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THE YUP, THE LAKERS ARE GOOD ISSUE

Santa Monica-UCLA officials brace for strike

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Editor in Chief

MID-CITY Officials at Santa Monica-UCLA Medical Center and Orthopaedic Hospital said Tuesday they are prepared to hire replacement nurses to cover for those who planned to walk off the job Thursday to draw attention to stalled contract negotiations.

A judge on Tuesday afternoon barred the roughly 10,800 nurses at University of California medical centers from participating in the one-day strike for at least two weeks. San Francisco Superior Court Judge Peter Busch scheduled a June 18 hearing to consider the matter further.

Nurse union officials said they may file an appeal today and could go forward with the strike. They were expected to meet Tuesday

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City Hall delays BBB contract vote

BY NICK TABOREK
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL Elected officials have postponed a vote on a $2 million contract that has been at the center of discussions over enacting Santa Monica's recently approved boycott of Arizona businesses.

A decision about whether to acquire real time, digital signs for Big Blue Bus stops from Trapeze Group has been delayed, but not because of concern the purchase would violate the City Council's boycott, said Stephanie Negriff, BBB's director.

A proposed $2 million contract for the signs with Trapeze fell into doubt two weeks ago when the City Council passed a boycott of Arizona businesses over that state's recently adopted law that requires police officers to check immigration papers if they have a "reasonable suspicion" someone

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AT THE POLLS

Brandon Wise *brandonw@smdp.com*

Santa Monicans visit the polls at City Hall Tuesday to cast their votes for several statewide positions, including primary races for governor and attorney general. Voters also weighed in on the electoral process and electricity contracts by local governments. For election results, go to ww.lavote.net.

Both sides declare victory in ACLU homelessness suit

BY NICK TABOREK
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL Santa Monica will not have to change any of its laws, practices or policies and is not required to make a payment under a deal announced Tuesday night to resolve a lawsuit brought by the American Civil Liberties Union that accused City Hall officials of illegally enforcing an anti-camping ordinance in violation of homeless individuals' rights.

The ACLU suit, filed last July, alleged that by improperly enforcing the ordinance, Santa Monica police officers and other employees had in effect made it a crime to be homeless in Santa Monica.

In announcing the agreement, both sides seemed to declare victory.

"Santa Monica is known nationwide for its long history of responding to homelessness with compassion, innovation and funding. For these reasons, the ACLU's lawsuit was a waste of their resources and a failure to understand Santa Monica's extensive work," a City Hall press release stated.

The ACLU, which collaborated on the suit with the law firm Munger, Tolles & Olson, struck a different tone, saying the suit achieved its aim of altering the way Santa Monica treats the homeless long

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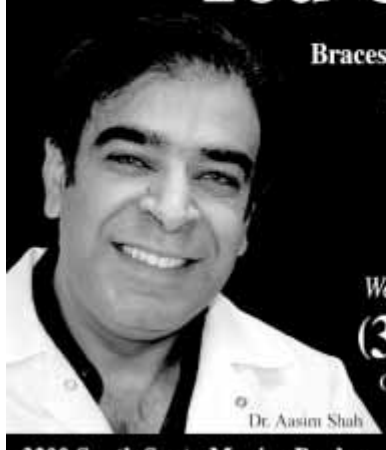

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Notice of Public Hearing
– Measure R Parcel Tax –

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Education of the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District will conduct a public hearing on the matter of the 2010-11 Special Parcel Tax (Measure R) regarding applying a Consumer Price Index (CPI-U) adjustment. The public hearing will be held on June 18, 2010 at 7:00 p.m., in the SMMUSD Board Room at 1651 16th Street, Santa Monica, CA 90404-3891. Subsequent to the public hearing on June 18, 2010 at the regularly scheduled meeting, it is the intention of the Board of Education to adopt a resolution to levy the tax at the rate of $350.84 per parcel, which includes a 1.4% CPI adjustment. The CPI-U for Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, base year 1982-84=100, from February, 2009 through February, 2010, was used to calculate the adjustment.

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

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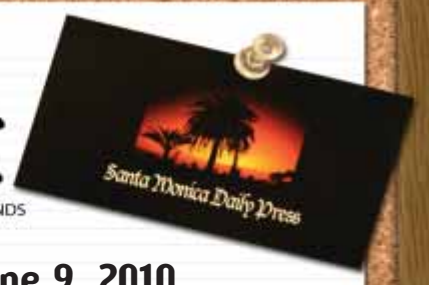
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OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA AND SURROUNDS



Wednesday, June 9, 2010

Mystery lit
Montana Avenue Branch Library
1704 Montana Ave., 7 p.m. — 8:30 p.m.
Come to this book group and compare and contrast the mystery novels "The Field of Blood" by Denise Mina, and "The Comforts of a Muddy Saturday" by Alexander McCall Smith. For more information, call (310) 458-8682.

Be zen
Hill Street Center
237 Hill St., 7:30 p.m. — 9 p.m.
Clear your mind at this zen meditation group every Wednesday. There is meditation instruction for newcomers at 7 p.m., with the main session starting at 7:30 p.m. The first Wednesday of the month there is also a dharma talk. Donations are suggested. For more information, contact Sensei Daishin Buksbazen, the leader of the session, at (310) 315-3506.

Thursday, June 10, 2010

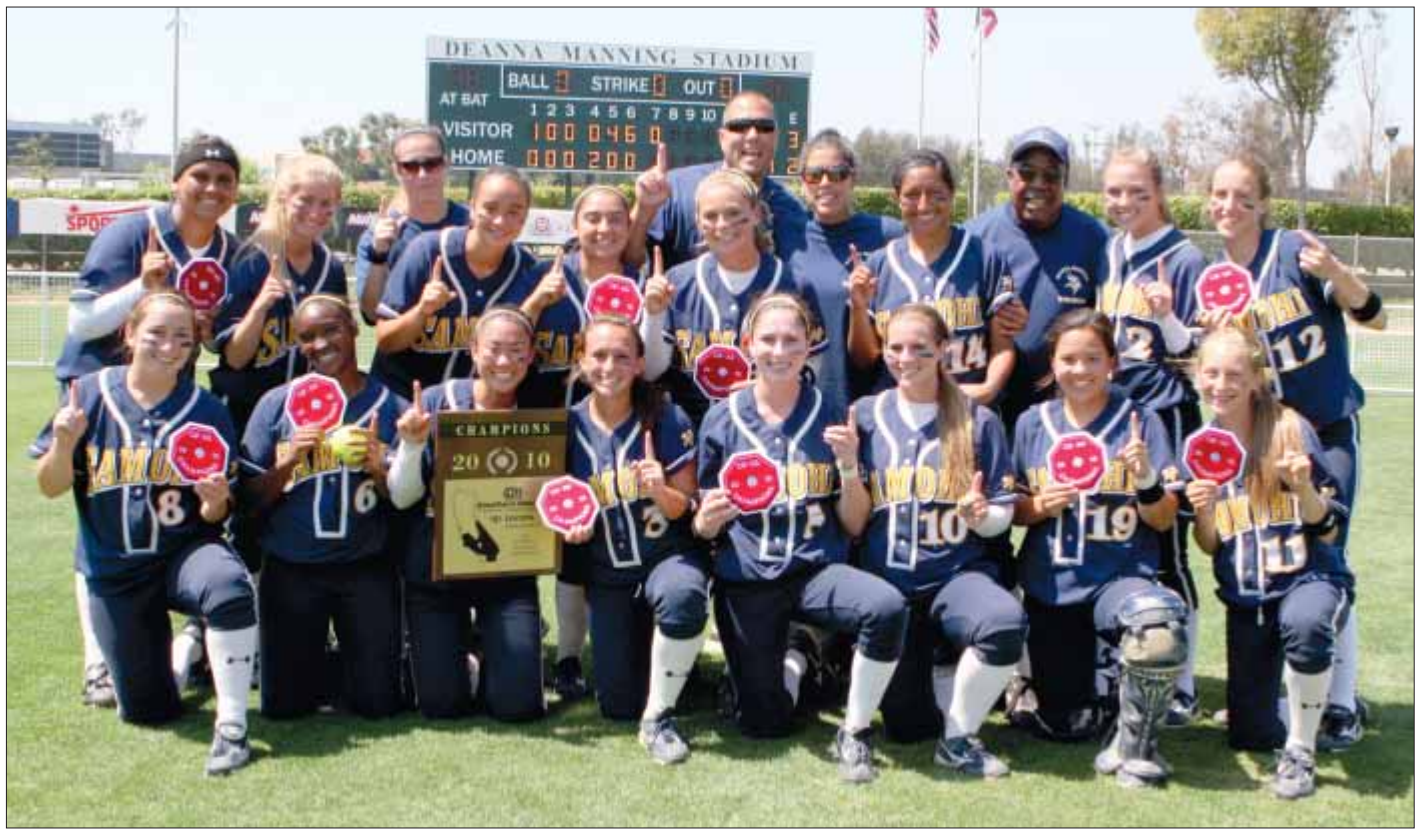
Zombie comedy
Laemmle Royal Theatre
11523 Santa Monica Blvd., 10 p.m.
Terror becomes hilarity with this screening of "Night of the Living Dead" dubbed by the L.A. Connection Comedy Group. Stay for a special bonus screening of a half-hour episode of the "cult hit" TV series "Mad Movies" with the L.A. Connection with a live appearance from creator and host Kent Skov. Tickets are $10. For more information, call (818) 710-1320.

Heart health
Main Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd., 7—9 p.m.
Interested in keeping your ticker working in tip-top shape? Two of the Southland's leading integrative medicine experts, David Allen, M.D and Allen Green, M.D., will lecture on the newest, cutting-edge ways to maximize cardiovascular health, including the latest non-invasive ways of testing and treatment. Admission is free. For more information about the lecture, call (310) 445-6600.

Wicked and Wilde
Miles Memorial Playhouse
1130 Lincoln Boulevard, 8 p.m.
The Los Angeles Women's Shakespeare Company is going all out with "streamlined, gender-bending versions of classic plays," eschewing their typically all-female performances by including male actors in this summer's Wicked Wilde Shakespeare Festival. On Thursday, the troupe will tackle Oscar Wilde's "The Importance of Being Earnest." Individual tickets are $12-$15 and a Festival pass (four shows) is $40. Contact Lisa Wolpe for more information at (310) 453-5069.

For more information on any of the events listed, log on to smdp.com and click the "Events" tab for the given day's calendar.

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TOP TEAM: **Samohi's softball team celebrates winning the CIF-SS Division 4 title on Saturday in Irvine.**

HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL

Honors stack up for Samohi

BY DANIEL ARCHULETA
Managing Editor

SAMOHI With a great season comes great reward.

Days removed from winning its first California Interscholastic Federation Southern Section title in softball, Santa Monica High School has been named the state Division 3 team of the year by Cal Hi Sports. The announcement was made late Monday afternoon.

"This is really cool," Samohi Head Coach Debbie Skaggs said of the honor. "I'll take anything I can get."

Skaggs, who is retiring from coaching after 24 seasons of leading Samohi, said that the award was proof that this season's edition of Vikings softball was something special.

"I'm so proud of the kids, they are excited," she said. "I also have to give a lot of credit to my coaches: Dan [Ramos] and John [Heavens]."

The entire coaching staff will not be returning next season, but before then Skaggs said that she's simply taking it all in.

"It's everything I thought it would be," she said. "I don't even know how to describe it."

In addition to the Cal Hi Sports honor, All-Ocean League teams were also announced this week. The league-winning Vikings, who went 10-0, dominated the team.

Pitcher Celisha Walker and shortstop Kaile Nakao were named Co-Most Valuable Players. Skaggs was named Coach of the Year. The first team featured: center fielder Holly Elander, catcher Emma Woo, third baseman Hayley Condon, first baseman Hailey Sheridan and pitcher Natalie Abel.

The second team included: outfielder Meghan Bradley, right fielder Kelsey Hom and designated player Stephanie Ordaz.

Skaggs said that the team may be in line for additional honors from CIF-SS officials. She expects those honors to be released either late this week or next.

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'Pretty Woman' producer Reuther dies at 58

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SANTA MONICA Producer Steve Reuther, whose credits include "Pretty Woman," "Dirty Dancing" and last year's hit romance "The Ugly Truth," has died. He was 58.

Reuther's family said he died of cancer Saturday at his home in Santa Monica.

After starting in the mailroom at the William Morris talent agency in the late 1970s, Reuther worked his way into film development. He was an executive producer on 1987's "Dirty Dancing," and along with Julia Roberts' 1990 smash "Pretty Woman," Reuther produced such films as "The Client," "Face/Off," "The Rainmaker" and "Pay It Forward."

Reuther is survived by a daughter, his mother, two brothers and a sister.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

PALISADES PARK

New tour in town

The Santa Monica Conservancy will host the first-ever walking tour of Palisades Park on Sunday, June 13, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. The iconic park, designated as a historic landmark by City Hall, has been showcased in many movies and commercials, featuring its towering palm trees and panoramic ocean views.

On land set aside in 1892 by the city's founders, the park extends one-and-a-half miles on top of the bluffs with stunning views overlooking the Pacific Ocean. Within the park are many monuments, such as the WPA (Works Progress Administration) statue of Saint Monica. Historic points of interest and contemporary art works are placed among more than 30 species of trees and plants that display the beauty of sustainable water-conserving gardens.

"The park's dramatic, unrestricted views of the ocean have been carefully maintained since it was established," said conservancy President Carol Lemlein. "This is what makes it unique as many coastal communities have bowed to development which has obscured such wonderful views."

Docents will be stationed throughout the park to provide information and interpretation of the various sights along the way, including the necklace of notable architecture on Ocean Avenue alongside the park. The tour will end at the Senior Center where an exhibition of historic postcards and artwork depicting the park will be mounted and refreshments will be served.

Tickets are $10 for members; $15 for the public. For ticket purchase, see www.smconservancy.org. Advance tickets purchase is advised as space is limited; on-site purchase may also be available.

DAILY PRESS

Montag files for separation

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SM COURTHOUSE More than "The Hills" may be ending for two of its stars — Heidi Montag has filed for separation from Spencer Pratt.

She cited irreconcilable differences in a court document submitted Tuesday in Santa Monica, Calif.

Montag and Pratt are stars of the MTV series "The Hills" and have been married since last April. The series is in its final season.

Montag's two-page handwritten filing does not offer any more details on the couple's breakup. An e-mail sent to an MTV spokeswoman seeking comment was not immediately returned.

The filing also doesn't indicate whether Montag intends to file for divorce, which would formally end their marriage.

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Wake-up call

Editor:

I am a proud parent of three Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District students who voted for Measure A. Is anyone surprised that there is a lot of resentment with the waste of taxpayer money going into the school district? I was shocked when I read that this was cut:

• Reduction of four elementary music teaching positions ($320,000).

Who pays a third- or fourth-grade music teacher $80,000 including benefits for only nine months of work? Until we start realizing that it is not OK to waste hard-earned taxpayer money, there will be a disconnect. I know engineers with master's degrees who do not make this salary. And remember, this $80,000 is only for nine months of work. That is just obscene. My mother taught fourth grade for 27 years and she is as shocked as I am when she sees the waste of money in our schools today.

Until a reality check is conducted within our SMMUSD budget, many taxpayers will refuse to cover the loss of funds from Sacramento. The defeat of Measure A should be a wake-up call that this waste has to stop.

Dr. Lisette Gold
Santa Monica

Funding fix

Editor:

Now that the voters have rejected increasing the parcel tax to over $500 a year, I have the following suggestions to increase funding for the SMMUSD board:

1. Send a letter to all registered voters asking them to send the SMMUSD a check for $298. If all 13,671 yes voters send in a check it would total $2,706,858. In addition, if even a small percentage of the 70 percent of voters who failed to vote sent in a check it might total over $3 million.

2. There are about 2,400 permit students in the district. Ask their parents to send in $500 each (over $300 for the current parcel tax plus the $198 Measure A amount). That will bring in over $1 million.

3. Ask the Chamber of Commerce, which supported Measure A, to solicit contributions from all their members.

4. Approximately 10 percent of the students in the SMMUSD are students living in city-developed, low-income housing projects. Those projects are exempt from property taxes. Neither the owner of the buildings, nor the tenants pay the school bonds, college bonds, or parcel taxes as part of their rent. Tenants in rent-controlled buildings pay all these bonds and taxes as part of their rent. City Hall should contribute 10 percent of the SMMUSD budget to cover the expenses in order to support the many students who moved to Santa Monica to reside in the low-income housing.

4. The City Council should send a check for the millions of dollars the Redevelopment Agency is illegally withholding from the school district. The Los Angeles Unified School District sued L.A. County and the redevelopment agencies within their jurisdiction. The Court of Appeals ruled months ago the redevelopment agencies were illegally withholding money from the LAUSD. If the council refuses to follow the rule of law in this lawsuit and pay, and the SMRR-controlled school board won't sue the SMRR-controlled City Council to force them to pay, then maybe a concerned parent will file a taxpayer lawsuit to compel the council to pay the illegally withheld millions.

Mathew Millen, Measure A opponent
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Hiding in the Open

David Alsabery — Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Keep our kids competitive

HAVING JUST FLOWN BACK FROM THE Indy 500 race, I was reminded of the importance of education and good hygiene. That's why I donated $198 to the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District and encourage all 13,671 voters that voted yes on Measure A to donate $198 right now. It seems Linda Gross at the Santa Monica-Malibu Education Foundation (www.smmef.org) has not reported being overwhelmed with donations, but you still have time to donate.

All those self righteous, name calling, lazy people who want to pass their burden onto someone else by not sending $198 to SMMUSD should be ashamed of themselves. I'm embarrassed for you. You have the nerve to ask your fellow citizens of Santa Monica to pay $198, but when it comes right down to it, you don't have the backbone to make the donation yourself. I guess we all now know how unimportant the schools really are to you. If all 13,671 of you had donated $198, we'd have already raised half of the amount that Measure A asked for.

The job of our schools is to prepare students for college. Every child should be prepared to do college-level work or to be able to enter the workforce at least with the ability to read and write at a decent level. A few years ago, the Bush Administration started something called "No Child Left Behind." Like most government programs, the standardized testing has been hijacked by the people who hate your children. They created the Academic Performance Index to measure student progress. Using this test, it's next to impossible to figure out how to compare student progress in any meaningful way, making it almost useless. In the end, it doesn't tell you how your children are going to do in the real world.

Here's a statement from the Department of Education about Santa Monica High School, "Valid Score for California High School Exit Exam (CAHSEE) ELA in Grades 9-11: 866." So what does that mean to your child? In short, standardized testing has done little to explain how the kids are doing. SMMUSD is a small district so we can affect real change. The University of California has a standard test for math and English placement. Let's give that test to all seniors in both private and public schools who are not considered special needs children. If they cannot get placed into college level classes at the end of their senior year, all of the other testing really doesn't matter. Blue collar manufacturing jobs create pollution and were sent to China so without college these kids have no future in America.

We're now in a global economy. American children are way behind the world at many levels. The divide between the rich and the poor is often found to be based on education in the first 12 years. American students, on average, spend 37 hours a week in class while their counterparts in Asia and Europe are spending 60 hours per week. When combined with the shorter American 180-day school year versus German children spending 200 days, that shortfall after 12 years means German and Swedish children are armed with an extra year of school. Compound that with our long summer breaks, and you get children that are falling behind fast. Long summer vacations act as a mental eraser causing students to loose about three months of math learning from "summer learning loss." Knowledge is the only weapon our children have when finding a job. Poorly educated children are a major financial burden on our economy, and are a contributing root cause of the high unemployment and recession we are facing.

Many people resent the fact that Santa Monica teachers work 183 days a year while the rest of us work 250-plus days a year. How about we have the teachers work normal private sector business hours, using a standard business year for real world business compensation? Having the teachers work normal business hours like they do in Germany means working parents are not burdened by day care. Have these teachers stay at school and provide time for the students to do their homework. I am tired of people telling me that the reason the students are failing is because of the parents. Somehow my father in boarding school was able to get a good education without parents. So it can be done. If the children need more time, then having children stay at school for longer hours will mean the homework will get done with someone present who actually knows how to teach.

For everyone who voted for "change," let's lock the kids up in school and make them do homework until 5 p.m. If they cause trouble, send them to a continuation school and protect the rest of the kids. Uneducated children grow up to be stupid adults with a vote.

Failure is not an option.

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Supporting the next generation

SOMETHING YOU MAY NOT KNOW ABOUT your occasionally cynical, slightly jaded, friendly neighborhood columnist is that I love the young people. Having done work with a local organization (which I'm sure would prefer to remain nameless) for the past few years, I've been lucky enough to form friendships with families of all descriptions from all over town. From 5-year-old munchkins in kindergarten to 18-year-old seniors about to graduate from Samohi and go on to college, I've been about as happy and proud to watch these young people do their thing as any non-parent could be.

So it was tough for me to stay out of the debate over Measure A, the five-year, $198 per parcel tax increase to help the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District make up for its $12 million budget deficit. It's not that I don't have an opinion on whether or not the more than 10,000 students in the district deserve the money (they do), it's that I don't own property and I don't have a child enrolled in school. So I didn't think it was right for me to weigh in on the issue. Now that the measure has been defeated, I will say that I'm unbelievably disappointed in us as an electorate for literally nickel-and-diming our young people's educations. But rather than focusing on the negative, I will accentuate the positive this week by introducing you to some of Santa Monica's MVPs, our Most Valuable Parents.

If you've never heard of it, SMASH is the Santa Monica Alternative School House that shares a campus with John Muir Elementary. It's a small, progressive, K-8 school open to all Santa Monica students no matter where they live. As a general rule, SMASH parents are pumped to participate in the goings-on at their kid's school. So when this budget crisis hit they simply took it upon themselves to make last Saturday's annual SuperSMASH fundraising carnival and silent auction bigger and better than ever.

Initially, I was surprised by some of the items available for bidding. I mean, there was an entire wall of Uglydolls (far and away the most popular item among the munchkins), two gorgeous fixie bikes, and a white electric guitar autographed by Justin Bieber. I was also surprised by the sheer amount of items available for bidding — until I learned that SMASH parents, MVPs that they are, went out and solicited more than 500 donations from local businesses. But I have to say that my most pleasant surprises came when I was informed about the new-this-year live auction and about the raffle.

Apparently, there were typically three kinds of items at the SMASH silent auction: kid-driven and kid-paid (like the Uglydoll), kid-driven and parent-paid (like the Bieber guitar), and parent-driven and parent-paid (like the artwork made by students, known as "Core Art"). The most valuable stuff is, of course, the Core Art. It is almost impossible to put a price on the painting, sculpture, and photography of SMASH's young artists. Consequently, the frenzy of last-minute signatures on bidding sheets drove organizers to make a change and offer the Core Art via live auction. And it worked. For example, a gorgeous piece by two young artists went for $500 after a long bidding war between both sets of parents — a classic win/win.

I didn't want to compete for any Core Art, but I made sure to contribute in other ways. I bought a bunch of $1 tickets; which I proceeded to turn into a plate of Dave's famous ribs, some homemade lemonade, Diddy Riese snickerdoodles, a massage, a snow cone, and a few carnival games (I made sure to pick up some Alka-Seltzer on my way home).

I also invested in the experience of a lifetime for myself and for the student body at SMASH when I bought about a dozen tickets for the raffle. Among the items available were things like "Lunch and a movie with Coach Tony," and "Pizza and a movie with Jayme and Janice." The one I wanted was "Principal for a Day," so I put all of my tickets in that jar, crossed my fingers, and waited for the results. I didn't win (congratulations to fifth grader Devin Dempsey), so next year I'm going to try two dozen.

Can a person with the resources to own a home in this city honestly say they can't afford another two hundred bucks in taxes when the (increasing) value of their property is directly related to the quality and funding level of our schools? And how could anyone look a school-age munchkin in the face and tell her that to keep her favorite teacher, the school nurse, her reading helper, the library staff, and the music teachers in her school, they can't spare one thin dime over the next five years?

I promise you that the young people in China and India that our kids will be competing against in the new global economy we created for them aren't being short-changed by the adults in their communities.

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The Q Line

Rents on the rise

The Rent Control Board last week approved a 2 percent rent increase for the coming year.

So, this week's Q-Line question asks:
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NOTICE INVITING BIDS

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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 **June 22, 2010**, to be publicly opened and read aloud after 3:00 p.m. on said date in City Hall. Each Bid shall be in accordance with the Request for Bids.

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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.

NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF A DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR THE 710 WILSHIRE DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT

DATE: June 9, 2010

TO: State Clearinghouse, Responsible Agencies, Trustee Agencies, Organizations and Interested Parties

LEAD AGENCY: City of Santa Monica, 1685 Main Street, Santa Monica, CA 90401
Contact: Jing Yeo, Special Projects Manager Phone: (310) 458-8203

The City of Santa Monica intends to prepare an Environmental Impact Report for a proposed Development Agreement for a hotel and mixed-use project located on eight lots fronting on Wilshire Boulevard, 7th Street and Lincoln Boulevard. In accordance with Section 15082 of the State CEQA Guidelines, the City of Santa Monica has prepared this Notice of Preparation to provide Responsible Agencies and other interested parties with information describing the proposal and its potential environmental effects. Environmental factors which would be potentially affected by the project are: Aesthetics (Shadows); Air Quality; Construction Effects; Cultural Resources; Hazards & Hazardous Materials; Geology/Soils; Greenhouse Gas/Climate Change; Land Use & Planning; Neighborhood Effects; Noise; Traffic & Circulation.

PROJECT APPLICANT: Ken Kutcher on behalf of Alex Gorby
1250 6th Street, Suite 300
Santa Monica, CA 90401

PROJECT LOCATION: The project site consists of eight lots. Seven lots are contiguous and are located at the southeast corner of Wilshire Boulevard and 7th Street: 710 Wilshire Boulevard, 718 Wilshire Boulevard, and 1213-1233 7th Street. The remaining lot is located to the east across 7th Court Alley at 1218 Lincoln Boulevard, with frontage on the alley and Lincoln Boulevard.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The proposed project involves the adaptive reuse of an existing historical building at 710 Wilshire Boulevard; the construction of new hotel, retail, and restaurant uses adjacent to the existing building; and construction of 24 dwelling units on an existing surface parking lot. A Development Agreement is requested for deviations from the zoning ordinance with respect to a reduction of approximately 100 required parking spaces and to discount the residential floor area of the 24-unit housing project by 50 percent. A General Plan Amendment may be necessary for the housing project. The existing approximately 7,000 square-foot commercial structure at 718 Wilshire Boulevard and surface parking lots throughout the site would be demolished to accommodate the proposed project. Total size of the project, including adaptive reuse of the landmark building, would be 285 hotel rooms, 7,077 square feet of retail, 7,734 square feet of restaurant, 7,103 square feet of meeting/banquet rooms, and 24 residential units. Building heights would range from 56 feet along Lincoln Boulevard to 81 feet on Wilshire Boulevard and 7th Street.

REVIEW PERIOD: As specified by the State CEQA Guidelines, the Notice of Preparation will be circulated for a 30-day review period. The City of Santa Monica welcomes agency and public input during this period regarding the scope and content of environmental information related to your agency's responsibility that must be included in the Draft EIR. **Comments may be submitted, in writing, by 5:30 p.m. on July 9, 2010** and addressed to: Jing Yeo, AICP – Planning and Community Development, 1685 Main Street Room 2112, Santa Monica, CA 90401. Tel: (310) 458-8341 Fax: (310) 458-3380 E-mail: jing.yeo@smgov.net

ESPAÑOL: Esto es una noticia de la preparación de un reporte sobre los impactos ambientales de la construcción de un proyecto de usos mixtos, lo cual puede ser de interés a usted. El sitio del proyecto consiste de ocho lotes. Siete de los ocho lotes son contiguos y están ubicados en la esquina suroeste de Wilshire Boulevard y 7th Street (710 Wilshire Boulevard, 718 Wilshire Boulevard, y 1213-1233 7th Street). El otro lote está ubicado al este en al otro lado de 7th Court Alley (1218 Lincoln Boulevard). El proyecto propuesto consiste de un hotel de 285 habitaciones, 7,077 pies cuadrados de espacio para tienda, 7,734 pies cuadrados de espacio para restaurante, 7,103 pies cuadrados de espacio para sala de banquetes/reuniones y 24 residencias. Las alturas de los edificios propuestos serían de 56 pies a lo largo de Lincoln Boulevard y de 82 pies a lo largo de Wilshire Boulevard y 7th Street. Para más información, llame a Carmen Gutierrez, al número (310) 458-8341.

LABOR

Job openings jumped to highest level in 16 months

CHRISTOPHER S. RUGABER
AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON Job openings jumped in April to the highest level in 16 months, a sign that private employers may boost hiring in coming months.

The number of jobs advertised at the end of April rose to 3.1 million from 2.8 million in March, the Labor Department said Tuesday. That's the most openings since December 2008.

Private employers accounted for the entire net gain. The government's advertising for jobs decreased, despite the hiring of hundreds of thousands of census workers in May.

The department's report, known as the Job Openings and Labor Turnover survey, or JOLTS, follows a disappointing employment report Friday that found private employers added only 41,000 jobs in May. Temporary census hiring accounted for 411,000 jobs. The unemployment rate fell to 9.7 percent from 9.9 percent in April.

The rise in job openings "makes you a little more upbeat about the labor market," said Michael Feroli, chief U.S. economist at JPMorgan Chase.

Job openings have risen by about 740,000 since bottoming out at 2.3 million in July. But they remain far below pre-recession levels of about 4.5 million openings per month.

The competition for jobs remains tough. There were 5 unemployed people, on average, for each job opening in April. That's down from 5.4 in the previous month, but well above pre-recession levels of 1.8 jobless workers per opening.

The biggest increases in available jobs were in professional and business services, leisure and hospitality and education and health services. Government job openings fell by 36,000.

The report also found that the number of people quitting jobs topped total layoffs for the third straight month. Nearly 2 million people quit their jobs in April, an increase of about 130,000 in the past two months. An increasing number of people voluntarily leaving jobs is a sign of confidence in the employment market, economists say. Workers are less likely to cling to their jobs if they believe others are available.

Other surveys also show that companies are likely to increase hiring, though at a slow pace. Staffing company Manpower Inc. said Tuesday that its quarterly employment outlook found more employers are planning to hire in the July-to-September quarter than the preceding three months.

Manpower said its employment index rose to a seasonally adjusted 6 percent, a point higher than in the March-to-June period. The index was at -2 a year ago, meaning more employers planned to cut jobs than hire. The survey covers 18,000 private and government entities.

Separately, the National Federation of Independent Business said Tuesday that its small business optimism index rose to 92.2. That's the highest level since September 2008, when Lehman Brothers collapsed and the financial crisis intensified. But that's still below the index's long-run average of 99, according to Paul Dales, an economist at Capital Economics.

The NFIB's employment index rose to 1, the first positive reading in 19 months. It suggests more small businesses plan to add workers than cut them.

The reports come after Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke said late Monday that the recovery will continue "but it won't feel terrific." That's because economic growth won't be robust enough to quickly drive down the unemployment rate, now at 9.7 percent, he said in remarks to the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, a nonpartisan research group.

More job openings added to the picture of a slow but steady recovery.

A monthly analysis by the Associated Press of conditions around the country showed that manufacturing job gains in the Midwest helped lower the nation's economic stress in April to its lowest point in five months. Economic stress levels dipped in every state except Louisiana and Nevada in April.

LABOR

L.A. judge in banana workers case cites threats

ANTHONY MCCARTNEY
Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES A California judge said Monday threats had been made against her and witnesses in connection with lawsuits claiming Nicaraguan workers on Dole Foods banana plantations were harmed by pesticides.

Judge Victoria Chaney met with lawyers in closed session regarding new claims of witness tampering, then took the bench to abruptly announce there had been threats to her and to witnesses in radio addresses in Nicaragua.

She said she was notifying the judicial protective unit.

"This appears to be flagrant witness tampering," she said. "I have even more grave concerns about witness safety than I did before."

Chaney didn't reveal the source of the threats, and transcripts of the broadcasts haven't been released. She did say the tampering didn't appear to involve plaintiff's attorney Steve Condie.

Condie said outside court: "I have not seen any evidence that's credible to me that these witnesses are in danger."

He said he did not interpret any of the statements revealed in closed session Monday as threats against witnesses or the judge.

Chaney, who has been elevated to the California 2nd District Court of Appeals, returned to Los Angeles Superior Court to hear a motion to dismiss a $2.3 million verdict that Dole said was obtained by fraud.

She said threats were made against multinational corporations, "John Doe" witnesses and the court.

Chaney is considering whether to dismiss the judgment in favor of plaintiffs after a 2007 trial in Los Angeles.

The case is closely related to one she dismissed last year on grounds of fraud. Dole's lawyers have argued that Los Angeles and Nicaraguan lawyers recruited men to falsely claim they were rendered sterile by pesticides.

Dole attorney Scott Edelman said the radio broadcasts in Nicaragua directly attacked Chaney's honesty.

"They were trying to intimidate Judge Chaney by calling her immoral and corrupt and aligned with the defendants," Edelman said.

WALL STREET

Stocks climb on late rush

STEPHEN BERNARD
TIM PARADIS
AP Business Writers

NEW YORK This time, the stock market had a late-day rally.

Most stocks surged in the final hour of trading Tuesday to give the Dow Jones industrials a gain of 123 points. That ended a two-day slump that sent the Dow down nearly 440 to a seven-month low.

The market's rebound was choppy although Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke set the tone for the day by saying he didn't expect the economy to go back into recession. The Standard & Poor's 500 index rose, but the Nasdaq composite index slipped as chipmakers fell on downbeat analyst comments.

Like the last two days, most of the action was in the last hour. Tuesday, however, it was buying that accelerated. The Dow was up only about 16 points shortly after 3 p.m., then soared 107 points in the final 43 minutes of trading.

As was also the case Monday, there was no one catalyst for the late move. But the late rally itself drew buyers who had waited to see whether stocks would have another late-day slide. And computer programs also kicked in, with rising stocks triggering more buying — the reverse of the computer selling seen the last two days.

Materials stocks rose after gold extended its gain, briefly touching a record $1,254.50. Chemical maker DuPont climbed 4.1 percent. Meanwhile, oil drilling companies slumped after President Barack Obama blasted the industry in an interview with NBC. Transocean, which owns the oil rig that exploded in the Gulf of Mexico and caused the still-spreading spill, fell 5.8 percent.

Tuesday's rally doesn't signal a change in the market's still-fragile mood. Uri Landesman, president of Platinum Partners in New York, said traders could go back to selling if more doubts arise about the recovery.

"People's tolerance for bad news is low," he said. "There is a reasonably high chance of bad headlines."

The Dow rose 123.49, or 1.3 percent, to 9,939.98. The Dow had fallen 4.3 percent in the two prior days to its lowest level since Nov. 4.

The S&P 500 index rose 11.53, or 1.1 percent, to 1,062.00. It also fell Monday to its lowest close since November. The S&P's two-day slide of 5.4 percent was its steepest since March 2009.

The Nasdaq fell 3.33, or 0.2 percent, to 2,170.57.

Three stocks rose for every two that fell on the New York Stock Exchange. Volume came to 1.6 billion shares, compared with 1.4 billion Monday.

Uncertainty about the global economy sent investors looking for safety in gold. There was less demand for the safety of Treasurys, however. The yield on the benchmark 10-year note, which moves opposite its price, rose to 3.19 percent from 3.15 percent late Monday.

Crude oil rose 55 cents to $71.99 per barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

Bernanke said in a speech late Monday that he expects the U.S. recovery to continue, but he acknowledged it is unlikely to be robust.

"It won't feel terrific," Bernanke said.

The Fed releases its Beige Book report Wednesday, which provides a regional snapshot of economic activity.

The chairman's comments reassured traders following Friday's disappointing May jobs report. Bernanke's assessment also eased worries that a slowdown in Europe will spread across the Atlantic.

Traders again tracked movements of the euro. The 16-nation currency has become a measure of confidence in Europe's ability to contain its debt problems and keep its economy growing. The euro rose to $1.1969 a day after hitting a four-year low.

Barbara Marcin, manager at the Gabelli Blue Chip Value Fund in Rye, N.Y., said there have been so many swings in the market because traders are looking six to 12 months ahead to an economy that they believe will be just "mediocre."

She expects questions about the economy to continue to hit stocks for the near future.

"I don't know how you cannot think you're going to have an extremely volatile six months coming up," Marcin said.

Among chip stocks, Intel Corp. fell 13 cents, or 0.6 percent, to $20.18 Marvell Technology Group Ltd. fell 85 cents, or 4.7 percent, to $17.21, while Nvidia Corp. dropped 32 cents, or 2.8 percent, to $11.18.

Materials stocks got a boost from the rise in gold and a rebound in copper. DuPont rose $1.40, or 4.1 percent, to $35.49. Freeport-McMoRan Copper & Gold Inc. rose $2.82, or 4.8 percent, to $61.48.

Oil drilling companies fell after analysts also warned that a ban on deepwater drilling tied to the Gulf oil spill could be extended beyond six months. Obama's comments also brought more bad attention to drillers.

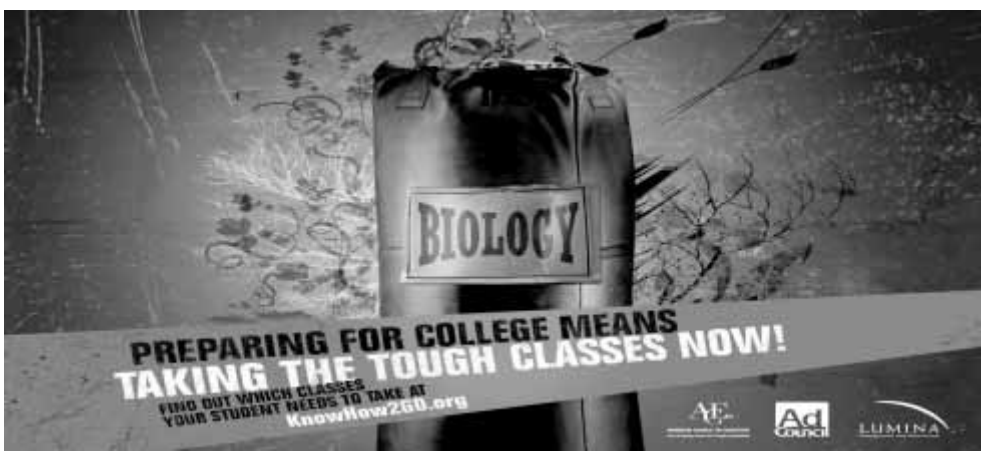
"I don't sit around just talking to experts because this is a college seminar, we talk to these folks because they potentially have the best answers — so I know whose ass to kick," Obama said.

Transocean Corp. fell $2.84, or 5.8 percent, to $46.33. Analysts lowered their ratings on Diamond Offshore Drilling. The stock fell $2.27, or 3.8 percent, to $56.94.

BP PLC, which operated the rig, fell $2.08, or 5.7 percent, to $34.68.

The Russell 2000 index of smaller companies fell 0.80, or 0.1 percent, to 617.69.

Britain's FTSE 100 fell 0.8 percent, Germany's DAX index fell 0.6 percent, and France's CAC-40 dropped 1 percent. Japan's Nikkei stock average rose 0.2 percent.





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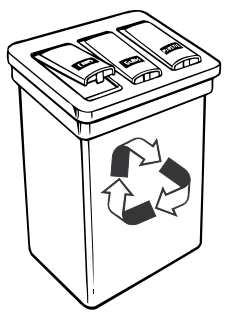
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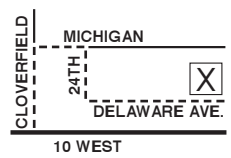


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STRIKE
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night to weigh their options

"Our No. 1 priority remains correcting the chronic staffing issues at University of California medical centers, which we have been unable to resolve through any other means," said Beth Kean, chief negotiator for California Nurses Association UC Division. "It is unfortunate that the UC has chosen to spend its resources on high-priced lawyers to attack nurses' democratic right to strike, rather than on addressing the patient care crisis in its hospitals. But nurses will not be silenced."

Union officials said UC hospitals staff nurses according to a formula and do not take into account the condition of patients, some of whom are suffering from multiple injuries and need more attention from nurses who are overworked.

"Everyone feels uncomfortable about [walking out on patients], but we feel we are not being heard," said Alexandra Leigon, a nurse in the Intensive Care Unit at Santa Monica-UCLA. "Our job is to provide our patients with the best care possible, but I can't do that if I'm tired."

The judge agreed with UC officials that a nurses' strike at its five medical centers in California poses a health risk to patients, but he said he was open to allowing the strike after hearing more legal arguments and considering the issue further.

The California nurses have a no-strike clause in their labor contract, which expires Sept. 30. The issue is whether that clause was suspended when the nurses and management reopened contract negotiations last year to discuss salaries and staffing levels.

The nurses contend that the negotiations remain open and the strike clause suspended, while management argues that contract discussions ended in December and the contract went back into effect.

Officials with Santa Monica-UCLA said patient care and safety at the hospital is their chief priority and they are prepared to hire replacement nurses, bringing in some from as far as the East Coast at considerable expense.

Officials with the hospital said they could not give the numbers or cost of hiring the nurses.

In a statement issued Tuesday, officials with Santa Monica-UCLA said: "This ruling is a victory for our dedicated nurses, most importantly, a victory for our patients. We are pleased that this attempt by CNA union leadership to leverage public health as a negotiations tactic has been stopped. Union leadership would do better to concentrate on reaching the equitable contract that our nurses so well deserve and that will best protect patients under our care.

"We value our nurses and pay competitive market-rate wages — a fact reflected in our current contract with CNA. Under terms of the 2009 contract, eligible registered nurses will receive a 2 percent step increase this July, as well as an additional 2 percent across-the-board salary increase in September. This is in an environment where most professionals are not getting increases at all."

It is estimated that the UC system will spend anywhere from $10 million to $15 million hiring and training replacement staff in preparation for the strike, with about $5 million just for Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center and Santa Monica-UCLA Medical Center.

It is not clear who ultimately will pay the tab for the strike.

CNA threatened to strike in 2005, but was blocked from walking out by a court order on the grounds of public health and safety. The Public Employee Relations Board recently ruled that CNA's 2005 strike threat constituted an unfair practice and ordered a hearing to determine the extent of the union's financial liability to UC for the costs it incurred in preparing for that strike.

Hospital officials were planning to cancel or postpone some surgeries and procedures in anticipation of a strike, and were planning to divert patients and ambulances.

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ACLU
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before the suit was dismissed.

"Because the city of Santa Monica has stopped using vaguely worded camping ordinances as a pretext to round up homeless people, the American Civil Liberties Union of Southern California and the law firm of Munger, Tolles & Olson have agreed to drop a lawsuit against the city over its homeless policies," an ACLU press release stated.

A federal judge in Los Angeles dismissed the suit last month, but details of the parties' out of court agreement weren't released until Tuesday night.

Under the agreement, both parties affirmed a set of broad principles that are unbinding and don't require any specific action.

According to the ACLU, the principles are that "no one should be forced out of his or her community simply for being homeless; that all communities need to provide a reasonable amount of shelter beds and services; and public safety personnel must be adequately trained to interact with homeless people."

At City Hall, officials were careful to call the agreement a "resolution," rather than a "settlement," emphasized Santa Monica did not have to admit fault in order to resolve the suit, and noted it was dismissed "with prejudice," meaning the ACLU is barred from bringing a future action based on the same claim.

But Mark Rosenbaum, the ACLU of Southern California's legal director, said the lawsuit was a success.

"We noticed upon filing this suit that the arrests under this ordinance immediately stopped," he said. "We went back out and spoke to the homeless and learned that in fact they weren't being arrested anymore."

He said the ACLU will continue to monitor Santa Monica's treatment of the homeless and could bring a future action based on new evidence if it learns homeless people's rights are being violated.

Rosenbaum said the lawsuit was based on reports that mentally ill homeless individuals were being continually arrested simply for sleeping on the ground in Santa Monica under its anti-camping ordinance in an attempt to drive them out of town.

He didn't provide statistics to back up the claim but said far fewer homeless individuals were arrested under the ordinance after the ACLU brought its action.

"The pattern and practice was stopped in its tracks after the suit was filed, and I commend the city for doing that," he said.

City Hall officials, though, have continued to dispute that the suit accomplished anything.

"When it comes to addressing homelessness, Santa Monica is the regional leader. We believe the lawsuit was unnecessary and a distraction. Everyone needs to focus on regional issues to solve homelessness in Los Angeles once and for all," said Mayor Bobby Shriver.

The deal reached with Santa Monica contrasts with an earlier settlement reached in a similar suit the ACLU brought against the city of Laguna Beach.

According to the ACLU, in that settlement Laguna Beach police officers were barred from citing, arresting or harassing people under state law for sleeping in public places, as long as there were no reasonable public health or safety concerns. The Laguna Beach agreement also established a process for sealing, expunging or destroying citations that were written, and convictions that were obtained, under the city's "anti-sleeping" ordinance, the ACLU said.

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> **Bobby Shriver,** Mayor

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BBB

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they've stopped is in the country illegally.

Though Trapeze is based near Mississauga, Canada, it has an office in Arizona.

The council had been set to vote on the BBB sign contract on Tuesday, but the item was pulled from the agenda at the last minute. Negriff said that decision had nothing to with the boycott but was rather to give staff more time to work out a separate contractual issue.

Since the council adopted the boycott, Negriff said she's received assurance from Trapeze that the contract for the signs would be handled through the company's Cedar Rapids, Iowa, office.

Trapeze confirmed that "we would not be doing business with an Arizona-based firm" by approving the contract, Negriff said. But she said she had not received confirmation that no component of the signs would be manufactured or designed in Arizona.

Trapeze previously delivered software to the BBB that is used in planning bus routes. In the past, Negriff said BBB employees have traveled to Arizona to attend customer training sessions held at Trapeze's Phoenix-area office, but would not be permitted to do so while the boycott is in effect.

THERE WAS NO RUSH TO FINALIZE THE PURCHASE, APPARENTLY, SO THIS IS A SMALL BLOW FOR TRANSPARENCY."

Kevin McKeown,
City Councilman

Councilman Kevin McKeown on Tuesday said he was satisfied that approving the contract would honor the boycott, but said he believed the staff report on the proposed contract was "insufficient" in providing the council with assurance.

He said BBB staff "decided to hold off and reissue a staff report that explains the situation in more detail."

"There was no rush to finalize the purchase, apparently, so this is a small blow for transparency," he said of the delay.

Negriff said she expects the council to vote on the proposed Trapeze contract at its next regular council meeting June 22 or else in July.

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City mulls peacock crackdown

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RANCHO PALOS VERDES Roaming peacocks are ruffling feathers in an exclusive estate in Southern California where city leaders are considering toughening measures to control them.

Residents in Rolling Hills Estates in Rancho Palos Verdes are complaining that the peacock population is a nuisance with droppings and raucous calls.

The City Council is mulling several options: an ordinance that would making feeding the birds a misdemeanor, trapping them en masse, and reducing their protected trap-free zones.

Residents have long complained about the peacocks, which were introduced to the peninsula 80 years ago. The city allows residents in selected neighborhoods to trap one fowl at a time for relocation to another site.

Schwarzenegger recasts ballot

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger had some trouble saying "Hasta la vista, baby" to the voting booth because of a ballot mishap in Los Angeles.

Poll worker Keta Hodgson says a scanning machine rejected Schwarzenegger's first ballot during Tuesday's election because he had selected two Senate candidates.

Hodgson says the Republican governor was given the choice of filling out a new ballot or not having his Senate choice count. He cast a fresh ballot.

Wooden to be honored during UCLA graduation

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WESTWOOD A colorful tribute to late UCLA basketball coach John Wooden is planned for Friday's graduation ceremony.

The university said Tuesday that student-athletes and scholars representing the class will carry 99 blue-and-gold flags into the College of Letters and Science ceremony.

UCLA Chancellor Gene Block will speak about Wooden's legacy at the 5 p.m. PDT ceremony at Drake Stadium on campus. About 4,500 students are expected to participate.

Wooden died last Friday at age 99. He guided the Bruins to a record 10 national championships, including seven in a row, in the 1960s and '70s.







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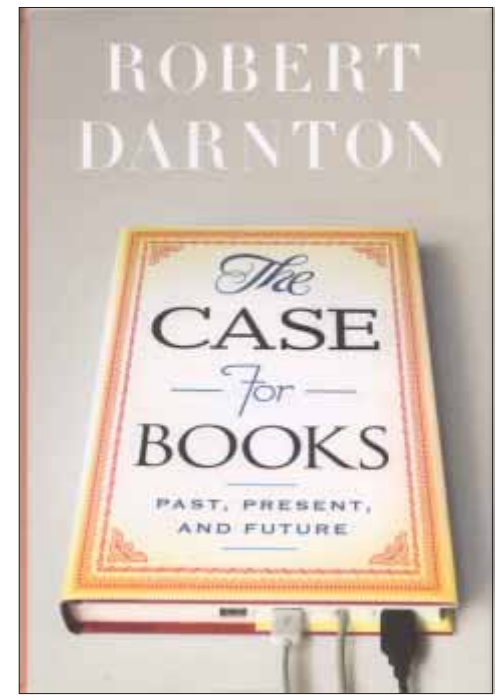
BOOKREVIEW

BY DANE ROBERT SWANSON



'The Case for Books: Past, Present, And Future'

By Robert Darnton • Public Affairs



Ever since man has known to write he has put his knowledge in some form to preserve it. The cave men chiseled out the story on rocks. Writing may have begun, according to Wikipedia, as a consequence of political expansion in ancient cultures. Early writing done on clay tablets were pictographs, a picture used to symbolize a word or a phrase. In 4 BC writing became a method of recording and preserving transactions.

Stone tablets, clay tablets, wax tablets, vellum, parchment, copperplate, paper; just some of the means used to transmit information.

The trouble is that they don't last. Time and weather wear them out. And new technology makes them obsolete.

We are seeing that today in the transportation of books that are bound, into pixels stored on discs and CDs and Google Book Search. Even that is going to pass. Look what is happening to the microfiche we used in the past to store copies for future generations.

Author Robert Darnton points out that even the original manuscripts of what we have today of a great like Shakespeare is questionable. Just what is his and what was added by publishers throughout the years? Some editions of his plays add or subtract lines, or even add or leave out certain works.

Are books on the way out? By books I mean the ones you can hold in your hand and devour word by word. Or have books as we know them been replaced by technology?

That is a question that interested me being a book reviewer and a devoted reader. It should also interest the reader of this review because they might purchase a Kindle or an iPad or even a Nook. Any one of these e-readers must have a source of literature to draw from. Who is going to determine the accuracy of what they get and the permanence?

What is also important is the security of our research libraries. Are they going to become places covered with dust or will they move with the times and become learning centers? That is just one of the issues Darnton writes about in his essays. These 11 essays collected in one place were written over time for "The New York Review of Books" as well as "Daedalus." It is sectioned into three parts; future, present and past. Chapter nine titled "The Importance of Being Bibliographical" is recommended.

"Why is bibliography important? It is more than a list of titles, what use is it? The question has acquired new pertinence now that tests have become more available and less trustworthy, thanks to the Internet. Students usually download tests from computers without asking where they came from, and they frequently get garbage."

That is something to consider.

Keep reading. Contact me at smdp_review@yahoo.com.

Warhol portrait of Liz Taylor offered at auction

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LONDON Auction house Christie's says a rare Andy Warhol portrait of Hollywood screen legend Elizabeth Taylor will go on sale in London this month.

"Silver Liz" is expected to fetch up to 8 million pounds ($11.5 million) when it goes under the hammer June 30.

The portrait was painted in 1963, the year Taylor became the first actress to earn $1 million for a role. It has been in a private collection for 20 years and has not been seen in public.

Taylor was one of Warhol's muses but Christie's said Tuesday that "Silver Liz" was one of only two Warhol portraits to show the actress with her famous violet eyes.



PUBLIC NOTICE
City of Santa Monica
Water Resources Division

The City of Santa Monica Water Resources Division wants you to know that plans are on schedule to reactivate shuttered water wells in conjunction with the **Charnock Well Field Restoration Project**. Water from the Charnock Well Field will be used in our system starting in August 2010. The City's primary goal is to return the Charnock Well Field to full production by December 31, 2010 which will fully restore local groundwater supplies, reduce the use of imported water from Northern California and the Colorado River, and help meet the City's sustainability objectives.

The Charnock Well Field, located in Mar Vista, has been used as a drinking water source since 1924. In 1996, the well field was shut down after routine water testing revealed that the gasoline additive, Methyl tertiary-Butyl Ether (MTBE) had infiltrated the aquifer supplying the wells. The source of the gasoline compound was leakage from underground storage tanks at local gasoline service stations. After subsurface investigation and site cleanup was instituted, the City of Santa Monica pursued restitution and eventually reached a monetary settlement agreement with the principal responsible parties.

After years of studies to evaluate the optimum solution for treating the water, the City has installed a Granular Activated Carbon filtration system to remove MTBE and another potential gasoline additive, tertiary-Butyl Alcohol (TBA) from the Charnock Well Field water. The MTBE and TBA plume is not expected to reach the Charnock wells for at least two years after pumping starts, based on computer modeling by expert hydrogeologists commissioned by the City.

An additional component of the Project is the replacement of the City's obsolete water softening facility at the Santa Monica Water Treatment Plant, with a new Reverse Osmosis softening system that includes Fluoridation and Chloramination capabilities. The facility is located in West Los Angeles.

In order to ensure that all water quality regulations and drinking water permitting requirements for the new treatment facilities are being met, the City is working with the California Department of Public Health (DPH), the responsible agency for regulatory oversight and the enforcement of the federal and California Safe Drinking Water Acts to assure the delivery of safe drinking water to Santa Monica residents.

AVAILABILITY OF DOCUMENTATION:
The City prepared a series of technical reports to support the drinking water permit application to the Department of Public Health and the City is soliciting comments or input from its customers. Documents regarding the Charnock Well Field Restoration Project may be viewed at the Water Resources Division, 1212 Fifth Street, 3rd Floor, Santa Monica and the following

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Solid facts behind BP Gulf spill remain difficult to gauge

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NEW ORLEANS The cap over a broken BP wellhead at the bottom of the Gulf of Mexico is collecting more gushing crude day by day, but that's about the extent of the details known as authorities try to pinpoint how much oil is escaping, where it's going and what harm it will cause.

The recently installed containment cap on the stricken BP wellhead is helping to limit the leak, collecting more than 620,000 gallons of oil Monday, Coast Guard Adm. Thad Allen said Tuesday in Washington. Still, underwater video feeds continue to show a dark geyser.

"I have never said this is going well," said Allen, who's monitoring the response effort for the government. "We're throwing everything at it that we've got. I've said time and time again that nothing good happens when oil is on the water."

Authorities had earlier reported that the cap collected around 460,000 gallons Sunday and that it was capturing anywhere from a third to three-quarters of the oil spewing out after a damaged riser pipe was cut as part of the containment effort, increasing the flow as a side effect.

University of Texas engineering professor Paul Bommer, a member of the Coast Guard team that's trying to determine how much oil is still leaking, told The Associated Press it's possible that estimates the team will generate could be a bit higher than current government estimates.

BP announced plans recently to swap out the current cap with a bigger one next month that can capture more oil, raising questions about why such plans weren't in place at first as a backup.

"I know it takes some time to fabricate these things," Bommer said. "It's not something you just go to Wal-Mart and buy."

The current equipment collecting the spilled oil at the surgace is believed to be nearing its daily capacity. BP spokesman Max McGahan told the AP the company will process some of the flow by sending it to a burner that turns it into a combustible fog and ignites it.

The rig equipped with the burner will be moved away from the main leak site so flames and heat do not endanger other vessels, he said.

BP will also boost capacity by bringing in a floating platform it believes can process most of the flow, spokesman Robert Wine said. He didn't know when it would arrive.

Bommer's team, the Flow Rate Technical Group, includes federal scientists, independent experts and academic researchers, and its projections could ultimately be used to penalize BP judging by how much oil escapes.

BP CEO Tony Hayward is scheduled to testify before a congressional committee June 17 about the company's role in a rig explosion April 20 that killed 11 workers, and the ensuing spill.

Allen said Tuesday that he would meet with BP to assess how well it is handling claims for relief from people hurt by the spill.

The aim is "to see if we need to provide any oversight," he said, noting that "working claims is not something that's part of BP's organizational competence here."

President Obama assures seniors on revamped health care

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Associated Press Writers

WHEATON, Md. President Barack Obama on Tuesday sought to sell the health overhaul law to skeptical seniors, launching a defense of his presidency's biggest accomplishment as the election season gets under way and the Gulf oil spill dominates news.

The questions Obama got from a crowd at a senior center in suburban Maryland, and from others listening on the phone, suggested that plenty of doubts remain even now that the rancorous health care debate has faded from the headlines.

There's only so much Obama can do to ease concerns. But with crucial midterm elections looming, the administration is determined to put the law's benefits front and center as they come online, in hopes of winning over public opinion for the new system and generating confidence in leadership by Obama and his Democratic allies controlling Congress.

Tuesday's event was timed to coincide with the release later this week of the first batch of $250 checks to seniors who fall into Medicare's prescription drug coverage gap, known as the "doughnut hole." Some 4 million elderly and disabled people will get checks this year, a down payment on the law's approach to closing the doughnut hole entirely over the next decade.

The first question came from a woman in the audience: Why can't he close the doughnut hole faster?

Obama's answer: "It's very expensive."

The next question was from a listener in Illinois who wanted to know whether participants in the private insurance plans in Medicare, called Medicare Advantage, would lose benefits.

The answer is yes, according to the Congressional Budget Office. But Obama didn't come out and say it, explaining instead that Medicare Advantage plans are overpaid and subsidized by the majority of seniors who are on regular Medicare, something that's also true.

"What you need to know is that the guaranteed Medicare benefits that you've earned will not change," the president said.

Another question was from a laid-off worker in Nevada, too young for Medicare, who asked about losing COBRA subsidies that help him keep insurance.

Obama noted that the health law will help people like that join purchasing pools to gain competitive power to buy insurance. It won't happen until 2014, so it won't provide the immediate relief the Nevada worker is seeking.

But, Obama said optimistically, 2014 "is right around the corner."

The Medicare rebate checks will be the first tangible benefits most recipients will be seeing from the law Obama signed in March, and the first batch of 80,000 is supposed to go out Thursday. The checks are going to reimburse seniors for money spent on prescription drugs. Seniors who fall into the "doughnut hole" gap are responsible for $3,610 in drug costs in 2010 before their Medicare coverage kicks in again.

Obama also announced new measures to combat Medicare fraud, including aiming to halve waste, fraud and abuse in the program by the end of 2012.

Seniors are a key voting bloc for the White House but have demonstrated more skepticism than others about the law. An Associated Press-GfK poll conducted after the law was signed found 49 percent of seniors were strongly opposed, compared to 37 percent of those 64 and younger. Republicans have been quick to highlight those concerns.

"Seniors are right to be skeptical. They were told this law would strengthen Medicare, when in fact it takes a half-trillion dollars out of Medicare to fund a new government program," said Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky.

The administration is getting a boost from outside allies who plan to roll out a group called the Health Information Center to promote the law. Leaders of the group, including Andrew Grossman, who founded the advocacy group Wal-Mart Watch, are aiming to raise $25 million a year and are recruiting former Senate Democratic leader Tom Daschle and Victoria Kennedy, widow of Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass., as co-chairs.

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Sleep deprivation is just a part of being a good parent

I HAVE BEEN SLEEPING A LOT. BEING pregnant, it is part of the deal. My main symptom in my pregnancies has never been morning sickness, but extreme fatigue. And so, I sleep. My husband gets up with our 3-year-old son so I can sleep in. He takes him to the park so I can nap. He's a doll.

But in addition to actually sleeping, I have been thinking about sleeping — from when I can get it, to why I can't sleep sometimes in the middle of the night, to getting a new, special big-boy bed for Benjamin so he won't feel the new baby took his bed.

But what has really been on my mind lately is an ever-growing anxiety about how little sleep we are all about to get once the new baby arrives.

We finally have a kid who sleeps, and now we are about to do it all over again. Yikes.

Now, no new parent sleeps well. The baby needs to feed every few hours and this is part of the deal. But most people know it will subside at some point and the household will fall into a certain rhythm. But for us, with Benjamin, it took years. Perhaps it was our fault (I always think it is my fault), but I think it was just who our son was. It was his make-up, part of his neuromuscular issues. He wasn't able to get comfortable in his body. We tried everything, and still for almost a year, he'd wake up nightly, screaming and flailing his body for almost two hours, ending up in our bed, until we all collapsed. I am surprised my husband could make it through his work day or that I got my son where he needed to go. We were wrecked.

When we did try to sleep train him, by letting him cry it out, there was a knock on the door at three in the morning. It was the police. Seriously. They said they could hear him all the way down the street. We explained what we were doing. They suggested keeping the windows closed, but it was summer and tremendously hot. They didn't care and neither did our neighbors, who had called them. I was devastated and embarrassed, struggling to help my child learn how to soothe himself, only to be chastised that I was doing something wrong and disturbing other people. Thank goodness Benjamin happened to be wearing his policeman pajamas that night, with a little sheriff's badge on his shirt.

The next day, I slinked out of my apartment, mortified that one of my neighbors had called the police on us (though all of our immediate neighbors claimed they heard nothing) and headed over to The Pump Station for some advice. Please tell me what to do, what to buy, what class to take, I pleaded. My new parent exhaustion dripping from my whole being. And I did as they said, and tried it all. And none of it worked. Or if he did finally sleep through the entire night, he woke up at an unseemly hour. We were spent.

My husband read something once on some parenting board, by some other father, that said the days are long but the years are short, so when you are up in the night with your child, just try to enjoy, because it will be gone before you know it. And so we did that.

I tried to savor the rocking in the glider with him in the dark, or the quiet singing, or the three of us in bed together when Benjamin would finally just collapse in our room. But though I savored it, it didn't make getting though the day any easier.

Nature almost got it all right. We can grow our children in our bodies and then even nourish them from our bodies. But just when they need us the most, when they are newborns and at their most fussy, is when we are the most tired. Perhaps if I had had my children when I was in my 20s instead of pushing 40, the lack of sleep would not have such an effect on me.

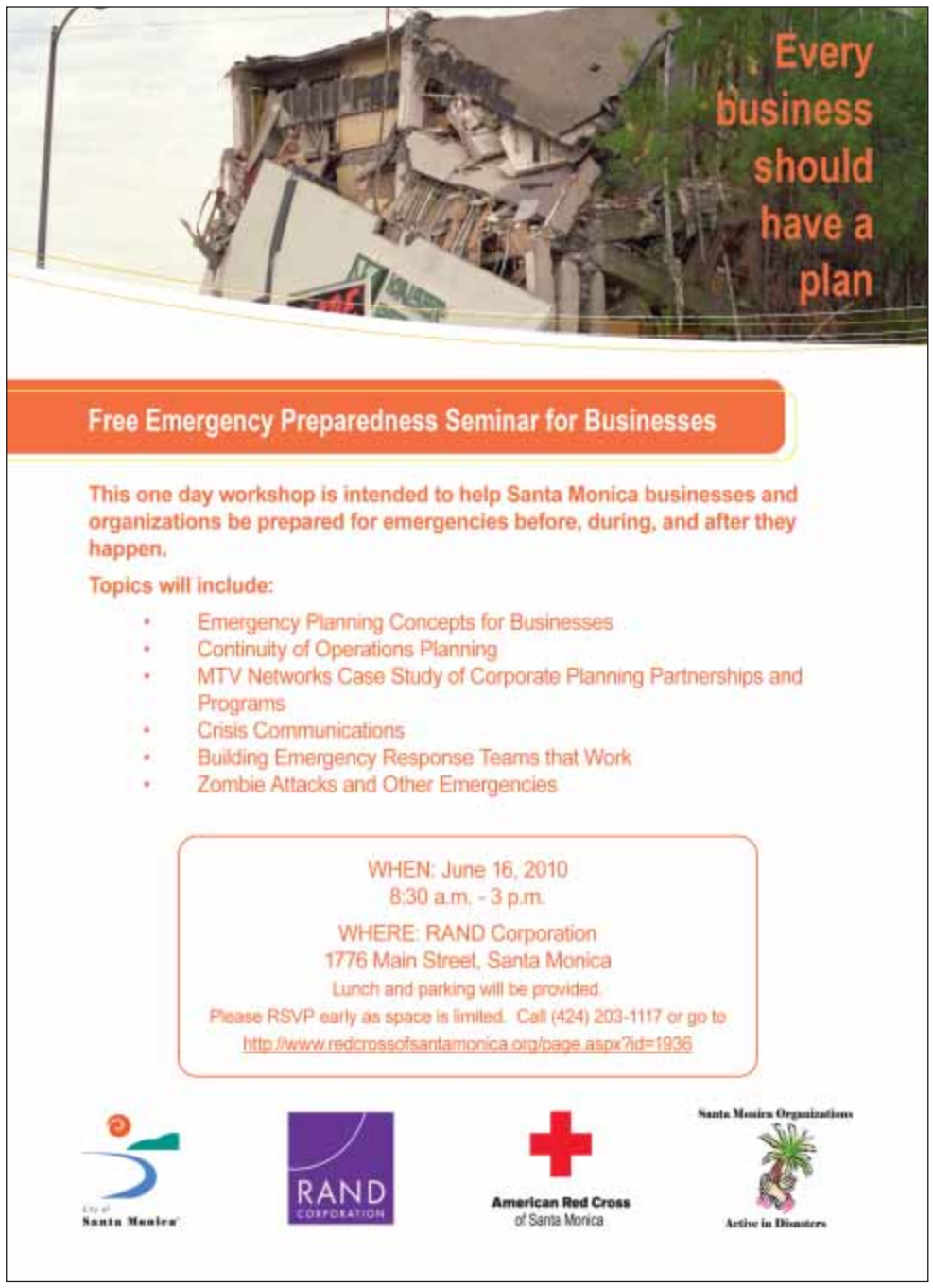
Finally, when he was ready, he slept. And then so did we. Our house is quiet now at night. It's peaceful. It's a gift.

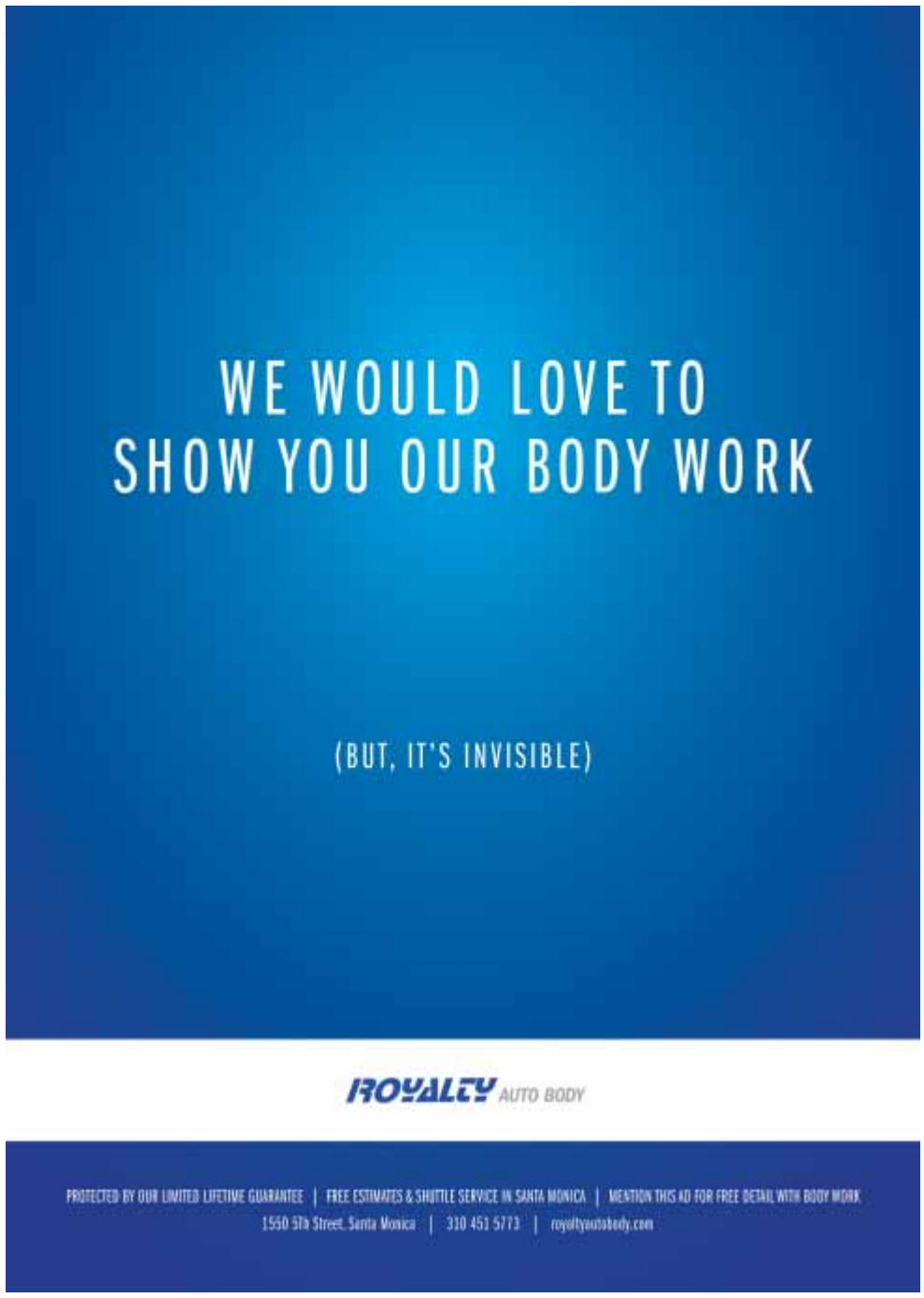
And here we are about to do it all over again. By some definitions, that qualifies as crazy.

I know that sleep cannot be banked, but I am sleeping now, even when I am not so tired, while I can. Because when my child calls for me in the middle of the night, I will be there, and not because I am worried about the neighbors, or the fuzz, but because this time is fleeting and I know now from experience that we will all eventually sleep, it just may take a bit, but I will do my best to enjoy the long road of getting there.

Now, if you'll excuse me, I have to go get some shut-eye.

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Santa Monica From A to Z

Alisandra Rand and Melissa Rader Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Family fun crafts on the cheap

SEVERAL STORES AROUND TOWN OFFER free craft sessions for kids in hopes that parents will do a little shopping. We hammered, glued, and glittered so we could report on the activities, and picked up some light bulbs and magnetic letters at the same time.

Home Depot (www.homedepot.com) offers a new wooden craft project the first Saturday of the month. The wood and nails come in a kit, and hammers and glue are set out on a large table in front of the store. Sometimes we have to wait awhile for space at the table, and it can get hot in line.

We have been taking Dash since he was a toddler and he is now fairly skilled at wielding that hammer. We have made fire engines, calendars, and race-car tracks over the years. Dash still needs help interpreting the instructions of course, but so does his father, Rob. One of Rob's favorite jokes is "there hasn't been a good Jewish carpenter since Jesus!" I'm not much better although I grew up with handy parents. My expertise ends at hanging a picture frame. Luckily, the directions are pretty easy to follow and a couple of helpers are always there if you get stuck. For toddler Zora, we just let her pound on her project with the hammer, which she always enjoys.

When the project is complete, the helpers give you a certificate and a collectible pin (in case you need proof of your prowess with tools). In the past, Dash has received a Home Depot apron with his name written on it, but they do not seem to have them every time. The apron now resides in our costume box for when we bust out our tools and play construction. The projects are usually suitable for painting and decorating at home.

Lakeshore Learning (www.lakeshorelearning.com), a teachers' supply store, sponsors a craft project most Saturday afternoons. Sometimes there is a line to participate, but it moves quickly. The project usually features craft items sold in the store. We've made felt purses and kaleidoscopes decorated with plastic gems and foam alphabet stickers, for example. Taking the kids to Lakeshore is a bit dangerous for me because the store has the coolest games, manipulatives, and art supplies, and I always find something the kids can't do without. Join their club to receive coupons and notification of sales via e-mail.

Addison's neighbors Maria and Victoria introduced us to Michaels (www.michaels.com) in-store events. It's a great way for kids to sample different arts and crafts and find out which they might be interested in pursuing further. You can check out their website to look for upcoming events. Many of them center around holiday gifts. For Father's Day alone they have seven different craft ideas. You can create a book, make a wallet, decorate a frame, handcraft a card or T-shirt. Some are free. Some you have to purchase the item, but decorations are free — still a steal since according to Maria, Victoria always uses her money's worth of stickers to cover the nominal material fee.

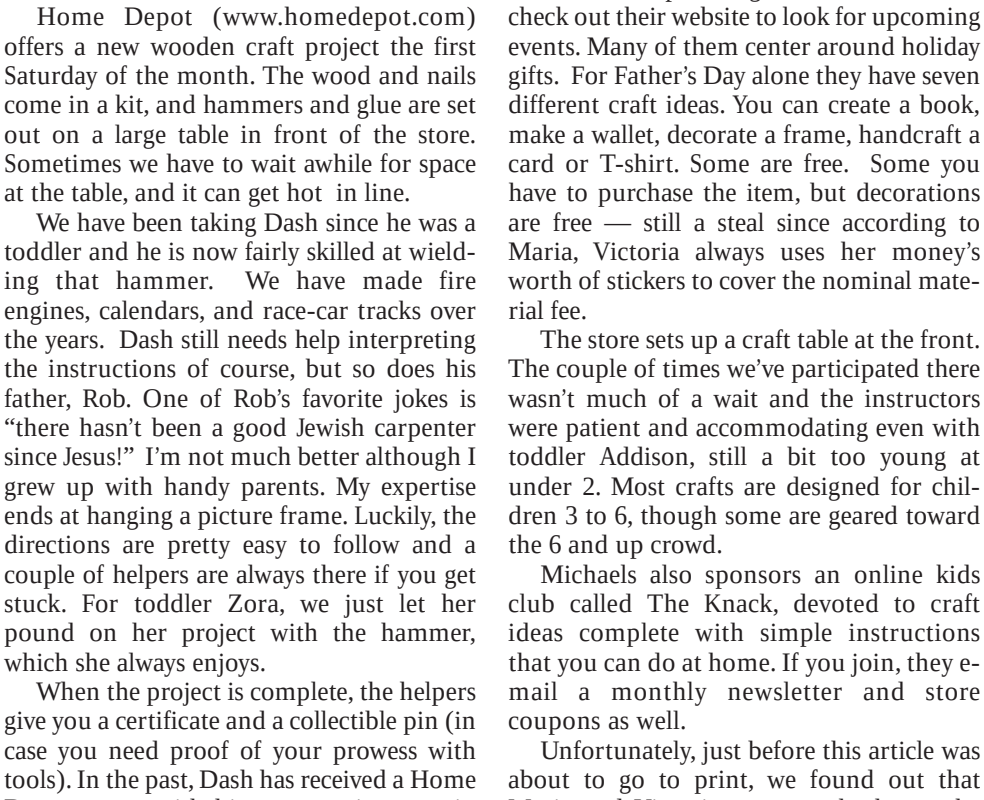
The store sets up a craft table at the front. The couple of times we've participated there wasn't much of a wait and the instructors were patient and accommodating even with toddler Addison, still a bit too young at under 2. Most crafts are designed for children 3 to 6, though some are geared toward the 6 and up crowd.

Michaels also sponsors an online kids club called The Knack, devoted to craft ideas complete with simple instructions that you can do at home. If you join, they e-mail a monthly newsletter and store coupons as well.

Unfortunately, just before this article was about to go to print, we found out that Maria and Victoria went to check out the American Girl card event at Michaels and were disappointed that there was nothing set up in the usual spot. The trip wasn't completely in vain however. After talking to the store manager they were escorted to a previously undiscovered (at least by them) arts and crafts room at the back of the store where they found boxes of card kits just waiting to be made and Victoria was sent home with several in hand.

We highly recommend these store-sponsored projects. Aside from the fact that they are all free or low-cost, someone else does the planning, preparation and clean up!

See our blog for links to the stores' craft project calendars as well as a calendar, helpful links and more adventures of our preschool- and toddler-aged children. Go to smatoz.blogspot.com.









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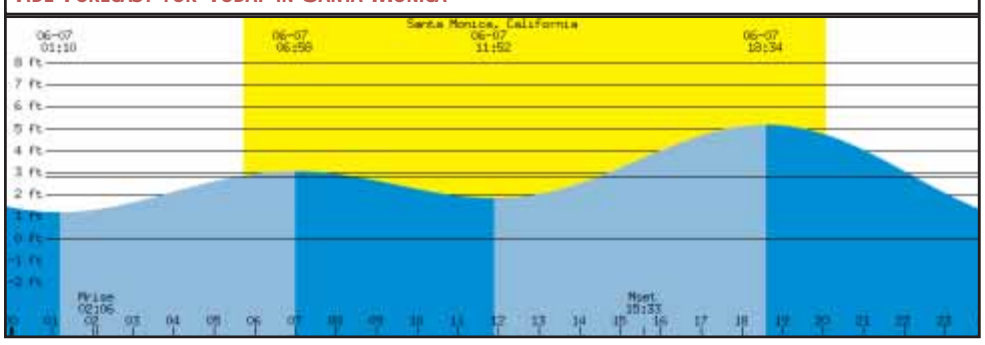
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Long Range Synopsis

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Tide Forecast for Today in Santa Monica



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

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence.	D	ss
Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain.	A	ss
Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain.	A	ss
Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua).	A	ss
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain.	A+	ss
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain.	A+	ss
Santa Monica Municipal Pier.	A	ss
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain.	A	ss
Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms).	A+	ss
Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain.	A+	ss
Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain.	A+	ss
Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain.	A+	ss
Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain.	A+	ss
Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south.	A+	ss
Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St..	A+	ss
Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- lifeguard tower.	A	ss
Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth.	A	ss
Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain.	A+	ss
North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach.	A+	ss
Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of D&W jetty).	A+	ss
Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain.	A	ss
Dockweiler Beach- opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant.	C	ss
Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain.	A	ss

LEGEND

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

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WORLD CUP

ESPN bets big on soccer

RACHEL COHEN
AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK Knowledgeable U.S. soccer fans — it's not an oxymoron.

ESPN is making a huge investment in World Cup coverage, paying $100 million for the rights to the 2010 and 2014 tournaments, based on the conviction that not only do Americans know the beautiful game, they want all they can get.

The 2006 tournament on ESPN and ABC drew the largest audiences for a World Cup outside the United States. But research afterward showed the network could do more to show fans it's taking the sport seriously.

Now the network is trying to do just that, and to attract even more viewers, despite the time zone challenges of this year's event in South Africa, which is six hours ahead of New York and nine hours ahead of Los Angeles.

"The simple math of ratings, if you can take that audience and get them to watch for a longer period of time, it has the same effect as growing the number of viewers," said Jed Drake, executive producer for ESPN's World Cup coverage. "We really have targeted our presentation now for a knowledgeable soccer audience."

The same network that drew criticism for calling 20 matches from U.S. studios four years ago is putting together a staff of 300 people to produce the event in South Africa. ESPN has hired British announcers and plans 65 hours of live studio programming from Johannesburg.

"We have a production plan that we think is up to the level of ambition of this event with a great group of commentators that we've assembled, a broadcast operation that is far and away the biggest we've ever amassed outside of the U.S.," Drake said.

The ESPN compound at the International Broadcast Center in Johannesburg is massive, dwarfing that of any other operation. A large bullpen is filled with editors and writers, with more than a dozen big-screen TVs on the walls. There are four editing suites and three control rooms, the largest of which has 10 high-definition screens that show everything ESPN is doing.

"You look at the footprint of this facility and we are, shall we say, quite large," Drake said. "It's just part of the commitment. You only do something at this level with the best equipment and the best people."

ESPN also has an expansive set overlooking the Soccer City stadium, where "SportsCenter" will be broadcast live, and an open-air patio that can be the site for live reports for "Good Morning America" or one of ABC's other shows. ESPN and ABC are owned by The Walt Disney Co.

Former national team captain John Harkes, who will work as a commentator on all of the U.S. team's games, said Americans have learned to watch soccer differently in recent years, and that knowledge will influence how they follow this World Cup.

"It's not that we're just going to see the games," he said of soccer fans in the U.S. "Now I'm going to see the games and I understand what's happening, and why that player's there."

The real test of America's passion for soccer begins at 10 a.m. EDT this Friday, when the World Cup will kick off with South Africa playing Mexico live from Johannesburg.

Much of ESPN's unprecedented coverage in the United States will come at times when TV viewers are typically at work, asleep or otherwise away from their sets. Most games are scheduled to start at 7:30 a.m., 10 a.m. or 2:30 p.m. on the East Coast — that's 4:30 a.m., 7 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. out West.

ESPN's gamble relies on more than games, saturating its various platforms with coverage that might drive more people to watch morning matches or pique their interest if they miss them. The network is planning more than 230 hours of live original programming. A little more than half will be games, but the rest — at more viewer-friendly hours — will be commentary and other material.

In the end, the hope is this nation will love the game.

"That was the revelation to a lot of people in 2006 when we had the biggest audience ever," said Rob Hunter, ESPN's vice president for digital technology. "I will be surprised if we don't have even more people this year say, 'Wow, those guys can play. They can really play.'"

Of course, the country has been slow to embrace soccer despite the presence of the World Cup on U.S. soil in 1994 or the signing of David Beckham with the Los Angeles Galaxy of the MLS.

All games will also be re-aired in prime time on ESPN Classic. And then there's all the planned radio, online and mobile coverage.

Research by Nielsen found that 23 percent of American fans planned to keep up with the tournament with their mobile phone — especially if they can't watch the games live on TV.

Nine games will be broadcast on a weekend afternoon in the Eastern time zone, a more traditional sports-watching time; that includes England-United States on June 12 and the final. And all the matches will be on ESPN Mobile and most on ESPN3.com.

In an era when the TV ratings for many American sporting events can fluctuate widely depending on who's playing and how much drama they're ensnared in, the World Cup likely won't be any different. A deep run by the U.S. team would naturally pull in viewers.

"The games will determine what the real story is," Hunter said. "Our viewership in the U.S. will really be a function of the games. We know we're creating a great platform. Our coverage plans for this World Cup are extraordinary. If the games themselves match the coverage plan, the audience results will be outstanding."



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1:20pm, 3:30pm, 5:40pm, 8:00pm, 10:15pm

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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

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Say yes, Scorpio

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★ Even if you are 90 percent sure, don't take any risks financially. There is an element of deception and confusion running through funds. You will notice this influence in hindsight. Stay on the appointed path for now. Have a discussion later in the day. Tonight: Your treat.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ You might be sure of what you are doing, but others might not be. In this situation, there could be an enormous flub-up. Answer questions willingly. Be aware that a boss, older relative or friend doesn't communicate well at times. Tonight: Strutting your stuff.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ Suddenly you feel different. Mercury enters your sign, making you clear and more expressive than you have been in a long while. News from a distance isn't as clear as you might like. Tonight: Get a good night's sleep.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★ Through pulling away, you will gain a unique perspective that normally isn't available. Understanding increases as a result. You can verbalize a problem that you might not have been aware of previously. Tonight: Where the crowds are.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Assuming responsibility could be the first step in putting yourself on overload. You might not want all the extras! Think carefully when determining your limits. Don't blindly dive in. If you're hesitant, wait. Tonight: Burning the candle at both ends.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Keep reaching out for more information. You seek clarity, yet you are surrounded by vagueness. Whether dealing with work, health or even a hobby, clarity might be hard to find! Maintain a sense of humor. Tonight: Put on a favorite piece of music.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Work with individuals rather than groups. If you are to completely grasp where someone is coming from, it is necessary to put yourself in his or her shoes. Don't project your images or attitudes on a situation. Tonight: Listen well to what someone shares.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ You have difficulty finding a comfortable niche, so much so that you consider going home early. By the afternoon, a conversation opens up a situation. Know that you have the necessary qualities to work on this issue with this person. Tonight: Say "yes" to an invitation.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Solutions bubble up if you can relax. Note a tendency to go into your head during meetings, conversations and nearly any other time. Your imagination is one of your many gifts. Tonight: Take a walk, go to a baseball game or find another relaxing pastime.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★★ Your ability to read between the lines draws quick results. Given some time and space, understanding grows to a new dimension. Verify a money agreement in any way possible. Tonight: Let your imagination rock and roll.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Your ability to anchor in and maintain your priorities is more important than you realize. You have many ideas, but it is how you express them that makes a difference. You inspire a lot of people. Tonight: Don't push too hard.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Conversations finally make sense, and others are responsive. You have tried very hard to connect with someone, yet you have hit roadblock after roadblock. Let go of your expectations and worry less about the situation. It is likely to clear in the next few days. Tonight: Hang out with a friend.

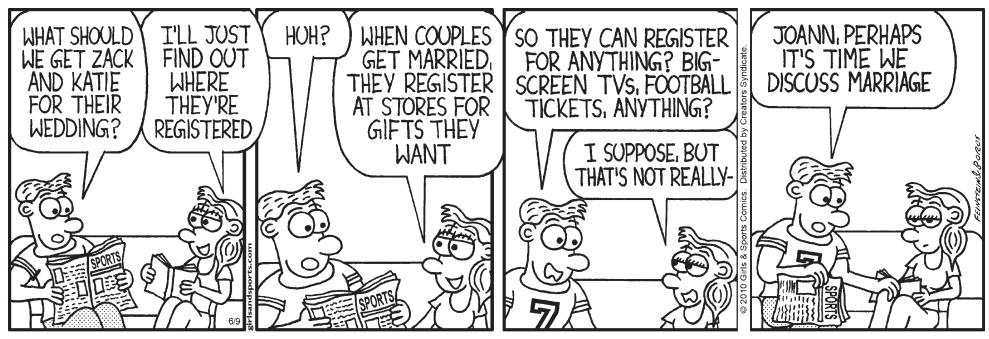
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Finally, you connect with far more depth and caring than you have in the past. Others seem to be able to receive your message. Communication flows with precision. Sometimes a vagueness with a concept or confusion over words could cause a problem. Reflect rather than react. If you are single, you could meet someone who is emotionally unavailable. Don't kid yourself about changing this person! You could decide to continue dating. If you are attached, both of you benefit from time spent away from the daily grind. Plan romantic getaways together. TAURUS reads you cold.

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS
The stars show the kind of day you'll have:
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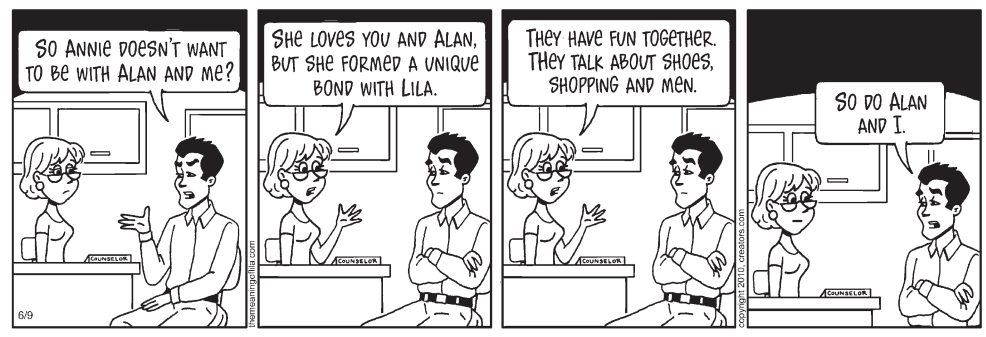
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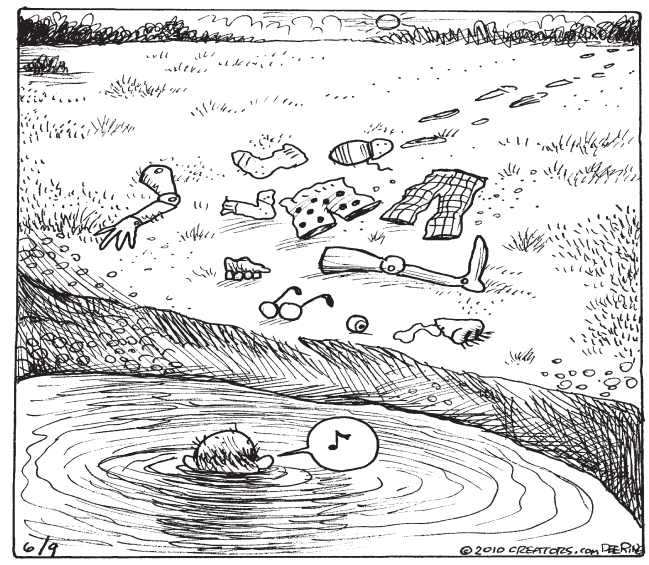
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Sudoku

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

Difficulty Level ★★★

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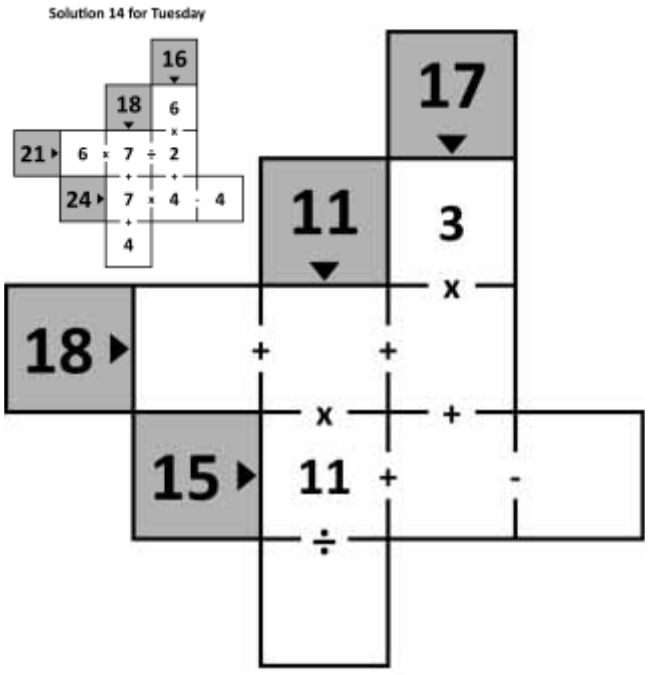
• Fill the grid with the set of given numbers (1 to 12) to satisfy the Equa demands (7 to 24) in the shaded boxes. The Equa demands represent the sum of the digits that you will insert into the empty squares.
• Each horizontal row has one Equa demand to satisfy; each vertical column also has one demand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

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Solution 14 for Tuesday





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CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Spielberg thriller
5 Second thoughts
11 Sills song
12 Spool out
13 Show flexibility
14 State capital on the Hudson
15 Slump
16 Son of Zeus
17 Soaks up the sun
19 Stake
22 Surfer's site
24 Severus at Hogwarts
26 St. Louis sight
27 Superb serves
28 Some exercise equipment
30 Sea walls
31 "Sure!"
32 Bell sounds
34 Shrewd
35 Simple card game
38 Smack
41 Sinfulness
42 Sommelier, at times
43 Subject-line heading
44 Superlatively
45 Senior

DOWN

1 Sticks with a needle
2 Scope
3 Some offensive players
4 Sorrowful
5 Subatomic particle
6 Save if
7 Securities traders, for short
8 Salonga of Broadway
9 Stag-party invitees
10 Shrewd
16 Silvery gray
18 Sore spot
19 Start of a golf stroke
20 Sword choice
21 Shirley MacLaine film "Guarding ___"
22 Stroller user
23 Sight from Buffalo
25 Small spike
29 Ship's wheel parts
30 Sunrise to sunset
33 Strain
34 Smoke source
36 Square measure
37 Sax part
38 Sauna site
39 Small child
40 Stroke
41 Seneca's road

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ According to court records cited by The Washington Post in April, Rene Fernandez, 45, will plead guilty to one count of a DUI-caused injury in connection with a 2009 traffic accident in Montgomery County, Md., that severely injured a retired county judge and his wife, both in their 80s. Fernandez and the judge, Edwin Collier, had met previously, in 1998, when Judge Collier pronounced sentence on Fernandez for DUI. At that time, Judge Collier released Fernandez on probation, even though Fernandez had been arrested for DUI twice in the previous three months.

■ Paula Wolf, 41, was arrested in Stevens Point, Wis., and charged with hitting four pedestrians at random with projectiles on April 21. In Wolf's car, police found a blow gun, a slingshot and a bucket of rocks, and after questioning, Wolf told police that she just "liked to hear people say 'ouch.'"

TODAY IN HISTORY

1957 First ascent of Broad Peak (the world's 12th highest mountain).

1958 Queen Elizabeth II officially opens London Gatwick Airport, (LGW), Crawley, West Sussex, United Kingdom.

1959 The USS George Washington is launched. It is the first submarine to carry ballistic missiles.

1967 Six-Day War: Israel captures the Golan Heights from Syria

1968 U.S. President Lyndon B. Johnson declares a national day of mourning following the assassination of Senator Robert F. Kennedy.

1973 Secretariat wins the Triple Crown.

1974 Portugal and the Soviet Union establish diplomatic relations.

1978 The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints opens its priesthood to "all worthy men", ending a 148-year-old policy excluding black men.

1979 The Ghost Train Fire at Luna Park, North Sydney, kills seven.

1985 Thomas Sutherland is kidnapped in Lebanon (he was not released until 1991).

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