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Members of the Millcreek Junior High School (Bountiful, Utah) Jazz Band get buried in sand after performing at the Santa Monica Pier Tuesday.

FAA stops test flight path

BY NICK TABOREK
Daily Press Staff Writer

SMO A day after the Federal Aviation Administration ended its 180-day flight pattern test that sent some small propeller planes taking off from Santa Monica Airport over neighborhoods instead of over less-populated areas, residents said they didn't detect an immediate drop-off in noise from flyovers.

"I'm not noticing an overwhelming peace and calm over Ocean Park now that the test is over," said Planning Commissioner Ted Winterer, a resident of Ocean Park, which along with Sunset Park has been ground-zero for airplane noise complaints.

Thousands of noise complaints have been filed with airport officials since the test began in December, with residents contradicting the FAA's claim that fewer than 10 flights per day were affected by the experimental test route.

The FAA said the test, which required some small propeller planes to turn northwest toward the Santa Monica Pier after takeoff rather than flying directly to the coast, helped reduce delays at SMO and LAX by keeping the smaller planes out of airspace shared with jets.

Residents said they noticed a high volume of planes, including jets, flying over their homes during the test.

Noise complaints at SMO skyrocketed after neighborhood groups publicized the FAA's test, with an estimated 3,500 received since May 1, an airport official said.

The complaints are being forwarded to the FAA, which expects to complete a final report on the test route by early August, according to Ian Gregor, an agency spokesman.

"At that time, we will decide whether to move toward making the [test route] permanent," he said. "If we move toward mak-

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Police union objects to cuts

BY NICK TABOREK
Daily Press Staff Writer

PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITY With the City Council set to vote next week on a budget for the upcoming fiscal year, the Santa Monica Police Officers Association is objecting to a proposal contained in the spending plan that would eliminate two lieutenant positions.

The SMPD's budget proposal, which Chief Tim Jackman outlined at a public hearing in May, calls for reducing the number of budgeted lieutenant positions from 13 to 11. The positions would be eliminated through attrition, not through layoffs.

In an e-mail to the City Council on Monday that was obtained by the Daily Press, Sgt. Jay Trisler, the POA's chair, argued the proposed staffing reduction could hurt the department's efficiency.

"We feel that the lieutenants provide oversight and management controls which have helped with budget issues," he wrote.

He also said if the proposed reductions are adopted the SMPD's ratio of lieutenants to police employees would increase to 1 to 37 — higher than the ratios at comparable departments in Pasadena, Huntington Beach and Irvine.

Even after eliminating the positions, though, SMPD would still have more lieutenants to sworn officers than the departments in each of those cities, according to data Trisler cited.

City Manager Rod Gould on Wednesday defended the police department's budget plan as a way to save City Hall $500,000 per year without hurting the department.

"We don't think this diminishes what we can deliver from a service standpoint, otherwise we wouldn't be making the recommendation," he said.

With City Hall facing a $13.2 million deficit, Gould has recommended $8.1 million in spending cuts across departments to help close the gap.

Trisler said he hoped the council would either restore the positions, or in a worst-case scenario, opt to freeze them instead of eliminating them from the payroll. He said if the positions are budgeted but left unfilled, the department could add two lieutenants

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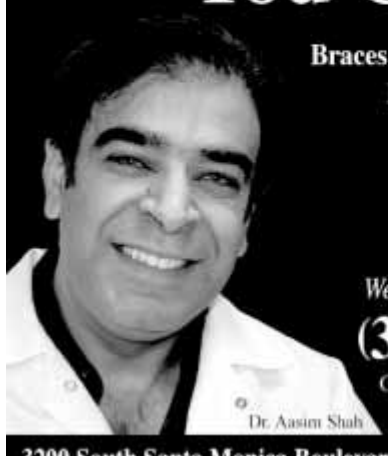
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Laemmle Royal Theatre
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Terror becomes hilarity with this screening of "Night of the Living Dead," dubbed by the L.A. Connection Comedy Group. Stay for a special bonus screening of a half-hour episode 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
Santa Monica Public Library, Main Branch
601 Santa Monica Blvd., 7—9 p.m.
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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.

Friday, June 11, 2010

Arts and crafts
Santa Monica Civic Auditorium
1855 Main St., 10 a.m. — 6 p.m.
The 25th annual Contemporary Crafts Market features 250 artists, creating works ranging from jewelry, glassware and ceramics to hand-painted textiles, custom furniture and mixed-media creations. Everything on display and for sale has been selected by a jury. The show begins today and runs through Sunday. Admissions is $8 and free for children 12 and under. For more information, call (310) 285-3655.

One big illusion
The Imagined Life Theater
5615 San Vicente Blvd., 8 p.m. — 9:30 p.m.
Based on a true story, "Disillusioned: Confessions of a Serial Magician," follows the comedic struggles of Matt Marcy to get respect for his work. The show combines magic, comedy, storytelling, multimedia and audience interaction to create a 90-minute exploration of Marcy's attempt to understand himself and his craft. Admission cost from $22 to $40, and the show is intended for audiences members over the age of 15.

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HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL

St. Monica Mariners moving leagues

Squad earns All-League honors for last year in Camino Real, will be in Del Rey next season

BY DANIEL ARCHULETA
Managing Editor

ST. MONICA St. Monica's baseball team's reward for a successful two-season run in the Camino Real is a move to a more difficult league.

The Mariners completed this season second in league and won the Camino Real crown last season, which, by league rules, forces St. Monica to bump up to the more competitive Del Rey League, which includes perennial powerhouses Bishop Amat and St. Paul, Head Coach Jack White said.

"It's tough for us to compete with them," White said.

The bylaws of the Camino Del Rey Assoc. state that teams are shifted between the two leagues based on performance, with the more successful teams migrating to the Del Rey League every two seasons. From this year forward, the last place finisher in the Del Rey will move down to the Camino Real league each year with the Camino Real winner moving up.

St. Monica could have stayed in its league

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CHP officer among hurt in 405 crash

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES A California Highway Patrol motorcycle officer and three others were taken to the hospital Wednesday after a three-vehicle crash shut down the northbound 405 Freeway for several hours, backing up traffic for miles.

Phillip Ortiz, a 27-year veteran based at the CHP's West Los Angeles station, was making a traffic stop on the right shoulder of the highway near the Interstate 10 interchange about 8:35 a.m., said CHP Officer Miguel Luevano.

In a statement, Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center officials said Ortiz, 52, remains in critical condition. His family has requested their privacy.

Witnesses told investigators that a car traveling on the shoulder to try to pass slower traffic suddenly came upon the stopped motorcycle and SUV, Luevano said.

Trying to avoid the vehicles, the car crashed into the officer, shoving him and his

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Morgan Genser *news@smdp.com*

YOU THE MAN! **St. Monica's Danny White (center) celebrates after a walk-off hit against Serra earlier this season. White was named Camino Real League MVP this year.**

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

PASADENA

Sanchez Pasadena's next chief

Santa Monica Deputy Chief Phil Sanchez will be named the next Pasadena police chief, according to a report by the Pasadena Star-News, which cited an anonymous source close to the hiring process.

City officials have not yet named Sanchez, but have said that the candidate for the job is undergoing a psychological exam and background check this week, and will be revealed to the public next Tuesday.

Sanchez could not be reached for comment.

The city manager was given the task of selecting Pasadena's new police chief but has never released the names of the finalists for the job.

Sources close to the selection process named the three finalists as Sanchez, interim Police Chief Chris Vicino, and Covina Police Chief Kim Raney.

The 53-year-old Sanchez has served his entire career in the Santa Monica Police Department and was a candidate to become chief during the previous hiring process in 2006.

Sanchez has served in a number of different departments in Santa Monica. He developed the Santa Monica Police Department's Special Entry Team – the city's version of SWAT.

He graduated from the Naval Postgraduate School, Center for Homeland Defense and Security with his Master's Degree in Security Studies in 2009, and has authored several published articles on the use of deadly force and how it affects police officers.

He has been an adjunct instructor at the Orange County Sheriff's Academy for nearly 10 years, and twice has been awarded the SMPD's Medal of Courage for heroic actions during tactical operations.

He's also worked in the department's Internal Affairs office.

If hired, Sanchez would oversee a department of 246 sworn officers with a budget of roughly $60.8 million. The top salary for chief of police in Pasadena is $212,015.

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Mis-informed

Editor:

Of all the ill-informed comments about Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District (SMMUSD) financing that Matt Millen has lobbed into the discussion about Measure A, one of the most egregious is his suggestion that there is something to be gained by suing the city of Santa Monica over a redevelopment financing issue that figured in recent litigation between the county of Los Angeles and Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD). Any recovery that SMMUSD might eventually obtain as an indirect result of LAUSD's victory in that case will do nothing to help fund SMMUSD's operating costs.

The case in point involves the amount of property tax "increment" that redevelopment agencies are, under certain circumstances, required to "pass through" to certain governmental agencies, including school districts. The courts determined that Los Angeles County miscalculated the amount of property tax that should have been used in determining the pass-through amounts paid by various redevelopment agencies to LAUSD. It is the county's calculations that each redevelopment agency (including Santa Monica's) relies on in making the pass-through payments. The specifics of the calculation corrections, and how they will apply to redevelopment agencies throughout the county, is pending resolution by the trial court.

Mr. Millen clearly does not understand how this case affects SMMUSD. SMMUSD receives pass-through payments generated by the redevelopment area formed by the city of Santa Monica in the aftermath of the 1994 Northridge earthquake. Under applicable state law, 56.7 percent of those pass-through payments are restricted to use for school facilities and cannot be used for general operations, such as paying for teachers, librarians and nurses. The other 43.3 percent does apply to operations, but the state accounts for it is as a credit against SMMUSD's revenue limit – i.e., per-student state funding. Accordingly, the operations share of pass-through funds simply reduces the state's annual share of revenue paid to SMMUSD. Therefore, pass-through payments do not provide a single additional penny of operating funds to the district.

Local attorney Tom Larmore and I have been following this litigation since the initial trial court decision was issued. We have worked with SMMUSD's chief financial officer and the district's outside redevelopment counsel to be sure that the district is properly positioned to take advantage of any additional funds that resolution of this case may eventually produce. But Mr. Millen is plainly in error on this issue. Any additional funds that SMMUSD may eventually receive are not a substitute for the annual, flexible, locally controlled funding for operations that would have been provided had Measure A achieved a few additional percentage points of approval by district voters.

Paul J. Silvern
Santa Monica

Close SMO

Editor:

Natalie La Padura is right to be concerned about Santa Monica Airport's noise impact on the John Muir/SMASH campus as well as the jet fuel particles on the playground and outside lunch table area. Add to those concerns the fact that the non-jet aircraft that are the subject of the FAA's test still fly leaded fuel. Not only are the playground and outside lunch table area affected by this toxic mix, but all the children's lungs and cardio-vascular systems suffer as well. Same for all the residents. Santa Monica Airport must be closed.

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Is grad school the solution for a rough job market?

DEAR NEW SHRINK,

Like many others, the current job climate in California has put a damper on my own career prospects. My organization has implemented several cost cutting measures including downsizing salaried staff and reducing our take-home pay by forcing mandatory closures. I have been considering going back to school as a result of the current lack of job advancement and growth opportunities. Are there any cons of going back to school now? Please advise me.

Thank you,
Unsure Applicant

DEAR UNSURE,

Many people consider attaining new or higher education opportunities during a down economy. While gaining a new skill set and setting yourself apart from the competition may seem like a good idea on the surface, it is important that you consider the deeper implications of this decision.

First, it is important to consider the type of degree you might attain and its value in your industry. I see three main reasons why individuals might choose to enter a graduate program: to enhance one's current career, to shift industries, or to explore options. Some may enter to enhance their current career; perhaps an advanced degree is required to attain an executive level program or the degree will help one to remain competitive in a growing market. Others might enroll in a program to shift careers in which the advanced degree will help them to develop the skills and training necessary to facilitate this shift. Finally, graduate or professional school may help others to explore opportunities and thereby clarify a new direction. While an advanced degree can certainly help open your mind to new opportunities and directions, it's probably a costly way to get there.

Determine whether an advanced degree will really separate you from the competition and if it is necessary for advancement within your industry of interest. If you plan to stay in your current industry look at the management within your own company and your competitors. Many firms will list the biographies for their top executives on the "About Us" section of their website. If you are looking to change industries, it is important to find a program that will give you the advanced training and qualifications needed to validate your shift. Again, explore what working professionals in your ideal companies have done and what specialized training they have completed in order to achieve their status.

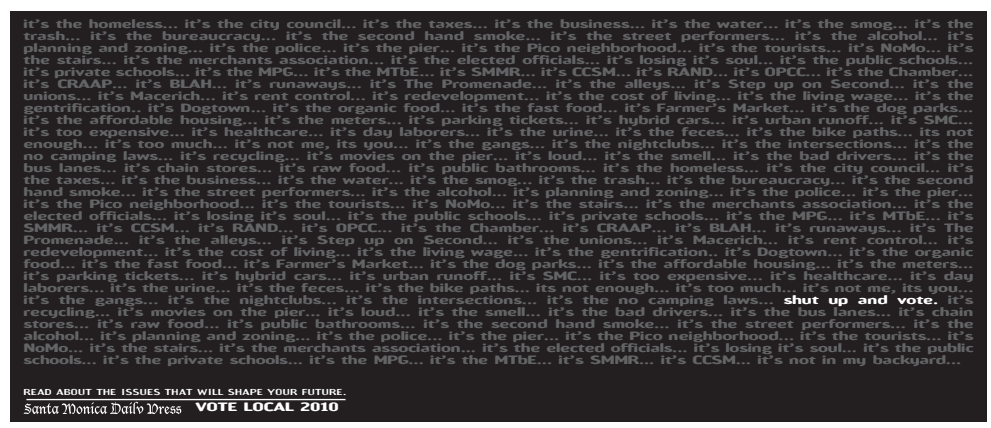
If you think that graduate school might help you to explore new opportunities, consider some lower cost opportunities that might provide the same opportunities. For instance, many colleges and universities offer extension or community education programs to provide non-degree seeking students with opportunities to gain further training or advanced education. These programs might provide you with the perfect opportunity to test out your new interests without taking on major financial obligations.

With the rising costs of education, attaining an advanced degree can be a costly endeavor. Consider whether this cost will be offset by your future earning potential. Also consider methods to reduce your out-of-pocket expenses. The method through which you attain your new degree can have several implications for your own career. Maintaining your full-time position while working towards degree completion will allow you to maintain an income to offset the costs of tuition and related expenses. Explore whether your current employer will provide educational support for your graduate studies. Explore fellowship opportunities and other programs that will help off-set your educational expenses and help you meet your longer-term career goals.

In addition, consider your future career prospects and new opportunities that will come as a result of an advanced degree. Are there ways to make these contacts and connects outside of a formal classroom? Are you relying on a degree to give you an advantage that networking, job connections, or a professional association might provide?

A graduate degree is not the only way to open up new career possibilities. While the job market often goes through ups and downs, there is no guarantee that the job market will be any stronger when you complete your degree. You must be cautious not to take on unnecessary debt to offset the current economic situation. Ultimately, only you can decide whether this is the right opportunity for you and whether this is the right time for you to make the change. I would ask you to carefully consider your options, your true reasons for entering a graduate program, and your longer term career goals.

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There is no substitute for robust investigative oversight

IN THE WAKE OF THE GULF OIL SPILL, IT seems like every day brings new word of some calamitous failing at the Minerals Management Service, the federal agency charged with regulating offshore oil drilling. There's an inspector-general's report citing multiple violations of federal regulations and ethics rules at the agency's Louisiana office. There's The Washington Post report detailing how agency officials routinely skirted laws requiring that drilling not threaten the marine environment. There are manifold stories about the cozy relationship between agency "regulators" and the companies they were supposedly watching.

Members of Congress are practically sputtering in outrage, and have seized every opportunity to grill federal officials on how all this could happen. This is understandable and necessary, but one question keeps running through my mind: Where were these members of Congress a few years ago, when intense scrutiny of the minerals agency might have prevented the Gulf disaster?

The same could be said of less-than-robust oversight of the complex financial products that banks were peddling before the financial meltdown, or keeping an eye on the regulators in charge of mine safety, the safety of imported food, or the reliability of corporate credit ratings.

Managing government well is extremely difficult, even for the most accomplished civil servants. Yet far too frequently, we read about mistakes, missteps, actions or the absence of actions by the federal government that disappoint and frustrate us, and they inevitably raise the question: Shouldn't someone be watching the execution and implementation of these laws?

The answer, of course, is yes: Congress is supposed to be watching. You cannot entirely prevent fraud, financial irregularities, wink-and-nod relationships with regulated industries, conflicts of interest, mismanagement, and efforts by federal officials to sidestep the clear intent of Congress. But certainly we could do a better job were Congress to pursue its oversight role vigorously.

On Capitol Hill, much time and attention go to creating policy. There's testimony by world-class thinkers, spirited debate, legions of lobbyists, endless negotiation over this or that provision. When you're dealing with issues of national importance, this is appropriate. However, too many members of Congress — with, thankfully, a few notable exceptions — appear to believe that their job ends when the bill passes. Actually, it should just be beginning.

Whatever action Congress takes on legislation, difficult questions lie ahead in shaping the regulations that follow from it. The federal bureaucrats who craft these regulations often impose their own interpretations on the wording that came out of Congress — and where it is ambiguous, as is often the case, they will in effect interpret the law to suit themselves.

Even if the regulations get written exactly as Congress intended, it's no guarantee the law will be implemented accordingly — as demonstrated, to take only one example, by reports that the Marine Mammal Protection Act and the National Environmental Policy Act were routinely violated by regulators seeking bonuses for encouraging offshore oil drilling.

As if willful departure from congressional intent weren't enough, there's also the plain fact that many pieces of legislation — and certainly all complex ones — have unintended consequences. The Alternative Minimum Tax was passed in 1967 to ensure that a relative handful of wealthy individuals — 155, to be exact — could not continue to sidestep the income tax; today, the AMT affects more than 4 million middle-class taxpayers.

We don't yet know what unexpected, and probably unfortunate, by-products the recent health-care reform law will produce, but we can be certain that there will be some. Congress needs to be watching carefully.

I am not suggesting that Congress should be involved in the actual management of federal programs. That is the constitutionally mandated job of the Executive Branch. In our system of checks and balances, however, one of the powers that Congress must exercise robustly is to be sure that our laws are being implemented as they were intended to be, and in as fair and just a manner as possible.

Sure, there are federal inspectors-general and a woefully shrinking corps of investigative reporters in the private sector who also see this as their duty, but they have neither Congress' authority nor its ability to demand fixes and craft new legislation if necessary. If we want to make sure that federal agencies are doing their jobs appropriately, with the best interests of the American people constantly in mind, then Congress must do a better job of oversight, looking into every nook and cranny of their activities.

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The Q Line

Rents on the rise

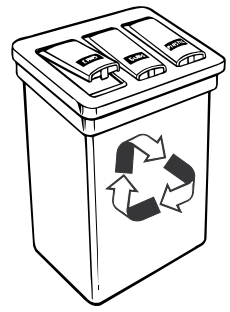
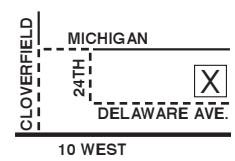
The Rent Control Board last week approved a 2 percent rent increase for the coming year.

So, this week's Q-Line question asks:
Is this a fair increase?

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Women take lead of GOP

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LOS ANGELES In the months ahead, Meg Whitman and Carly Fiorina will inevitably be linked as the two wealthy, high-powered businesswomen who are trying to lead Republicans to victory in one of the nation's most left-leaning states.

Both are corporate trailblazers from the generation that shattered many glass ceilings and newcomers to the political scene. Yet they could not be more different in their styles and approaches to business and politics.

By her own admission, Whitman leans toward the frumpy and has never been much for fashion, but she doesn't care. She's willing to work hard and get the job done, skills she says were fundamental to her success at transforming a startup named eBay into a global powerhouse in online auctions.

Her philosophy, as outlined in her recent autobiography, "The Power of Many," is that successful leaders rely on a strong network of driven employees — no woman can do it alone. She says that's just the type of hands-on approach in the governor's office that California needs to pull itself out of its perpetual budget mess, drawing a contrast to the more freewheeling style of her Democratic opponent, former Gov. Jerry Brown.

Fiorina was a self-promoting CEO whose sometimes abrasive style rubbed many people the wrong way at old-school Silicon Valley icon Hewlett-Packard Co. She says her opponent, Democratic Sen. Barbara Boxer, has become part of the entrenched Washington, D.C., establishment and that her sharp-elbowed approach would shake things up in Congress.

Whitman's idea of a great day is going fishing with her family. Fiorina likes to spend time on her yacht.

Their differing styles were never more evident than on Election Day.

Whitman held no public events until an evening rally, having quietly voted days earlier to avoid the spotlight and the inevitable reminders about her spotty voting record. Fiorina, who also has a poor record of civic participation, pulled up to her polling place with her husband in a red Corvette, surrounded by photographers.

Fiorina appears to love the limelight. She wowed the Republican faithful at the state party's spring convention, appearing on a stage set up for her in the middle of the audience in a red-hot skirt suit surrounded by dozens of young supporters in matching red T-shirts. Without referring to notes, she nailed a long speech in which she drew applause while skewering Boxer, a liberal who is reviled by conservatives.

Visiting with poll workers on the final weekend before Election Day, Fiorina burst into a room of phone banking supporters, decked out in a fashionable, pale-green leather jacket and bounded from table to table chatting with volunteers.

Neither is afraid to spend freely in their pursuit of public office. Fiorina has loaned her campaign $5.5 million of the $6.7 million she has spent so far, while Whitman, a billionaire, spent an eye-popping $81 million on her primary bid, all but $10 million of it from her own fortune.

Fiorina's wealth derives largely from her $21 million buyout when she was fired by Hewlett-Packard's board in 2005.

The differences between the two go beyond frumpy vs. flamboyant. Their real-world styles in running a business also says a lot about how they might approach their roles in public service, if they win in November.

Whitman is hands-on, analytical and focused on results. By all accounts, Fiorina puts a premium on bold moves and public perception.

Whitman was generally liked and respected during her 10 years heading eBay and has many former staffers on her campaign payroll. One of the blemishes on her record was her 2005 decision to acquire Skype, a deal that was undone earlier this year when eBay sold the Internet communications service after losing more than $1 billion. EBay's founder, Pierre Omidyar, continues to support her.

Fiorina was fired from her post at HP after six years that were so tumultuous at least three books were written about her tenure, including her own best-selling memoir. Her time running HP has created plenty of fodder for her detractors, who describe her leadership style as divisive.

The granddaughter of one of the company's founders wrote an op-ed column earlier this year in which she accused Fiorina of almost destroying the company. She endorsed one of Fiorina's primary opponents.

Those business styles appear to have translated to the campaign trail, where Whitman maintains tight control of her appearances and her availability to the media while Fiorina is more outgoing and willing to improvise.

Each delivered a speech Wednesday morning to cheering supporters at a California Republican Party news conference in Anaheim. Afterward, Whitman's campaign team kept reporters waiting about 20 minutes while it set up a special stage for her question-and-answer session, complete with a new backdrop and television lighting.

By contrast, Fiorina bounded immediately over to reporters shouting questions, engaging them in an impromptu back-and-forth.

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Newsom gets another chance with nomination

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LOS ANGELES Gavin Newsom could have taken his last step on California's political ladder had he lost the lieutenant governor's Democratic primary race, an outcome that would likely have ended a relatively short but high-profile career in which he is best known for pushing the debate over gay marriage.

But his win Tuesday over Los Angeles City Councilwoman Janice Hahn, whose family's long history in Southern California politics made her a formidable challenger, not only keeps his career alive but makes him the party's front-runner for a future governor's race — if in November he can beat incumbent Lt. Gov. Abel Maldonado, who was hand-picked by Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger.

"He's better off today than he was yesterday, that's for sure" said Barbara O'Connor, a professor of communications and the director of the Institute for the Study of Politics and Media at California State University Sacramento. "Whether it's a complete rehabilitation ... who knows."

Newsom, San Francisco's mayor, experienced a meteoric rise at the beginning of his career, gaining international recognition when just months into his first term in 2004 he made headlines by directing city agencies to issue marriage licenses to same-sex couples.

The monthlong experiment in civic disobedience — ultimately halted by the courts — made Newsom a hometown hero, and he went on to overwhelmingly win a second term. Newsom has been lauded for his leadership on universal health care and solar energy.

But for his many high points, Newsom has also had his lows.

Last fall, he dropped an ambitious bid for the governor's office when figures showed him trailing Jerry Brown, now the Democratic nominee, in both fundraising and polls.

Critics had questioned whether the photogenic Bay Area leader could appeal to voters statewide, and the poor showing bolstered their argument that Newsom was no more than a liberal lightweight defined by a single social issue.

He had entered the governor's race on the heels of an unseemly affair with the wife of his mayoral campaign manager. After acknowledging the romance in 2007, Newsom sought treatment for what he said was a drinking problem.

His late entry into the lieutenant governor's race in March drew another round of scrutiny because even he had dismissed the position as unnecessary. Opponents called him opportunistic and uncommitted.

Newsom also has often noted that he has a career to fall back on should politics not work out. Newsom calls it an asset because he doesn't need to advance his own career, but his flip-flops have led others to question his loyalty to the office.

But the 42-year-old says his win Tuesday shows a desire for change among voters and an appreciation for his risk-taking attitude.

"People are looking for new leadership and people with fresh ideas," he said Wednesday.

Newsom acknowledges the hurdles he jumped just to get enough votes to win the lieutenant governor's race to face an incumbent whose party is led by well-financed gubernatorial nominee Meg Whitman.

He shies away from questions about whether a win would make him his party's eventual standard-bearer.

"My focus, my passion, my energy is on the lieutenant governor's race," Newsom said. "If we can successfully do that, then it will help answer what comes next. But first things first."

Newsom says he will try to ride the wave of antiestablishment sentiment going into the general election.

"I haven't been burdened by the ways of Sacramento," he said. "At the same time, I'm not new to politics and the challenges of navigating the political landscape."

Indeed, Newsom comes from a well-connected family, with strong ties to the families of Brown and Sen. Dianne Feinstein.

Born in San Francisco, Newsom grew up in wealthy Marin County. Before taking office, he opened a wine store, a string of highly successful restaurants and the PlumpJack Winery in Napa County.

He touts his entrepreneurial background when trying to appeal to voters across the aisle.

Maldonado, a former state senator, also has a reputation as a risk-taker.

"You've got a candidate in Abel Maldonado who has some name recognition and a moderate voting record. He has crossover appeal, and as a Latino, doesn't look like your grandfather's Republican," said Thad Kousser, a visiting professor in political science at Stanford University.

Schwarzenegger: More states should open primaries

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LOS ANGELES Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger commended California voters Wednesday for dumping the state's partisan primary system and predicted fed-up voters would follow in other states.

However, there were no guarantees that passage of Proposition 14, which created open primaries in the state, would end the partisan bickering that has hamstrung Congress and state legislatures.

U.S. Rep. Henry Waxman, D-Los Angeles, pointed out that California's legislative and congressional districts are heavily gerrymandered and favor one party or the other.

Thus, the winner of the primary who is in the majority party typically coasts to victory in the general election.

In some heavily Democratic or Republican districts, the minority party may not have "somebody on the ballot in November to champion the causes" of that party, Waxman said.

Schwarzenegger, the state's outgoing Republican governor, contends that a partisan primary system forces candidates to pander to the extreme wing of their party to win primaries.

"We in California have said we've got to come to the center," Schwarzenegger said at a news conference. "I think the rest of the nation eventually will find out this is exactly what the action is, not go way to the right, not go way to the left."

There was no indication that other states were mobilizing to change their primaries.

California is only the third state to embrace open contests. Proposition 14 was patterned after a law in Washington state that survived a U.S. Supreme Court challenge and has been in effect since 2008. Louisiana has a similar open system for its general election.

In Utah, the Democratic House minority leader has introduced legislation to replace the state's party nominating process with an open primary.

Utah candidates are now chosen by delegates to state party conventions, a process that led to three-term U.S. Sen. Bob Bennett losing his party's nomination this year for re-election.

Its unclear whether the open primary proposal will advance in Utah. Republicans control the Legislature, and GOP chairman Dave Hansen has been an ardent defender of the party convention system.

Under Proposition 14, California voters can cast ballots for any candidate in a primary election, regardless of party, with the top two finishers moving on to the general election.

Approval of the measure reflected voter anger in California and across the nation at a system that critics complained has been dominated by a small coterie of political activists in each of the two major political parties.



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Sunset Bridge Restructuring To Begin In Sepulveda Pass

Expect delays and detours on the I-405 Freeway in the Sepulveda Pass as work begins this month to restructure the Sunset Boulevard Bridge as part of the freeway widening project. For the latest on road closures and construction delays, as well as project updates, go to *metro.net/405*.

Westside Subway Extension Updates Presented

Find out the latest on the Westside Subway Extension of the Metro Red or Purple lines. Five community update meetings are being held through July 1 prior to formal public hearings on the alternatives being proposed for the extension. Visit *metro.net/westside* or call 213.922.6934 for times and locations.

New Venice Metro Rapid Line Debuts

Look for faster service between Downtown LA and Santa Monica as Metro Rapid 733 begins June 27 on Venice Boulevard. Destinations on Line 733 include Mid-City, Culver City, Venice and Santa Monica with connections to seven other Metro Rapid lines, Metro Rail and the Metro Silver Line. Check at *metro.net* after June 27 for the timetable.

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if not for a pair of late season victories over eventual Camino Real League champ Cathedral. Ironically, those wins factored heavily into the Mariners' second place finish, forcing the move.

The last season St. Monica competed in the Del Rey League was the 2007-08 season. The Mariners struggled and finished with a dismal 1-11 league record.

As any coach would say, White is confident that his team will compete in the league with some of the lower-tier teams, but it's Bishop Amat, winner of three-straight Del Rey titles, that concerns him the most.

White said that he's in agreement with at least one other coach in the Del Rey League that Bishop Amat should be shipped out to an even more competitive league to even the playing field for the rest of the teams.

"The remaining teams are all pretty competitive," White said.

He did add that the new rule helps teams who under-perform in the Del Rey, which could have saved Cantwell-Sacred Heart a bit of grief. The team finished 0-24 in league this past two seasons, something that would have been prevented if the new rule was in place.

"At least you only get one bad year instead of two," White said. "What happened to Cantwell was just terrible."

With next season bringing a host of new challenges, the Mariners' most recent season in the Camino Real League has yielded positive results beyond the good finishes.

The Mariners were recognized for its success this season by earning a number of nods on the All-Camino Real League teams, which were released late last month.

Senior center fielder Danny White was named league Most Valuable Player. Shortstop/pitcher Michael Redondo and third baseman Kyle Schwan were named to the first team. Pitcher/first baseman Andy Loef, catcher Adrian Villasenor and utility man Marcos Munoz were named to the second team.

"It's always nice to be recognized for your hard work," White said about the selections.

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ing the procedure permanent, we will do a thorough environmental analysis that will include public involvement."

He said the environmental review would take at least a year to complete.

Suspicious that the experimental takeoff route was frequently used by far more planes than the FAA admitted, angry residents last month demanded an independent review of takeoff data.

Airport Manager Bob Trimborn on Wednesday said he was in the process of hiring consultants to analyze takeoff and noise data from planes leaving SMO. He said he is also hiring a firm to place takeoff data on the Internet so residents can view maps of the flight paths aircraft leaving SMO take. He said the system, which would be accessible through SMO's website, could launch by the end of the month.

On Wednesday, the first day after the FAA halted the test, Ocean Park resident Thane Roberts said there was little sign anything had changed. He said he logged 14 planes flying over his home in the span of a little over an hour — which he said wouldn't have happened before the test.

"To the best of my knowledge I don't ever remember having planes coming over this close," he said.

"I'M NOT NOTICING AN OVERWHELMING PEACE AND CALM OVER OCEAN PARK NOW THAT THE TEST IS OVER," SAID TED WINTERER."

Ted Winterer,
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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

SMC
Fireworks come early

Santa Monica College's popular annual outdoor festival and fireworks show, "Celebrate America," will be held Saturday, June 26, in honor of Independence Day.

The celebration — the only one of its kind in Santa Monica — will feature a picnic and global food fair from 5 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on the SMC Fountain Quad, located in the center of the campus, 1900 Pico Blvd.

The food fair will showcase a wide variety of some of L.A.'s best mobile cuisine including Let's Be Frank, Calbi Tacos and Lomo Arigato. Ben & Jerry's world famous ice cream, Santa Monica Pier's own Churro Man, chili cheese nachos by the Kiwanis Club and pizza by the Jaycees will also ensure there is something for every taste.

The festivities on the quad will include KCRW DJ Dan Wilcox, character sketching and face painting artists. Attendees are welcome to bring their own picnic lunches.

The gates to the stadium bleachers adjacent to Corsair Field will open at 7 p.m. and the entertainment will begin with SMC logo T-shirts shot out of a cannon into the stands. The SMC cheerleaders and the rhythm and blues group, The J.D. Hall Band, will perform on the "Celebrate America" stage. Peanuts, popcorn churros and other surprises will be sold in the stands, and beach balls will be passed around.

Corsair Field will be open to everyone after 8 p.m. for the fireworks display by Pyro Spectaculars.

Entry to the event is free but donations are welcome. Free parking is available in the structures at Pico Boulevard and 17th Street. Alcoholic beverages, glass containers, barbecues and fireworks are prohibited anywhere on campus. Food, drink (except water) and furniture are prohibited on Corsair Field.

Presenting sponsors of the event are SMC, the city of Santa Monica, the SMC Associated Students and the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District. For information, call (310) 434-3001. Additional updates on Celebrate America will be posted on the SMC website www.smc.edu.

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once revenue increases.

He said his association is mindful of budget pressures and has already helped cut costs by proposing changes to the department including the adoption of the 3-day, 12.5-hour per shift work week that Jackman has credited with a 35 percent reduction in overtime.

Lieutenants, he said, play an important roll in supervising the department's 409 employees and were responsible for the crime fighting plan that led to a 9 percent reduction in crime last year.

Gould said that if current trends toward less crime in Santa Monica reverse, the SMPD could add positions in future budget years.

Jackman declined to comment for this article on Wednesday.

"WE FEEL THAT THE LIEUTENANTS PROVIDE OVERSIGHT AND MANAGEMENT CONTROLS WHICH HAVE HELPED WITH BUDGET ISSUES."

Sgt. Jay Trisler
Santa Monica Police Officers Association chair

The City Council is set to adopt a budget for the 2010-11 fiscal year on June 15.

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motorcycle forward into the stopped SUV, Luevano said. The force of the impact caused the SUV to overturn, and the officer was pinned in the tangle of car wreckage until rescuers extricated him, Luevano said.

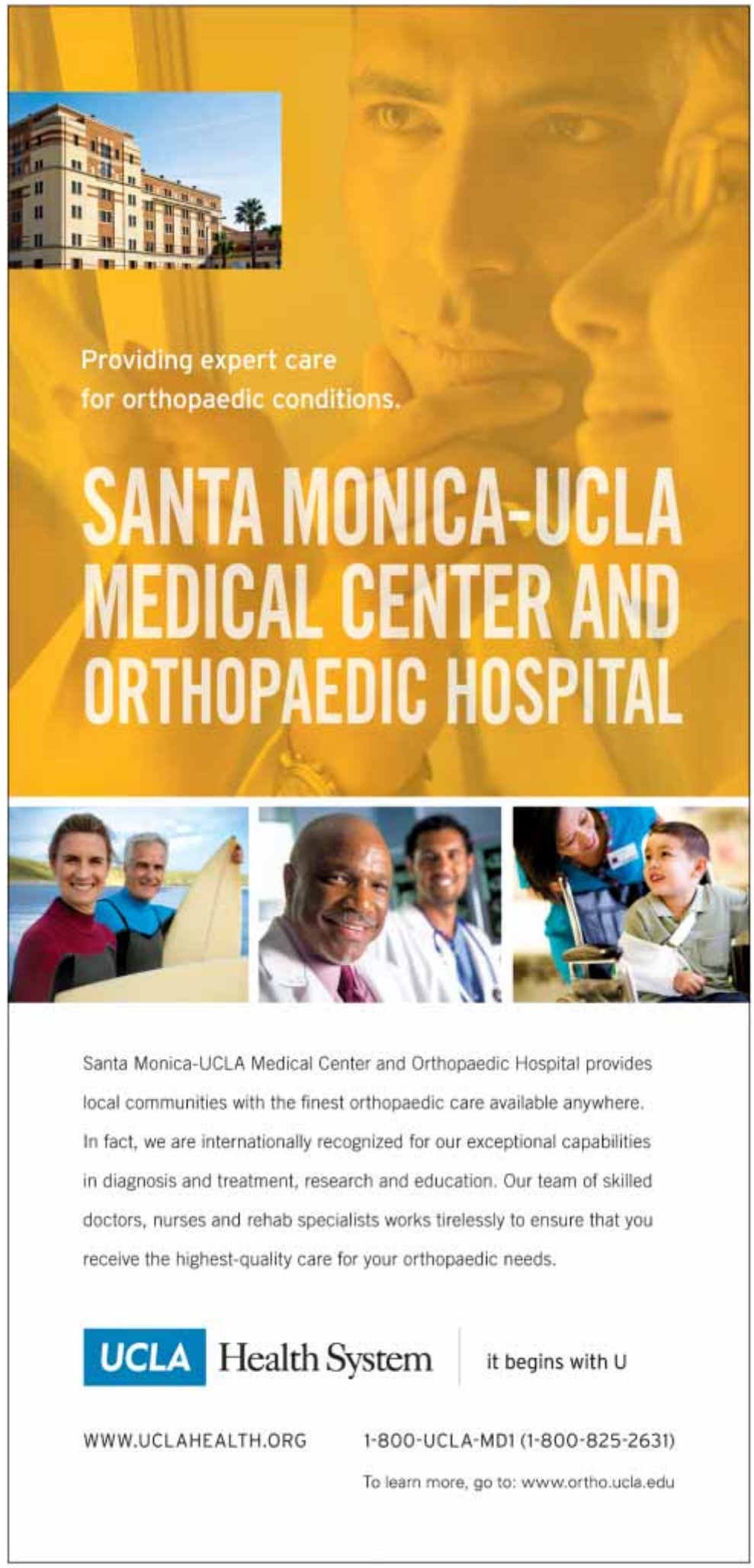
The SUV's two occupants and the car's driver were also transported to UCLA Medical Center.

The occupants of the SUV suffered minor injures, Luevano said. The condition of the other driver was unknown.

The northbound freeway was closed between Venice Boulevard and I-10 until the early afternoon.







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Gulf residents angry about BP and claims process

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GRAND ISLE, La. The financial toll of the oil spill disaster in the Gulf of Mexico escalated Wednesday as BP's stock plummeted to a 14-year low and fishermen, businesses and property owners who have filed damage claims with the company angrily complained of delays, excessive paperwork and skimpy payments that have put them on the verge of going under.

The oil company captured an ever larger-share of the crude gushing from the bottom of the sea and began bringing in more heavy equipment to help in the effort, including a production ship and a tanker from the North Sea that will allow the system to process larger quantities of oil and better withstand tropical storms.

The containment efforts played out as investors deserted BP amid fears that the company might be forced to suspend dividends, end up in bankruptcy and find itself overwhelmed by the cleanup costs, penalties, damage claims and lawsuits generated by the biggest oil spill in U.S. history.

Shrimpers, oystermen, seafood businesses, out-of-work drilling crews and the tourism industry all are lining up to get paid back the billions of dollars washed away by the disaster, and tempers have flared as locals direct outrage at BP over what they see as a tangle of red tape.

"Every day we call the adjuster eight or 10 times. There's no answer, no answering machine," said Regina Shipp, who has filed $33,000 in claims for lost business at her restaurant in Alabama. "If BP doesn't pay us within two months, we'll be out of business. We've got two kids."

An Alabama property owner who has lost vast sums of rental income angrily confronted a BP executive at a town meeting. The owner of a Mississippi seafood restaurant said she is desperately waiting for a check to come through because fewer customers come by for shrimp po-boys and oyster sandwiches.

Some locals see dark parallels to what happened after Hurricane Katrina, when they had to wait years to get reimbursed for losses.

"It really feels like we are getting a double whammy here. When does it end?" said Mark Glago, a New Orleans lawyer who is representing a fishing boat captain in a claim against BP.

BP spokesman Mark Proegler disputed any notion that the claims process is slow or that the company is dragging its feet.

Proegler said BP has cut the time to process claims and issue a check from 45 days to as little as 48 hours, provided the necessary documentation has been supplied. BP officials acknowledged that while no claims have been denied, thousands and thousands of claims had not been paid by late last week because the company required more documentation.

At the bottom of the sea, the containment cap on the ruptured well is capturing 630,000 gallons a day and pumping it to a ship at the surface, and the amount could nearly double by next week to roughly 1.17 million gallons, said Coast Guard Adm. Thad Allen, who is overseeing the crisis for the government.

A second drilling vessel that will arrive within days is expected to greatly boost capacity. BP also plans to bring in the tanker from the North Sea on Monday to help transport oil and an incinerator to burn off some of the crude. The tanker is currently used to shuttle oil from North Sea rigs to the shores of Scotland, and its deployment in the Gulf has been part of the broader plan to expand the amount of crude brought to the surface once a new and improved cap-and-collection system is installed over the leaking well.

The government has estimated 600,000 to 1.2 million gallons are leaking per day, but a scientist on a task force studying the flow said the actual rate may be between 798,000 gallons and 1.8 million.











Israel eases ban on Gaza Strip, allowing more food items

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JERUSALEM Israel took a first step Wednesday to temper the uproar caused by its deadly high-seas raid on a blockade-busting flotilla by allowing in potato chips, cookies, spices and other previously banned food items into the Gaza Strip.

But the things Gazans need most — cement, steel and other materials to rebuild their war-ravaged territory — are still mostly banned, and critics denounced the move as insignificant. President Barack Obama called for a new approach on the blockade.

Instead of easing international criticism of Israel following the May 31 raid that killed nine pro-Palestinian activists, Wednesday's decision appeared to focus even more attention on its three-year-old blockade of impoverished Gaza and the seemingly arbitrary decision-making about which goods are allowed in.

After meeting Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas in Washington, Obama said the Mideast situation is "unsustainable." He called the flotilla clash a "tragedy" and said a "better approach" is needed in Gaza. He called for a "new conceptual framework" for Israel's blockade.

Maxwel Gaylard, the U.N.'s senior humanitarian official in the Palestinian territories, said Israel's move was insufficient.

"A modest expansion of the restrictive list of goods allowed into Gaza falls well short of what is needed. We need a fundamental change and an opening of crossings for commercial goods."

Israel and Egypt have been enforcing an embargo on Gaza, banning all exports and allowing in only basic humanitarian and consumer items, since the territory was violently overrun by Hamas militants in 2007. The blockade has created a flourishing smuggling trade through tunnels under the Gaza-Egypt border but has done little to loosen Hamas' hold on power.

Facing growing international criticism over its botched raid and the painful price Gaza's 1.5 million residents are paying for the blockade, Israel has been attempting to show some flexibility.

Palestinian official Raed Fattouh, who coordinates the flow of goods into Gaza with Israel, said soda, juice, jam, spices, shaving cream, potato chips, cookies and candy were now permitted. He said Israel rebuffed Palestinian requests for construction goods, raw materials for factories to operate and medical devices.

Israeli officials, speaking on condition of anonymity because they were discussing internal policymaking, said their goal in allowing more goods into Gaza was to defuse pressure for an international investigation of the sea raid. The clashes broke out after Israeli naval commandos boarded one of six ships on the flotilla carrying goods for Gaza, and some of the hundreds of pro-Palestinian activists on board attacked them with pipes and other makeshift weapons.

Michael Oren, the Israeli ambassador to the U.S. told The Associated Press on Wednesday that the two countries are discussing ways to involve the international community in the probe. He said Israelis would lead the investigation of the events aboard the flotilla.

Israeli government spokesman Mark Regev said his country is committed to ensuring that "the civilian population of Gaza will receive civilian goods," but Israel is concerned that items like cement "if given to Hamas will be used first and foremost for their military machine in creating bunkers and fortifications."

A Hamas spokesman, Sami Abu Zuhri, said Israel's gesture was not worth commenting on.

Afghan ex-intelligence chief opposes Taliban talks

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KABUL, Afghanistan Afghanistan's ousted intelligence chief told The Associated Press on Wednesday that President Hamid Karzai is pursuing a dangerous strategy in seeking peace with the Taliban because the insurgents are giving nothing in return.

Amrullah Saleh said the Taliban have only responded to Karzai's conciliatory approach with "violence, destruction and intimidation."

Hours later, an explosion in southern Afghanistan killed 39 people and wounded dozens. It followed the downing of a NATO helicopter by the Taliban, which killed four American servicemen.

Speaking at his heavily secured Kabul home, Saleh said he did not want "a small terrorist group to dominate the political scene in Afghanistan."

"I am in favor of peace but I am against bowing to the Taliban," he said.

He also voiced concern over the Afghan leader's plan to free militant prisoners without prior screening by the National Directorate of Security which he led for six years, acting as the key partner of the CIA.

Saleh and Interior Minister Hanif Atmar — who was in charge of police — resigned Sunday after Karzai held them responsible for failing to prevent a militant attack last week on a national conference, or jirga, on how to reach peace with insurgents. Both men were highly regarded by Western officials.

Saleh's comments reflect deep unease among former figures in the anti-Taliban Northern Alliance, who have long been allied to Karzai but oppose his efforts to negotiate with Taliban leaders. The Taliban have demanded that NATO and U.S. forces withdraw before any talks.

Nearly nine years after the Northern Alliance, backed by the U.S., forced the Taliban regime from power, the Islamist movement has bounced back. Violence is at record levels despite an increase in U.S. forces aimed at turning the war around.

The blast Wednesday night ripped through a wedding party in Kandahar province, killing 39 people and wounding more than 70, according to the provincial executive director Mohammad Annus. The cause was not known. "We don't know if it was a suicide attack, or a bombardment or something else," Annus said.

At least 17 U.S. service members have been killed in the past four days, including the four Americans who died Wednesday when insurgents in southern Helmand province's Sangin district — one of the most volatile in the country — shot down a NATO helicopter.

The Taliban claimed responsibility, with spokesman Qari Yousef Ahmadi saying militants hit the aircraft with two rockets.

NATO said the four died "after their helicopter was brought down by hostile fire." U.S. military spokesman Lt. Col. Joseph T. Breasseale confirmed they were Americans, but declined to give more details.

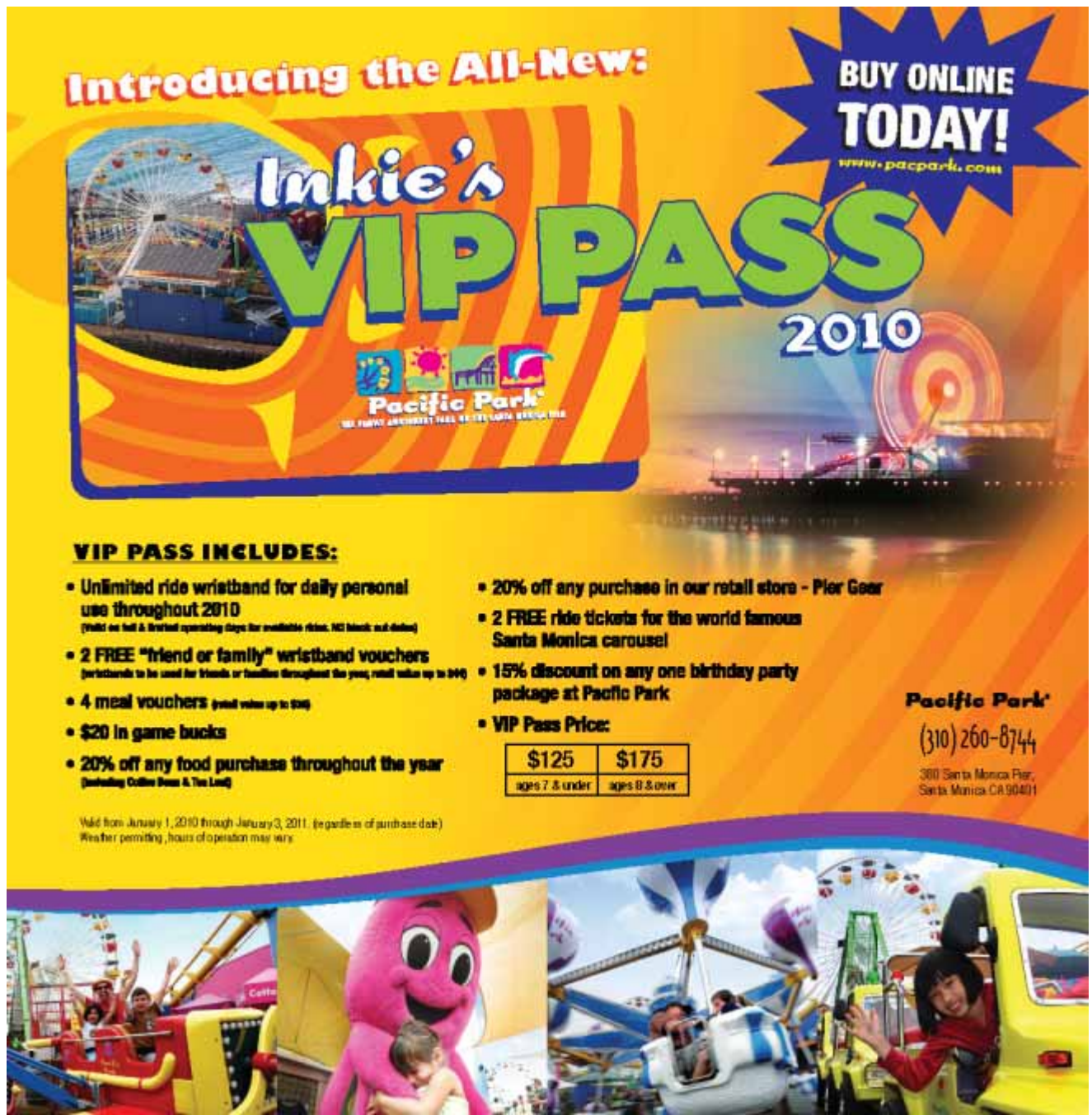
Also Wednesday, another NATO service member died in a homemade bomb attack. The Ministry of Defense in London said he was British.

A total of 29 NATO troops have been killed this month, including 10 on Monday alone — seven of them Americans. It was the deadliest day for the military alliance in seven months.

During the interview, Saleh described Pakistan as "enemy No. 1" for its alleged support of the Taliban and hosting of some of its leaders, including the movement's founder and supreme chief Mullah Mohammad Omar. Pakistan denies harboring militants and arrested the Taliban's No. 2 figure in Karachi earlier this year.

Saleh said Karzai shared this tough view of Pakistan but was now taking a "softer" approach as he tried to reconcile with the Taliban.

Analysts say the removal of Saleh and Interior Minister Atmar — two of Karzai's top three security officials — could cause upheaval in their agencies.





SURF REPORT

Surf Conditions **Water Temp:** 61°

Swell Forecast

SW swell should back off to waist to chest. NW wind swell increases to chest+ at west facing breaks.

Long Range Synopsis

We should see NW wind swell increase to chest to head high. SW swell should drop to just waist high; although, NW wrap could be greater at south facing spots.

Tide Forecast for Today in Santa Monica



BEACH REPORT CARD

NORTH LOS ANGELES COUNTY

Grades for this report are based on monitoring data from the previous 30 days up to the ending date of **June 1, 2010**

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

QUICK STATS (for the last 30 days)

- Number of sewage spills -- 0
- Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0
- Number of wet days -- 8
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 39 / ns
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 9 / ns

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

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

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

LEGEND

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

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

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

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City of Santa Monica

NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF A DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR THE VILLAGE TRAILER PARK DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT

DATE: June 10, 2010

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

LEAD AGENCY: City of Santa Monica Planning and Community Development, 1685 Main Street, Santa Monica, CA 90401, Contact: Jing Yeo, Special Projects Manager, Phone: (310) 458-8203, Fax: (310) 458-3380, E-mail: jing.yeo@smgov.net

The City of Santa Monica intends to prepare an Environmental Impact Report for the construction of a 353,000-square-foot mixed-use development that would include 195 condominium units, 144 apartment units, approximately 108,000 square feet of creative office space and 11,000 square feet of neighborhood serving retail. 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), Traffic and Circulation, Air Quality, Cultural Resources, Hazards and Hazardous Materials, Population and Housing, Recreation, Land Use and Planning, Noise, Construction Effects, Neighborhood Effects, Greenhouse Gas/Climate Change, Geology and Soils, Public Services, and Utilities.

PROJECT APPLICANT: Village Trailer Park, LLC, 2444 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 320, Santa Monica, CA 90403

PROJECT LOCATION: The project site is located at 2930 Colorado Avenue on the south side of Colorado Avenue between Stewart Avenue and Stanford Street, in the City of Santa Monica, County of Los Angeles. Local access is provided via Colorado Boulevard on the north and Stanford Street on the east. The Santa Monica Freeway (I-10) is located less than one mile to the south of the site and provides regional access via the Cloverfield Boulevard exchange. The San Diego Freeway (I-405), located approximately two miles east of the project site, also provides regional access.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The proposed project involves the closure of the existing Village Trailer Park and the construction of a 353,000-square-foot mixed-use development with approximately 119,000 square feet of commercial space, which would include 108,000 square feet of creative/office space and 11,000 square feet of neighborhood-serving retail fronting Colorado Avenue. The residential uses would be comprised of 144 apartment units, 109 of these units would be subject to Santa Monica's rent control ordinance, with 52 of those set aside for low-income residents. The remaining 35 units would be market-rate apartments. The apartments would include 67 single-room (studio) units (of which 38 are low income) and 77 one-bedroom units (of which 14 are low income). The proposed project also includes 92 lofts, 74 one-bedroom and 29 two-bedroom units, for a total of 195 condominium units all offered at market rate. A two-level, 710-stall subterranean parking garage would link all of the development. An additional 28 on-street public parking spaces would be provided along New Road on the western boundary of the site and along Pennsylvania Avenue. Currently, two properties to the west of the site are under consideration for development and are undergoing separate environmental review processes. These properties, located at 2848-2912 and 2834 Colorado Avenue will be evaluated in combination with the proposed project as part of the cumulative analysis presented in the Draft EIR. The site plan was designed on the premise that property directly to the west (2848-2912 Colorado Avenue) would also be developed and that a two-lane road (New Road) would be shared between the properties. In the event the neighboring property is not developed, traffic would flow one way through the site and on New Road. Site preparation would include demolition, excavation, building construction, utilities/infrastructure improvements, paving and landscaping. Excavation would be required to prepare the site for construction. The maximum depth of excavation required for subterranean parking would be approximately 34 feet.

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 10, 2010** to Jing Yeo (see Lead Agency address).

ESPANOL: Esto es una noticia de la preparacion de una reporte sobre los impactos ambientales de la construccion de un proyecto de usos mixtos, los cual puede ser de interes a usted. Si deseas mas informacion, favor de llamar a Peter James en la Division de Plantificacion al number (310) 458-8341.

MOVIE TIMES

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

Memorial Tribute to Dede Allen: Double Feature
Bonnie and Clyde (NA) 1hr 51min
Alice's Restaurant (NA) 1hr 51min
7:30pm

Call theater for information.

AMC Loews Broadway 4
1441 Third Street Promenade

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Prince of Persia: The Sands of Time (CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video) (PG-13) 1hr 55 min
2:30pm, 5:30pm, 8:30pm

Shrek Forever After 3D (RealD 3D) (PG) 1hr 33min
1:15pm, 3:45pm, 6:15pm, 9:00pm

Get Him to the Greek (R) 1hr 49min
2:00pm, 4:45pm, 7:30pm, 10:15pm

Killers (PG-13) 1hr 40min
1:45pm, 4:40pm, 7:20pm, 10:10pm

Splice (R) 1hr 44min
1:30pm, 4:15pm, 7:10pm, 9:45pm

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

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

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

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

Mother And Child (R) 2hrs 21min
1:00pm, 4:00pm

Holy Rollers (R) 1hr 44min
9:55pm

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

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

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

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

Shrek Forever After 3D (RealD 3D) (PG) 1hr 33min
11:50am, 2:20pm, 4:50pm, 7:10pm, 9:30pm

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

Start the weekend early, Gemini

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★ Deal with others directly, utilizing your interpersonal talents. Your business-first attitude, though quite a taskmaster, allows greater accomplishment. Zero in on what is important on a personal level. Know that you have an edge on many. Tonight: Plan the weekend.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ Move through your plans meticulously. At some point, you discover how overwhelmed you are. An easy, steady pace (as well as closing your door) allows for accomplishment. Don't allow others to distract you. Tonight: Pay bills first.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★ Maintain a low profile until late afternoon. Think about what is happening rather than react. Honestly, a lot is changing, and very quickly at that. Your laugh endears you to many and helps them relax. Tonight: Consider starting your weekend early!

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Others seek you out, taking up much-needed time. Refuse to become stressed out. Your sense of direction and goal orientation might save the day, but for how long? Understand that your energy, like everyone else's, is limited. Tonight: Where your friends are.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Others depend on your opinions and feedback. You simply cannot back off and let everyone try to fill your shoes. You might want to defer to a partner more often who thinks he or she has better ideas. Allow this person to walk in your shoes. Tonight: Where you are, the party is.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Your nervousness could say much more than you are willing to share. Rest assured, you will make the right decision at the right time. Your sense of humor comes through in the late afternoon. Learn to delegate. Tonight: Leader of the gang.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Stretch and incorporate a more open perspective. Give up certain prejudices, and you'll come out on top of the game. With a more open perspective, you also will see different paths to the same goal. Tonight: Take off and do absolutely what you want.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★ Others want to rule the roost wherever you go. You might wonder what you can do to change the status quo. Just hang in there. Given time, much changes. Be aware of a partner's desire to share and speak with you. Tonight: Dinner for two.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★ Dive into work, knowing you will be happier if you leave a clean desk for tomorrow. Others could be testy or difficult, especially if they are in a position of authority. Do relax with others, especially in a meeting. Tonight: Just don't be alone.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★★ You have the creativity and follow-through needed. You sometimes have difficulty expanding into new ways of thinking. Others help shake you out of rigidity. You aren't getting the whole story professionally. Tonight: Working late.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Your imagination comes into play, no matter what you are up to. Listen to your instincts when dealing with a difficult associate. You probably can shake this person out of his or her mood. Tonight: Let your hair down.

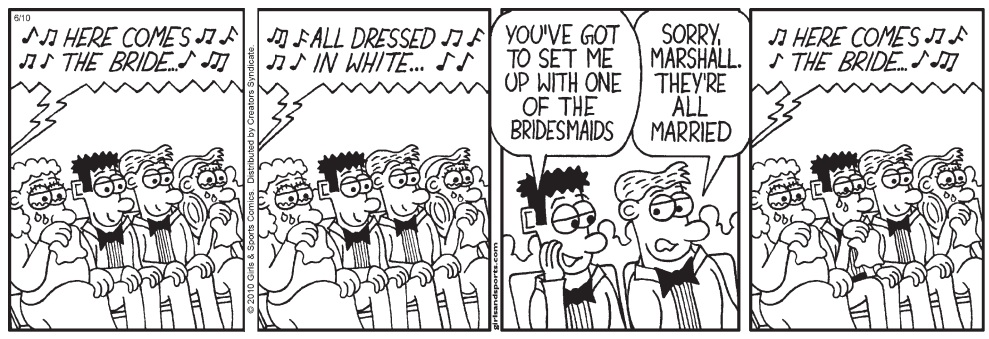
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ Your ability to anchor on what counts adds to your inner strength and drive. That mix also draws success. Schedule important meetings today. Don't personalize another's statement. Perhaps you are misunderstanding him or her. Tonight: Buy a plant or treat on the way home.

Happy birthday

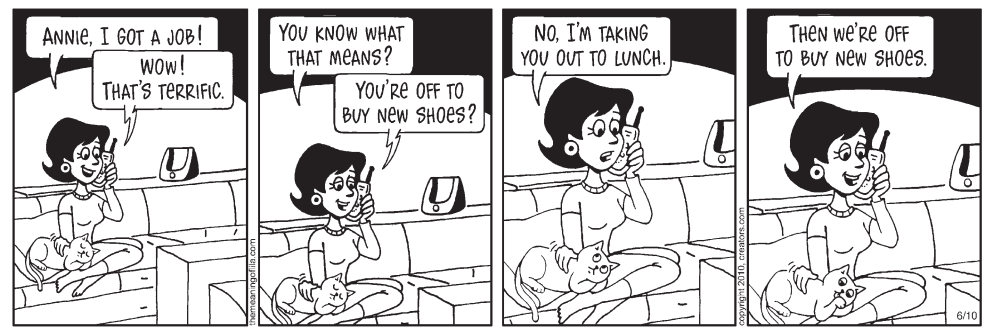
This year, you swing from being remote and/or reflective to leading others at work or within your community. You often hit obstacles with a family member or roommate. What you don't want is for the other person to close down, making resolution impossible. If you are single, you could meet someone out of the blue, though don't live together for at least a year. Problems will occur if you move too fast. If you are attached, work on eliminating friction rather than creating it. A fellow GEMINI understands you, though on some level you are quite different.

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

Girls and Sports
By Justin Borus and Andrew Feinstein



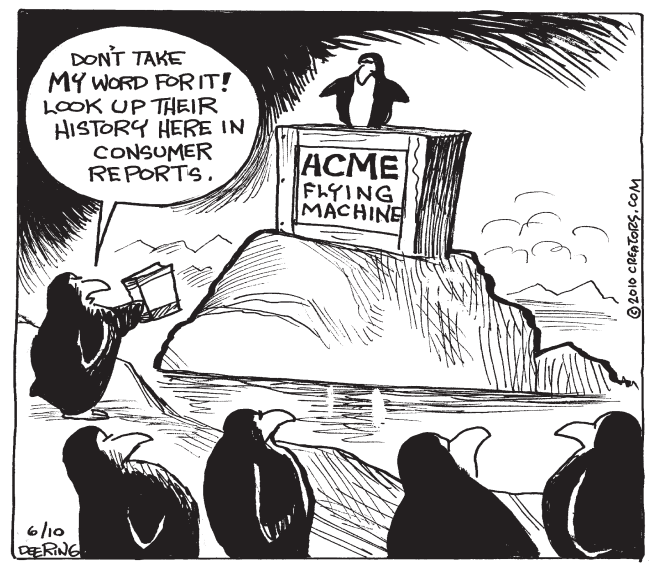
The Meaning of Lila
By John Forgetta & L.A. Rose



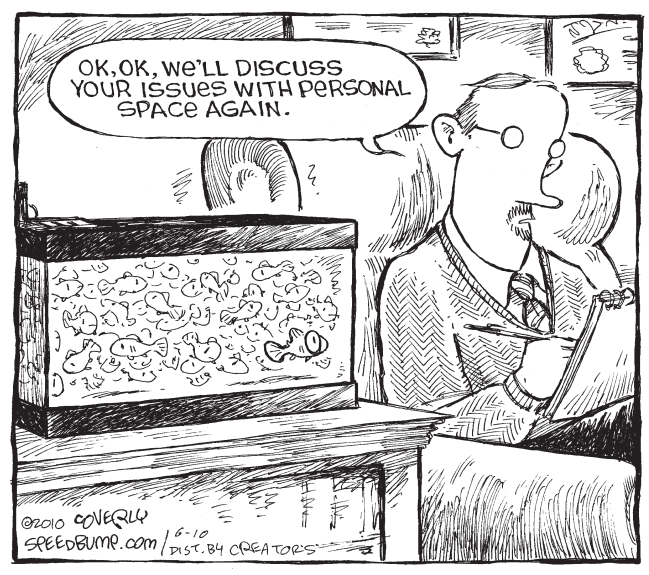
Garfield
By Jim Davis



Strange Brew
By John Deering



Speed Bump
By Dave Coverly



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

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

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

Make a plan.

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Sudoku

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

Difficulty Level ★★★

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	7				2			
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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	1	6	9	3	8	5	4	2
9	4	3	2	5	1	7	6	8
8	2	5	7	4	6	1	3	9
2	3	1	8	6	7	4	9	5
6	5	8	4	9	3	2	7	1
4	7	9	1	2	5	6	8	3
5	8	7	6	1	9	3	2	4
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ARITHMO™ CrossMath

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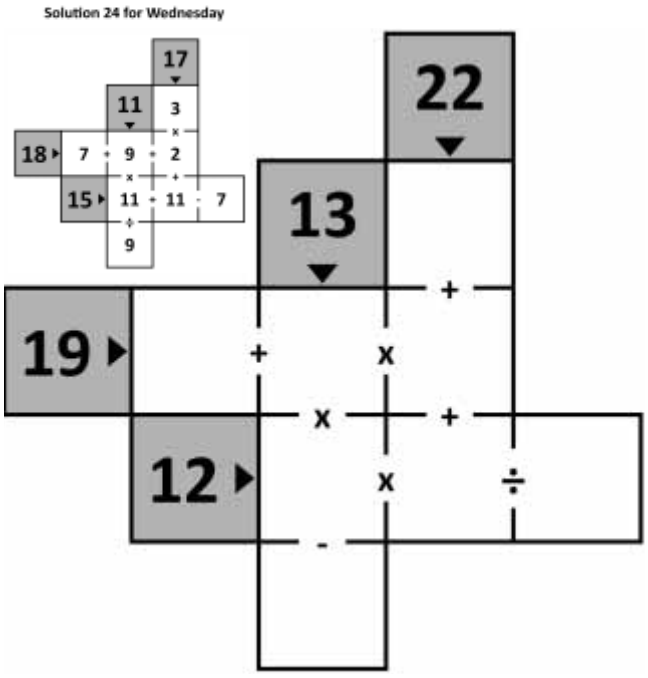
- Fill the grid with the set of given numbers (1 to 12) to satisfy the Equa demands (7 to 24) in the shaded boxes. The Equa demands represent the sum of the digits that you will insert into the empty squares.
- Each horizontal row has one Equa demand to satisfy; each vertical column also has one demand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

For more games, go to www.arithmo.com

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

2, 3, 5, 8, 9, 9, 11, 12

Solution 24 for Wednesday





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CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Fly catchers
5 "Chances Are" singer
11 Hind's mate
12 Cornell's home
13 Seoul setting
14 Put into piles
15 Octopus arm
17 Colt creation
18 Croquet settings
22 Singer Elliott
24 Scatter
25 Corona-do's gold
26 "— Believer"
27 Rob's TV wife
30 Talked at length
32 Computer key
33 Nest item
34 Chat sessions
38 Drink
41 Sentence subject, usually
42 Dorm sharer
43 Casserole staple
44 Facet
45 Footprint

DOWN

1 "I didn't hear you"
2 Facility
3 Accentu-ates
4 Condition
5 Various: Abbr.
6 Coral isles
7 Menace
8 Pillbox, for one
9 Cube makeup
10 Blue
16 One or more
19 Removes excess water from
20 Animated fish
21 Graceful bird
22 Em-bedded spy
23 Hormuz's nation
28 Ruling group
29 Like our numerals
30 Game official
31 Holly-wood workers
35 Sugar source
36 Air
37 Small fastener
38 One of the Gershwins
39 Cal. pages
40 Jazz variety

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Yesterday's answer

NEW CROSSWORD BOOK! Send $4.75 (check/m.o.) to Thomas Joseph Book 2, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475

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13				■	14					
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38	39	40				■	41			
42						■	43			
44						■	45			

6-10

DAILY LOTTERY

MEGA MILLIONS: 12 18 28 48 54
Meganumber: 6
Jackpot: 36$M

SUPER LOTTO PLUS: 4 6 8 36 41
Meganumber: 17
Jackpot: 7$M

FANTASY 5: 4 5 11 20 36

DAILY 3: MIDDAY: 4 7 9
EVENING: 4 9 4

DAILY DERBY:
1st: 07 Eureka
2nd: 10 Solid Gold
3rd: 04 Big Ben
RACE TIME: 1:41.08

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Lame: (1) The reason career criminal Kevin Polwart gave for his brief February escape from New Zealand's Auckland Prison was to demonstrate that he posed no threat to society on the outside (and thus that he should be paroled). (Instead, authorities added nine months to his sentence.) (2) A judge in Scotland went lenient on George McIntosh, 53, who had been convicted of embezzling the equivalent of about $87,000 from two pro golfing organizations. McIntosh claimed that his medication for Parkinson's disease had made him "compulsive(ly)" generous so that he needed to embezzle money in order to buy gifts for his friends.

■ In April, George Black's lawsuit to be compensated for his injuries was permitted to proceed to trial, following an Ontario Superior Court decision. Black was playing third base (the "hot corner") in a softball game in Hamilton when he lost track of a line drive in the sun. The ball hit him in the head, smashing his glasses into his face and causing serious trauma to his eye. Black figures his injury is the fault of the owner of the softball field for failing to put up any kind of shade to block the late afternoon sun.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1965 Vietnam War: The Battle of Dong Xoai begins.

1967 Six-Day War ends: Israel and Syria agree to a cease-fire.

1967 Argentina becomes a member of the Berne Convention copyright treaty.

1973 John Paul Getty III, grandson of billionaire J. Paul Getty, is kidnapped in Rome, Italy.

1977 James Earl Ray escapes from Brushy Mountain State Prison in Petros, Tennessee, but is recaptured on June 13.

1977 Apple ships its first Apple II personal computer.

1978 Costa Rica becomes a member of the Berne Convention.

1980 The African National Congress in South Africa publishes a call to fight from their imprisoned leader Nelson Mandela.

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March, April & May of 2009 compared to March, April & May of 2010

Santa Monica Single Family Homes

Santa Monica Canyon	previous period March, April & May 09	current period March, April & May 10	% change
Number of Sales	7	15	114%
Average Days on the Market	63	114	81%
Lowest Price	$1,500,000	$1,000,000	-33%
Median Price	$2,043,000	$2,525,000	24%
Highest Price	$6,740,000	$8,000,000	19%
Average Price Per Square Foot	$852	$761	-11%
Average Sale Price / Average List Price	95%	95%	0%

North of Montana	previous period March, April & May 09	current period March, April & May 10	% change
Number of Sales	13	19	46%
Average Days on the Market	94	39	-59%
Lowest Price	$1,600,000	$1,749,000	9%
Median Price	$3,048,000	$2,536,000	-17%
Highest Price	$10,650,000	$4,000,000	-62%
Average Price Per Square Foot	$949	$738	-22%
Average Sale Price / Average List Price	93%	98%	5%

Between Wilshire and Montana	previous period March, April & May 09	current period March, April & May 10	% change
Number of Sales	4	4	0%
Average Days on the Market	69	13	-81%
Lowest Price	$1,085,000	$1,385,000	28%
Median Price	$2,287,500	$1,706,500	-25%
Highest Price	$2,800,000	$2,650,000	-5%
Average Price Per Square Foot	$688	$707	3%
Average Sale Price / Average List Price	91%	99%	9%

South of Wilshire	previous period March, April & May 09	current period March, April & May 10	% change
Number of Sales	0	2	n/a
Average Days on the Market	0	105	n/a
Lowest Price	$0	$625,000	n/a
Median Price	$0	$712,500	n/a
Highest Price	$0	$799,999	n/a
Average Price Per Square Foot	$0	$655	n/a
Average Sale Price / Average List Price	0%	98%	n/a

Sunset Park	previous period March, April & May 09	current period March, April & May 10	% change
Number of Sales	7	19	171%
Average Days on the Market	56	49	-13%
Lowest Price	$675,000	$672,500	0%
Median Price	$910,200	$912,500	0%
Highest Price	$1,225,000	$1,985,000	62%
Average Price Per Square Foot	$950	$605	-36%
Average Sale Price / Average List Price	96%	98%	2%

Ocean Park	previous period March, April & May 09	current period March, April & May 10	% change
Number of Sales	4	2	-50%
Average Days on the Market	64	184	188%
Lowest Price	$1,250,000	$720,000	-42%
Median Price	$1,995,000	$750,500	-62%
Highest Price	$2,775,000	$781,000	-72%
Average Price Per Square Foot	$782	$633	-19%
Average Sale Price / Average List Price	98%	95%	-3%

Santa Monica Condo's & Townhomes

Santa Monica Canyon	previous period March, April & May 09	current period March, April & May 10	% change
Number of Sales	1	0	-100%
Average Days on the Market	11	0	-100%
Lowest Price	$5,100,000	$0	-100%
Median Price	$5,100,000	$0	-100%
Highest Price	$5,100,000	$0	-100%
Average Price Per Square Foot	$1,684	$0	-100%
Average Sale Price / Average List Price	97%	0%	-100%

North of Montana	previous period March, April & May 09	current period March, April & May 10	% change
Number of Sales	2	4	100%
Average Days on the Market	44	60	36%
Lowest Price	$835,000	$395,000	-53%
Median Price	$1,030,000	$970,000.00	-6%
Highest Price	$1,225,000	$1,650,000	35%
Average Price Per Square Foot	$755	$741	-2%
Average Sale Price / Average List Price	99%	92%	-7%

Between Wilshire and Montana	previous period March, April & May 09	current period March, April & May 10	% change
Number of Sales	39	35	-10%
Average Days on the Market	45	58	29%
Lowest Price	$270,000	$179,900	-33%
Median Price	$730,000	$745,000	2%
Highest Price	$1,799,000	$1,480,000	-18%
Average Price Per Square Foot	$563	$577	2%
Average Sale Price / Average List Price	97%	97%	0%

South of Wilshire	previous period March, April & May 09	current period March, April & May 10	% change
Number of Sales	16	16	0%
Average Days on the Market	40	37	-8%
Lowest Price	$355,000	$315,000	-11%
Median Price	$764,500	$535,000	-30%
Highest Price	$945,000	$785,000	-17%
Average Price Per Square Foot	$463	$476	3%
Average Sale Price / Average List Price	95%	97%	2%

Sunset Park	previous period March, April & May 09	current period March, April & May 10	% change
Number of Sales	2	5	150%
Average Days on the Market	37	116	214%
Lowest Price	$489,000	$305,000	-38%
Median Price	$657,000	$565,000	-14%
Highest Price	$825,000	$710,000	-14%
Average Price Per Square Foot	$471	$453	-4%
Average Sale Price / Average List Price	99%	97%	-2%

Ocean Park	previous period March, April & May 09	current period March, April & May 10	% change
Number of Sales	15	20	33%
Average Days on the Market	37	40	8%
Lowest Price	$395,000	$350,000	-11%
Median Price	$735,000	$536,750	-27%
Highest Price	$1,200,000	$1,730,000	44%
Average Price Per Square Foot	$605	$660	9%
Average Sale Price / Average List Price	96%	97%	1%

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