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THE COMBINING FORCES ISSUE

College latest to boycott Arizona

BY REBECCA KHEEL
Special to the Daily Press

SMC The Santa Monica College Board of Trustees approved a resolution Tuesday to economically boycott Arizona until it repeals its controversial new immigration law, the college announced Thursday, following similar moves by the City Council.

The boycott will mainly focus on refraining from attending meetings and conferences in Arizona, said Randal Lawson, SMC's executive vice president. SMC will also look into if they have any contracts with Arizona companies and refrain from future contracts, but Lawson said he does not believe there are many, if any, current or future contracts to worry about.

Lawson said he believes most organizations that previously hosted events in

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

CITY HALL

Two percent rent hike OK'd

The Rent Control Board on Tuesday approved a 2 percent rent increase for apartment units that fall under its jurisdiction.

The decision means owners of most of Santa Monica's 28,000 rent-controlled units will be allowed to boost rents by as much as 2 percent in the next 12 months. Last year, the board approved a 1 percent maximum allowable increase.

The board adopted this year's "general rent adjustment" by a 4-0 vote. Commissioner Robert Kronovet did not participate in the vote after the California Fair Political Practices Commission in April determined he had a conflict of interest because he owns a six-unit, rent-controlled apartment building in Santa Monica.

Kronovet attempted to overturn the commission's decision by sending the FPPC an affidavit declaring that he would not raise rents for his tenants.

When the commission declined to change its determination, Kronovet agreed to abstain from the vote. He previously said he would have supported the 2 percent increase that the Rent Control Agency's staff recommended.

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BBB contract safe from AZ boycott

Big Blue Bus officials are urging the City Council to go ahead with a proposed contract with Trapeze Group, a software company whose future business with Santa Monica fell into doubt last month when the City Council voted to boycott Arizona over its controversial new immigration law.

Though the company is headquartered near Toronto, Canada, it operates a facility

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DIGGING DEEP

Brandon Wise *brandonw@smdp.com*

Former Santa Monica Fire Chief Jim Hone (center) on Thursday presents checks to charities HRC, Red Cross of San Diego, Police Activities League and Santa Monica Firefighters Local 1109. He donated more than $20,000 to all three groups out of his own pocket.

Brownley's bag ban moves past Assembly

SAMANTHA YOUNG
Associated Press Writer

SACRAMENTO It could soon cost California shoppers at the checkout aisle if they forget to bring their own bags to the store under what would be the nation's first statewide plastic bag ban.

The California Assembly this week passed legislation prohibiting pharmacies and grocery, liquor and convenience stores from giving out plastic bags. The bill also calls for customers to be charged for using store-issued paper bags.

The goal is to get rid of unsightly disposable plastic bags that often wind up in

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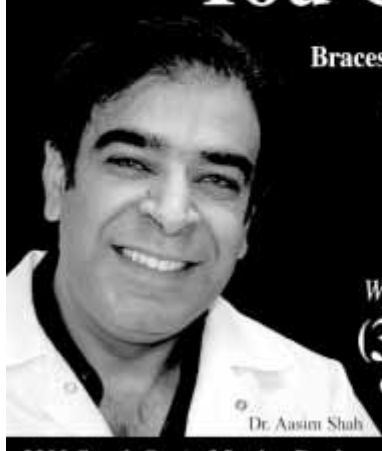

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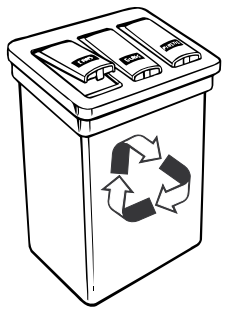
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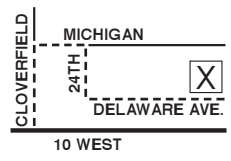


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Saturday, June 5, 2010

Walk it out
Santa Monica Pier, Lot 1 North
200 Santa Monica Pier, 7:30 a.m. — 11:30 a.m.
The annual Arthritis Walk at the Santa Monica Pier has a 3- or 1-mile option. In addition to the walk, the event will feature live entertainment, a kids zone, food and refreshments. Free health information will also be provided. Dogs on leashes are also welcome. It is free to walk, but donations to fund research is encouraged. For more information, call (213) 393-9104.

A touch of pink
Dakota Lounge
1026 Wilshire Blvd., 7 p.m. — 2 a.m.
"Drink Pink Night" will benefit the Avon Walk for Breast Cancer and will feature $7 pink martinis all night. Silent raffle prizes include yoga classes, personal training sessions, designer handbags, massages, waxing, acupuncture, designer hair cuts and jewelry. There will also be live music. Admission is $12. For more information, call (310) 393-8200.

A day at the carnival
Santa Monica Alternative School House
2525 Fifth St., 11:30 a.m. — 5 p.m.
SUPERSMASH Carnival brings together live music, rides, craft booths, BBQ and silent and live auctions for a fun-filled day to raise money to continue programs that are being slashed by the school district. Admission is free. For more information, call (310) 828-8421.

Sunday, June 6, 2010

Taking the 'Backstreet'
Santa Monica Playhouse Main Stage
1211 Fourth St., 6 p.m.
"Backstreet: The Musical" tells the tale story of life during the early 1900s, a time when the women's movement was picking up steam, European immigrants were fleeing persecution by heading to America and the underclass was searching for self-worth and respectability. Book, music and lyrics are by award-winning creators Chris DeCarlo, Evelyn Rudie and Matthew Wrather, and it is directed by Chris DeCarlo. Rudie and DeCarlo also star. Tickets are $25 for general admission, $20 for students, teachers, seniors and military and $17.50 for groups of 8 or more.
For more information, call (310) 394-9779 ext. 1.

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

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Pile driver Rick Bernabel (left) and carpenter Alex Andrade from John S. Meek Company, Inc. work on the Santa Monica Pier on Thursday.

Story time with a fifth grade twist

Local students see own monologues come to life with professional actors

BY REBECCA KHEEL
Special to the Daily Press

DOWNTOWN Everyone has a story to tell. And this Sunday, fifth graders from Will Rogers Elementary School will attempt to tell the stories of several Santa Monicans through their third annual Story Detectives show.

The performance, to be held at Magicopolis Theater on Fourth Street at 5 p.m., showcases monologues written by the fifth graders with the help of professional writers that will be performed by professional actors. This year's show involves more students, writers and actors than ever, organizers said.

"The idea of Story Detectives came about because kids need to understand there are stories all around them," said Devon Smith, the fifth grade teacher in charge of the project.

The students were split into pairs and given a local business to visit and interview the owner or workers. The answers were recorded and transcribed. With the help of volunteer professional writers, the students looked over the transcription, pulled out the best anecdote and wrote a monologue about it, adding in their own fictional parts to the story.

Each year, the program has expanded. Whereas before it was just Smith's class of about 20 students along with seven writers and five actors, this year involves the whole fifth grade of 83 students with the help of 25 writers and 21 actors, Smith said.

The scope of the interviews has also expanded, he added. The first year, students interviewed their parents. The second year, they were told to interview anyone in the school community. And this year, the interviews reached out to the Santa Monica business community. The idea of expanding the focus of the interviews was to further show stories are everywhere, said Sitara Contreras, another fifth grade teacher.

For example, one pair of students interviewed the manager at a local bank, Contreras said. The students found that when she was a teller at another bank, she helped foil a counterfeiter in a comical manner. Through the course of trying to cash a counterfeit check, the would-be criminal thought the teller was cute and gave her his phone number. Upon realizing the counterfeit, she gave his phone number to the police, who promptly caught him.

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Park Service begins study of L.A.'s wilderness areas

JOHN ANTCZAK
Associated Press Writer

PASADENA The National Park Service is beginning a lengthy study of how best to conserve corridors of wilderness around the heavily urbanized Los Angeles Basin.

The $500,000 study will look into possibilities for how best to protect habitat for wildlife, including migrations, and recreational opportunities for millions of people living nearby.

Congressman Adam Schiff and officials of the Park Service and Angeles National Forest outlined the study Friday at a nature preserve in Eaton Canyon above suburban Pasadena.

The study area stretches from the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area through mountain ranges ringing Los Angeles' San Fernando Valley to the Angeles National Forest north and east of the city.

A report will go to Congress in about four years.

Judge denies bid to stop closure of pot dispensaries in L.A.

GREG RISLING
Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES Hundreds of medical marijuana dispensaries must close by Monday or face possible civil fines or criminal charges because they don't comply with a new ordinance in Los Angeles.

Last-minute legal challenges from pot shop owners and patients seeking temporary restraining orders were denied Friday by Superior Court Judge James Chalfant, paving the way for officials to enforce the long-awaited law that will slash the number of dispensaries to somewhere between 70 and 130.

It remains to be seen whether dispensary owners will comply.

Last month, the city attorney's office mailed more than 430 letters to pot collectives, saying the operations must close by June 7.

So far, the agency has not received any calls from owners indicating they plan on shutting down. The only calls have come from landlords indicating businesses have closed or will no longer be open come Monday.

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Wanting more than just sports

Editor:

I'm sorry, do you have nothing else to report on than Santa Monica High School sports ("Samohi shot putter set for state finals," page 1, June 3)? I'd rather read about emerging talents in the academic field than about an extra-curricular activity that, by my estimation, has done nothing to create positive change in this world. High school students volunteering, preparing for careers in medicine and scientific exploration, and those fighting for social justice are far more beautiful to look at than a shirtless shot putter.

Ian M. McDonald
Santa Monica

Call me selfish

Editor:

According to Noah Bishop's letter ("Shame on you," Letters to the editor, June 2), I guess I have to count myself as selfish. Although I was denied the right to vote because of the incompetence of the L.A. Registrar-Recorder's Office, I would have voted no. I do not consider myself to be "incredibly selfish" as Mr. Bishop has labeled me (and everyone that voted no on Measure A). I am already forced to pay $346 per year for the schools on an assessment that will never end. I already pay state and federal taxes that also fund the SMMUSD.

If Mr. Bishop is so offended that my priorities are to pay for food, utilities, medical expenses, mortgage and other basic needs, perhaps he should open his checkbook and march right over to John Muir Elementary and write a big, fat check as an apology for the rest of us. SMMUSD is always out of money because they refuse to curtail their spending and slash expenses. As for Mr. Bishop's neighbor, I would love to meet him.

Lori Emerson
Santa Monica

What's in store

Editor:

Discrimination, repression and disenfranchisement. That's what Proposition 14 would bring to our political arena in California if passed: discrimination against smaller political parties, repression of their ideas and contributions to the rich dialogue which often facilitate solutions, and disenfranchisement of citizens' rights to vote in the general election for those candidates and platforms who represent them and their philosophies.

Democracy, equal access to power, is not served by this initiative, but the "corporatocracy" is as only two candidates of those with bulging war chests would be able to proceed to the general election. (Not surprisingly, this initiative is financially supported by only a half dozen large insurance companies and other "big money" interests.) The two big parties would end up squashing their variety of choices as well in the rush to establish front runners. Members of smaller parties would have no candidate representing them, and independents and decline-to-state voters would often be without choices that reflect their positions, thus disenfranchising these groups.

Perhaps most insidious, however, is this dynamic: by not advancing to the general election, smaller parties, like the Green Party, will not receive the baseline number of votes required to maintain ballot status, thus eliminating their existence in California and removing them from the options voters have to choose a political affiliation when registering to vote.

In a country proclaiming freedom and liberty, this proposition is antithetical to our constitutionally guaranteed right to petition for public office. In a society obsessed with choices, this proposition would severely limit voter choice and hinder political expression.

Please vote no on Prop.14.

Linda Piera-Avila
Santa Monica
Green Party candidate,
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Blurring the line between the sexes

THE LINE BETWEEN WHAT IS MALE AND what is female continues to blur. Stereotypes are dropping every day. A doctor is not automatically a man; a nurse is not automatically a woman. A pilot can be a female; a flight attendant can be a male. A jerk can be a man or a woman. Someone buying makeup is not necessarily a woman. Today there is even a category of men called, "metrosexual." No, that doesn't mean people who like to have sex on the subway. It refers to men who pay attention to their appearance in a way that stereotypically used to be considered strictly female. The latest woman-man crossover is the girdle for men. It was bound to happen, wasn't it?

Some call this men's girdle a "mirdle." It's not exactly a girdle because of where it's worn. However, it has the same "compression technology" that has been used for some women's undergarments. (An example of this technology in female underwear is actually called the "bra-llelujah)." The most popular of these new male mentionables is a T-shirt/undershirt that emphasizes a man's muscles and minimizes his fat. To me, it just looks like a $50 undershirt.

For decades, women have campaigned to be entitled to whatever men have. Now it's the male gender's turn to feel entitled to something that has often been the province of women — spending money to move fat around their bodies. (I never really understood the physics of this. If fat is squeezed in one area of the body, doesn't it just pop up somewhere else?)

So in addition to all of the male cosmetics that have become big sellers in recent years, now we have the male slimming garment. I'm sure soon there will be men wearing "mantyhose." There are already underpants for men that have padding in them to give the illusion of having a bigger butt. (Why? Who knows?) In this era of the sexual equality of spandex, both women and men can satisfy their obsession with making some body parts look smaller and other parts bigger.

Why now? What is it about this era, this zeitgeist that's making men grab $58 slimming T-shirts off the racks faster than they can sing, "I feel pretty?" We are in a recession. Money is supposed to be tight, not underwear.

I assume those buying these garments rationalize it. Maybe they'd say it's cheaper than plastic surgery — as if accepting how you look isn't even an alternative. Maybe they're hunting for a job, want to look their best, and feel this new kind of underwear will help them get hired. OK, but I just can't picture a guy going for a job interview without that butt padding and then after he leaves, those who do the hiring talking about him like this: "He was very qualified, his references were good, and he really seemed to have a handle on what we do here. Obviously, we can't hire him. His butt's too small."

FOR DECADES, WOMEN HAVE CAMPAIGNED TO BE ENTITLED TO WHATEVER MEN HAVE. NOW IT'S THE MALE GENDER'S TURN TO FEEL ENTITLED TO SOMETHING THAT HAS OFTEN BEEN THE PROVINCE OF WOMEN – SPENDING MONEY TO MOVE FAT AROUND THEIR BODIES.

It's possible that all this male over-primping might actually be costing guys jobs. Say a man has a job interview in the morning. He gets up and weighs himself. Then he takes a shower using lavender soap. He washes his hair with a volumizing shampoo followed by an almond conditioner. He dries himself off and looks in one of his way-too-many mirrors. He applies a male cover-up to a blemish. He shaves very carefully, making sure that his shave doesn't make him look as if he's shaved. (Could someone please explain this fashion to me?) Next, he puts on his new slimming and muscle-popping undershirt. He slips on his underpants with the butt pads. He finishes getting dressed and checks himself out in yet another mirror. He looks great. Everything's perfect. So why won't he get the job? By the time he finishes primping and getting dressed, he's two hours late for the interview.

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When you neighbor's yard looks messy

Q: MY NEIGHBOR'S YARD LOOKS LIKE A dump! It's full of trash, all sorts of debris and weeds are everywhere. Is there anything the police can do to help clean it up?

A: Unfortunately, city living may bring with it an occasional nuisance that affects your quality of life. If you are affected by a nuisance caused by an adjacent neighbor or business, you may be able to remedy the problem through diplomacy. Contact the offending party first and explain the problem. There is a possibility they aren't aware that their living condition is having an impact on others.

If you feel a conversation between you and the offending party may become emotional, consider writing them a letter. It may also be beneficial to seek the help of neighbors who are also affected. Ask them to accompany you when you meet with the offending party, or to co-sign a letter. If applicable, work with the apartment owner and manager to come to a resolution with the offender.

During your efforts to solve a chronic nuisance, be sure to keep track of any conversations or correspondence with the offender or calls that you make to the police. This will help document the history of the problem should mediation or legal measures become necessary.

City Hall's Code Compliance Division is also a resource anyone can use. They enforce local ordinances and state laws regulating construction activity and the maintenance of buildings and property in the interest of community health, safety and environmental quality. You can call them at (310) 458-4984. If you are still unsure of how to approach this situation, contact the neighborhood resource officer in your area for suggestions.

Q: Summer is fast approaching and I want to know if there are any City Hall-run programs that I can enroll my kids in? My kids are at that age where they need extra guidance and I am in fear that they will run wild if not involved in something.

A: Are your children interested in law enforcement? Or, are you interested in your children building on their character attributes such as a hard work ethic, discipline, respect and integrity? Would you like to do something about the problems in your community? If so, the Law Enforcement Explorer Post (LEEP) may be the right place for them. Law Enforcement Exploring is a youth oriented program, active in police agencies throughout the nation, that allows young men and women to determine if they would like to pursue a career in law enforcement as adults by offering them actual experience and training. In addition, the program provides the police department with more human resource opportunities, and opens a very important avenue for understanding today's youth. Your child must be between the ages of 14 and 19 years old, and meet the minimum requirements.

The application process consists of a written history, oral interview with the parents or guardian, and a complete background check. Candidates will also be evaluated on their maturity, genuine interest in crime and the law, and ability to effectively assist the Santa Monica Police Department.

After acceptance into the program, initial training takes place at the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Explorer Academy. Your child is then required to successfully complete the academy in order to become a member of the Explorer Post. The academy consists of 20 consecutive Saturdays and includes over 180 hours of instruction, which includes topics such as: demeanor, firearms safety, narcotics control, police procedures, first aid, criminal law, and community relations. Trainees are also required to participate in close-order drills and physical training in addition to their classroom work.

Once the academy has been successfully completed, Explorers assist sworn police officers by performing non-hazardous duties such as assisting in crime reduction campaigns, evidence searches, disaster assistance, community relations activities, and civic events.

To find out more about this program, you may contact Detective Ahn, who is the advisor of the Explorer Program, at (310) 458-8452.

If that seems too involved, we also have the Police Activities League, or PAL. PAL is home to many programs and has been a cornerstone for youth to enrich their lives through extracurricular activities in the city of Santa Monica. PAL serves as a positive and constructive environment for youth to learn through socialization and participation in many diverse activities. PAL is not only supported by the Santa Monica Police Department, but has helped to foster and guide some of our very own police officers throughout their younger years.

PAL is a unique community organization that fosters trust between youth and the men and women of the Santa Monica Police Department in a safe and nurturing environment. Through outstanding educational, cultural, recreational, and outreach programs, PAL helps develop skills and self-esteem, encouraging youth to reach their full potential.

The PAL Youth Center is a drop-in recreation facility and has many activities for youth, including tutoring, martial arts, sports and outings to the Santa Monica Pier, sporting events, and white water rafting, just to name a few.

Enrichment classes and activities are open to PAL members, who are ages 6 to 17 and are Santa Monica residents or go to school in Santa Monica. Classes are limited in size; sign-ups are taken on first come, first serve basis beginning Monday, June 14. All PAL activities are free. Sign-ups for PAL are accepted in the PAL Youth Office, 1401 Olympic Blvd. For more information, call (310) 458-8988, or view the link at www.santamonicapd.org.

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The Q Line

WHAT NEXT?

This past week, Q-line asked:
Now that the SMMUSD's parcel tax Measure A appears to be headed for defeat, district officials are considering their options, which include another funding measure. Do you think the district should consider floating another parcel tax, and why?
Here are your responses:

"DISTRICT OFFICIALS SEEM LIKE slow learners to me."

"NO, I DO NOT THINK WE SHOULD put another measure on the ballot, at least this November. It just costs too much money. The city doesn't have the money to waste on that. We need to reform our schools. We need to maybe charge students who do not live in Santa Monica who want to come to school here the $198 each parcel would have been charged. And if we do want another one, let's do it the fair way and, instead of the $198 per parcel, let's do maybe $198 per apartment or per store. Just like we have an apartment building like mine with 10 apartments, it will be $198 divided by 10 or times 10, but if you have a big apartment like Santa Monica Shores where these people are spending thousands of dollars on a month's rent anyway, what's another couple dollars going to be, and it'll raise a lot more money. Santa Monica Place will have a lot more stores, and it will raise a lot more money. Let's just make it much fairer and raise a lot more money."

"NO, I DON'T THINK THE DISTRICT should consider floating another parcel tax. With all the money they raised to make sure people were aware of the first one, they could have donated that to schools instead of having the parcel tax in the first place."

"WHAT PART OF NO DO THEY NOT understand regarding Measure A?"

"NO, I DON'T THINK THEY SHOULD, and that's just my answer."

"IT'S PATHETIC THAT THE SCHOOL district's first thought is how to quickly get another regressive parcel tax measure on the ballot. Did they not get the message that the tax payers want them to reorder their own operations?"

"NO MORE PARCEL TAXES. CUT THE deadwood and the fat and live within your means."

"PLEASE, READ MY LIPS: NO MORE taxes. Especially taxes based on footings of subterfuge and fraudulent improprieties. A tax that allows senior citizen home and estate owners to be exempt while charging senior citizen apartment renters does not sit well with me, nor a tax that considers all parcel sizes to be equal, contrary to other forms of property tax collections. I am tempted to hire Robin Hood and his Merry Men, including Friar Tuck and Lady Marian, to come to Santa Monica and speak strongly to the council and school board."

"I BELIEVE THAT WE PROPERTY owners have been taxed enough. I think money could be gotten by reducing the salaries of people like Mr. Rod Gould, the city manager. The City Council is misguided in things such as high salaries for the best talents. When have we seen the best talents? Certainly not in our dear, departed city manager, Lamont Ewell. So, why don't we consider that. Let the property owner get a little relief."

"THE DISTRICT SHOULD NOT ASK FOR another parcel tax. They should instead have the 64 percent that approved that last one just hand over the $198 to the district with instructions on how they want it used. The 30 percent that did not approve should be left alone."

"THE TAXPAYERS TOOK A $300,000 hit because the school board thought they could better con the lemmings with a mail-in vote now than in a real election later. Even Helen Keller could see the fiscal incompetence of your school board. These morons have sandbagged us with this mess, and you still trust them to correct it. Another tax is fiscally and depressingly unsound, but in the rear-end kissing world of schooling, it remains sadly the only hope of dimwits, carpet baggers and charlatans who infest education."

"OH HEAVENS NO, I DON'T WANT TO do another parcel tax. Everybody had their chance before, but these, shall we say, noodle-head administrators take all the money. So no, I don't want a parcel tax. I happen to be an ex-landlord in this city."

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in the Phoenix area. City Hall records showed the company's Arizona office did more than $600,000 worth of business with Santa Monica this fiscal year under a contract to provide route scheduling software to the Big Blue Bus.

Now, City Hall staff is recommending the company receive a new $2 million contract for phase two of the project, a plan to install 94 digital, real time information boards at Santa Monica bus stops.

City Hall officials this week said the contract with Trapeze will be handled by the company's Iowa office, not its Arizona branch.

Councilman Kevin McKeown, a strong supporter of the boycott, said he would vote to approve the arrangement.

"The Arizona sales office of the larger company has lost our account, and we hope they will let their state government know why," he said. "Santa Monica taxpayers and bus riders get the signs we need to improve service, without losing money on prior proprietary purchases, and without compromising the statement we wanted to make as one of the many entities boycotting Arizona."

The City Council will vote on the proposed deal June 8.

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City of Santa Monica Ordinance Numbers 2312 and 2313 (CCS) (City Council Series)

The following are summaries of Ordinances Number 2312 and 2313, which were adopted by the City Council on May 25, 2010.

Ordinance Number 2312 amends the Municipal Code to modify the building height limits applicable in the Industrial Conservation District of the City in order to accommodate the new Resource Recovery center. The ordinance changes the height limit from 30 to 45 feet.

Ordinance Number 2313 approves a lease and reimbursement agreement between the City and the Redevelopment Agency for the property at 1301 – 1333 Fourth Street. Adoption of this ordinance is one of several Council actions that necessary for the Redevelopment Agency to purchase the property and subsequently lease it to the City.

These ordinances will become effective thirty days after their adoption. Their full text is available upon request from the Office of the city Clerk, located at 1685 Main Street, Room 102, Santa Monica, California; phone (310) 458-8211.



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"We definitely get the sense they don't want to go away," Assistant City Attorney Asha Greenberg said of the dispensaries. "They are engaging in a lucrative business. Who is going to want to walk away from that without a fight?"

Judge Chalfant rejected requests to stop the ordinance from going into effect, but there were still unresolved issues from a host of lawsuits, including whether it's discriminatory to allow some dispensaries to stay open while shuttering others.

"The patients who are being discriminated against are not going away," said attorney Eric Shevin, who represents a group of patients who claim their access to medical marijuana would be severely restricted under the ordinance.

Hundreds of pot shops cropped up across Los Angeles in the past several years, as the City Council wrestled with creating an ordinance with strict guidelines.

Dispensaries that registered before a 2007 moratorium can stay open if they adhere to the new guidelines, which include being 1,000 feet from schools, parks and other public gathering sites. The dispensaries also must pay more than $1,000 in administrative fees.

Violating the ordinance could result in six months in jail and a $1,000 fine. A daily penalty of $2,500 also could be assessed for every day a non-qualified collective remained open after Monday.

STORIES
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"A professional writer would hear that and say, 'I got to write that down,'" Smith said.

The idea for Story Detectives came about three years ago when Smith and college friend Donald Bull, a television and film producers, were looking for a way to collaborate with their two distinct careers, Bull said.

Bull and Smith also said the program gives the students more confidence in their writing and shows them there is a real world application for school work.

"A student who doesn't feel successful or engaged will be blown away from seeing their monologue come to life and put on stage," Smith said.

Arthur Jolly, a playwright who has been a writer for Story Detectives since its inception, said the program is as rewarding for him and the other writers and actors as it is for students because it allows them the opportunity to rejuvenate their creativity.

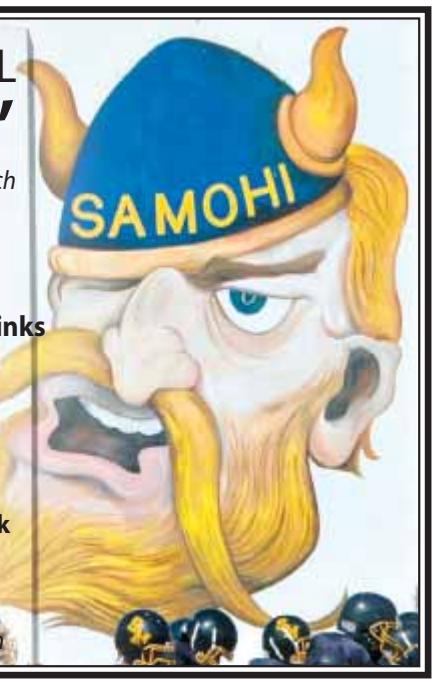
"It does make you jealous sometimes of the ease at which kids' minds work," he said.

> **"A STUDENT WHO DOESN'T FEEL SUCCESSFUL OR ENGAGED WILL BE BLOWN AWAY FROM SEEING THEIR MONOLOGUE COME TO LIFE AND PUT ON STAGE."**
>
> **Devon Smith,**
> Fifth grade teacher

"Everything is new and different, so you just have this primacy to all of the experiences. Even though they may have experienced a lot less so far, it's a lot more vivid and it's a lot more accessible to them. And I think we lose sight of some of that as we get older."

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Arizona will now choose to have their conferences elsewhere, but for those who do not, SMC will not be in attendance.

The new Arizona law criminalizes the failure to carry immigration documents and gives police the power to detain anyone suspected of being in the country illegally. Since it was signed into law in April, a number of groups have enacted economic boycotts of Arizona, including Santa Monica's City Council last week, citing the possibility of harassment and discrimination against Latinos in Arizona.

SMC also disproves of an Arizona law approved around the same time as the immigration law that prohibits Arizona school districts and charter schools from offering certain ethnic studies classes and programs, Lawson said.

"The board finds the legislation offensive against all we stand for," he said. "At least symbolically, it's denying certain ethnic groups' existence."

Unlike City Hall's boycott, which will allow exceptions for specialized contracts that would be difficult or costly to change, SMC's boycott will be absolute, Lawson said.

> **THE BOARD FINDS THE LEGISLATION OFFENSIVE AGAINST ALL WE STAND FOR. AT LEAST SYMBOLICALLY, IT'S DENYING CERTAIN ETHNIC GROUPS' EXISTENCE."**
>
> **Randal Lawson,**
> SMC's executive vice president

Because most business is already done in California, he does not think that will be a difficult goal.

"With anything, there are going to be unforeseen circumstances," Lawson said, "but the only way to approach this is to assume it's absolute."

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urban rivers and the ocean, as well as to reduce the number of bags heading for landfills.

"The biggest way to eliminate this kind of pollution is to ban it," said Assemblywoman Julia Brownley, D-Santa Monica, who authored the bill.

Discouraging plastic bag use through fees or bans first gained traction outside of the U.S. in nations such as South Africa, Ireland, China and Bangladesh.

In 2007, San Francisco became the first U.S. city to require supermarkets and large drug stores to offer customers bags made only of recyclable paper, plastic that can be turned into compost, or sturdy cloth or plastic that can be reused.

Wal-Mart Stores Inc. got rid of plastic bags at three of its Northern California stores this January as part of a pilot program to gauge customer response.

No other U.S. state has adopted a ban, according to Brownley's office.

The bill, AB 1998, still needs state Senate approval. Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger praised the Assembly for passing the plastic bag ban, which he called "a great victory for our environment."

Ashley Smith, 29, of Sacramento said she favors banning plastic bags, even though she reuses her plastic bags to pick up after her dog.

"It's good to do things that are good for the environment," Smith said as she left a Safeway grocery store in Sacramento.

Requiring stores to charge customers for paper bags is a cost Republican lawmakers argued some Californians can't afford.

"This is not the time to be putting a financial burden on families in a very tough economy," said Assemblyman Ted Gaines, R-Granite Bay, who estimated his family would spend $50 a year on paper bags.

The American Chemistry Council estimates the bill would amount to a $1 billion tax and threaten 500 jobs in the plastic bag manufacturing business.

The measure has the support of the California Grocers Association, which decided to the back the bill after Brownley agreed to subject all stores that sell groceries to the ban.

It also gives grocery stores one set of rules to follow rather than a patchwork of local ordinances, said Dave Heylen, spokesman for the association.

"As more and more cities started looking at this, each one would tweak it one way or another and that was extremely difficult for those retailers who have stories in multiple cities and counties," Heylen said.

The bill would require stores to sell reusable bags beginning Jan. 1, 2012. Stores could charge no less than 5 cents for recycled paper bags if customers don't have their own bag.

Sacramento shopper Brett Akacin, 37, said he recycles his plastic bags and that it would be a burden to carry a disposable bag. California grocery stores are required under current law to collect used plastic bags that customers return to the store to recycle.

"It's a hassle. I don't want to carry my own bag all the time with me. I go into the store randomly, and I don't like to pay extra for a bag," said Akacin, who had two bags of groceries. "I think it's the store's responsibility."



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Obama sees progress on oil spill

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KENNER, La. On his third personal trek to the Gulf disaster, President Barack Obama said Friday he sees some progress in fighting the enormous oil spill but it's "way too early to be optimistic" about BP's latest control effort.

Aiming to demonstrate command and personal engagement on day 45 of the catastrophe, Obama criticized the British oil giant for spending money on advertising and paying dividends to shareholders in the midst of crisis.

"What I don't want to hear is when they're spending that kind of money on their shareholders and spending that kind of money on TV advertising that they're nickeling and diming fishermen or small businesses here in the Gulf who are having a hard time," he said.

The president spoke after arriving at the New Orleans airport for his third inspection tour, and his second in eight days, with national frustration boiling over. Obama indicated he felt it, too, along with residents of the Gulf and the rest of the country.

"This has been a disaster for this region, and people are understandably frightened and concerned about what the next few months and the next few years may hold," Obama said after attending a briefing with Coast Guard Adm. Thad Allen, the chief federal official for the spill response, and the governors of Louisiana, Florida and Alabama, along with other officials.

He then headed for Grand Isle, La., a small barrier island, to hear from people whose livelihoods are threatened by the spill — the shrimpers, oyster fishermen, shop keepers and hotel workers so dependent on a thriving Gulf. A driving rain forced him to drop plans to travel by helicopter and instead make a 2? hour drive.

The president's visit came as engineers with BP worked to settle a funnel-like cap over the deep-sea leak to try to collect some of the crude now fouling four states. It was not clear how much oil was being captured, and some continued to flow, generating frightening photos of seabirds clogged in the muck.

Underscoring the mounting political implications, Obama late Thursday abruptly canceled plans for his trip to Indonesia and Australia later this month. Ahead of the Gulf visit, he declared himself furious at a situation that "is imperiling an entire way of life and an entire region for potentially years." He criticized BP for not responding more quickly.

But polls show the public growing more negative toward the president's own handling of the spill, and he was aiming to demonstrate he was staying on top of the situation Friday — without getting in the way. Obama visited the Gulf region twice in May, and this tour surely will not be his last.

"You never want to take resources away from the response and recovery efforts, so we're certainly mindful of that," said spokesman Robert Gibbs.













Kitchen Vixen

Elizabeth Brown

A kernel of knowledge goes along way during season

DURING A RECENT TRIP TO THE SANTA Monica Farmers' Market, I was flabbergasted when I cheerfully walked up to my favorite carrot purveyor, Weiser Family Farms, only to be told that, "Carrots are out of season." Really? I truly had no idea. I don't buy carrots every week, but I honestly don't recall there being a lull in my carrot purchasing habit over the past six years since I moved to town. Perhaps that's because in the past I had often bought those 5-pound bags of carrots at the grocery store.

As much as I, as a health educator, try to encourage people to eat seasonally, that's sometimes easier said than done. If you walk into any grocery store, the first thing you see is the produce section. And most people think, "If it's there and it's fresh, it must be in season, right?"

Don't be fooled by appearances. You may find bright shiny red apples aplenty at your favorite grocery store but alas, they are there under false pretenses for their season is July through November, according to the "What's in season?" section of the Southland Farmers' Market Association website (www.sfma.net). SFMA is a collaboration of farmers who sell their goods at local markets.

So if you decide to make an apple pie this weekend and plan to get your apples at the market, you might want to turn to plan B or even C, and opt for a fresh cherry pie. According to the Market Report with Laura Avery on KCRW's "Good Food" show, cherry season is now, and it's short; May through July and that's it.

During Laura's recent interview with Mark Peel, executive chef and owner of Campanille restaurant and The Tar Pit, he described how he takes advantage of cherry season by "preserving" his cherries in a heated mixture of alcohol and sugar. Yes, that will certainly "preserve" those dark red, antioxidant rich beauties. But why not simply eat as much as you can while the season is here and freeze any extras to snack on later. Frozen cherries make a wonderful substitute for black cherry ice cream and can even be thrown into your favorite smoothie, blended with yogurt, tofu or even cottage cheese for a more physique-friendly sweet fix.

Aside from cherries, Avery, who manages Santa Monica's Farmers' Markets, also touted the season of corn. It's sweet white corn we seek for now, the kind that can be simply shucked and cut right from the cob and tossed into a salad or used to make my favorite corn relish which goes great with steamed fish or atop any leafy greens you choose. Of course there is also creamed corn and corn chowder, but again, when it's fresh and in season, why not eat it as is?

The list of seasonal produce goes on and on and changes practically daily depending on which market and what farmers you frequent. So to really take advantage of the ever changing seasonal produce, I suggest you visit the Santa Monica Farmers' Market on Wednesday, Saturday or Sunday or check out the Southland Farmers' Market Association website for markets in your area. www.sfma.net

Corn Chowder

1 cup sliced leeks or onion
1 cup sliced carrots
1 small baked potato, cubed
1 cup vegetable broth
2 cups milk or your choice
2 cups whole kernel corn, fresh or frozen
1 roasted red pepper, chopped
2 tablespoons parsley, chopped
Salt and pepper to taste

In medium saucepan, combine leek, carrot and potato with chicken broth. Cover and simmer 10 minutes or until vegetables are tender. Add one cup of corn. Puree then add milk and the other cup of corn. Heat through but do not boil. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Serve with a sprinkle of chopped parsley and roasted red pepper.

Corn & Pepper Relish

1-2 ears fresh corn, cooked, cooled and cut from husk or 1 cup frozen corn, cooked and cooled (cook corn and place in freezer to cool while you prepare other ingredients)
1/2 each, chopped green and red pepper or pimiento (roasted red pepper)
1/4 red or white onion or 1 shallot, diced
2 tablespoons brown rice vinegar (or any vinegar you have on hand)
2 teaspoons honey
Fresh ground black pepper
Dash sea salt

In a medium size mixing bowl, combine all chopped ingredients plus liquids, salt and pepper. Mix thoroughly. Cover with plastic wrap and allow to marinate in the fridge for one to two hours or overnight for best flavor.

Corn & Arugula salad

2 ears corn, cooked, cooled and cut from the cob
4 cups arugula or green of your choice
1/2 red onion, thinly sliced
1 tablespoon olive oil
2 tablespoons white wine vinegar or whatever vinegar you have
4 sprigs thyme, remove leaves and set aside
Dash sea salt and pepper to taste

Toss all ingredients in a large mixing bowl. Adjust flavors as needed.

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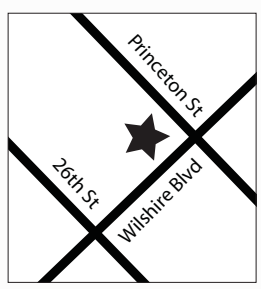


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SURF REPORT

Surf Conditions **Water Temp:** 61°

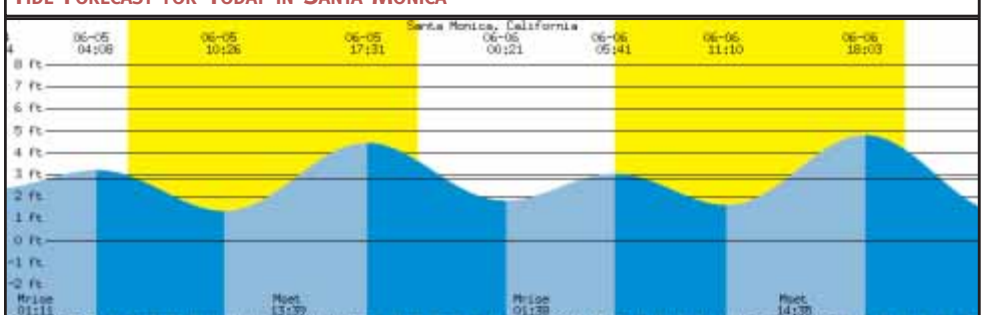
Swell Forecast

French Poly SW should back off to waist to chest. NW wind swell should bring chest high waves to west facing breaks.

Long Range Synopsis

SW should drop to waist max. NW wind swell is expected to increase to chest+ around west facing breaks.

Tide Forecast for Today in Santa Monica



NBA FINALS

L.A.'s Gasol toughens up

GREG BEACHAM
AP Sports Writer

LOS ANGELES The Boston Celtics don't have Pau Gasol to kick around anymore, and it's giving the Los Angeles Lakers an advantage in the NBA finals.

The Lakers' 7-foot Spaniard showcased his evolving toughness with every rebound and big defensive play in the Lakers' 102-89 victory in Thursday's opener. The Celtics returned to practice Friday determined to match the physical effort led by Gasol and Kobe Bryant.

Gasol had 23 points and 14 rebounds in Game 1 while winning his battle with Kevin Garnett, who dominated the matchup in the clubs' 2008 finals meeting.

Gasol has faced Garnett regularly for a decade, and he says they've both lost some offensive explosiveness. But Gasol says he's stronger now, and Garnett has evolved into a dangerous jump-shooter.





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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 **June 1, 2010**

HEAL THE BAY - 1444 9th Street, Santa Monica, CA 90401 - www.healthebay.org - brc@healthebay.org - 800 HEAL BAY

QUICK STATS (for the last 30 days)
- Number of sewage spills -- 0
- Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0
- Number of wet days -- 8
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 39 / ns
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 9 / 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 Alisos creeks.	A+	ns
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	A	ns
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth.	A	ns
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	A+	ns
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth.	F	ns
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	A	ns
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Solstice Canyon at Don Blocker County Beach.	D	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 fence.	C	ns
Surfrider Beach (breach location)- daily.	D	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).	A	ns
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs.	A+	ns
Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach.	A+	ns
Tuna Canyon.	A+	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	F	ns
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A	ns
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence.	D	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.	A	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.	C	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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CITY OF SANTA MONICA
NOTICE INVITING BIDS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Santa Monica invites sealed bids for the:

Borderline Neighborhood and Wilson Place Streetscape and Water Main Replacement Project

Bids shall be delivered to the City of Santa Monica, Office of the City Clerk, Room 102, 1685 Main Street, Santa Monica, California, not later than 2:30 p.m. on **July 1, 2010** to be publicly opened and read aloud after 2:30 p.m. on said date in City Hall. Each Bid shall be in accordance with the Contract Documents.

ENGINEER'S ESTIMATE: $1,500,000.00
CONTRACT CALENDAR DAYS: 180
LIQUIDATED DAMAGES: $1,000.00 PER DAY
COMPENSABLE DELAY: $600.00 PER DAY

City of Santa Monica

Bid Documents may be obtained by logging onto the City's website at: http://www.smgov.net/engineering/projects/online_bidding.htm. Additional information may be obtained on the City's website at www.santa-monica.org/engineering. The Contractor is required to have a Class **A** license at the time of bid submission.

Pursuant to Public Contracts Code Section 22300, the Contractor shall be permitted to substitute securities for any monies withheld by the City to ensure performance under this Contract.



MOVIE TIMES

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

West Side Story (NR) 2hr 31min
7:30pm

AMC Loews Broadway 4
1441 Third Street Promenade

Babies (PG) 1hr 19min
11:00am, 1:10pm, 3:20pm, 5:35pm, 7:45pm, 10:00pm

Get Him to the Greek (R) 1hr 49min
10:45am, 1:20pm, 4:00pm, 6:45pm, 9:35pm

Marmaduke (PG) 1hr 27min
11:30am, 2:00pm, 4:30pm, 7:00pm, 9:20pm

Shrek Forever After 3D (RealD 3D) (R) 1hr 33min
12:00pm, 2:30pm, 5:00pm, 7:30pm, 9:55pm

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

Iron Man 2 (Digital Presentation) (PG-13) 2hrs 5min
10:45am, 1:40pm, 4:40pm, 7:40pm, 10:40pm

Prince of Persia: The Sands of Time (PG-13) 1hr 55min
10:55am, 1:55pm, 4:55pm, 7:55pm, 10:55pm

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

Get Him to the Greek (R) 1hr 49min
11:30am, 2:15pm, 5:05pm, 8:00pm, 10:45pm

Killers (PG-13) 1hr 40min
11:25am, 2:05pm, 4:45pm, 7:30pm, 10:10pm

Prince of Persia: The Sands of Time (CC/DVS) (PG-13) 1hr 55min
1:00pm, 4:05pm, 7:00pm, 10:00pm

Splice (R) 1hr 44min
11:15am, 2:10pm, 5:00pm, 7:45pm, 10:30pm

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
9:55pm

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

Mother and Child (R) 2hrs 05min
1:00pm, 4:00pm, 7:00pm

Looking for Eric (NR) 2hrs 12min
11:00am

Oceans (G) 1hr 24min
11:00am

The Painter Sam Francis (NR) 1hr 25min
11:00am

Princess Kaiulani (PG) 1hr 52min
11:00am

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

Letters to Juliet (PG) 1hr 45min
11:40am, 2:10pm, 4:40pm, 7:20pm, 10:00pm

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
11:50am, 2:20pm, 4:50pm, 7:10pm, 9:30pm

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

Force to be dealt with, Cancer

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★ You could see situations that are conflicted. Fatigue marks your best efforts. New beginnings become possible. You are far more centered than in the past. Listen to your instincts. Tonight: Vanish, only should you want to!

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ Zero in on what is important, knowing full well that you might want to go off and do something more frivolous. You know the importance of timing, and here is another example. Tonight: Understanding grows. Maintain a low profile.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★ You can stay on top of your game. Listen to what is being shared. You might not understand why someone is so touchy. Be sensitive, but still enjoy yourself. It's your Saturday, too. Tonight: Your popularity soars. Know that nearly anything is possible.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Let your imagination play a greater role in your interactions and plans. Others cannot help but enjoy some healthy humor and fun. Opt for an adventure rather than the same old plans. Tonight: A force to be dealt with. Note an admirer who imitates your style.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Deal directly with an important person or partner. How you deal with someone and the choices you make could make a difference. You are high-energy and unstoppable. You could be far luckier than you realize. Tonight: Consider taking off for the night, if not the weekend.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★★ Defer all you need to. You discover the true power of harnessing anger and using it to change an untenable situation. A partner suddenly dances a new jig. You could be surprised. Tonight: Go with the flow.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Maintain a high profile with whatever you do, yet at the same time remain a team player. Others admire that ability in you. Understanding grows. Suddenly others are accessible once more. Tonight: Enjoy yourself among your many admirers.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★★ Your playfulness continues to invigorate others. You laugh, and others respond. You know how to help someone get outside of him- or herself. Understand what is happening with others. Tonight: Ever playful, but realize you, too, have your limits.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Though you could have a ball staying close to home, you still need to focus on different issues quickly. Your fiery side needs to detach and explore what has been left undone. Tonight: Just go for it.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★★ Make calls and catch up on others' news. You have a lot to smile about. Ask yourself what is stopping you from taking the next step in a relationship. Nothing is written in stone. Just explore ideas. Tonight: Enjoy your company and the people you are with.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Sometimes it is good to relax and go a tad overboard. You might want to rethink the end results and whether you can handle the damages. Make sure you can go off and have great fun! Tonight: Be a wild thing. Go to a favorite spot with a favorite person.

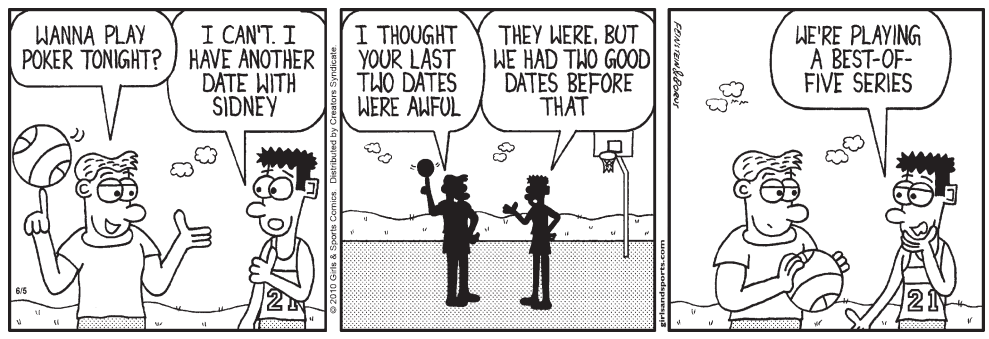
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ You are personality plus, close to unstoppable. How much you can get done could be amazing. Of course, you might want to put on your dancing shoes and just let go. Tonight: Whatever makes you smile. Just don't go overboard!

Happy birthday

This year, you make all the difference because you will be more upbeat and direct. You will lasso in what you want in the most unexpected manner. You have a lot going for you, and you let others know it in no uncertain terms. The end results will be positive. Lady Luck seems to piggyback on your shoulder. If you are single, manage your many admirers as only you can. You note that one might be far more interesting than the others. Go explore. If you are attached, the two of you click in many ways, but even more so this year. Enjoy. ARIES is good energy for you.

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



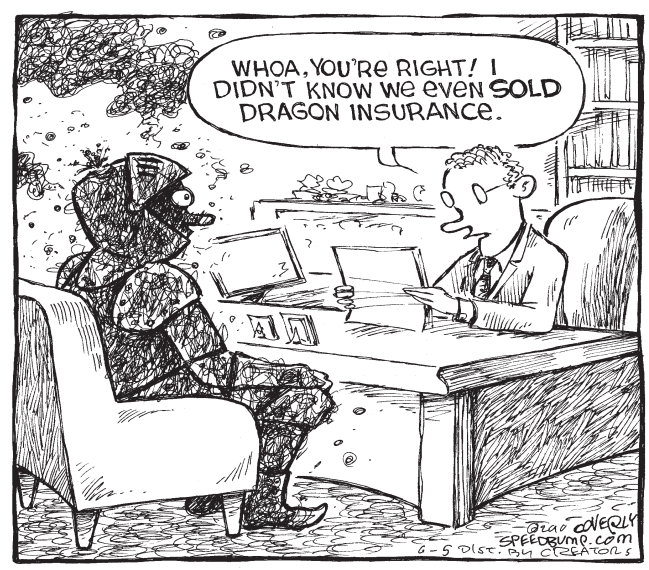
Garfield
By Jim Davis



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.

It's never too late to protect your business until it is.

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 ★★★★

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

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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

6	8	9	7	3	2	1	5	4
3	7	2	1	5	4	6	8	9
4	5	1	9	6	8	2	3	7
7	4	3	6	8	1	5	9	2
2	1	5	4	7	9	8	6	3
8	9	6	3	2	5	4	7	1
9	2	8	5	4	7	3	1	6
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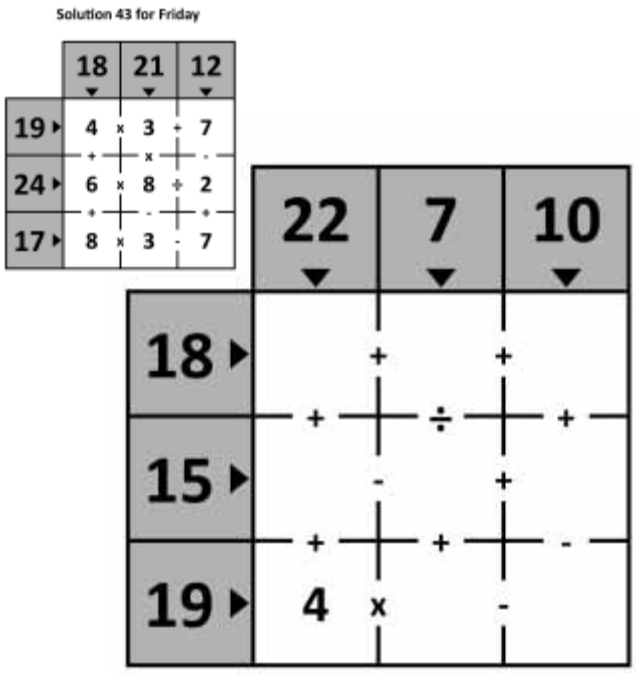
- Fill the grid with the set of given numbers (1 to 12) to satisfy the Equa demands (7 to 24) in the shaded boxes. The Equa demands represent the sum of the digits that you will insert into the empty squares.
- Each horizontal row has one Equa demand to satisfy; each vertical column also has one demand 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, 1, 5, 6, 7, 8, 8, 10

Solution 43 for Friday





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CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Campaign backer
7 Cushy
11 Steep gully
12 Stubborn one
13 Flower part
14 Harrow rival
15 Sailing concerns
16 Shoppers' aids
17 Spots
18 Sentence part
19 Fatigue
21 Argon or ethane
22 Biological community
25 "Isn't that obvious?"
26 Finish last
27 Pencil part
29 Reading aid
33 Emporia
34 Lord's home
35 Ibsen's home
36 Cut up
37 Stratum
38 Van Gogh subject
39 Effortless
40 Many best-sellers

DOWN

1 Forgoes food
2 Band-leader Shaw
3 Commerce
4 Awakens
5 Pro votes
6 Great weight
7 Malign
8 Scandal
9 Shipwreck debris
10 Past and present
16 Mating game
18 Wilder's frequent co-star
20 Map spots
22 "1984" state
23 Boston's river
24 Israeli city
25 Lower in rank
28 Building unit
30 Ouzo flavor
31 Paragon
32 Iron
34 Painter Joan
36 Cacophony

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Yesterday's answer

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1	2	3	4	5	6	■	7	8	9	10
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DAILY LOTTERY

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

SUPER LOTTO PLUS: 7 8 11 15 31
Meganumber: 27
Jackpot: 7$M

Fantasy 5: 4 10 24 29 34

DAILY 3: MIDDAY: 0 7 6
EVENING: 9 1 8

DAILY DERBY:
1st: 10 Solid Gold
2nd: 12 Lucky Charms
3rd: 02 Lucky Star
RACE TIME: 1:43.45

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Mary Merten, 43, pleaded guilty in March to four felonies in connection with an eight-year-long spree in which, as bookkeeper for a two-lawyer firm in Kingston, N.Y., she stole over $800,000 via embezzlement and theft of the lawyers' identities. However, as she awaited sentencing, she wrote her former bosses: "I would ask that you consider keeping me employed. ... I truly enjoy my job and want to continue to work for the both of you to make up for my imperfections." (At press time, she was still awaiting sentencing.)

■ (1) James Fall, 58, told police in Mound, Minn., in March that his "marriage" to his 10-year-old niece was perfectly acceptable in that he is a "prophet of God," citing Corinthians 6:12. (2) Terrill Dalton, 43, who refers to himself as the Holy Ghost, moved his small congregation to Fromberg, Mont., in March as the latest stop in avoiding law enforcement investigations in Utah and Idaho. He credits his holiness to his collection of rocks, several of which he said are powerful "seer stones." (3) Adam Disabato, who said he is "the Messiah," was arrested in Pittsburgh in April after he drove his car into the Poale Zedeck synagogue, causing about $30,000 in damages. "I'm not crazy, and I don't hear voices. I just got a feeling sent by God to drive real fast for some reason."

TODAY IN HISTORY

1942 World War II: United States declares war on Bulgaria, Hungary, and Romania.

1944 World War II: More than 1000 British bombers drop 5,000 tons of bombs on German gun batteries on the Normandy coast in preparation for D-Day.

1945 The Allied Control Council, the military occupation governing body of Germany, formally takes power.

1946 A fire in the LaSalle Hotel in Chicago, Illinois kills 61 people.

1956 Elvis Presley introduces his new single, "Hound Dog", on The Milton Berle Show, scandalizing the audience with his suggestive hip movements.

1959 The first government of the State of Singapore is sworn in.

WORD UP!

Manichean
\man-i-KEE-uhn\ , adjective;
1. Pertaining to a strongly dualistic worldview.

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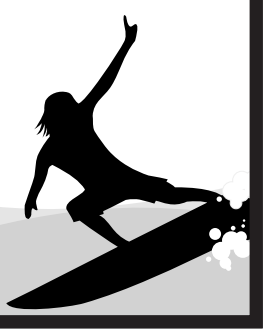
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