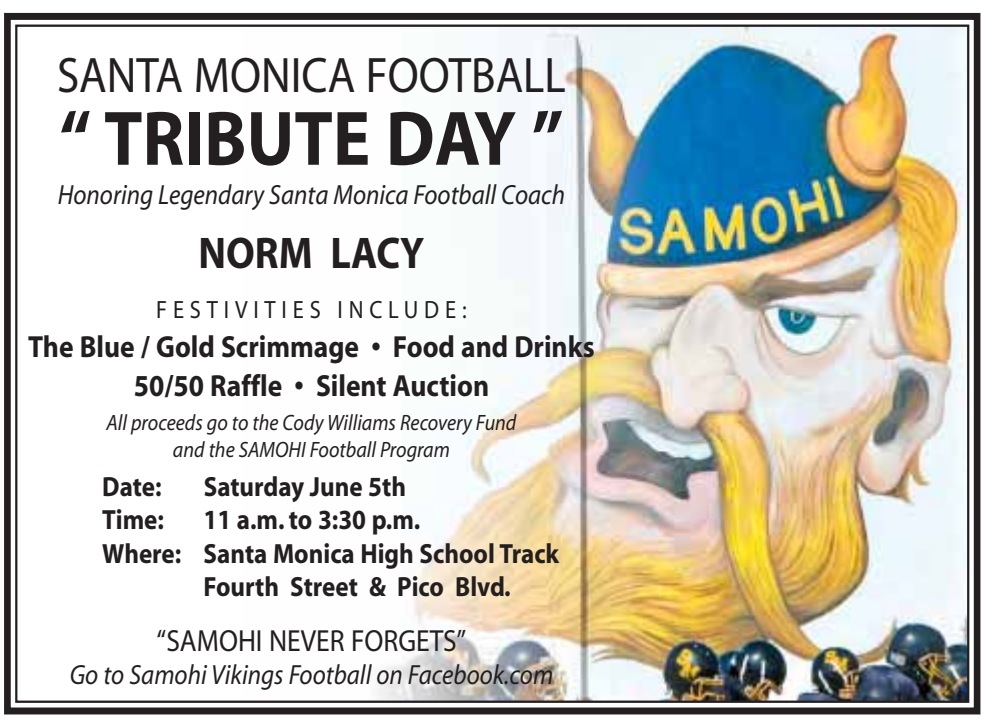
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Ahead of a major software developers conference scheduled to begin June 7 in San Francisco, Jobs was characteristically tightlipped about what, if any, new features would be on new iPhone models.

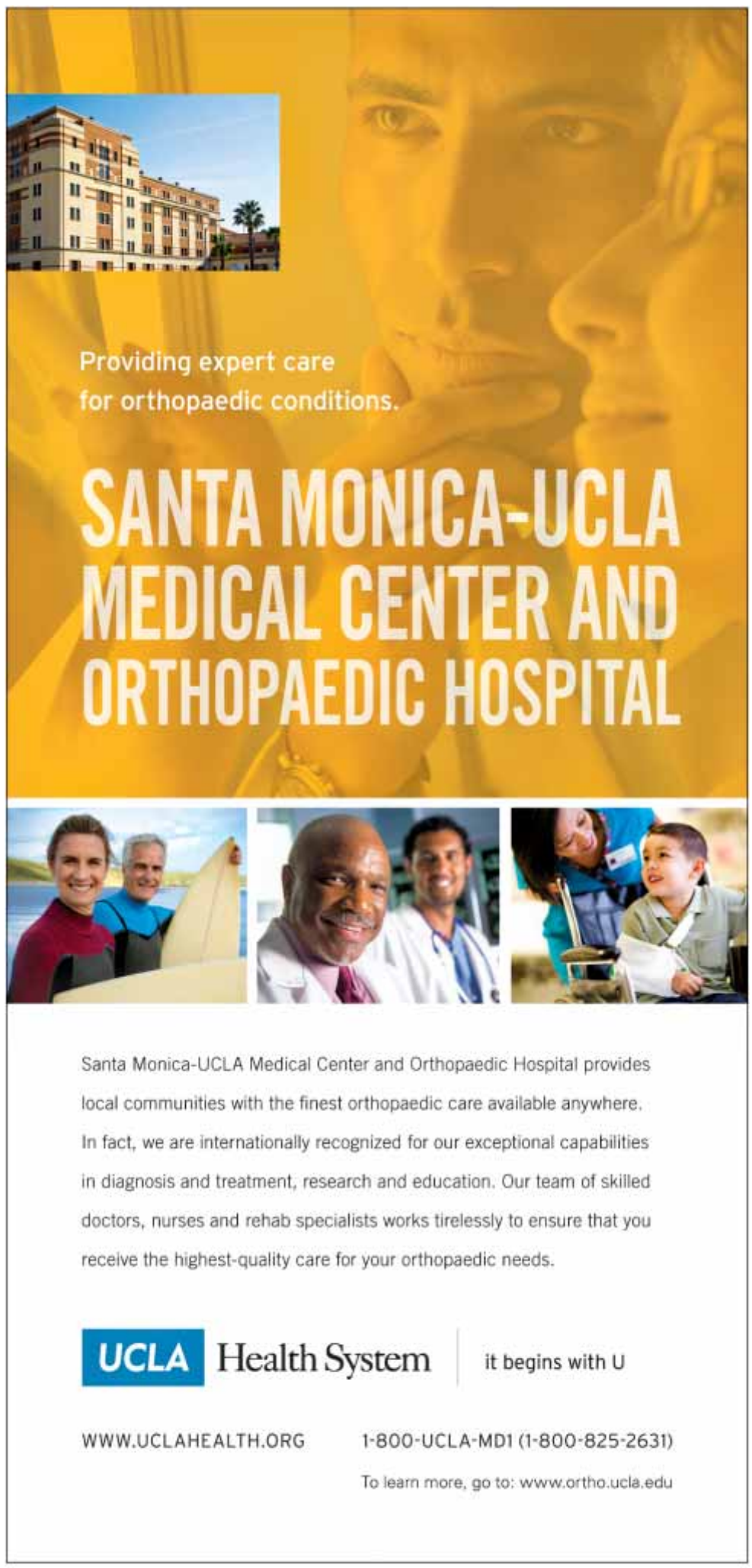
As for the iPad's stunning popularity, Jobs said the device was beginning to erode the usefulness of the personal computer.

"We like to talk about the post PC era," he said. "I think we're embarked on that. Is it the iPad? Who knows? Will it happen next year or five years from now or seven years? Who knows?"









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Student immigrants look to civil rights-era tactics

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BOSTON They gather on statehouse steps with signs and bullhorns, risking arrest. They attend workshops on civil disobedience and personal storytelling, and they hold sit-ins and walk out of class in protest. They're being warned that they could even lose their lives.

Students fighting laws that target illegal immigrants are taking a page from the civil rights era, adopting tactics and gathering praise and momentum from the demonstrators who marched in the streets and sat at segregated lunch counters as they sought to turn the public tide against racial segregation.

"Their struggle then is ours now," said Deivid Ribeiro, 21, an illegal immigrant from Brazil and an aspiring physicist. "Like it was for them, this is about survival for us. We have no choice."

Undocumented students, many of whom consider themselves "culturally American" because they have lived in the U.S. most of their lives, don't qualify for federal financial aid and can't get in-state tuition rates in some places. They are drawing parallels between themselves and the 1950s segregation of black and Mexican-American students.

"I think it's genius," said Amilcar Shabazz, chairman of the W.E.B. DuBois Department of Afro-American Studies at the University of Massachusetts. "If you want to figure out how to get your story out and change the political mood in America, everybody knows the place to start your studies is the civil rights movement."

For two years, Renata Teodoro lived in fear of being deported to her native Brazil, like her mother, brother and sister. She reserved her social contact for close friends, was extra careful about signing her name anywhere, and fretted whenever anyone asked about her immigration status, because she been living illegally in the United States since she was 6.

Yet on a recent afternoon, Teodoro gathered with other illegal immigrants outside the Massachusetts Statehouse with signs, fliers and a bullhorn — then marched the streets of Boston, putting herself in danger of arrest by going public but hoping her new openness would prompt action on the DREAM Act, a federal bill to allow people like her a pathway to citizenship via college enrollment or military service.

"I don't care. I can't live like this anymore," said Teodoro, 22, a leader of the Student Immigration Movement and a part-time student at UMass-Boston. "I'm not afraid, and I have to take a stand."

The shift has been building, said Tom Shields, a doctoral student at Brandeis University in Waltham who is studying the new student movement.

"In recent months, there has been an interest in connecting the narrative of their struggle to the civil rights effort for education," Shields said.

The movement has gained attention of Congress. Sens. Dick Durbin, D-Ill., and Richard Lugar, R-Ind., sent a letter to Secretary of Homeland Security Janet Napolitano in April, asking her to halt deportations of immigrant students who could earn legal status under DREAM, which stands for the Development, Relief and Education for Alien Minors act, and which they're sponsoring.

Last month, three illegal immigrant students demanding to meet with Arizona Sen. John McCain about DREAM were arrested and later detained for refusing to leave his Tucson office. High school and college students in Chicago and Denver walked out of class this year to protest Arizona's tough new law requiring immigrants to carry registration papers. In December, immigrant students staged a "Trail of Dreams" march from Miami's historic Freedom Tower to Washington, D.C., to raise support for DREAM.

Similar student immigrant groups have sprung up at the University of California at Los Angeles and the University of Houston.

By attaching themselves to the civil rights movement, Shabazz said, the immigrant students can claim the moral high ground and underdog status of the debate.

"The question now is ... can they convince moderate, middle-of-the-road, independent voters to support them?" he said.

The Rev. William Lawson, an 81-year-old civil rights leader and retired pastor of Wheeler Avenue Baptist Church in Houston, called the student activists' tactics courageous and said he'd like to meet them. But Lawson, who marched with Martin Luther King Jr., cautioned student immigrant activists to prepare for peers getting arrested, deported or possibly killed.

"You do have to expect consequences. Many civil rights activists faced injury, sometimes death," said Lawson. "And I'm not sure how many of these (students) understand the fundamental philosophy of nonviolence."

Students have to keep in mind the audience they're trying to win over, said Lonnie King, 73, a founder of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee, the group responsible for sit-ins at segregated restaurants across the South in the 1960s.

"They need to understand that the bulk of folks are in the middle," King said. "They have to coach their message to make it broadly appealing."

In Massachusetts, hundreds of student activists have gone through training by Marshall Ganz, a public policy lecturer at Harvard Kennedy School and a former organizer with the late Cesar Chavez of the United Farm Workers movement. At special camps, students attend workshops on civil disobedience, storytelling and media outreach.

Students who have attended the workshops even continue to use the well-known farm workers' rallying clap at the end of organizing meetings.

"They know that clap," Ganz said, "because I taught them that clap. It's all about the experience."

Teodoro said the training changed her life and showed her the cause was larger than herself.

During the rally last week in Boston, she led a march from the Massachusetts Statehouse to Sen. Scott Brown's office at the John F. Kennedy federal building, which also houses U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement offices.



Oil slick in Gulf of Mexico closes in on Florida Panhandle

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PENSACOLA, Fla. The BP oil slick drifted perilously close to the Florida Panhandle's famous sugar-white beaches Wednesday as a risky gambit to contain the leak by shearing off the well pipe ran into trouble a mile under the sea when the diamond-tipped saw became stuck.

Coast Guard Adm. Thad Allen, the government's point man for the crisis, said crews hoped to free the blade from the pipe and finish the cut later in the day. The plan was to fit a cap on the blown-out well at the bottom of the Gulf of Mexico to capture most of the spewing oil; the twisted, broken pipe had to be sliced first to allow a snug fit.

"I don't think the issue is whether or not we can make the second cut. It's about how fine we can make it, how smooth we can make it," Allen said.

As the edge of the slick drifted within seven miles of Pensacola's beaches, emergency workers rushed to link the last in a miles-long chain of booms designed to fend off the oil. They were stymied by thunderstorms and wind before the weather cleared in the afternoon.

Forecasters said the oil would probably wash up by Friday, threatening a delicate network of islands, bays and white-sand beaches that are a haven for wildlife and a major tourist destination dubbed the Redneck Riviera.

"We are doing what we can do, but we cannot change what has happened," said John Dosh, emergency director for Escambia County, which includes Pensacola.

Since the biggest oil spill in U.S. history began to unfold April 20 with an explosion that killed 11 workers aboard an offshore drilling rig, crude has fouled some 125 miles of Louisiana coastline and washed up in Alabama and Mississippi as well. Over the past six weeks, the well has leaked anywhere from 21 million to 45 million gallons by the government's estimate.

The latest attempt to control the leak is considered risky because slicing away a section of the 20-inch-wide riser could remove kinks in the pipe and temporarily increase the flow of oil by as much as 20 percent. The cap could be placed over the spill as early as Wednesday.

If the strategy fails — like every other attempt to control the leak 5,000 feet underwater — the best hope is probably a relief well, which is at least two months from completion.

As the oil drifted closer to Florida, beachgoers in Pensacola waded into the gentle waves, cast fishing lines and sunbathed, even as a two-man crew took water samples. One of the men said they were hired by BP to collect samples to be analyzed for tar and other pollutants.

A few feet away, Martha Feinstein, 65, of Milton, Fla., pondered the fate of the beach she has been visiting for years. "You sit on the edge of your seat and you wonder where it's going," she said. "It's the saddest thing."

Officials said the slick sighted offshore consisted in part of "tar mats" about 500 feet by 2,000 feet in size.

County officials set up the booms to block oil from reaching inland waterways but planned to leave beaches unprotected because they are too difficult to defend against the action of the waves and because they are easier to clean up.

"It's inevitable that we will see it on the beaches," said Keith Wilkins, deputy chief of neighborhood and community services for Escambia County.

Florida's beaches play a crucial role in the state's tourism industry. At least 60 percent of vacation spending in the state during 2008 was in beachfront cities. Worried that reports of oil would scare tourists away, state officials are promoting interactive Web maps and Twitter feeds to show travelers — particularly those from overseas — how large the state is and how distant their destinations may be from the spill.

In other developments:

• Investors ran from BP's stock for a second day, fearful of the potential cleanup costs, lawsuits, penalties and damage to the company's reputation.

Wall Street: Positive housing news boosts stock prices

TIM PARADIS
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK The stock market rebounded Wednesday following a stronger-than-expected increase in pending home sales and a recovery in shares of energy companies.

The Dow Jones industrial average rose about 226 points, its third biggest gain of 2010. Major indexes recovered the losses they suffered Tuesday shortly before the close, when the government announced criminal and civil investigations into the Gulf oil spill.

Energy stocks bounced back sharply after selling off the day before. Schlumberger, which provides services to oil companies, rose more than 8 percent, while Baker Hughes gained more than 10 percent.

Treasury prices fell, pushing up interest rates, after demand for riskier investments like stocks increased.

The upbeat report on home sales provided some hope on the nation's housing market. An increase in signed contracts for homes was due partly to a rush to meet a tax credit that expired in April. The National Association of Realtors said its index of signed contracts for existing homes rose 6 percent. The increase was ahead of the estimates of economists polled by Thomson Reuters.

"Anything that indicates more of a stabilization — and not rapid declines — in housing is probably a good thing," said Jason D. Pride, director of investment strategy at Glenmede in Philadelphia.

A rise in the euro from a four-year low Tuesday also drew buyers. Movements in the euro, which is used by 16 European countries, have often steered trading in the past month. The currency is seen as a reading on confidence in Europe's ability to contain a debt crisis that began in Greece, but has spread to other parts of Europe, including Spain and Portugal.

Stocks have been pounded in the last month by concerns that spending cuts in Europe would hobble a recovery in the global economy. After reaching a 2010 peak in late April, the Dow fell 7.9 percent last month for its worst May since 1940. The market has been logging big swings because traders are trying to determine how deep the retreat in stocks will be.

Even with the big gains Wednesday, analysts said the fractiousness isn't likely to soon disappear.

"It's a symptom of a market that doesn't have a lot of conviction about where it's going yet," said Dorsey Farr, co-founder of financial adviser French Wolf & Farr in Atlanta.

The Dow rose 225.52, or 2.3 percent, to 10,249.54 after falling 235 points in the two previous days.

Wednesday's climb was the biggest point and percentage climb for the Dow since Thursday, when the index advanced 285 points, or 2.9 percent. The index is still down 8.5 percent from its high this year on April 26.

The Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 27.67, or 2.6 percent, to 1,098.38, while the Nasdaq composite index climbed 58.74, or 2.6 percent, to 2,281.07.

Bond prices dropped. The yield on the benchmark 10-year Treasury note, which moves opposite its price, rose to 3.35 percent from 3.27 percent late Tuesday.

Crude oil rose 28 cents to $72.86 per barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange. Gold fell.

Analysts warn that traders are still jittery and could resume selling on one disappointing headline. That's what occurred Tuesday when the news about the oil spill investigation erased the gains that had come from upbeat reports on manufacturing and construction spending.

Investors are now awaiting the Labor Department's monthly employment report, which is due Friday. It is widely regarded as the most important economic report each month because high unemployment remains a major obstacle to a sustained recovery.

Autos a hot item in May despite lack of major deals

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AP Auto Writers

DETROIT Americans shrugged off fewer discounts and a scary stock market plunge last month, snapping up new automobiles and delivering another month of higher sales for carmakers.

The industry's double-digit jump in sales shows that consumers feel the economy is healthy enough for them to buy a new car or truck. It's easier to get a car loan and gas prices are holding steady. Those factors helped ease any jitters about the 8 percent drop in the stock market last month.

May marked the seventh straight month of year-over-year sales increases for the auto industry.

"Clearly we are in a recovery," said Jeff Schuster, executive director of global forecasting for J.D. Power.

The outlook for sales through the summer appears rosy — provided that the recovery continues. The financial markets need to stabilize and employers need to start hiring at a faster clip for sales to keep climbing, said Paul Ballew, a former chief economist at GM who is now at insurance firm Nationwide.

Ford Motor Co., General Motors Co. and Chrysler Group LLC saw strong sales gains over the same month last year — a bleak month for the industry as GM headed into bankruptcy and Chrysler was already there. Most Asian and European-based automakers also posted big gains.

The exception was Toyota Motor Corp. The Japanese automaker has been relying on generous discounts the last three months to keep its sales afloat following massive safety recalls that began last fall. Those incentives appeared to lose their luster in May, as sales rose just 7 percent.

Only Lexus matched the performance of rivals. The luxury brand, which heaped on unprecedented deals in May including a six-month waiver on payments, saw sales rise 31 percent.

Toyota will extend its generous incentive programs, which includes zero percent financing, to some 2011 models. Toyota said its sales didn't rise as sharply in May because rivals had more favorable year-over-year comparisons.

However, Toyota Group Vice President Bob Carter told reporters on Wednesday that the "effectiveness (of incentives) does run its course."

Consumers who visited dealerships last month saw fewer deals. The average per-vehicle spending on incentives — promotions ranging from cash-back rebates to zero-percent financing — was $2,603 per vehicle in May, down 1 percent from April and almost 12 percent in May last year, according to auto information company Edmunds.com.

Incentives are lower than in previous years because deep production cuts have left dealers with lean lots, making them less eager to cut prices, Schuster said. Incentives are likely to remain stable through the summer, he said.

"We won't see the widespread deals, which is what consumers were used to in the past," he said. "With a little effort, a little more flexibility, the deals will still be out there, they just may have to look a little harder."

Industrywide sales rose just over 19 percent in May versus last year, and 12.3 percent compared with April, to 1.1 million vehicles, according to Autodata Corp. At May's selling pace, automakers would sell 11.6 million car and trucks all year.

Detroit's automakers enjoyed brisk gains. Ford sales rose 22 percent, boosted by strong demand for the F-Series pickup and new Ford Mustang. GM sales rose 17 percent, led by a jump in sales of its four remaining brands — Chevrolet, Buick, GMC and Cadillac — as well as big orders from fleet customers, such as rental car agencies.

Chrysler enjoyed the biggest boost of the three, with sales surging 33 percent. May was the first month in more than two years that Chrysler sold more than 100,000 vehicles, helped by strong sales of its Jeep Wrangler, pickup trucks and minivans.



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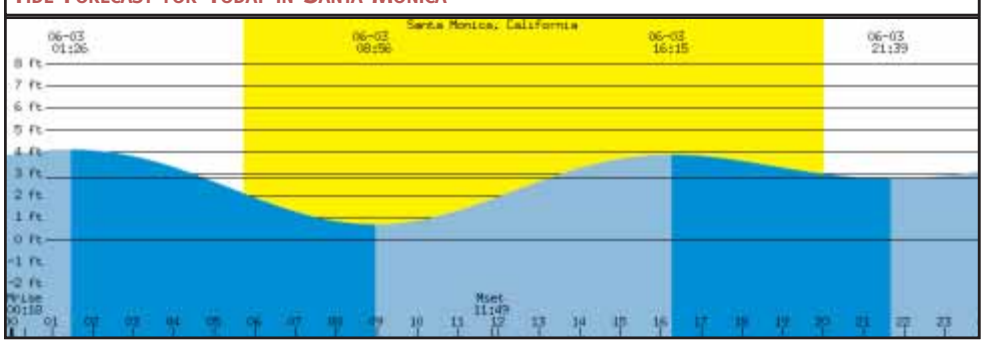
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SW should back off to chest max.

Long Range Synopsis

SW should linger with chest high sets, but periods weaker, more in the 14-second range.

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 25, 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 -- 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 Lechasa 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
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth.	D	ns
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd..	D	ns
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fences.	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

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NBA FINALS

Jackson aware of storied rivalry

GREG BEACHAM
AP Sports Writer

LOS ANGELES Phil Jackson knows the story by heart, even if his players only seem interested in the last two chapters.

Their coach is steeped in the history of pro basketball's most compelling rivalry, familiar with every twist in the Boston Celtics' half-century of championship clashes with the Los Angeles Lakers. The NBA's most decorated franchises have battled through heartbreaks, high stakes and neck-aches while forging a true pro sports rivalry, that rarest of commodities in the age of free agency.

Jackson doesn't mind that almost everybody playing in the franchises' 12th NBA finals meeting, starting Thursday night at Staples Center, doesn't have much of a grasp on the history sewn into the uniforms they wear.

So what if Ron Artest claims total ignorance of the Lakers' past, while Kobe Bryant says he couldn't care less who Los Angeles played? So what if the deep-seated hatred between the franchises' fans doesn't seem to be truly savored by nearly anybody except Paul Pierce, the Los Angeles native turned Celtics star?

When asked why the kids these days just don't get it, Jackson smirks and nimbly sidesteps the trap set for grumpy old men and history buffs.

"That rivalry is renewed ... it seems like every 20 years, and now here it is," Jackson said. "This is our second time going back at them. It's one that I think piques the interest of the fans of basketball."

Notice he didn't mention the players' interest. In the age of easy team-swapping, $100 million contracts and offseason Vegas partying with bitter in-season opponents, there's not much actual malice to be found between these Lakers and these Celtics.

"It's not a personal thing," Celtics forward Kevin Garnett said before the Celtics practiced at UCLA's Pauley Pavilion on Tuesday. "They're a great team, we're a great team. We're both trying to get to the same goal."

The clubs are meeting in the finals for the second time in three seasons, and the winner will walk away with the franchises' 33rd combined championship. That's more than half of the titles in NBA history.

Yet this 21st-century confluence of Boston's Big Three era and Bryant's career zenith still hasn't reached the frequency and ferocity of the rivalry's early years. They met seven times in 11 seasons from 1959-69 — and the Celtics won every time, led by Bill Russell, coach Red Auerbach and whatever leprechaun pushed Frank Selvy's late jumper off the rim in Game 7 of the 1962 finals, allowing Boston to win in overtime.

"It seems like most of the '60s, the Lakers were playing the Celtics, and they were never able to get by them," Jackson said. "That was a long and arduous period of time for these fans."

Pierce grew up in Inglewood near the Lakers' former neighborhood, and he heard the story about the balloons. He knows the Lakers were favorites against the Celtics in 1968 and again in 1969, but Boston twice rallied to beat Elgin Baylor, Jerry West and Wilt Chamberlain, forlornly stranding thousands of celebratory balloons in the rafters of the Forum.

"We've definitely got two franchises that never really liked each other because they were always playing for the ultimate prize," said Pierce, the 2008 NBA finals MVP. "You can definitely sense that, and I already knew that growing up here."

Bryant, burrowed deep into his playoff tunnel, professes not to care about the rivalry, even when a victory might fulfill West's prediction that Kobe will go down as the greatest player to wear the Lakers' uniform.

"I'm playing in it. I don't give a damn about it," Bryant said. "That's for other people to get excited about. I get excited about winning."

Yet it's tough to believe Bryant: He also has said his NBA education during his youth in Italy largely consisted of watching Lakers-Celtics games, when Magic Johnson and Larry Bird clashed three times in four seasons.

Other Lakers aren't excited about playing the Boston franchise so much as they're thrilled for a chance at revenge on these particular Celtics, most of whom sent the Lakers home from the finals in 2008. Center Andrew Bynum, who was injured for that series, couldn't resist talking up a Boston rematch even while the Lakers were in the thick of a tough Western Conference finals against Phoenix.

These Lakers don't remember Game 4 of the 1984 series, when Kevin McHale clothes-lined Kurt Rambis before Cedric Maxwell mimed a choking motion at James Worthy during a key game in perhaps the most fascinating finals in NBA history, an era-defining showcase of the Magic-Bird rivalry.

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MOVIE TIMES

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Double Feature
Bustin' Down the Door (NA) 1hr 36min
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7:30pm

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

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

Kick-Ass (R) 1hr 57min
5:05pm

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, 5:00pm, 8:00pm

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
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

Sex and the City 2 (R) 2hrs 27min
11:30am, 12:30pm, 1:30pm, 2:45pm, 3:45pm, 5:15pm, 6:00pm, 7:00pm, 8:30pm, 9:15pm, 10:15pm

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

Get some sleep, Aries

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★ Get started early, as you are a veritable whirlwind in the a.m. Use the afternoon for work or a responsibility that demands reflection. Someone is changing in front of your very eyes. Make a needed adjustment. Tonight: Get some beauty sleep. (We all need it.)

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ A plan or project comes to fruition, and you greet success. A meeting carries more significance than you are aware of. A partner has a similar perspective to yours. You can discuss a problem openly. Tonight: Where the action is.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Thought and needed research come together in a project. Step up to the plate in the p.m. Understanding will evolve to a new level if you work with a key person. This person is more expressive than he or she has been in a while. You could be extremely relieved. Tonight: Could be late.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ A discussion sinks in, and suddenly you realize the dynamics a good deal later. You see new potential that you haven't been witness to for a substantial time. Imagine the possibilities. Make calls. Tonight: Follow the music.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Someone proves to be inspirational, even if you completely disagree with him or her. You could be questioning the hows and whys of a problem. Work with a key individual, and resolve what could be a major hassle. Tonight: Togetherness works.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★ Remain mellow and centered in your dealings. You might wonder why you are doing certain things or acting out. Stay on top of a problem, and refuse to let it get to you. Midday, people pop up with great ideas. Make it OK to have your schedule waylaid. Tonight: Say "yes" to someone you care about.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ You might be slightly amused by a difficult situation. What you decide to do with it is, of course, your call. You might not be sure what to do, and are unlikely to do anything. Still, enjoy the interaction. Tonight: Getting extra work or errands done.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★ If you can, get a clean start. You might need to handle a personal matter directly. Your choices here are reflective of who you are. Don't worry so much. Your sense of fun stimulates creativity later today. Tonight: Consider starting the weekend early.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ You might want to attempt a conversation with a sometimes-difficult associate this morning. Let it go too late, and you might not have the same energy on the matter. Tonight: Be spontaneous while heading home.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★ Deal with a financial matter first thing in the morning. You might feel as if you cannot clear up a misunderstanding. A discussion in the afternoon could be more important than you realize. Tonight: Visit with a friend or loved one.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Your best time is in the a.m., when the winds blow in your direction. Don't postpone anything; get as much accomplished as you can. This afternoon, give serious thought to your budget. Tonight: Your treat. (Give yourself permission to treat just yourself.)

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ You bloom midday. What you might have associated the word "impossible" with, you discover is quite doable. A friend helps you revamp your thinking. Listen to his or her impressions. Tonight: Zero in on what you want.

Happy birthday

This year, you discover the power of imagination, luck and a willingness to transform. This is a powerful mix, allowing you to live out some of your dreams. You also might be drawn to a cause of some sort. A key relationship or partnership plays an instrumental role in your year. This person expects a lot, and you are willing to meet his or her standards. If you are single, this person could be a new sweetie. If you are attached, the two of you become an even stronger team. A special event or trip bonds you even closer. PISCES demands a lot from you.

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

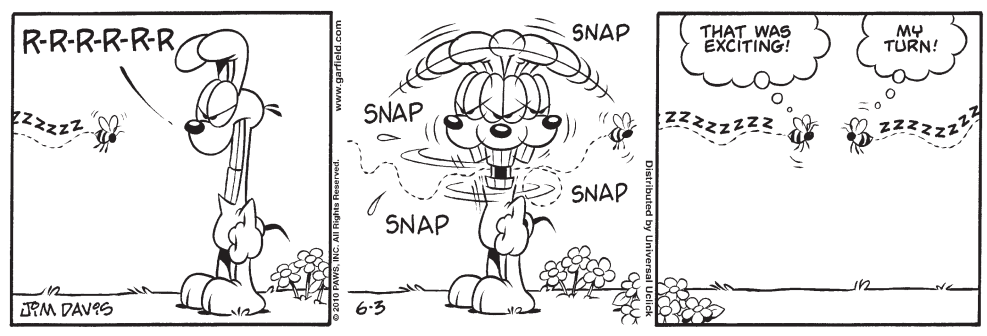
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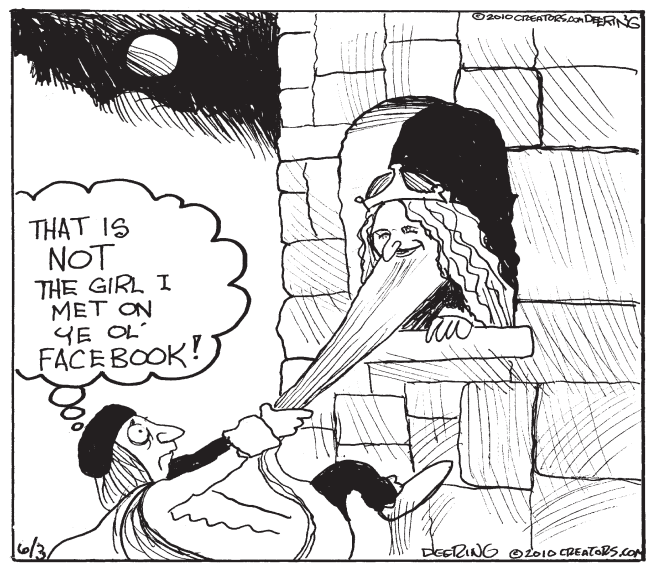
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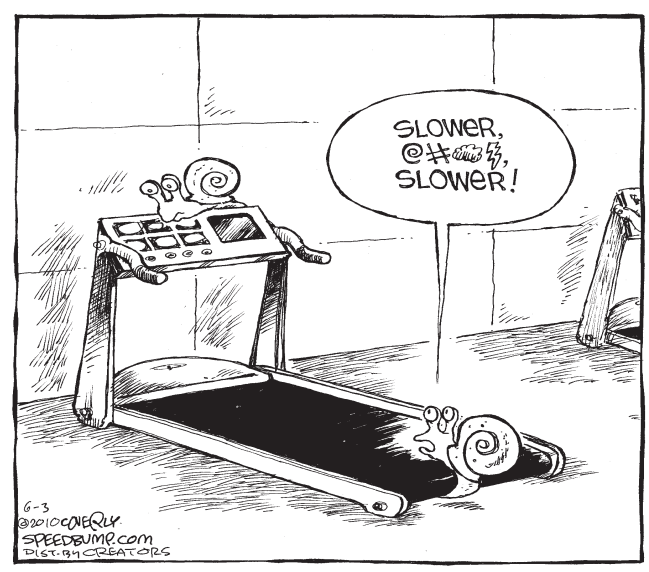
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Strange Brew
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Speed Bump
By Dave Coverly





Sudoku

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

Difficulty Level ★★★

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GETTING STARTED

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

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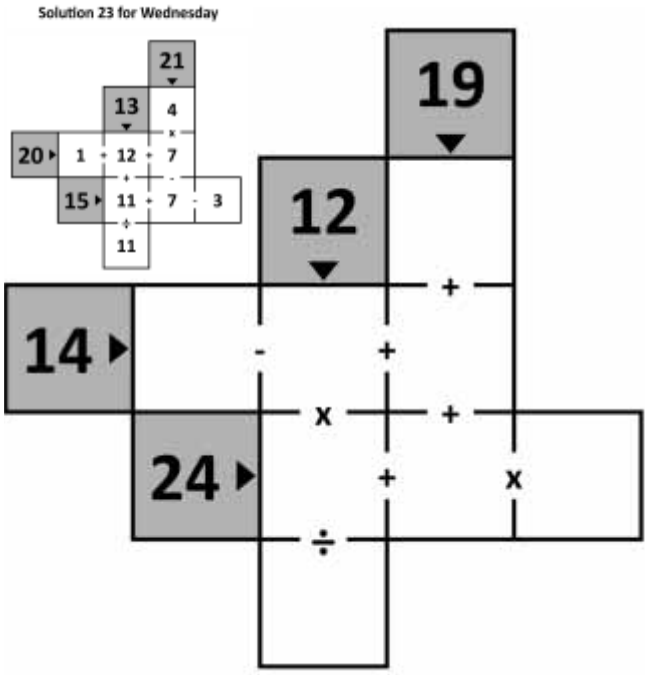
- Fill the grid with the set of given numbers (1 to 12) to satisfy the Equa demands (7 to 24) in the shaded boxes. The Equa demands represent the sum of the digits that you will insert into the empty squares.
- Each horizontal row has one Equa demand to satisfy; each vertical column also has one demand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

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

2, 2, 6, 7, 7, 10, 11, 12

Solution 23 for Wednesday





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CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Voice, in slang
6 Singer Paula
11 Director Kurosawa
12 Blizzard bit
13 Authentic
14 Fixed the piano
15 Young cow
17 Mimic
19 Vacuum lack
20 Bleachers part
23 Wild ones
25 Music's Salt-n- —
26 Foolish
28 Deuce beater
29 Trick-taking card game
30 Brick bearer
31 Bruins legend
32 Corn unit
33 Neighbor of Venezuela
35 Test programs
38 Family car
41 Bond, for one
42 Peace goddess
43 Salad server
44 Supplement

DOWN

1 Buddy
2 Mamie's man
3 Stubborn
4 American lake
5 Fill up
6 Following
7 Photo problem
8 Quarterback Marino
9 Strummed instrument
10 Went ahead
16 Business with net gains?
17 Take — (lose big)
18 Director Almodóvar
20 Like Lucy
21 Sung story
22 High boot
24 Shrewd
25 Ocean off Cal.
27 Turkey's region
31 Bounces
33 Hood's group
34 Uncool fellow
35 Slugger's need
36 Swelled head
37 Finger count
39 Grasshopper's pal
40 "The Matrix" hero

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Yesterday's answer

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DAILY LOTTERY

MEGA MILLIONS: 12 27 44 45 51
Meganumber: 30
Jackpot: 17$M

SUPER LOTTO PLUS: 13 17 29 34 38
Meganumber: 4
Jackpot: 23$M

FANTASY 5: 5 9 28 32 35

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

DAILY DERBY:
1st: 04 Big Ben
2nd: 12 Lucky Charms
3rd: 07 Eureka
RACE TIME: 1:42.15

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Susan Collis' conceptual art, "Since I Fell for You," debuted at the Ikon Gallery in Birmingham, England, in May, consisting of an empty room with pieces of lumber on the floor, along with a broom propped against a wall and an empty laundry bag. Though the Birmingham Mail quoted several annoyed visitors, Collis defended her work. "Often a work that looks very careless ... takes a long time to produce."

■ Just finishing up in May at New York City's Museum of Modern Art is a tribute to performance artist Marina Abramovic for her lifetime achievements in making patrons uneasy. Videos played, including one in which the artist screams at the top of her lungs until such time as she loses her voice, and visitors faced unsettling live demonstrations, including being asked to enter a room by squeezing between a naked man and woman facing each other in the doorway. The artist herself planned to attend the entire run sitting at a table in the museum's atrium, silent and motionless, all day long, during which time patrons could stare back at her.

TODAY IN HISTORY

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1989 The government of China sends troops to force protesters out of Tiananmen Square after seven weeks of occupation.

1989 SkyDome is officially opened in Toronto, Ontario

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