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LEAP OF FAITH

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Staff trapeze instructor Brian Kimmet on Tuesday helps Aaron Cornejo, 12, during his visit to the Trapeze School New York, located on the Santa Monica Pier. Kids with the Santa Monica-based mentoring and performance arts organization Virginia Avenue Project worked with performers from the Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus, which comes to the STAPLES Center July 14.

Kids use lemonade stand to save teachers' jobs

BY NICK TABOREK
Daily Press Staff Writer

SMMUSD HDQTRS The defeat last month of Measure A, the proposed parcel tax that would have generated $5.7 million per year for local public schools but failed to garner the required two-thirds support from voters, has parents and other school boosters scrambling to help out.

More than 150 supporters have been attending meetings and forming fundraising committees in the past two weeks, aiming to raise enough money to at least blunt the effect of cuts already approved by the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District Board of Education.

Now, even kids are pitching in.

Franklin Elementary School first-grader Ezra Krieger and a group of friends set up a lemonade stand on Saturday to benefit the district. Their first day's haul: $250, thanks to customers' enthusiastic overspending. Ezra's mother, Jennifer Krieger, said some cookies the kids sold went for $20.

Spurred on by the success, Krieger is encouraging others to follow suit and expects dozens of stands to crop up this weekend on behalf of the Santa Monica Malibu Education Foundation, the organization that is spearheading the effort to pay

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Court decision could pave way for 19 evictions

BY NICK TABOREK
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL The owners of an apartment and hotel property in the Wilmont district could be allowed to evict 19 tenants under the Ellis Act and turn the units into hotel rooms despite having previously waived their right to do so, a state appellate court ruled this week.

Issued on Monday, the decision was a loss for City Hall, which argued that the owners of the Embassy Hotel Apartments, located at 1001 Third St., were legally bound to continue operating the units as rent-controlled dwellings.

The decision by the Second District Court of Appeals stems from a settlement agreement reached to resolve a prior dispute between City Hall and the Embassy's owners. That dispute, over Embassy's alleged failure to pay the tax on hotel stays and a disagreement about how Santa Monica's rent control law should apply to the property, was resolved in October of 2000 with a settlement that allowed half of the Embassy's 38 units to be operated as hotel rooms but required half the rooms to be maintained as apartment units subject to rent control.

With their unanimous decision, the three-judge panel reversed a trial court's earlier ruling and determined the 2000 settlement's requirement that half the units remain rent-controlled apartments was "unenforceable" because of the state law known as the Ellis Act, which bars cities from compelling landlords to remain in the rental housing business.

"Clearly we're disappointed with [the decision] and we don't agree with the court's opinion," said Stephen Lewis, public information manager for Santa Monica's Rent Control Agency.

He said it would be up to the agency's five-member board to determine whether to appeal.

The decision ends a case that began in 2008 after Embassy's owners applied for an Ellis permit to remove the 19 units from the rental market. City Hall rejected the application, citing the 2000 court settlement agreement.

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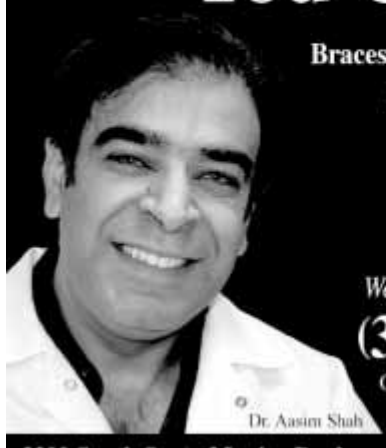

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Wednesday, June 16, 2010

Freshen up
Downtown
Arizona Avenue & Second Street, 8:30 a.m. — 1:30 p.m.
Get the freshest fruit and produce available at this weekly Farmers' Market. There are also a variety of prepared foods available.

A Bloomsday mixer
Finn McCool's Irish Pub
2702 Main St., 7 p.m.
A group of actors will read from James Joyce's "Ulysses" to celebrate Bloomsday, the annual Irish holiday in honor of Joyce. There will also be an Edwardian costume contest, with first prize winning tickets to the Los Angeles Irish Film Festival opening night gala Sept. 30 and a Finn McCool's grab-bag. For more information, call (310) 452-1734.

Just dance
Santa Monica Bay Women's Club
1210 Fourth St., 7 p.m. — 11 p.m.
Dancers of all ages and levels of experience are welcome to come to this "Ballroom by the Bay" event. Learn to dance from 7 p.m. to 7:40 p.m. and then dance the night away to both modern hits and old standards. Dancing includes the waltz, fox trot, cha cha, tango, salsa, swing and more. Admission is $10 or $8 for students. Light snacks are included, and there is bottled water for sale. For more information, call (310) 487-0911.

Thursday, June 17, 2010

Guide to the cup
Santa Monica Main Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd., 7 p.m. — 8:45 p.m.
Father and son Steven D. Stark and Harrison Stark will present their co-written guide to the 2010 World Cup Competition going on through July 11. For more information, call (310) 458-8600.

Arthritis 101
Santa Monica Main Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd., 6:30 p.m. — 8:30 p.m.
Dr. Brendan Murray, diplomat of the American Chiropractic Board of Sports Physicians and doctor to Olympic athletes, will lead an interactive discussion about arthritis, its causes, and what you can do to prevent it. For more information, call (310) 458-8600.

Picture perfect
Annenberg Community Beach House
415 Pacific Coast Hwy, 5:30 p.m. — 7:30 p.m.
The Annenberg Community Beach House will hold an opening reception for a new photo exhibit, focusing on women riding bicycles in Paris. The photographer, former Los Angeles County District Attorney Gil Garcetti, is currently working with the Los Angeles Bicycle Coalition to encourage bicycle use in Santa Monica through events such as this. The gallery will be open daily starting June 19, from 10 p.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, call (310) 458-4904.

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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DOWNTOWN

History has a new guardian

The Santa Monica History Museum selected Stuart Laff as the new executive director to focus on ensuring that the museum becomes one of the top destination attractions in Santa Monica.

Laff will bring to the Santa Monica History Museum his expertise in business and financial management, project evaluation and oversight, and business development, which he has applied to major real estate development and asset management in Los Angeles for 30 years.

Laff's work includes financial analysis of real estate opportunities and operational efficiencies/process improvements of real estate departments. His work with many of the most prestigious companies in California has helped them to make decisions that promote the creation of functional and cost effective facilities. While serving as executive vice president of real estate at First Interstate Bank, he and his team performed over 90 independent consolidation projects with an estimated cost savings to the bank exceeding $50 million. In addition, he is a former board member of the Center for Healthy Aging (now WISE & Healthy Aging) in Santa Monica.

About his new position, Laff is looking forward to working at what he believes is an important Santa Monica destination.

"It's great to have a museum that represents the history and culture of Santa Monica," said Laff. "I'm excited to be part of it."

The new Santa Monica History Museum is currently under construction on the east side of the Main Library on Seventh Street. Construction began in December of 2009 after the museum embarked on an aggressive fundraising campaign to cover construction and operating costs. The museum is expected to open later this year.

DAILY PRESS

DOWNTOWN

Free food for children

The Boys & Girls Club of Santa Monica is participating in the Summer Food Service Program, which is a U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) program, designed to give free food to kids that may not have access to affordable lunches during the summer since school is out. Meals will be provided to all children without charge, and are the same for all children regardless of race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability. There will be no discrimination in the course of the meal service, officials said.

Meals will be provided at the following sites and times from June 21 to Sept. 3, 2010:

- Boys & Girls Club of Santa Monica Main Branch (1238 Lincoln Blvd.) 8 a.m. to 9 a.m., 4 p.m. to 5 p.m.
- Berkeley Branch (3031 Santa Monica Blvd.) 10 a.m. to 11 a.m., 4 p.m. to 5 p.m.
- Pacific Branch (2209 Main St.) 2 p.m. to 3 p.m., 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

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FOND MEMORIES: **Participants in last year's Fourth of July Parade on Main Street show off their patriotism.**

Heal the Bay named grand marshal of 4th of July parade

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

OCEAN PARK Environmental watchdog Heal the Bay has been named this year's grand marshal of the Santa Monica Main Street Fourth of July Parade, event organizers announced Tuesday.

The 4 year-old parade is organized by the Ocean Park Association and attracted nearly 1,000 participants last year and an estimated 10,000 spectators along its Main Street route.

"When our peerless leader Lori Nafshun proposed Heal the Bay as grand marshal, the vote was swift and unanimous," said OPA Vice President Ted Winterer. "What better choice could there be than Heal the Bay, which for 25 years has endeavored with such great success to improve the water quality at our local beaches?"

The parade was formed at the urging of local residents who wanted both a community parade and a Fourth of July celebration that actually falls on the July 4th.

Past grand marshals include Santa Monica Police Chief Tim Jackman, retired Santa Monica Fire Chief Jim Hone and retired Roosevelt Elementary Principal Jerry Harris.

"As we celebrate our 25th anniversary, we couldn't be more proud to serve as

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LA cardinal's deposition in abuse case released

GILLIAN FLACCUS
Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES Los Angeles Cardinal Roger Mahony didn't call police in 1986 after a priest admitted to molesting two boys, and he didn't warn parishioners because the priest told him the children were illegal immigrants who had returned to Mexico, according to court documents released Tuesday.

Mahony, 74, said he didn't take stronger action against the Rev. Michael Baker because he didn't know the victims' identities and because Baker told him the abuse happened outside the parish.

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Measure A opponents out of touch

Editor:

With astonishment, I have read the recent spate of columns and letters to the editor concerning the defeat of Measure A. At whom are these writers so very angry? Do they actually believe that the school system is lining its pockets at the expense of taxpayers?

If so, I invite them to volunteer at a local school, as I did for the past several months. In a first-grade classroom at a school in one of Santa Monica's most affluent neighborhoods, I observed a deft, caring teacher responsible for the education of 20 children, including two who had recently arrived from Russia and spoke no English, five who were significantly behind in reading skills, and two whose immaturity made it difficult for them to behave appropriately.

One columnist has put forth the notion that if St. Monica's can educate kids inexpensively, than the SMMUSD can do so as well. But, as a private institution, St. Monica's is in a position to refuse admission to children who speak only a Slavic language with a different alphabet, test applicants to assure that they are reading at or close to grade level, and ask for references to assure that prospective pupils have the maturity to fit easily into a classroom.

Our public schools are just that – public. They serve children who descended from the Mayflower, and children who arrived here mere days ago. They serve children from families with multi-million-dollar homes, and children living in homeless shelters. They serve children who take easily and naturally to reading, and children who struggle to understand.

Because of the defeat of Measure A, next year the classroom in which I tutored, as well as every other classroom of 5, 6, and 7 year olds, will have an additional seven students. No matter how skilled the teacher, it is nearly impossible for a diverse group of students to have a quality educational experience under those circumstances. So, for those individuals who voted no, and especially for those who have heaped vituperation on the school system for attempting a modest contribution from the citizens of Santa Monica and Malibu, I have a question. Do you really understand the consequences of under-funded public schools? If you think you do, I challenge you to volunteer in a classroom next year. Trust me, it will be an eye opener.

Laurie Brenner
Santa Monica

Daou deserves better

Editor:

I was disgusted by the title and negative slant on the story about the very accomplished Joe Daou ("Samohi's Daou fouls out of state finals," June 8). Granted, it sounds like the kid had a bad day, but to go on and on about how he is "his own worst enemy," and that for Daou it was a "frustrating end" to his year is to ignore what this young man has accomplished while at Samohi. Joe has earned a scholarship to Brown University, was a standout athlete, and I can tell you personally he is a hard-working student from a terrific family. The writer should have honored this young man's exceptional character in his article instead of disrespecting him. State the facts of the meet with sensitivity and include what this young man has to look forward to in the future. Highlight the pride he has brought to his beloved Samohi! Joe, your Samohi family and many fans wish you and your wonderful family well, and we will always have your back.

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David Alsabery — Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Crime drops while gun ownership soars

WHEN I TALK WITH PEOPLE ABOUT MY support for sex education in Santa Monica's public schools, I hear cheers at how enlightened I am. I also hear how stupid these people believe religious types are for preaching abstinence. What surprises me is how conservative these sex education proponents become when I bring up the subject of gun education. Firearm education saves lives.

Let's put irrational phobias and emotions aside and look at the facts. In 2004 the Federal Assault Weapon Ban expired, resulting in more people purchasing guns in the United States than ever before. Since the end of the Assault Weapon ban, the murder rate has dropped according to U.S. Census Statistical Abstract and the FBI Uniform Crime Report. Proponents of the ban claimed that the good economy was the reason for the lower numbers in 2004-08. But in 2009 violent crime was still down even though we almost slipped into a depression and the worst economy since the Great Depression took place. Six years after the ban, 37 states have decided to issue "shall carry" permits resulting in the lowest murder rate in the United States since 1965. More people are purchasing firearms then ever before and more states are letting people carry firearms in public yet the murder rate is dropping?

To better understand this phenomenon we only need to look towards the peace loving people of Israel. If you visit the Israeli Ministry of Foreign Affairs' website, they have a list of every Israeli murdered by terrorists. For comparison, Israel has a population about the size of Los Angeles County. They have neighbors that want to kill them, yet arming and educating every adult on the use and responsibility of gun ownership has resulted in some of the lowest crime rates in the world! Israeli's have fully-automatic machine guns and anti-tank weapons in their homes. Training and service in the Israeli Defense Force (IDF) combined with firearm ownership has helped to eliminate the youth gang problem as well.

Here are some fun facts to play with:

• Since 2000 Israel has had 542 people die from homicide;

• In 2000 alone Los Angeles County had 1,006 homicides;

• In 2007 Israel had 167 homicides with three civilian deaths from terrorism;

• In 2007 Israeli murders committed by youths was 13 (most adults have a weapon);

• Israel had 15 civilians murdered by terrorists in 2006.

Israel has less murders than Los Angeles County from all acts including terrorism. For the last 22 years the people of Florida demanded the right to carry a firearm, and struck down failed gun control laws. Over the last 22 years, the state of Florida has processed 1.59 million concealed-carry permits and has only had to revoke 167 for firearm-related infractions. Statistically, the Florida permit holders commit fewer felonies than police officers. Maybe the Santa Monica Police Department should issue training and permits as well.

The president of Mexico is bold-faced lair for blaming the U.S. for its current power struggle with the narco-terrorists. Mexico outright bans civilian firearm ownership, yet their country is going the way of Somalia and Afghanistan and is now run by narco-terrorists. Mexico proves if you ban guns, the criminals end up with them. What everyone seems to forget is, the United States is the largest manufacturer of weapons in the world. Just remember that the United States has fought communism around the world and has put millions of firearms into the hands of freedom fighters in Central and South America. Do you believe those firearms were sent back to America when they were done using them? Of course not, the narco-terrorists bought them. Why buy a civilian rifle that holds 10 rounds and is not fully automatic, go through the hassle of bribing the gun store owner and sneak it out of the U.S. when you can walk up to any ex-freedom fighter and buy a top-of-the-line, fully-automatic, untraceable, military-grade killing machine for $50?

The fact is the narco-terrorists have a great deal of money and the need to protect a large amount of drugs transported around the world. The narco-terrorists are purchasing firearms on a global scale. Are you daft enough to think the Taliban is purchasing rifles at your local Wal-Mart as well? Univision and Telemundo have a nasty habit of showing raw video feeds of the Mexican government storming narco-terrorist training camps. The police proudly show off the equipment captured for the cameras. At a Zeta training camp outside of Higueras, Mexico, the narco-terrorists possessed the following equipment not available at any U.S. gun store: Barret .50 caliber rifles, fragmentation grenades, M-72 LAW anti-tank rockets, RPG's and the list goes on. If they can get this kind of American military firepower, it's irrational to believe they have any reason to stand in line at the local Big 5 to buy a neutered civilian rifle.

History has shown us that banning something is a failed policy. Education works best. Banning books failed. Banning free speech failed. Banning alcohol failed. Banning sex fails. Banning abortion failed. Banning marijuana failed. Banning firearms is still failing.

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Pete Carroll is a poor excuse for leadership

I'LL NEVER FORGET THE DAY I MET FORMER USC head football coach Pete Carroll. It was 1997, I was living in Boston, and my New England Patriots (coming off a Super Bowl loss and the departure of Bill Parcells) had just hired Carroll as our head coach. I was walking into a bar that he was walking out of and I asked him if we were going to be a Super Bowl team again. He grabbed me by my lapels, got in my face, and excitedly said, "You just get ready to get pumped up about New England Patriots football!" Not being local, Pete didn't yet realize that in Boston, we stay pumped up about Patriots football. But the thing I remember most is walking away thinking, "What is this, college?"

In four seasons as an NFL head coach, three with the Pats and one disastrous 6-10 season with the New York Jets, Pete's teams won more than they lost only twice; and both times were with rosters built by Parcells. Carroll left USC five months ago for a shiny new $33 million contract to coach the Seattle Seahawks. But unfortunately for his new team, Pete Carroll is not a leader of men. After watching him bail on his players, his coaching staff, and the university that paid him more than $25 million over the past decade rather than take responsibility for rules violations that took place on his watch, it should be clear to everyone that Pete Carroll just isn't much of a leader.

Four years ago, the NCAA was compelled to open an investigation into the athletics department at USC when it was discovered that former running back Reggie Bush's parents had been living in a $750,000 house provided by a sports agent. It turned out that there was also a women's tennis player, Gabriela Niculescu, who was allowed to run up thousands of dollars in long-distance phone charges; and the only big-time basketball player the school has seen in recent memory, O.J. Mayo, was recruited because of a man the NCAA had labeled an agent's representative.

The football team, however, had much bigger issues than just one guy who only attended college because his professional sports league of choice said he had to wait a year before he could join. The USC football team had already been placed on probation and had scholarships reduced for allowing tutors to write papers for players (on Pete's watch) in 2001, so there was no way the NCAA could let the university get away with policing itself. Coach Carroll's team basically had an open-door policy at practice, in the locker room, and on the sideline for boosters and bagmen alike. And I'm sorry, but nothing good can come from having rapper/actor/pot-head/pimp Snoop Doggy Dogg hanging around young men who are supposed to be student-athletes.

In a report released last week, the NCAA correctly concluded there was a lack of institutional control (ya think?) when it came to the athletic department and hit USC football with what's known as the "death penalty." Among other sanctions, there will be no bowl games or postseason play for two years, 30 scholarships lost over three years, and vacation of all victories from December of 2004 through the Trojans' national championship over Oklahoma in 2005, which, of course, encompasses the undefeated 2004 season. It turns out that USC's toughest opponent that year wore number five — and played for the Trojans.

Make no mistake about it: Pete Carroll could have gone back to the NFL at any time over the past three off-seasons. If he had made it known that he wanted to try his hand at coaching a pro team again, some team owner somewhere would have dumped his head guy, backed the money truck up Pete's driveway in Palos Verdes, and thrown open the doors. It hadn't happened before this off-season because Coach Carroll had it made at USC as the highest-paid private university employee in America, making about $4.5 million per year. He had also previously indicated he would want total control of football operations, meaning he would basically be head coach and general manager of whatever NFL team hired him. He backed off of that demand when the NCAA rejected USC's self-imposed football team sanctions and he hurriedly took the Seahawks job. In fact, he announced his resignation from USC and his hiring in Seattle at the exact same time. Some of the players he recruited — and whose parents he'd made promises to — found out via news reports and not from their coach.

So when it became clear that the NCAA was going to bring the hammer down on USC football for what went on while he was in charge (including a call to running backs coach Todd McNair from Reggie Bush's illicit business partners spelling out Reggie's infractions in detail), coach Pete Carroll just skipped town and left it to others to clean up the mess the he knew — or should have known — that his star running back was making of the program.

That's not what I call leadership.

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The Q Line

Blowing in the wind

Some members of Santa Monica's City Council would like to change the law to make homeowners liable for gardeners using leaf blowers, which are illegal, in their yards.

So, this week's Q-Line question asks:
Do you think homeowners should pay the price for the infraction, or should the gardener be responsible?

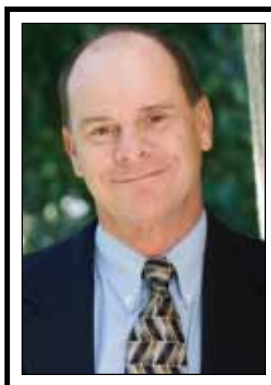
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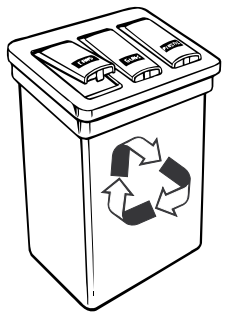
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SoCal median home price up in May from year ago

JACOB ADELMAN
Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES The median home price in Southern California last month rose 22.5 percent from a year earlier and topped $300,000 for the first time in 20 months, as sales continued shifting from low-priced inland areas to higher-end coastal regions, a tracking firm reported Tuesday.

San Diego-based MDA DataQuick reported that last month's median of $305,000 in the six-county region was up from $249,000 in May 2009 and up 7 percent from $285,000 in April.

The May median, which marked a sixth consecutive month of year-over-year increases, was at its highest level since October 2008, DataQuick said.

"Last month's jump in the regional median sale price is the flip side of what we saw a year ago, when low-cost inland foreclosures dominated and sales in the costlier coastal towns struggled for a pulse," DataQuick President John Walsh said.

Sales last month of homes costing $500,000 or more made up 21.6 percent of all transactions in the region, up from 17.4 percent a year ago, DataQuick said.

Foreclosures, meanwhile, which typically account for the lowest-price homes, comprised 33.9 percent of resales last month, down from 49.8 percent a year ago, the firm said.

"Today the bargains on foreclosures are fewer and farther between, and the high end is approaching a normal sales rate," Walsh said.

May sales surged on the coast over last year's numbers, increasing 22.1 percent in Orange County and 19.6 percent in San Diego County, while they declined inland, dropping 9.5 percent in San Bernardino County and 5.7 percent in Riverside County.

Bob Hamidi, who oversees Prudential California Realty offices in Orange and Riverside counties, said his agents also are witnessing a shift toward the higher priced areas as buyers grow confident that homes in those high-end neighborhoods are the least likely to lose value.

"When you look at the market, the top 20-percent tier of what is available doesn't just sit on the market anymore," he said. "It could be people are feeling that there's a solid bottom to those prices."

The increased activity along the coast helped boost home sales in the region by 7.2 percent in May to 22,720, resuming a trend of year-over-year increases that was broken in April when sales dropped for the first time in nearly two years. May's sales were the highest for that month since 2006.

Walsh cautioned that much of May's activity was fueled by the availability of a federal tax credit for first-time home buyers that is in the process of being phased out.

He said it remained to be seen how the market would respond to the withdrawal of the credit and other government interventions, such as those keeping mortgage rates low.

Tips on how to keep your best employees on board

BY TALI ARBEL
AP Business Writer

DON't LOSE YOUR EMPLOYEES: Money is nice. But attention, recognition and the chance to learn new skills are the key to keeping top performers on board as the job market improves, experts say.

More people are quitting their jobs voluntarily than getting laid off now. Human resources experts say employers can take several steps to keep employees from leaving, even when a competitor offers a higher salary.

Americans remain nervous about job stability, while the still-recovering economy means companies are largely not doling out lavish salary increases, said Harry Osle, a principal in consultancy Hackett Group Inc.'s human resources practice.

So what'll do the trick? Go personal and communicate. Employees "will be more hesitant to make a jump if they feel like they're part of a family, an organization that's investing in them," Osle said.

• Make sure employees know what company goals are during the recovery from the recession, said Sayed Sadjady, who works on talent management for PricewaterhouseCoopers. New projects, a quest to regain lost market share — these "bring excitement."

• Mentoring and coaching relationships are also crucial, especially if mentors traveled a similar career path, Sadjady said. Isolated employees can feel they have no prospects with the company.

• Employees need to learn new skills. Even if a promotion is not available, challenge high-potential workers with projects that will enable them to learn new skills and take on a new role, said Tim Schoonover, the chairman of career consulting firm OI Partners. Otherwise, top performers will leave, he said.

• Recognition. "People want to be appreciated. Give them attention," Schoonover said.

• Flexible work schedules are also important, said Sadjady.

RANKING JOB MARKETS

Miami might have nice beaches, but it's also the most competitive major job market in the country, according to jobs search engine Indeed.com.

Indeed crunched the numbers of government unemployment data released earlier this month, ranking the 50 biggest metropolitan areas by number of jobless per job posting.

The least competitive job markets, broadly, were the Washington area; San Jose, Calif.; Baltimore; and New York, according to Indeed.com. Each had one job posting per jobless person.

Rounding out the top 10 least competitive were Hartford, Conn.; Oklahoma City, Okla.; Salt Lake City; Seattle; Boston; and Milwaukee.

The most competitive job markets were Tampa; St. Louis; Jacksonville, Fla.; Orlando, Fla.; Chicago; Sacramento, Calif.; Riverside, Calif.; Los Angeles; Las Vegas; Detroit; and Miami.

Indeed.com based their rankings on metropolitan jobless rates for April, released June 2 by the Labor Department.

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The cardinal testified that he also did not ask his staff to search for the boys but instead sent Baker to a residential center in New Mexico for treatment and later placed him on restricted ministry.

Much of how Mahony handled Baker has already been made public, but the testimony released by the court marked the first time the cardinal gave a sworn deposition about his actions as head of the Los Angeles archdiocese, including how he handled allegations against Baker over a 14-year period. The deposition released Tuesday was part of a sex abuse lawsuit that recently settled for $2.2 million.

The archdiocese in 2004 released a report that acknowledged Mahony made mistakes in handling the priest, who is now serving a 10-year sentence for child molestation. A federal grand jury investigation into the archdiocese's handling of the clergy abuse crisis is ongoing.

More than 30 other criminal charges were too old to be prosecuted, but the archdiocese said 23 alleged victims have accused Baker of abuse. Not all of them have filed lawsuits, said Tod Tamberg, an archdiocese spokesman.

"I believed too readily in Baker's contrition, and in our ability to treat and monitor him effectively," Mahony said in a statement Tuesday. "The past has informed the present, however, and I have made sure that our sexual abuse prevention policies and procedures will keep our children and young people safe from predators like Michael Baker."

In his testimony, Mahony said Baker confided in him at a priests' retreat in 1986 that he had molested two boys but didn't know where they were and believed they were "illegal aliens" who had returned to Mexico.

He said Baker defined the abuse as "touching" that occurred on one or two occasions.

The account differed from what the archdiocese included in its 2004 report to congregants. That report did not mention that the children were illegal immigrants from Mexico. It also said Baker told Mahony about his "relationship with two boys from 1978 to 1985."

In his deposition, Mahony could not reconcile his testimony with the 2004 report, which includes a cover letter bearing his signature.

Mahony said he did not call police, didn't ask his staff to search for the boys and didn't alert parishioners to the abuse because no victims came forward. The archdiocese has never located the two victims, said Tamberg.

Mahony said he believed Baker would not re-offend because he had confessed on his own and seemed sincere about seeking treatment.

"The challenge is trying to look at 1986 through the lenses of 2010, because we have developed over the years all kinds of policies and procedures where we're very much aware of it — of what needs to be done, how it's done, how quickly it's done," Mahony said in the deposition.

"It is impossible to talk about 1986 without understanding all that has gone on since and look back. I just can't do that," he said.

John Manly, the plaintiff's attorney who took the deposition in January, dismissed the cardinal's statements.

"This may be the one and only time he sits (for a deposition), and it paints a picture of somebody who obfuscates, dodges, lies and explains away everything," he said. "Any right-thinking person would not have engaged in the conduct Roger Mahony engaged in with Michael Baker unless they were trying to cover it up."

After six months of treatment, Baker was assigned to nine different parishes but was barred from having one-on-one contact with minors. He violated those restrictions three times, according to church personnel file summaries released by the archdiocese.

In one of those instances, a fellow priest in 1996 spotted a young boy leaving the rectory where Baker resided and became suspicious. Mahony asked the priest to interview the boy, who said no abuse had occurred, the cardinal said in his testimony.

The incident was not reported to police, and the boy — now an adult — and his mother have both said in sworn testimony that no one from the church ever spoke to them, Manly said.

The man settled a sex abuse lawsuit for $2.2 million this year, and his trial testimony helped prosecutors convict Baker on molestation charges in 2007.

The man's younger brother filed a civil lawsuit against the archdiocese this month.

In 2000, Baker was laicized after another set of brothers filed a lawsuit alleging the priest had abused them at various locations in Mexico, California and Arizona between 1984 and 1999. The archdiocese settled the lawsuit for $1.25 million, but Mahony didn't notify police of their allegations until 2003.

Mahony said he didn't feel the need to call police immediately because the men were adults and could have contacted law enforcement themselves. He also said he didn't want to jeopardize the then-confidential settlement by going to police.

"I told you, these were adults. They were angry. They were furious at Baker. They had an attorney who was furious at Baker," Mahony said. "It seemed to me if they really wanted to get him, they would have reported it in Arizona."

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grand marshal … in our hometown," said Karin Hall, executive director of Santa Monica-based Heal the Bay. "The people of Santa Monica have provided us with so much support over the years in our fight to keep our local oceans clean and healthy. We are blessed to be part of such a thoughtful, progressive community."

The parade has gained a loyal following among Santa Monica residents with its small-town, informal feel. In past years featured groups have included the Euclideans, toga-clad neighbors who live on Euclid Street; a procession of ex-mayors; and the "New York Transplants who Love Santa Monica." Rumor has it this year's entrants will include "The Ocean Park Housewives."

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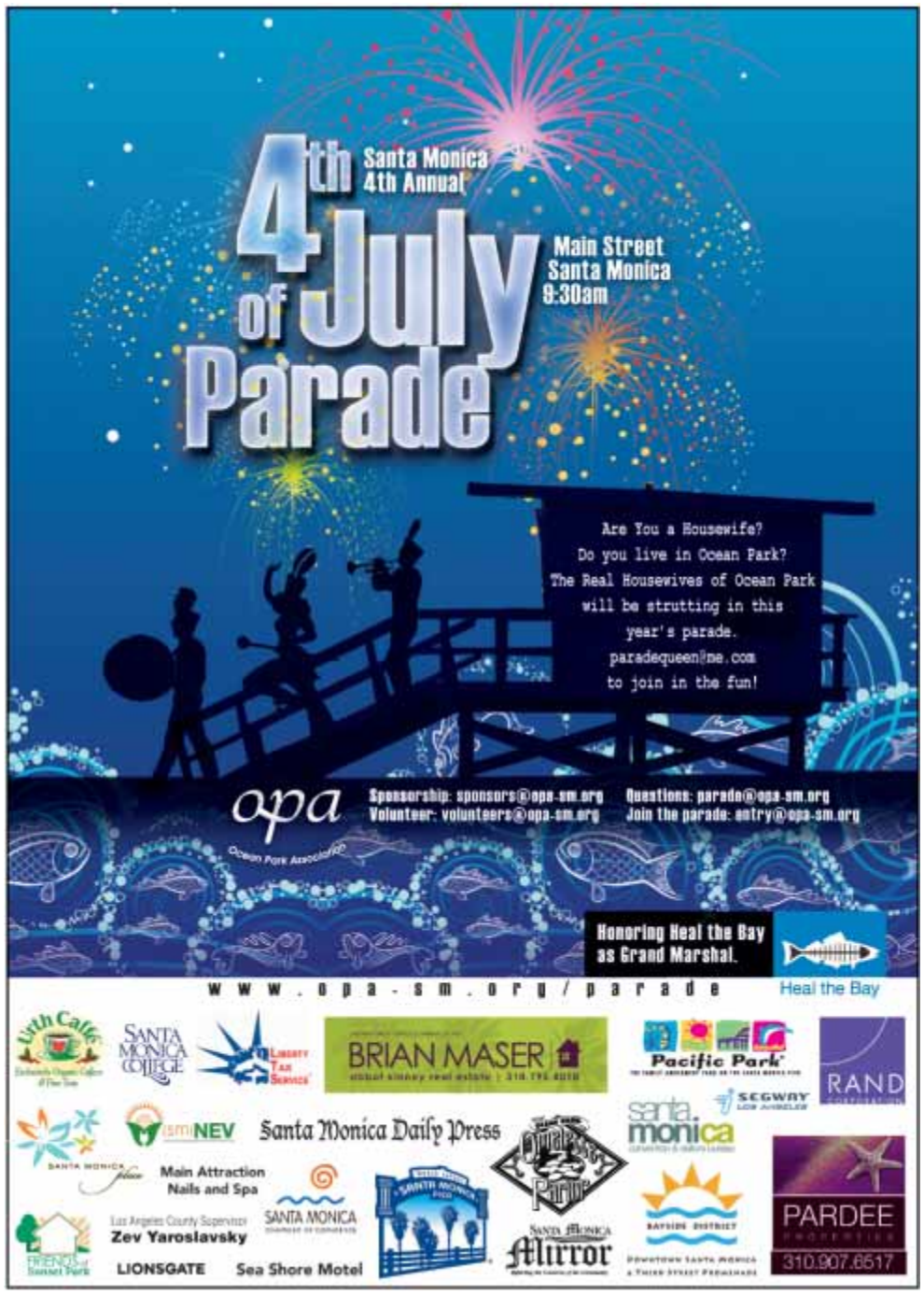
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teachers' salaries next school year with private donations.

"It was just a matter of watching our kids' excitement and watching our customers' generosity," Krieger said.

While every contribution helps, Linda Gross, executive director of the education foundation, said the short timetable to raise money before next fall means the organization is mainly asking for gifts, rather than staging events to raise money. In order to affect staffing levels next school year, donations must be received by Aug. 15.

"The timeline being so short, it's really about direct solicitation," Gross said.

Committees to solicit donations from parents, alumni, and potential corporate contributors have been set up, Gross said, and other volunteers are working on publicity for the campaign, including a promotional video.

The foundation has a lofty goal of raising $4.87 million, the amount it needs to restore laid-off teachers, counselors and librarians to the district's payroll. It's nowhere near that figure yet, but two weeks into the effort, school district supporters have already paid up.

By Tuesday, the foundation had collected $163,441 in donations — $83,441 from individual contributors and the rest from four Parent Teacher Associations and the Malibu Special Education Foundation, Gross said.

"There is a lot of passion out there," Gross said. "There's an understanding that the only way we're going to accomplish this is if we do it together."

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Even if the foundation reaches that goal, Gross said leaders of the effort are mindful that fundraising isn't a long-term solution to the district's budget problems, which are due mainly to a big decrease in state education spending caused by a drop-off in tax revenue.

Meanwhile, on Tuesday the school district committee that assessed the feasibility of passing Measure A was planning to reconvene to analyze the campaign's outcome and to consider recommending a possible future funding measure.

Measure A, which would have assessed an additional $198 annual per parcel tax on property owners for five years, received 64.25 percent of the vote in last month's mail-in election.

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Tony Oliva, an attorney with the firm Allen Matkins who represented Embassy's owners in the case, applauded Monday's decision.

"We're certainly pleased. We think the decision was correct as a matter of law," he said. "Our goal is to continue to work with the city, not to work against the city."

It's unclear exactly what changes will take place at the Embassy. Oliva declined to discuss his clients' plans for the property, but indicated the decision will enable them to invest in the building.

"It's a real jewel in Santa Monica and it's magnificently preserved. That's why we have pursued this — because we want the ability to continue to care for this building in the way we have."

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Home in SoCal murder-suicide in foreclosure

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ANAHEIM, Calif. A man who shot his wife to death and critically wounded his 3-year-old son before killing himself had money troubles and the family home was in foreclosure, police said Tuesday.

Money problems — and marital troubles that may have stemmed from the man's financial situation — were being investigated as possible motives in Sunday night's shootings, said Sgt. Rick Martinez.

Foreclosure "could have been the issue," he said.

The 3-year-old boy, who hid behind a trash can in the backyard for more than 12 hours before he was rescued Monday morning, was in critical but stable condition Tuesday after being treated for at least three wounds to his hip, shoulder and torso, Martinez said.

The 54-year-old man shot his 39-year-old wife and tried to kill his two sons, police said. The 3-year-old was trapped in a corner of the backyard. A shot aimed at his 5-year-old brother missed. The boy was inside the house and the shot was fired through an open doorway, Martinez said.

The names of the family members were not released because their relatives had not been notified, Martinez said.

The home was purchased in 2001 with a $462,000 loan but the owners began missing payments last year and owed nearly $492,000, according to county records obtained by The Orange County Register newspaper.

The tragedy was discovered Monday when a co-worker of the father stopped by because the man had failed to show up for work.

The 5-year-old boy came to the door and told him that his parents had been shot. The co-worker's wife, who was waiting in a car, called 911, Martinez said.

Police originally said the 5-year-old called 911 but that was later found to be inaccurate, Martinez said.

When officers arrived, they found the female victim's body seated in a lawn chair and the man's body on the ground in the backyard.

A trail of blood led to the wounded 3-year-old.

A motorist reported hearing gunfire in the neighborhood Sunday night, but officers who responded were unable to find where the shots came from and left.

Ramon Maldonado, 48, who lives two doors away, said he worked with the father about two years ago at an auto repair shop.

"I used to drive with him every morning and he seemed pretty mellow," he said.

Calif. to try car locks to curb drunken driving

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SACRAMENTO, Calif. Convicted drunken drivers in four California counties will have to test their breath for alcohol before they can start their vehicles under a pilot program beginning next month.

A bill signed by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger last fall requires drivers with DUI convictions to install dashboard testing devices that would prevent their car engines from starting if alcohol is detected.

The law goes into effect July 1 in Alameda, Los Angeles, Sacramento and Tulare counties. The Legislature is scheduled to evaluate the pilot program in 2016 and if it is successful, to expand the requirement statewide.

The devices require drivers to breath into a tube to start their vehicles and at random intervals while driving.

Under the program, first-time offenders will be required to use the ignition locking device for five months, or one year if they injured someone while driving drunk. A second offense would require using the device for a year and two years of monitoring would be required for a third offense.

Assemblyman Mike Feuer, D-Los Angeles, who sponsored the measure, said drunken driving is "a problem of enormous consequence in the state." In 2008, the latest year for which statistics were available, 30 percent of all California roadway deaths involved at least one drunken driver, according to state figures.

Fourteen states have similar laws for first-time offenders, said Laura Dean-Mooney, president of Mothers Against Drunk Driving.

Convicted drivers are expected to pay for the device installation and its monthly rental fees, although manufacturers will be expected to subsidize most of the cost for drivers on low incomes, Feuer said.

Some criminal defense lawyers and restaurant industry lobbyists fought the bill, saying the ignition lock technology should be reserved for repeat drunken drivers, and questioning its reliability.

"With this law, you are going to have the occasional drinker who had a half glass of wine too much" failing the in-car sobriety tests, said Ignacio Hernandez, a lobbyist for California DUI lawyers.


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Ariz. lawmaker takes aim at automatic citizenship

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PHOENIX Emboldened by passage of the nation's toughest law against illegal immigration, the Arizona politician who sponsored the measure now wants to deny U.S. citizenship to children born in this country to undocumented parents.

Legal scholars laugh out loud at Republican state Sen. Russell Pearce's proposal and warn that it would be blatantly unconstitutional, since the 14th Amendment guarantees citizenship to anyone born in the U.S.

But Pearce brushes aside such concerns. And given the charged political atmosphere in Arizona, and public anger over what many regard as a failure by the federal government to secure the border, some politicians think the idea has a chance of passage.

"I think the time is right," said state Rep. John Kavanagh, a Republican from suburban Phoenix who is chairman of the powerful House Appropriations Committee. "Federal inaction is unacceptable, so the states have to start the process."

Earlier this year, the Legislature set off a storm of protests around the country when it passed a law that directs police to check the immigration status of anyone they suspect is in the country illegally. The law also makes it a state crime to be an illegal immigrant. The measure, which takes effect July 29 unless blocked in court, has inflamed the national debate over immigration and led to boycotts against the state.

An estimated 10.8 million illegal immigrants were living in the U.S. as of January 2009, according to the Homeland Security Department. The Pew Hispanic Center estimates that as of 2008, there were 3.8 million illegal immigrants in this country whose children are U.S. citizens.

Pearce, who has yet to draft the legislation, proposes that the state of Arizona no longer issue birth certificates unless at least one parent can prove legal status. He contends that the practice of granting citizenship to anyone born in the U.S. encourages illegal immigrants to come to this country to give birth and secure full rights for their children.

"We create the greatest inducement for breaking our laws," he said.

The 14th Amendment, adopted in 1868 in the aftermath of the Civil War, reads: "All persons born or naturalized in the United States, and subject to the jurisdiction thereof, are citizens of the United States and of the state wherein they reside." But Pearce argues that the amendment was meant to protect black people.

"It's been hijacked and abused," he said. "There is no provision in the 14th Amendment for the declaration of citizenship to children born here to illegal aliens."

John McGinnis, a conservative law professor at Northwestern University, said Pearce's interpretation is "just completely wrong." The "plain meaning" of the amendment is clear, he said.

Senate candidate Rand Paul, a Kentucky Republican and darling of the tea party movement, made headlines last month after he told a Russian TV station that he favors denying citizenship to the children of illegal immigrants.

A similar bill was introduced at the federal level in 2009 by former Rep. Nathan Deal, a Georgia Republican, but it has gone nowhere.

The Federation for American Immigration Reform, based in Washington, said Pearce's idea would stop immigrants from traveling to the U.S. to give birth.

"Essentially we are talking about people who have absolutely no connection whatever with this country," spokesman Ira Mehlman said. "The whole idea of citizenship means that you have some connection other than mere happenstance that you were born on U.S. soil."

Citizenship as a birthright is rare elsewhere in the world. Many countries require at least one parent to be a citizen or legal resident.

Adopting such a practice in the U.S. would be not only unconstitutional but also impractical and expensive, said Michele Waslin, a policy analyst with the pro-immigrant Immigration Policy Center in Washington.

"Every single parent who has a child would have to go through this bureaucratic process of proving their own citizenship and therefore proving their child's citizenship," she said.

Araceli Viveros, 27, and her husband, Saul, 34, are illegal immigrants from the Mexican state of Guerrero. He has been in Phoenix for 20 years, she for 10, and their 2- and 9-year-old children are U.S. citizens.

"I am so proud my children were born here. They can learn English and keep studying," Viveros said in Spanish.

She said her husband has been working hard in Phoenix as a landscaper, and their children deserve to be citizens. The lawmaker's proposal "is very bad," she said. "It's changing the Constitution, and some children won't have the same rights as other children."

Old-timers go modern in quest to stay in Congress

BY DAVID A. LIEB
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SEDALIA, Mo. It's 7:19 p.m., yet Rep. Ike Skelton appears hard at work. "I just voted against the repeal of DADT," Skelton tweets via BlackBerry to alert a few hundred followers to his stance against gays openly serving in the military.

This from a man who doesn't have a personal computer in his office and displays photos of himself with former President Harry Truman.

Now at age 78, after more than three decades in Congress, Skelton is going modern.

Facing what may be the most difficult election of his long career, the Democrat from rural Missouri has embraced Twitter, Facebook and YouTube. He's amassing thousands of e-mail addresses. And he has hired a cadre of consultants to manage his message, raise money and dig up political dirt for a campaign blitz that is about four times larger than anything Skelton's ever done, according to a longtime advisor.

With an electorate that appears hostile to the established political order, many longtime members of Congress accustomed to cruise-control campaigns have had to make a choice for this year's midterm elections: get modern or get out.

Wisconsin Democrat David Obey, the third-longest serving current House member, announced last month that he was retiring. Michigan Republican Vern Ehlers opted for retirement instead of a 10th congressional campaign. Sens. Kit Bond of Missouri, George Voinovich of Ohio and Jim Bunning of Kentucky — all veteran lawmakers now in their 70s — also chose to retire.

Others are attempting to adapt by embracing technology that hadn't even been imagined when they first were elected, hiring campaign staffs sooner than usual and stockpiling cash instead of giving it away to others.

Florida Republican Bill Young, 79, who has served in Congress half his life, is collecting online contributions for the first time. House Budget Committee Chairman John Spratt of South Carolina, first elected when Ronald Reagan was president, launched a new website, YouTube, Facebook and Flickr sites last fall.

But no one perhaps illustrates the transformation better than Skelton, the Democratic chairman of the House Armed Services Committee who since 1976 has routinely carried about two-thirds of the vote in a district that otherwise favors Republicans. While narrowly carrying Missouri in the last presidential election, Republican John McCain trounced Democrat Barack Obama 60 percent to 38 percent in Skelton's congressional district.

Skelton has prevailed by defending the district's two military bases, backing conservative causes and having regular face-to-face meetings with constituents. He still shakes hands nearly every weekend at small-town diners and Boy Scout ceremonies, and makes sure to buy a pie at community fundraisers. Through Memorial Day, he had attended more than 100 local events. But behind the scenes, Skelton's methods have undergone a makeover.

When he recently hosted his 22nd annual conference for would-be government contractors, Skelton slowly moved through the crowd chatting about people's home towns and shared acquaintances.

"I'm a very hard-core conservative guy, but I like Ike Skelton," said electrician Jim Stuck, among those on hand. "He's old-school."

Yet at that very moment, Skelton was doing a very new-school thing. From his Washington office nearly 900 miles away, a message shot across his Twitter and Facebook pages: "About to kickoff this year's Procurement Conference in Sedalia — a day long meeting to spur small business growth throughout Missouri."

Skelton didn't write or dictate the words. Instead, a pair of 23-year-olds in his congressional office were speaking for him over the Internet.

Skelton's entry into modern politics stemmed from a discussion a year ago with his longtime strategist, Michael Rowan, who warned him about the national mood. The GOP was painting Skelton as liberal for voting with Democratic House leaders.

"We had to raise some money, we had to hire the new people and run a very modern campaign," Rowan said. "He understood."

Last October, Skelton held his first town-hall telephone conference call, where he announced his opposition to the federal health care overhaul legislation. He also has begun an electronic newsletter and his speeches are uploaded to YouTube.

His leading Republican opponents, state Sen. Bill Stouffer and former state Rep. Vicky Hartzler, are using most of the same tactics. Skelton's opponent won't be known until the Aug. 3 primary elections.

Republican consultant Brad Todd says the GOP's chance for taking Skelton's seat depends on the size of the expected Repubican surge this November. If Republicans gain 20 U.S. House seats, Skelton's probably won't be one of them. If Republicans pick up about 50 seats — more than enough to retake the majority — Skelton's seat is likely to fall, he said.

But Todd knows it won't be easy. "He's going to make us take it from him," he said.

Oil leaking up to 2.52M gallons daily

RAY HENRY
Associated Press Writer

NEW ORLEANS Scientists provided a new estimate for the amount of oil gushing from a ruptured well in the Gulf of Mexico on Tuesday that indicates it could be worse than previously thought.

A government panel of scientists said that the ruptured well is leaking between 1.47 million and 2.52 million gallons a day of oil. That is an increase over previous estimates that put the maximum size of the spill at 2.1 million gallons per day.

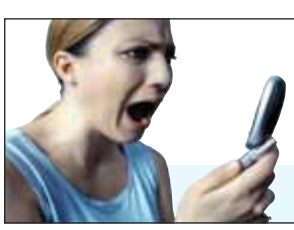
"This estimate brings together several scientific methodologies and the latest information from the sea floor, and represents a significant step forward in our effort to put a number on the oil that is escaping from BP's well," Energy Secretary Steven Chu said in a statement.

The latest numbers reflect an increase in the flow that scientists believe happened after undersea robots earlier this month cut off a kinked pipe near the sea floor that was believed to be restricting the flow of oil, just as a bend in a garden hose reduces water flow. BP officials has estimated that cutting the kinked pipe likely increased the flow by up 20 percent.

The pipe was removed so BP could install a containment cap that is trapping leaking oil and drawing it a ship waiting on the ocean surface.

The new numbers are based on a combination of scientific data, including an analysis of high-resolution video taken by underwater robots, pressure meters, sonar, and measurements of oil collected by the containment device on top of the well.

It is the fourth — and perhaps not last — time the federal government has had to increase its estimate of how much oil is gushing. At one point, the federal government claimed only 42,000 gallons were spilling a day and then it upped the number to 210,000 gallons.


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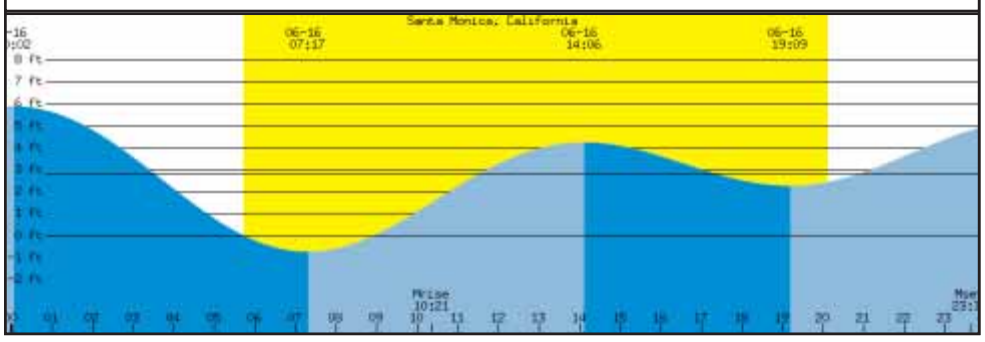
Swell Forecast

SW swell is expected to back off to chest high max. We should see wind swell in the chest+ range for west facing breaks.

Long Range Synopsis

Looks smaller, around waist to chest most everywhere.

Tide Forecast for Today in Santa Monica



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Grades for this report are based on monitoring data from the previous 30 days up to the ending date of **June 7, 2010**

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QUICK STATS (for the last 30 days)

- Number of sewage spills -- 0
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- Number of wet days -- 8
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 38 / ns
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 8 / ns

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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 Lachusa 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 Blacker County Beach.	D	ns
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth.	A+	ns
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd..	D	ns
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	B	ns
Surfrider Beach (breach location) - daily.	F	ns
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	F	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.	F	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.	B	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain.	A+	ns

LEGEND

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

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WORLD CUP

Playing favorites a problem for U.S.

RONALD BLUM
AP Sports Writer

IRENE, South Africa The Americans returned to the practice field Tuesday, not only to prepare for their upcoming match with Slovenia, but the new role they've been cast in at this World Cup. Favorites.

Yes, that's right. The good, ol' underdog Yanks are favored for a change — and therein lies the problem.

"In all likelihood, if we lose we're out of the tournament," Landon Donovan said. "That's the reality of the situation.

"A tie means we're still in the tournament. You have to be aware of that. That being said, we understand very clearly that if we win the game, we've got a very, very good chance of getting through. So that will be our focus," he said.

It doesn't take a genius to figure out that the Americans don't want to be in the position of having only one point through two matches while Slovenia has six and England may have four.

"Going into a game as possible favorites will be different for us," defender Jay DeMerit said, "to know you're under pressure to get three points or to get a good result instead of saying, 'Let's go out and try our best and make sure we work well together and see what happens.'"

Coming off an opening 1-1 draw against the Three Lions, a victory against Slovenia on Friday would put the U.S. in prime position to advance going into its Group C finale against Algeria on June 23. Slovenia beat Algeria 1-0 in its opener.

And even though the U.S. is a 2-1 favorite, according to betcris.com., players don't see it as much of an advantage.

"They're going to be a tough team," said Clint Dempsey, who scored the tying 1-1 goal against England in the opener. "They keep the ball well. They have players who can cause you problems. So we're just going to have to play our best game to get something out of it."

There was some new gear at training in Pretoria, with many players wearing navy ski caps, most wearing sweat pants and some putting on gloves as a biting 22 mph southern wind ripped across Pilditch Stadium, where the temperature was just 46 before the sunset at 5:24 p.m.

It will be a different type of game, too, against Slovenia, which won its opener on Robert Koren's 79th-minute goal when it bounced in off the arm of goalkeeper Fawzi Chaouchi.

Central midfielders Michael Bradley and Ricardo Clark were pinned in defensive positions against the English, while Donovan and Dempsey were pinched in, forcing attacking wingers to go wide.

Slovenia, which qualified by defeating Russia in a home-and-home playoff last November, likely will rely on counterattacks. For that reason, there has been speculation U.S. coach Bob Bradley might consider starting Jose Torres in place of Clark in an effort to improve possession.

Ever since the draw last December, the focus was on the opener.

"Everyone was expecting England to wipe the floor with us, basically," backup goalkeeper Marcus Hahnemann said.

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12:30pm, 6:15pm

Marmaduke (PG) 1hr 27min
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City Island (PG-13) 1hr 55min
1:50pm, 7:20pm

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1:00pm, 5:30pm, 10:10pm

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

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4:20pm, 9:50pm

Breathless (NR) 1hr 45min
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The A-Team (PG-13) 1hr 57min
11:20am, 12:50pm, 2:00pm, 3:40pm, 4:50pm, 6:40pm, 7:40pm, 9:30pm, 10:30pm

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It's all about the music, Sag

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★★ You cannot clarify a situation enough, as confusion floats in the ethers. Maintain a sense of humor, and you might feel a lot better about a misunderstanding. This same attitude helps others. Your ingenuity saves the day more than once. Tonight: Leave work with a smile. Take a break.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ You might feel stalemated by a situation and unable to get your point over. Keep your focus on home and family, and you will be able to deal with other issues later. At the same time, don't trust someone's offer that might come in from out of left field. Tonight: Make a favorite dinner.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ Make that extra effort in a talk or when reaching out to another person. You might be overwhelmed by everything that you hear. Know that it is hearsay until you hear those words from the horse's mouth. Assume someone might be distorting what was said. Tonight: Favorite spot, favorite people.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ You could be overwhelmed by a financial situation. This matter might not be negative, but in some sense it's a little beyond your scope. Consider everything you are hearing and seeing, then in a few days, seek out an expert. You might get more information. Tonight: Accept another person's invitation.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★★ Act like the force that you are -- unstoppable. An element of confusion could filter through your day, forcing you to take action. First try to confirm where others are coming from. Tonight: Be the happy Lion.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★ Continue to maintain a low profile. Messages might seem unclear, especially with those who impact your day-to-day life. Just flow with the innate nature of communication and work, knowing that by tomorrow you can take a stronger hand. Tonight: Nap and then decide.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★★ Keep your primary goal in mind. This simple concept could be hard to act on, as there is so much distraction occurring around you. A child or new friend adds a veil of confusion as well! Tonight: Where people are.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Whether you feel like it or not, your presence at a certain meeting or event is a must. You might want to play hooky. Trust that others will notice. You clearly cannot be in two places at once. Keep your mind in the same place. Others will sense that you are distracted. Tonight: Choose for you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★★ Your intuition might be in conflict with logic. You might try juggling them. Perhaps the best solution would be discovering how both could be valid. News from a distance might not be the total story. Tonight: Whatever you do, be where there is good music.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★ An associate doesn't hesitate to tout his or her expertise. Although from this person's perspective he or she is right, you might not be so sure. Without starting a disagreement, listen and see the end results. Tonight: Say "yes" to an invitation.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Others might be beating a path to your door, but what is quite clear is that you are not hearing them. Certainly you could be so into your head or distracted that you don't get someone's message as clearly as you might like. Tonight: Just don't be alone.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ Your instincts keep telling you the same message, while you are trying to focus on more pressing matters. Understand that although you are being practical in your choices, you also might want to follow your sixth sense. Tonight: Squeeze in some exercise.

Happy birthday

This year, count on your communication skills. You will enjoy touching base with others more often as well. However, you might long to stretch your mind or grow in new ways. Some of you will travel, others might look at school, and yet, for many, a foreigner or someone quite different could knock on your door. If you are single, you might choose someone who is unusual or artistic. You could meet this person in an odd way. If you are attached, the two of you will become closer if you plan a trip together or take a seminar. LEO always appreciates you.

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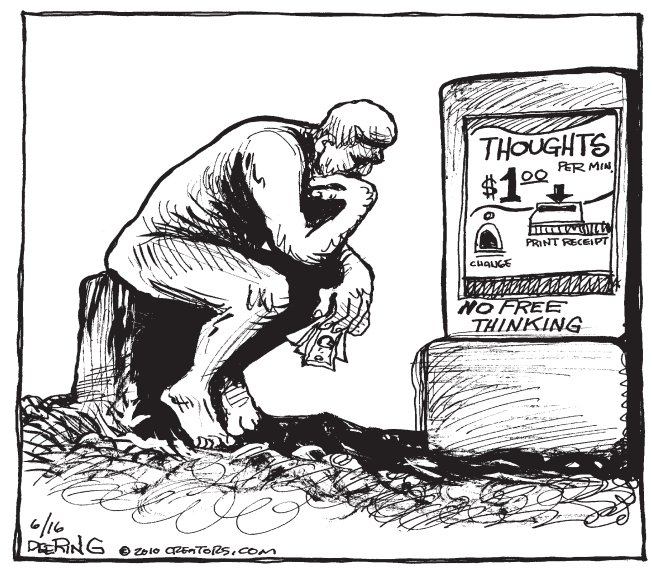
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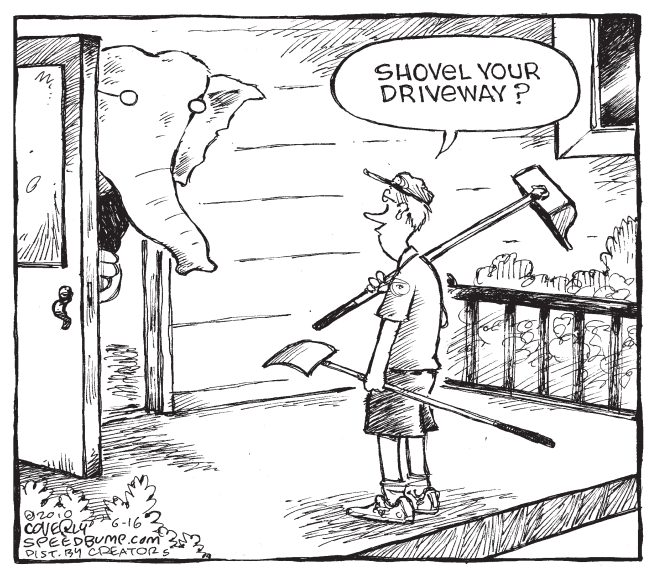
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Fill in the blank cells using numbers 1 to 9. Each number can appear only once in each row, column, and 3x3 block. Use logic and process of elimination to solve the puzzle. The difficulty level ranges from ★ (easiest) to ★★★★★ (hardest).

Difficulty Level ★★★

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GETTING STARTED

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

3	5	1	2	6	4	8	7	9
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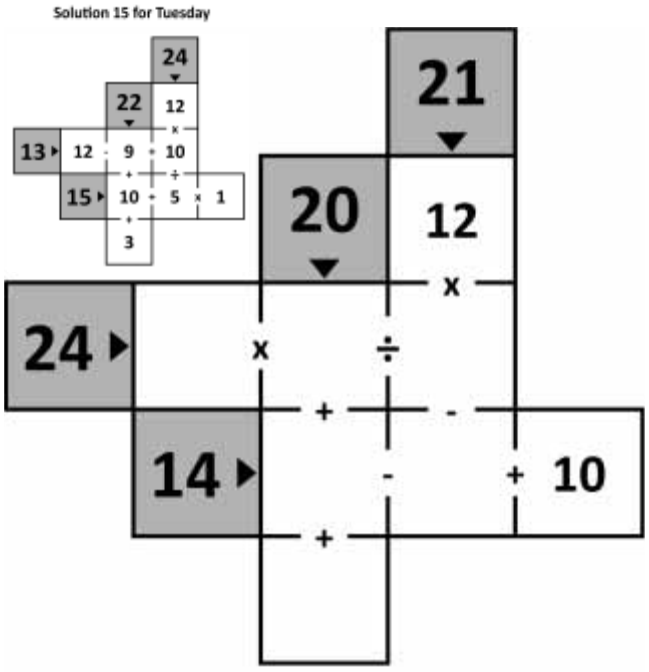
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• The numbers you insert into the grid must satisfy the Equa demands both horizontally and vertically.

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Solution 15 for Tuesday





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By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Strong wind
5 Brit's pound
9 Washington's successor
11 Con game
12 Finish off
13 Buenos —
14 Taxing org.
15 Unsurpassed
17 Unbiased
19 — de deux
20 White dog
21 Rooster's mate
22 Eric Clapton song
24 Spot
26 Overcharges
29 Smoked salmon
30 Young chickens
32 Site of Mount Suribachi
34 Volleyball need
35 Disgusted
36 Garlic unit
38 Piano piece
39 Cavalry weapon
40 Token of love
41 Wisc. neighbor

DOWN

1 Street urchin
2 Puts on a pedestal
3 Takes in eagerly
4 Outback bird
5 Call it a day
6 Green, perhaps
7 Old deliverer
8 Rx amounts
10 Athens rival
11 Fancy dance
16 Slothful sort
18 Floor square
21 Corridor
23 Fragrant flowers
24 Protest site of 1976
25 Bible book
27 Ben — of "Star Wars"
28 Tyler of Aerosmith
29 Permanent inmate
30 Holmes prop
31 Harsh
33 Law of the movies
37 Hightail it

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Until recently, researchers were certain that at least one ability separated humans from higher-functioning apes: the creation and use of tools for sex. However, primatologists writing in a recent issue of Science described a male chimpanzee's repetitive use of a dried leaf in the same way that a male human of a certain class might employ a fast car. In the presence of a female chimp, the male carefully crinkles the leaf until she, seemingly accustomed to such leaf-crinkling, notices the male, along with his generous erection, and may then choose to join him.

■ Too Much Information: British and Australian researchers, writing in a journal article in March, concluded that the world's strongest insect (relative to body weight) is the male dung beetle, which can lift more than 1,100 times its weight (equivalent for an average male human: 80 tons). Since the beetles mate inside dung patties, their every move is a struggle against the resistance posed by the feces. (On the other hand, the researchers also found weaker dung beetles that mated just fine helped not by their strength but by unusually large testicles.)

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