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THE FEW CABS ON THE ROAD ISSUE

Firm: Median home prices rise in May

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Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES The median home price in California last month surged 20.9 percent from May 2009 to \$278,000, as inventories of low-cost foreclosures dwindled and transactions in mid-range and high-end neighborhoods claimed a greater share of sales, a tracking firm reported Thursday.

Last month's median was up from \$230,000 a year ago and up 9 percent from \$255,000 in April, San Diego-based MDA DataQuick said. The May median, which marked a seventh consecutive month of year-over-year increases, was at its highest level since October 2008.

DataQuick President John Walsh said some of the higher-priced homes were reaching the market because of increasing economic troubles among middle- and upper-class families, who are compelled to sell.

But he said low mortgage rates and the

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Icahn boosts stake in Lions Gate studio to nearly a third

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK Billionaire investor Carl Icahn said Thursday he has boosted his stake in Lions Gate Entertainment Corp. to just under 32 percent as he tries to take over the movie studio.

He is still short of a controlling interest, though investors have two weeks to accept his \$7-per-share offer.

Icahn said shareholders tendered 15.6 million shares by his initial Wednesday deadline, bringing his stake to 31.8 percent, up from 18.6 percent. Icahn will be paying

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MOVEMENT: Taxi cabs make their way down Second Street on Thursday afternoon. A proposal aims to limit the number of cabs in operation.

Taxi cab overhaul plan heads to council

BY NICK TABOREK

Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL A proposal to bar all but five of 44 licensed taxi cab companies from operating in Santa Monica and reduce the total number of cabs allowed in the city by nearly half could get the City Council's approval on Tuesday, part of a plan that City Hall officials say will improve the quality of taxi service and cut down on auto emissions.

The council approved the framework for the taxi cab overhaul last July, deciding a "franchise" system where at most eight cab companies would be given permission to operate in the city was preferable to the open-entry permitting system, which officials said had brought too many cabs into the market.

Under the new system, a maximum of 250 cabs would be permitted, down from the 463 that are currently authorized to pick up fares in Santa Monica.

The council is set to decide on Tuesday which companies will be allowed to continue operating, following the release this week of City Hall's list of

recommended cab operators.

While the council has final authority on which companies should be awarded franchises, the recommendation was highly anticipated among taxi cab operators.

Out of 13 companies that applied for a franchise, City Hall has recommended allowing five companies to operate in Santa Monica. The companies are: Bell Cab Co., Independent Taxi Owners Association, Metro Cab Co., Taxi Taxi and Yellow Cab Co.

Under the recommendation, which was made by a committee composed of City Hall staff from finance, police and community and cultural services, a Bayside District Corp. staff person and a representative from the city of Los Angeles, each company would be permitted to operate 50 cabs.

Not everyone was pleased with the committee's work.

Craig Smedman, vice president and general manager of Euro Taxi, which was left off the list, said he plans to urge members of the City Council to reject the recommendation.

As a Santa Monica-based cab company

that operates exclusively in the city, he said his company would be forced out of business if the recommendation is adopted.

"It's unbelievable that they would choose L.A.-based taxi companies over an experienced, quality local company such as Euro," he said.

Of the five recommended companies, Taxi Taxi and Metro Cab are based in Santa Monica. The other three recommended companies are L.A.-based.

Don Patterson, Santa Monica's business and revenue operations manager, defended the selection process as fair.

"We had a very extensive review process and we evaluated each proposal based on the criteria that was outlined in the [request for proposals]," he said. "The ones that are recommended are the ones whose proposals were the best."

While local operators were given preference, he said a company's place of business was one of 10 evaluation criteria. Other criteria included financial viability, experience, operator's character (including litigation history).

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Ticket prices range from \$36 to \$85. For more information,
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Saturday, June 19, 2010

Circus for summer reading

Main Library

601 Santa Monica Blvd., 11a.m. — 12 p.m.

The Santa Monica Library's 2010 Summer Reading Program
kicks off with a performance by the Jumbo Shrimp Circus at the
Main Library. The performance will feature magic acts and
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For more information, call (310) 458-8600.

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Virginia Avenue Park

2200 Virginia Ave., 12 p.m. — 5 p.m.

The annual celebration of the emancipation from slavery,
features food and live entertainment, including spoken word
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ALL ABOUT THE DETAILS: Artist Lita Albuquerque works on a blue orb from her Stellar Axis Antarctica Project at her studio at the 18th Street Art Center on Thursday afternoon.

18th Street Art Center seeks public support

BY LENIKA CRUZ
Special to the Daily Press

MIDCITY Hit hard by unanticipated facility repairs, the 18th Street Art Center is asking the public for emergency donations to help close its \$10,000 budget gap by June 30.

After fixing problems with electrical wiring, roof damage, and wood rot, the center has been left with a doubling of its \$35,000 annual maintenance budget.

"As every homeowner knows," Executive Director Jan Williamson said, "unexpected repairs are inevitable."

Thanks to the speedy response of a few close supporters and tough decisions to cut spending in other areas, the center has managed to narrow a majority of its current budget gap. With only \$10,000 left to go, the center is asking the public for recommended donations of \$100, though any amount will be accepted.

Contributors will be thanked in the center's 2010 annual catalog and will also receive a copy. Receipts will be provided for all donations and the full amount of the gift is tax-deductible, as the center is a nonprof-

it organization under California law.

Founded in 1988, the 18th Street Art Center has been one of the leading urban artist residency centers in the United States, focusing on providing support for resident artists and promoting "public dialogue through contemporary art making."

Among the center's several big-name supporters are the Andy Warhol Foundation for the Visual Arts, Santa Monica City Cultural Affairs Division and the Getty Grant Program.

The center houses resident artists of all ages from both the U.S. and abroad and prides itself on being an "intergenerational, intercultural, multidisciplinary beehive" that is home to numerous exhibitions, performances, and a neighborhood festival.

The art center also concentrates its efforts on encouraging the careers of emerging and under-represented mid-career artists.

Approximately 54 percent of the center's annual income is collected through event fees, donations, and both private and government grants. The other 46 percent is

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Audit alleges mismanagement by state health department

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Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES The California Department of Public Health didn't fine hospitals and nursing homes as much as they could have for health code violations and overstated an account of collected fines by nearly \$10 million, an audit has found.

The California State Auditor's report released Thursday spans nearly a seven-year period and reflects a broad pattern inattention to good accounting practices at the state department.

"We've got some fundamental issues with the department, so they need to strengthen their budget staff and accounting staff," said state auditor Elaine Howle.

Noting reports released within the last week that discovered lax reporting and flawed accounting with CDPH's Every Woman Counts program, Howle added,

"We're starting to see same problems across the department's programs."

The audit found that the fund balance for the state's federal account has been repeatedly overstated, to the tune of \$9.9 million in fiscal year 2008-2009 alone. The account will actually be depleted to \$345,000 at the end of this month and \$249,000 by June 2011.

The account "is now nearly insolvent," according to the audit, and is relied on to operate the state's Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program. Ombudsmen investigate complaints ranging from drafty rooms to violent abuse in the state's 1,377 nursing facilities and 7,648 residential care facilities.

A report issued by the state Senate Office of Oversight and Outcomes in November warned that budget cuts to the ombudsman program may have already resulted in the underreporting of elder abuse.

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What about Venice?

Editor:

The organized campaign by Santa Monica residents against the just concluded FAA test pattern at Santa Monica Airport seems to have one objective – and it's the same one that has guided the City of Santa Monica's operation of the airport for decades: keep as much of the airport's noise and pollution burden outside of Santa Monica as is possible, which means dumping it into the bordering areas of Los Angeles.

So, Santa Monica residents write letters and sign petitions complaining of the horrible noise and safety hazards, demanding that the flight pattern return to its pre-FAA test route: that is, requiring departing planes to make an unnatural left turn upon departure, over the Penmar Golf Course, thus sending the air traffic over Venice, and in particular, over the Rose Avenue area where I live.

Safety is always Santa Monica's justification for this shifting. But the recent FAA test pattern obviously rejected the idea that sending the air traffic over Venice is necessarily any safer than sending it over Santa Monica. In the 1980s, the FAA also rejected Santa Monica's "safety" rationale for dumping the problem onto Venice. Under enormous political pressure, Santa Monica was forced to implement a "fan pattern" to more equitably distribute the departure noise between Santa Monica and Venice. The "fan pattern" was actually quite similar to the recent FAA test pattern, but was, apparently, quietly abandoned by Santa Monica in later years, when no one was paying attention.

It's funny how the health and safety concerns expressed by Santa Monica residents, especially the impacts on children, seem to disappear once the problem is shifted to Venice. Apparently, there are no children living in the Rose Avenue area, which is more densely populated and heavily visited than Sunset Park, and apparently Venice residents love living with the noise and pollution from Santa Monica's airport. Full disclosure: I have children and own a house in Sunset Park.

The FAA test pattern seemed to have improved the noise situation in Venice, and seemed to more equitably share the airport burden between Santa Monica and its neighbors. Consideration should be given to making it permanent. Venice residents should voice their opinions to the FAA, Councilman Bill Rosendahl, and Congresswoman Jane Harman.

Meanwhile, take the comments coming from Santa Monica with a grain of salt: it's just the same old "who gets stuck with the hot potato" game that has been the story at Santa Monica Airport for decades.

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Venice



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USC: Circling the Beemers

LAST YEAR, COMEDIAN DAVID Letterman shocked his TV audience by confessing his sexual affairs with female staff members. Given Letterman's humor, I suspected it was a gag for which there would be a witty punch line.

But it wasn't a joke. Letterman admitted that he had exercised terrible judgment for which he was profoundly sorry. Apparently Mike Garrett, athletic director at USC, didn't watch that particular Letterman show.

Last week, after a four-year investigation, the NCAA released a 67-page report detailing serious violations in not one but three of USC's athletic programs. (I didn't read the entire 67 pages, I'm waiting for the video.) The report did include, however, the four dreaded words, "lack of institutional control."

The NCAA hit the football program with a two-year postseason ban, the loss of 30 scholarships, and a four-year probation. (SC basketball had already self-imposed sanctions.) Many had predicted that cash cow USC would merely receive a slap on the wrists. This was more than a slap and would seem to involve a different part of the anatomy.

Even as a UCLA alum, I'm not trying to be sanctimonious. Rick Neuheisel, the Bruins football coach, is no stranger to NCAA sanctions. Although, via a lawsuit, he received a \$4.5 million settlement, much of it from the NCAA, Neuheisel speaks of his past infractions with contrition. USC officials speak of theirs with defiance, as though circling the wagons. (Or as the Times' T.J. Simers suggests, circling the BMWs.)

In addressing a group of SC boosters, Mike Garrett said that he'd "read between the lines" of the report and concluded "There was nothing but a lot of envy. They wish they all were Trojans." Really? The problem is NCAA jealousy? Not the \$300,000 of illegal perks given to Reggie Bush, or those given to O.J. Mayo, or Joe McKnight?

The "promoter" who brought O.J. Mayo to USC, Rodney Guillory, already had put the university in hot water years earlier with alleged illegal gifts to former Trojan basketball player Jeff Trepagnier. How was Guillory even allowed back on campus? Evidently, greed trumped judgment.

Garrett was thoroughly unapologetic: "Today I got a purpose for really wanting to dominate for another 10 years," adding that he felt invigorated. "Today I know we're bigger than life." Garrett sounds like Humphrey Bogart as Captain Queeg in the "Caine Mutiny" rambling about missing strawberries. Actually he sounds like a guy about to resign.

Apparently crime can pay. The sanctions don't go into effect until after the appeals and I'm guessing the Trojans have a boatload of savvy attorneys. Either way, SC gets to keep its 2004 AP national title. (Though they likely will lose the BCS version.) Bush parlayed his Heisman into mega-millions and Mayo is an NBA star. (One possible lesson for SC, don't give scholarships to athletes named O.J.)

And what about former SC coach Pete Carroll? His years of volunteer work in the inner city of Los Angeles were nothing short of heroic. But his "Who could have known?" explanation of the violations sounds like "the dog ate my homework." Carroll throws Bush under the bus who in turn denies any wrongdoing. How convenient. But last season, didn't Carroll, or any of his coaches, ever question McKnight rolling up to practice in a \$40k ride?

Of all the times Carroll had offers from the NFL, he went this year. What a coincidence. He skipped out of Dodge for a \$33 million contract from the Seattle Seahawks and avoided the NCAA hammer. The real injustice is that the guilty will go unpunished whereas the innocent, the players who remain at SC, will pay the price.

It's estimated that the sanctions may cost USC \$20 million. However, during the past nine years, the Trojans made hundreds of millions. But it's far from just at USC. Major college sports are a cash register. Many years ago at college football games the chant used to be "boolah, boolah." Today it's "moolah, moolah." The line plunge has become the bottom line plunge.

But the disturbing truth is that we fans who pack the stadiums or watch on TV don't really want collegiate sports cleaned up. If we did, they would be. What we want is for OUR team to win and go to a glamorous bowl game. If rules are bent a little, so be it, just so long as our school doesn't get caught. Well, SC got caught.

When I read the comments of Garrett, Carroll, Mayo and Bush, I'm almost waiting for the punch line, which should include the words "all the way to the bank." And, as opposed to Letterman, they don't sound remotely remorseful except, perhaps, for Bush.

Today, Bush said, rather melodramatically, "This has been the closest thing to death without dying." Who knows? If his NFL football career fizzles maybe he could get a gig on a soap opera? In the meantime, at Trojan town, the Beemers continue to circle.

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That Rutherford Guy

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What a father says to his son

DESPITE THEIR HARMLESS FAÇADE, THE Beatles symbolized the generational revolt — even an estrangement from parents — that marked the 1960s.

“My mother hates them, my father hates them, my teacher hates them,” said one young fan. “Can you think of three better reasons why I love them?”

However, this was not the intent of John, Paul, George and Ringo. With the exception of John Lennon, The Beatles grew up in loving, stable homes. And they generally respected and revered their parents, which came through in their music — especially Paul McCartney’s.

“My parents aspired for us. That is one of the great things you can find in ordinary people. My mum wanted me to be a doctor,” McCartney said. “And my dad, who left school at fourteen, would have loved me to be a great scientist, a great university graduate. I always feel grateful for that.”

The happiness and security of Paul’s life were brutally shattered when his mother, Mary, died in 1956, leaving his father James with the task of guiding his two teenage sons through the difficult period of adolescence. Paul later preserved his mother’s memory in the beautiful ballad “Let It Be,” based on a dream he had about her a decade after her death. Paul’s younger brother Michael commented on how their father was there for them after their mother died. “We both owe him a lot. He stayed home and looked after us.” But it would be the musical influence of Paul’s father that would last.

James McCartney, born in 1902, had his own band in the late 1920s. Jim Mac’s Jazz Band, which included his brother and cousin, played the dance halls around Liverpool during the time of vaudeville.

James arranged for 11-year-old Paul to be auditioned for junior choir at Liverpool Cathedral, but he was not accepted. This did not stop him from encouraging Paul’s clear interest in music.

It wasn’t surprising when Paul began writing songs. “Something was making me make it up, whether I knew how to do it or not,” Paul said. “I’d already written the tune of ‘When I’m Sixty-four’ when I was sixteen.” Not surprisingly, there is a strong vaudevillian flavor to this song.

The musical influence of his father also pervaded Paul’s work with The Beatles. “He had a lot of music in him, my dad. He taught me and my brother harmony. I learned very

early how to sing harmony, which was one of my big roles in The Beatles. Whenever John sang, I automatically sang in harmony with him, and that’s due to my dad’s teaching.”

Paul even credits his father for his now-legendary status as The Beatles’ bass player. “My dad would point out the bass on the radio.”

As The Beatles were trying to break through, Paul’s father encouraged them. He allowed the Quarry Men — Paul and John’s pre-Beatles group — to rehearse in the McCartney home on Forthlin Road. And as the budding Beatles, Lennon and McCartney wrote some of their classics, such as “I’ll Follow the Sun,” there. “I remember writing that in our front living room at Forthlin Road,” says Paul.

When James turned 64 in 1966, Paul revived and rewrote “When I’m Sixty-four” as a tribute to his father. The Beatles recorded the song on Dec. 6, 1966 at Abbey Road Studios in London between sessions for Lennon’s classic, surreal “Strawberry Fields Forever.” And it was the first cut completed for their masterpiece album, the legendary “Sgt. Pepper’s Lonely Hearts Club Band.”

Paul’s father lived to see The Beatles become the most influential entertainment act in history, with Paul half of the greatest pop songwriting duo of all time. James must have been proud when he heard those great piano riffs on such Beatle songs as “Let It Be” and “Hey Jude” — both written and played by Paul.

James McCartney died in 1976. Just before he passed away, he said, “I’ll be with Mary soon.” But the bond between father and son has lasted over the years, even as Paul celebrates his 68th birthday this month.

This affectionate bond is reflected in a song Paul wrote about a phrase his father used to resolve family disputes. Here are some lyrics from “Put it There” on Paul’s 1989 album, “Flowers in the Dirt”: “Give me your hand, I’d like to shake it. Put it there, If it weighs a ton, That’s what a father says to his young son.”

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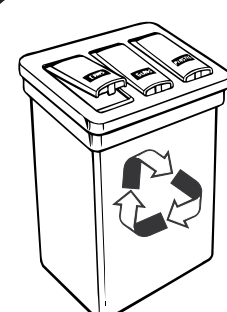
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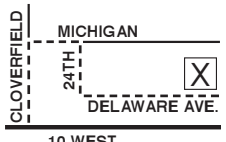


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The Q-Line

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STATE BRIEFS

SACRAMENTO

Prisons suspend inmate visits to save money

California prisons will be closed to most visitors the last weekend of June to save the state money.

State corrections officials said Thursday that canceling visits at the 33 adult prisons June 26-27 will save about \$400,000 in overtime costs.

Lawyers still will be allowed to see their clients, and family members will be able to visit terminally ill inmates and juvenile offenders. Full visitation hours will resume July 1, the start of the state's new fiscal year.

The department also is temporarily closing some inmate exercise yards to save money as the state faces a \$19 billion budget deficit. Closing the yards means fewer guards will be needed to watch inmates.

Officials said Thursday that inmates will be sent to different yards so they will still get outside activities.

SAN FRANCISCO

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Truck stolen from L.A. recovered after 38 years

The pink slip for Harold Voelker's 1956 Ford F-100 pickup was tucked away deep in his files along with the memories of his prized truck, stolen from a Los Angeles lot in 1972.

Both were dusted off when authorities told the 63-year-old last week they found the long-lost vehicle in Modesto – 38 years after it went missing.

The California Highway Patrol says it noticed a discrepancy in the truck's vehicle identification number when a Modesto couple came in to register it. They had apparently received the vehicle from a relative in Texas, who authorities say didn't know the truck was stolen.

CHP officer Greg Bennett found the original identification number and traced it back to Voelker.

Voelker, who picked up the truck on Tuesday, says it's running well and even seems to have more power than the original.

SACRAMENTO

AP

Bill extends cage law to out-of-state eggs

Out-of-state egg suppliers who violate California's animal welfare law would have their products banned from grocery stores, under a bill heading to Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger's desk.

The state Senate passed a measure Thursday requiring that all eggs imported to California come from farms complying with Proposition 2, approved by voters in 2008. Violators could face up to 180 days in jail or a \$1,000 fine.

Proposition 2 says cages for egg-laying hens must be large enough for the animals to stand up, lie down and extend their wings. It will take effect in 2015, as would the bill if it becomes law.

The egg industry has not taken a formal position on the bill, AB1437.

The Senate's 23-7 vote sends it to the governor.

SIMI VALLEY

AP

Blast injures three in Ventura County

Ventura County fire authorities say an explosion has injured three people at a business in a Simi Valley industrial area.

Fire spokesman Ron Oatman said Simi Valley firefighters responded to a police call at about 1:15 p.m. Thursday.

Oatman says business in a half-mile radius are being evacuated. The blast appeared to have punched a hole through the building's roof.

Officials say three people have suffered minor injuries and firefighters are searching for a fourth person who has not been accounted for.

The cause of the blast is under investigation.

SACRAMENTO

AP

Bill seeks more limits on sex offenders

The California Assembly voted Thursday to place greater restrictions on where some registered sex offenders can live and sent the measure to the governor for consideration.

Under the bill passed 61-0, those on probation for sex crimes against children could not live within a half-mile of their victim's home.

"A child victim deserves this type of protection," said Assemblyman Anthony Portantino, D-Pasadena. "They deserve to feel safe in their community and not have their attacker living around the corner."

The bill, SB1253, was sponsored by the California State Sheriffs' Association. It now heads to Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger for possible final approval.

Under "Jessica's Law," approved by California voters in 2006. registered sex offenders cannot reside within 2,000 feet of a school or park.

That rule was prompted by the case of 9-year-old Jessica Lunsford, who was kidnapped, raped and buried alive by a convicted sex offender near her home in Florida.

Critics have said such laws leave sex offenders with no place to live and can lead to more dangerous communities as offenders roam the streets.

California state Sen. Tony Strickland, R-Thousand Oaks, who authored the latest bill, said officials must consider the well-being of children.

LOS ANGELES

AP

Former officer testifies in BART shooting trial

Testimony in the trial of a former officer accused of killing an unarmed black man shifted Thursday from training techniques to how officers handled the shooting last year on an Oakland train platform.

Marysol Domenici, a former Bay Area Rapid Transit police officer, took the stand and started to recount the night she and other officers responded to a fight at the Fruitvale station on New Year's Day 2009. She had just begun testifying when Superior Court Judge Robert Perry recessed for lunch.

CRIME WATCH

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

Fishing leads to fight

Crime Watch is a weekly series culled from reports provided by the Santa Monica Police Department. These are arrests only. All parties are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 9, AT 3:51 A.M.

Officers responded to the 2200 block of Ocean Front Walk regarding a robbery that just occurred. Upon arrival, officers were flagged down by the victims. They stated that they had met the suspects while fishing on the Santa Monica Pier. As the victims were walking back to their car, the suspects approached and assaulted them. When one victim was hit over the head and became unconscious, one of the suspects reached into his pants pocket and removed his cellular phone. The suspects fled to an unknown location. Officers located the suspects a short distance away. The victims positively identified the alleged suspects, leading to the arrests. The suspects were identified as: Ines Montes, 18, of Van Nuys. She was charged with robbery and assault with a deadly weapon. Her bail was set at \$50,000. The second suspect is a juvenile, 17, of Hollywood. The juvenile was charged with robbery and assault with a deadly weapon. The third suspect is Edgar Andrade, 22, of Pacima. He was charged with robbery and assault with a deadly weapon. His bail was set at \$50,000. The final suspect is Gustavo Esparza, 19, of Panorama City. He was charged with robbery and assault with a deadly weapon. His bail was set at \$50,000.

TUESDAY, JUNE 8, AT 12:45 A.M.

Santa Monica officers were on patrol in the area of the 2000 block of Stewart Street when they observed an individual riding a bicycle. The bicyclist failed to stop for a stop sign at Stewart and Virginia Avenue, prompting the officers to make contact with the rider. During the stop, officers learned that he was on parole and in possession of a "kit," commonly used to inject narcotics. Further investigation revealed that the bicyclist was in possession of burglary tools as well. The suspect was identified as Michael Fino, 38, of Santa Monica. He was arrested for probable cause burglary, possession of burglary tools, possession of narcotic paraphernalia, a parole violation and a bicycle violation. He was not eligible for bail.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 9, AT 3:42 P.M.

Officers were in the area of Alley Seven and Michigan Avenue when they observed three suspects exit a vehicle and assault a victim that was on the sidewalk. The suspects attempted to slam the victim's head into a nearby wall. While the victim was on the ground, the suspects continued to hit and kick him. During the melee, an officer ran toward the scene of the assault, prompting the suspects to flee into a waiting vehicle and drive off. The car was stopped a short distance away. Officers contacted the victim, a student at Santa Monica High School, who was uncooperative and didn't request medical assistance. The suspects were identified as: a juvenile, 17, of Culver City, who was arrested for assault with a deadly weapon and promoting a criminal street gang. He was released to his guardians. A juvenile, 16, of Inglewood, who was charged with assault with a deadly weapon and promoting a criminal street gang. He was released to his guardians. Jose Perez, 18, of Inglewood, who was charged with assault with a deadly weapon and promoting a criminal street gang. His bail was set at \$60,000. Jaqueline Padilla, 21, of Venice, who was charged with assault with a deadly weapon, promoting criminal street gang, possession of cocaine, possession of a controlled substance for sale and bringing narcotics into the jail. Her bail was set at \$60,000.

THURSDAY, JUNE 10, AT 7:06 P.M.

Officers responded to the 3100 block of Wilshire Boulevard (Albertson's) regarding an attempted robbery. Upon arrival, store personnel advised that they observed the suspect place items in his backpack. The suspect, who is considered a chronic shoplifter, approached the cash register and attempted to pay for a bottle of tea and an onion, at which time he was advised to remove the items from his backpack. The suspect complied and was asked to leave the store. As the suspect went to leave, he attempted to grab the items and flee. The suspect then threw the bottle of tea at a store employee, but was blocked. Employees detained the suspect and called police. The suspect was identified as Raymond Dickerson, 35, a transient. He was booked for assault with a deadly weapon. His bail was set at \$30,000.

FRIDAY, JUNE 11, AT 10:15 P.M.

Officers were patrolling in the area of Washington Avenue and Alley Two when they heard a subject yell, "They are breaking into cars." Officers stopped and made contact with the alleged suspects. Further investigation revealed that the suspects had committed several vehicle burglaries in the area. One suspect was found to be in possession of a key that went to a car stolen in Downtown Los Angeles earlier that evening. Officers were able to locate the vehicle. The suspects: Selvin Rodriguez, 31, of Los Angeles, and Yonathan Rodriguez, 21, also of Los Angeles, were arrested for grand theft auto, burglary, conspiracy, receiving stolen property and tampering with a vehicle. Their bails were set at \$50,000 each.

SATURDAY, JUNE 12, AT 4:52 A.M.

Officers were patrolling the 1500 block of Palisades Park when they observed a subject in the park after hours. Upon contacting the subject, the subject admitted that he was in possession of marijuana. Officers placed the suspect under arrest for being in the park after hours and possession of marijuana. Further investigation revealed that the suspect had a warrant and was in possession of methamphetamine and narcotic paraphernalia. He was identified as Princeton Parker, 25, of Pasadena. His bail was set at \$51,563.

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LIONS GATE

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about \$109 million for the shares.

Lions Gate, which has resisted Icahn's bid, declared victory, noting most shareholders have held out.

The company also said it is close to getting a waiver from its lenders to make sure Icahn's investment doesn't trigger a default. It is technically a violation of the company's credit agreements if any one investor has more than 20 percent of its shares.

Along with the tender offer, Icahn is putting up his own

slate of candidates to replace the company's board. He argues the company has been mismanaged and has lashed out at the board for allowing its stock to sink over the past few years.

Lions Gate, which is based in Vancouver, British Columbia, but has most of its operations in Santa Monica, backed the Oscar-winning movie "Precious: Based on the Novel 'Push' By Sapphire." It also owns the TV Guide network and produces television shows, including "Weeds" and "Mad Men."

The company's stock rose 6 cents to \$6.99 in morning trading Thursday.

CABS

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tion history), quality of dispatch and communication system, and vehicle quality (including number of low-emission vehicles).

"The firms that are recommended are the ones that scored best overall," Patterson said.

In accordance with City Hall protocol, the scores that each company received in the evaluation were not included as part of the committee's recommendation to the City Council.

On Thursday, even companies that made the cut had their complaints.

Wendy Radwan, general manager of Taxi Taxi, said she was "absolutely thrilled" her company was recommended to receive a franchise award, but added the recommended 50-cab limit would require her business to reduce its fleet of 65 cars.

"The one drawback is that we are going to be made to down-size our current operation and we won't have any room for future growth," she said.

A Santa Monica company for 20 years, Taxi Taxi is the only company to apply for a franchise that operates more than 50 cars in the city.

"I don't think a locally born-and-bred company should be penalized for their success given this catastrophic economic climate," Radwan said.

Another local company, Metro Cab, had asked to operate

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100 cars, which CEO Ashraf Alkishawi said would have allowed him to partner with many of the smaller taxi operators in Santa Monica who are being displaced by the new franchise rules.

Overall, though, he said he was "very pleased with the outcome" of the City Hall committee's process.

Patterson said the recommendation to award each cab company the same number of cars was the committee's attempt to create "the most fair, competitive environment for everybody."

The new taxi cab rules could take effect by September.

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HOMES

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now-expiring federal tax credit for home buyers also had helped boost the proportion of more expensive homes within the sales mix.

"For now, at least, we're seeing a more normal mix of sales across the region and across price categories," Walsh said.

Sales of homes costing \$500,000 or more made up 21.2 percent of all transactions in the state last month, up from 16.5 percent a year ago, DataQuick said.

Foreclosures, meanwhile, which typically account for the lowest-price homes, comprised 35.5 percent of resales last month, dropping from 50.2 percent a year ago to reach their lowest level since March 2008, the firm said.

John Husing, an economist with San Bernardino County-based Economics & Politics Inc., said there have been far fewer foreclosures on the market, as banks become increasingly willing to reach alternative arrangements with delinquent borrowers.

"Banks haven't followed through on the foreclosure process, which means the supply of foreclosures hasn't been entering the market and that has been slowing down sales," Husing said.

Walsh, however, cautioned that banks are still thought to be carrying large numbers of foreclosed properties on their books and that it was unknown when and how these homes would go on sale.

"Price stability would be threatened if lenders suddenly pushed much larger numbers of distressed properties onto the market," he said.

DataQuick also said 40,965 homes were sold in the region in May, up 4.9 percent from 39,051 in May 2009. May's sales were up 9.3 percent from 37,481 in April.

In a nine-county region of Northern California, sales rose 11 percent to 8,264 in May from a year earlier. In the six-county region of Southern California, sales increased 7.2 percent to 22,720 from May 2009.

The median home price in Northern California jumped 20.1 percent to \$410,000 last month from \$341,500 in April 2009. In Southern California, the median price surged 22.5 percent to \$305,000, up from \$249,000 in the year-ago period.

AUDIT

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The audit also found that many fines collected from hospitals and other facilities for health code violations were too small because some fine amounts hadn't been adjusted since 1985. If fines had kept pace with inflation, \$3.3 million more could have been collected in fines.

Fine amounts are also too frequently reduced following appeal, Howle said.

The appeals process itself has been manipulated by hospitals seeking to delay payment of fines and denounce their violations publicly, and a few appeals have been under review for seven to eight years, said Howle. There's \$9 million in outstanding monetary penalties, she said.

The department said in May that since 2007, \$4.8 million in penalties have been assessed and \$2.9 million have been collected.

The audit recommends that the state begin collecting fines up front, to make appeals less attractive.

California Department of Public Health spokesman Ralph Montano declined comment on the audit released Thursday, noting that the department had provided responses to the auditor, in writing.

In its written responses, the department pledged to enhance its accounting policies and procedures by August 2010, and implement annual staff training. The department also agreed to consider seeking legislation in the 2011 session to collect fines up front.

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PUTTING IN WORK: Artist David McDonald works on a large untitled wooden sculpture in his studio space at the 18th Street Art Center on Thursday afternoon.

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acquired from resident artists' living costs — such as parking, rent, laundry — demonstrating a delicate balance in the center's yearly budget that has been upset by the sudden deficit.

"Fundraising for our operating costs for our buildings is always a challenge — for all nonprofits, not just 18th Street," said Williamson. "It is a natural desire for donors to want their gifts to support programs that have a human impact; at the same time, nonprofits, like everyone else,

have to pay the utilities and keep their buildings sound."

Williamson concluded, "Without our buildings, we could not provide the programs that we do to artists."

The June 30 deadline marks the close of the center's fiscal year, and if enough donations are received, it can finish the year in the black. Otherwise, Williamson says that the center will carry a small deficit into the next fiscal year which may lead to other spending cuts.

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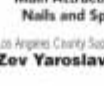
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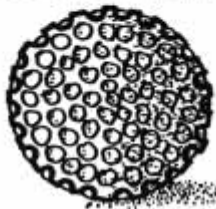
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Stock market manages slight gains

TIM PARADIS

AP Business Writer

NEW YORK The stock market managed a slender gain Thursday after traders shook off a pair of disappointing economic reports.

Traders began buying late in the session, although without the vehemence that has marked other final-hour moves in recent weeks. The Dow Jones industrial average closed up about 24 points after falling 90 early in the day, and scored its first three-day advance since April. The Standard & Poor's 500 and Nasdaq composite indexes both rose a little more than a point.

The late rebound following downbeat employment and manufacturing news suggests that investors may be getting more confident about the economic recovery, said Philip Orlando, the New York-based chief equity market strategist at Federated Investors.

"I think we're starting to see a change in psychology," Orlando said. "We're beginning to ignore bad news and focusing on the bigger, better long term picture, and that's encouraging."

Still, investors were also looking for safe holdings, a sign that the economy is uncertain enough for them to hedge their bets. Treasury prices rose, pushing down interest rates, and gold closed at a record high.

The government said early in the day that the number of people seeking unemployment benefits rose unexpectedly last week. Initial claims for jobless benefits increased 12,000 to 472,000. That's the highest level in a month and follows three straight weeks of declines. Economists had forecast another drop.

A drop in the Philadelphia Federal Reserve's index of regional manufacturing also hit stocks. The Philly Fed said manufacturing continued to expand in June but at a slower pace than in May. Its index of manufacturing activity dropped to 8 from 21.4 the month before. Traders were concerned that the slowdown signals that a recovery is fading in one of the strongest parts of the economy.

"It adds up to a modest, uneven recovery," said Paul Ballew, chief economist at Nationwide Insurance in Columbus, Ohio, and a former senior economist with the Federal Reserve. "We're not expecting some light switch being turned on here."

Retailers and other stocks that depend on steady consumer spending fell following the jobs report. Bed Bath &

Beyond Inc. fell 7.6 percent, and most other big retailers also ended the day with losses. DirecTV Inc. fell 3.9 percent.

Stocks regarded as safer investments during weak economies such as utilities and health care rose. FirstEnergy Corp. gained 1.6 percent, while health insurer Aetna Inc. climbed 4.5 percent after it forecast that its second-quarter earnings would beat analysts' expectations because of lower medical costs.

A stronger euro helped the market. The euro rose after a bond offering by Spain's government drew solid demand. Traders have been concerned that European countries like Spain with high debt loads would have trouble raising money because of worries about defaults. A stronger euro is seen as a sign of confidence in Europe's ability to cut its debt without jeopardizing an economic rebound. The euro climbed to \$1.2396, up more than 5 cents from the four-year low it reached last week.

Traders have been trying to determine where stocks are headed since major stock indexes hit their 2010 peak in late April. The Dow has risen 6.3 percent from its lowest close of the year on June 7 but it's still down almost 7 percent from its high of 11,205 on April 26.

The Dow rose 24.71, or 0.2 percent, to 10,434.17. The last time the average had a three-day advance was April 19-21, shortly before the market began sliding on concerns about Europe's economic problems. The Dow is up 243.28 over the past three days. The bulk of that gain came from an almost 214-point jump on Tuesday.

The S&P 500 index rose 1.43, or 0.1 percent, to 1,116.04, and the Nasdaq rose 1.23, or 0.05 percent, to 2,307.16.

The yield on the benchmark 10-year Treasury note fell to 3.19 percent from 3.27 percent late Wednesday.

Crude oil fell 84 cents to \$76.83 per barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange. Gold closed at a record \$1,248.70 an ounce.

BP fell 14 cents to \$31.71. Aetna rose \$1.31, or 4.5 percent, to \$30.63.

Losing stocks were slightly ahead of gainers on the New York Stock Exchange, where consolidated volume came to 4.6 billion shares, down from 5.1 billion on Wednesday.

The Russell 2000 index of smaller companies fell 0.28, or 0.04 percent, to 665.85.

Britain's FTSE 100 rose 0.3 percent, Germany's DAX index rose 0.5 percent, and France's CAC-40 gained 0.2 percent. Japan's Nikkei stock average fell 0.7 percent.

Drilling ban forces rig workers to look for jobs

CAIN BURDEAU

Associated Press Writer

MORGAN CITY, La. Mr. Charlie has seen the up and downs over the years in the oil patch off Louisiana's coast, but this could be the toughest slump of all.

Earlier this week, the steel rig stationed on the Atchafalaya River graduated what could be one of its last classes of workers prepping for the rigors of offshore life.

President Barack Obama's six-month moratorium on deepwater drilling in the Gulf has sent shudders across the coast's offshore oil industry — where no one knows just how extensive or long-lasting the damage to jobs may be.

Louisiana has long been indebted to the oil industry. Its thousands of good-paying jobs — offshore workers frequently earn \$50,000 a year or more — counterbalance the low-wage tourism industry in the state's southern tier of parishes.

But that changed — at least temporarily — after the oil rig exploded in the Gulf of Mexico, spewing the black gold into the waters. Now, many of those who counted on making it in the oil patch are out stumping for jobs.

Rodney Phillips, a 38-year-old heavy equipment operator from Angie, La., was in a nine-day class when the moratorium was declared. His father made a good living from 20 years of offshore work with Texaco.

With the likelihood of quick offshore employment fading, Phillips was headed to the south Louisiana cities of Venice and Grand Isle in his Chevy truck in search of a job on one of the boats being hired to work the BP spill.

"There's jobs doing everything down there right now: Crewboats, tug boats, heavy equipment. Whatever best offer I get is where I will start off," he said.

Virgil Allen, a safety specialist who manages Mr. Charlie, owned by the International Petroleum Museum and Exposition in Morgan City, said one more training class was scheduled this week.

"The moratorium is stopping all the regular training," said Allen. The training rig, he said, is being turned into a clearinghouse for workers looking for oil spill response jobs, like the one Phillips hopes to get.

BP this week agreed to establish a \$100 million fund to support oil rig workers idled by the six-month moratorium, separate from \$20 billion it is setting aside for Gulf damages at the White House's insistence. No details have been released yet of how the rig worker money will be paid out. The administration also was to ask Congress for special unemployment insurance for the workers.

Still, almost no one is happy about the moratorium.

"Bringing drilling to a screeching halt will deal another blow to Louisiana workers and businesses that are already reeling from the impact of the oil disaster," said U.S. Rep. Charlie Melancon, D-La.

In the angst over drilling, perhaps no place in Louisiana will feel the economic ripple effects of the moratorium greater than Mr. Charlie, a landmark in the heart of Louisiana's offshore history.

The brainchild of Marksville, La., marine engineer Alden J. "Doc" Laborde, Mr. Charlie was the first U.S. submersible rig to drill for oil. On its first outing for the Shell Oil Co. in 1954, the rig struck oil in a well near the South Pass of the Mississippi River, not far from the blown-out BP-operated well.

"Shell Oil's South Pass 27 discovery loudly announced the arrival of offshore Louisiana as a major new producing area," writes Tyler Priest in "The Offshore Imperative," a history of Shell's oil and gas exploration. Priest is a historian at the Bauer College of Business at the University of Houston.

Mr. Charlie — a steel platform stuck on a submersible barge — cut quite a figure by 1950s standards and was celebrated with galas and a Life magazine article that called it a "singularly monstrous contraption."

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WORLD CUP

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BRIDGET HUBER
Associated Press Writer

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina Leonardo Munoz, wearing a foot-tall blue-and-white wig, is ready to bare it all for the glory of Argentina.

Before the start of the World Cup that is keeping billions glued to their TV sets, Diego Maradona — Argentina's greatest player and now its eccentric national team coach — vowed to run naked through the streets of Buenos Aires if his team wins the title.

Following Argentina's 4-1 win Thursday over South Korea, it seems many of the team's fans are ready to follow him.

"If Maradona runs naked, I'll do it too — I'll be painted blue and white!" said Munoz, adding he "screamed like an animal" from his desk at a call center during the game.

World Cup fever hits every four years, and fans around the world bring their own particular flavor to watching the spectacle. In Germany, known for its strong work ethic, some firms are allowing employees to watch at the office. Iraqis are enjoying a decrease in violence that, unlike in 2006, lets them gather in public and cheer. In isolated North Korea, the government has allowed some foreign broadcasts of games — albeit on tape-delay — and residents even cheered rival South Korea.

Argentina has endured a decade of political feuding, national insolvency and no soccer titles. But after Thursday's victory, there are signs of hope that this year might bring a much-needed win on the global stage.

"These are critical moments for Argentina, politically and economically, and this provides a bit of relief for the people," said shoe store owner Eva Garcia, 56.

Daniel Roman, who watched the game with 1,000 other fans on a huge video screen in the downtown Plaza San Martin, said the love of the game unites his nation unlike anything else.

"It's what brings Argentines together, this passion," he said.

Neighboring Brazil never needs an excuse to party. And 10,000 people gathered on Copacabana beach Tuesday to watch their team's 2-1 win over North Korea. They gulped beer, blew whistles and ushered in the general mayhem that sweeps the nation during the tournament.

"It's football and Carnival combined!" exclaimed 26-year-old Rodrigo Nobre, his Brazil shirt and shorts covered in sand. "It's a time for coming together, forgetting our worries and cheering on our national team!"

Brazil — the global superpower of the Jogo Bonito, or "the beautiful game" as the sport is known around the world — will host the next World Cup, in 2014.

There is no beach party in Somalia.

Islamic fundamentalists who control stretches of the African nation have banned

watching the World Cup.

"We don't want our people to be preoccupied with seminude, crazy men jumping up and down who are chasing an inflated object," said Sheik Mohamed Osman Arus, head of operations for the Hizbul Islam insurgent group.

"We don't want them to waste their precious time and resources on un-Islamic matches, especially during prayer time," he said.

Hizbul Islam, just like its ally, the al-Qaida-linked al-Shabab group, has imposed a strict version of Islam in areas under its control in southern and central Somalia.

Arus said that his group, contrary to earlier reports, is not arresting people for watching the World Cup or taking any other action against them beyond chasing them away from TVs.

He said militiamen chased dozens of fans from a video hall in the western town of Afgoye, where men and women mingled Saturday to watch the Argentina-Nigeria match in the first World Cup tournament held on African soil.

In Somalia's capital, Mogadishu, fans have been forced to relocate temporarily to the slice of the city under government control, where they can cheer without fear.

Perhaps no country has gone through more change since the last World Cup than Iraq, where in 2006 the tournament played out as the nation was gripped by intense sectarian bloodshed.

This year, about 50 men sprawled on plastic chairs, smoked water pipes and sipped tea as they watched the Brazil match on an overhead TV at a central Baghdad cafe.

Private generators worked overtime to make up for frequent power outages and to keep the TV and electric fans running as the nighttime temperature soared above 90 (32 Celsius).

Only one glitch: an interrupted satellite signal forced everyone to miss the first 10 minutes of the game.

"We sat with our heads in our hands until they fixed it," said Ali Hatem, 24, with a laugh. "But it's worth it. This place is better than sitting at home where there isn't any electricity."

Cafe owner Ahmad Nouri scooped ice cream and ordered waiters to work faster as the sound of cheers mingled with that of dominoes slapping against tables.

"It makes me so happy to see people feel comfortable and enjoy the game," Nouri said. "We were deprived of this luxury during the last World Cup."

Four years ago, Iraq was ridden with sectarian warfare and people largely avoided public venues, fearing bombs or ambushes.

Lighting a cigarette, Emad al-Zubaidi, 54, said, "People can breathe and see what's out there now."



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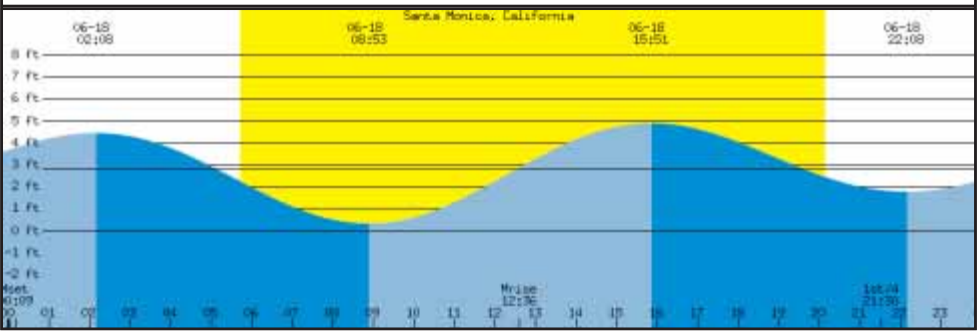
SURF REPORT

SURF CONDITIONS **WATER TEMP: 64°**

SWELL FORECAST
Looks smaller, perhaps just knee to waist high most everywhere.

LONG RANGE SYNOPSIS
WE SHOULD SEE SOME WIND SWELL MOVE IN. CURRENT ESTIMATES POINT TO CHEST HIGH MAX FOR WEST FACING BREAKS. SW ENERGY IS LOOKING NIL.

TIDE FORECAST FOR TODAY IN SANTA MONICA



BEACH REPORT CARD		NORTH LOS ANGELES COUNTY					
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<div>QUICK STATS</div> <div>(for the last 30 days)</div>	Number of sewage spills — 0		<div> The Beach Report Card is made possible by: <div> The Otter — von Furstenberg Family Foundation simplehuman SIMA </div> </div> <div> 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. </div>				
	Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill — 0						
	Number of wet days — 8						
	Number of A grades for dry/wet weather — 38 / 55						
	Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather — 8 / 55						
LOCATION		DRY	WET	LOCATION	DRY	WET	
Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Serrano Creek mouth.		A+	ns	Will Rogers State Beach at Bal Air Bay Club drain near fence.		D	ns
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.		A+	ns	Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain.		A	ns
El Presidio State Beach, between Lachasa and Los Aliso creeks.		A+	ns	Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain.		F	ns
Escorial Canyon at El Morado State Beach.		A	ns	Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chocomaque).		A	ns
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth.		A+	ns	Santa Monica Beach at Montano Ave. drain.		A+	ns
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.		A+	ns	Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain.		A+	ns
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).		A+	ns	Santa Monica Municipal Pier.		A	ns
Paradise Cove Pier at Romeros Canyon Creek mouth.		F	ns	Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain.		A	ns
Escalante Creek, just east of Escalante State Beach.		A	ns	Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restaurants).		A+	ns
Laguna Canyon Creek mouth.		A+	ns	Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain.		A+	ns
Saltine Canyon at Don Blacker County Beach.		D	ns	Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain.		A+	ns
Puerto State Beach at creek mouth.		A+	ns	Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain.		A+	ns
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerto Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd.		D	ns	Venice Beach at Wilshire Ave. drain.		A+	ns
Serfider Beach at Malibu Calvey fence.		B	ns	Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south.		A+	ns
Serfider Beach (beach location) - daily.		F	ns	Venice Beach - projection of Topaz St.		A+	ns
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.		F	ns	Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach - lifeguard tower.		A	ns
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.		A+	ns	Dockweiler State Beach at Bollina Creek mouth.		A	ns
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point here).		A	ns	Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain.		A+	ns
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs.		A+	ns	North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach.		A+	ns
Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach.		A+	ns	Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of DAW jetty).		A+	ns
Tuna Canyon.		A+	ns	Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain.		A	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.		F	ns	Dockweiler Beach - opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant.		B	ns
Castroville Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.		A	ns	Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain.		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				

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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MOVIE TIMES

<p>Aero Theatre 1328 Montana Ave. (323) 466-FILM</p> <p>Charlie Chaplin retrospective City Lights (NA) 83 min A Woman of Paris (NA) 78 min 7:30pm</p> <p>Call theater for information.</p>	<p>4:25pm 6:30pm, 7:40pm</p> <p>Prince of Persia: The Sands of Time (CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video) (PG-13) 1hr 55 min 10:20am, 1:15pm, 4:10pm, 7:00pm, 9:55pm</p> <p>Shrek Forever After 3D (RealD 3D) (PG) 1hr 33min 1:30pm, 4:30pm</p> <p>Get Him to the Greek (R) 1hr 49min 11:20am, 2:10pm, 5:00pm, 7:45pm, 10:30pm</p> <p>Killers (Digital Presentation) (PG-13) 1hr 40min 11:35am, 2:05pm, 4:35pm, 7:15pm, 9:50pm</p> <p>Splice (R) 1hr 44min 1:30pm, 4:45pm, 7:30pm, 10:10pm</p> <p>Toy Story 3 in Disney Digital 3D (3D; Digital 3D) (G) 1hr 43min 9:15am, 10:15am, 11:10am, 12:00pm, 1:55pm, 2:45pm, 4:40pm, 5:30pm, 6:30pm, 7:30pm, 8:15pm, 9:15pm, 10:10pm, 10:55pm</p> <p>Laemmle's Monica Fourplex 1332 Second St. (310) 394-9741</p> <p>Winter's Bone (R) 1hr 40min 1:50pm, 4:20pm, 7:10pm, 9:40pm</p>	<p>Please Give (R) 1hr 30min 1:00pm, 3:10pm, 5:30pm, 7:50pm, 10:10pm</p> <p>Solitary Man (R) 1hr 45min 1:20pm, 3:30pm, 5:40pm, 8:00pm, 10:15pm</p> <p>The Secret In Their Eyes (R) 2hr 36min 1:00pm, 4:00pm, 7:00pm, 10:00pm</p> <p>Mann's Criterion Theatre 1313 Third St. (310) 395-1599</p> <p>The A-Team (PG-13) 1hr 57min 6:40pm, 7:40pm, 9:30pm, 10:30pm</p> <p>Sex and the City 2 (R) 2hrs 27min 6:50pm, 10:00pm</p> <p>Shrek Forever After 3D (RealD 3D) (PG) 1hr 33min 7:00pm, 9:20pm</p> <p>Splice (R) 1hr 44min 5:20pm, 7:20pm, 10:35pm</p> <p>The Karate Kid (PG) 2hr. 20min 6:00pm, 9:15pm</p>
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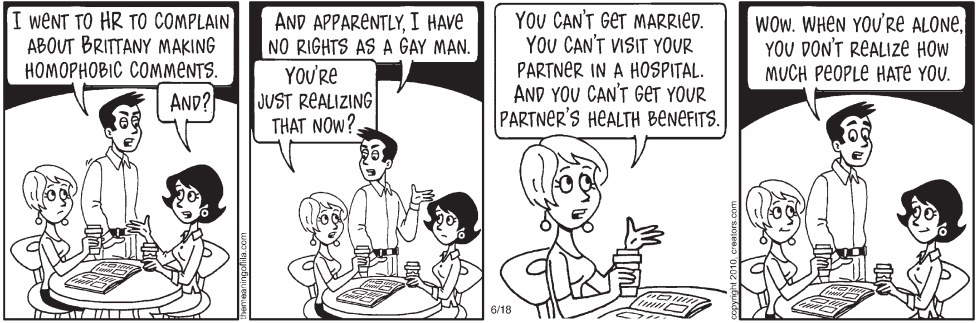
Girls and Sports

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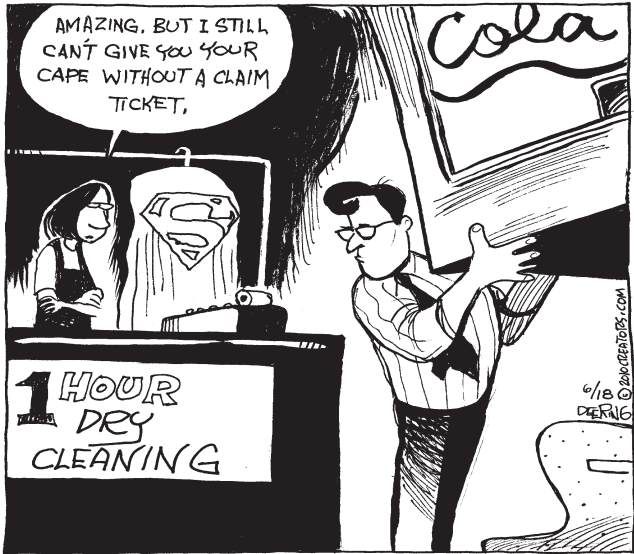
Garfield

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Strange Brew

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By Dave Coverly



Slow down, Aries

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★ Keep conversations moving, though you could hit a snag as far as perspective. Clearly others have other ideas. Try opening up to another plan of action. You can express your discomfort with another idea. Tonight: Slow down.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ You might be challenged. Do you take on a risk or not? Can you afford this risk? You might want to understand what it takes to break through to a new level of creativity and understanding. Visualize more. Tonight: Fun time. It is Friday night!

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★ Stay anchored and direct. Others might have difficulty understanding just how sure you are. Unfortunately, they could test your sense of direction. You get to see how directed and sure you are. Tonight: Order in.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★ Others sense that you are holding back and not revealing everything you know. Also, realize that by holding back, you also could cause yourself a problem or be more vulnerable than need be. Tonight: Make phone calls.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★ Eye a financial situation with a touch more reality. What you wish was happening might not be what is actually happening. Know when to back off. Get more feedback. Feel free to test an idea on someone who has more expertise than you. Tonight: Balance your budget. Pay bills.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Your plans could be put on hold, as last-minute demands and requests come forward. Be diligent in your follow-through, and you might be able to "escape" somewhat earlier than one might predict. Take Monday off, too! Tonight: Better late than not at all.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★ You might want to play the recluse for a while, at least at work, if you want to clear out early. People from a distance might be waiting to hear from you or wanting you to join them. Make sure you get out early. Tonight: Vanish quickly.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Zero in on what you want and what you think would work best. Supporters appear among friends and associates. A partner could test your limits. Let go and let events and time work for you. Tonight: Where the gang is.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★ Others seem to challenge your ideas, making it even more difficult to clear out work and get a project off the ground. It seems you are in an either/or situation. Do what you feel is most effective. Tonight: Burning the candle at both ends.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Your grasp of the different issues might be more complete than many other people's perspectives. You understand the project at hand, yet you see the value of a different approach. Help others see the situation in a similar manner. Tonight: Opt for something different.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ A partner or associate dominates. Any feedback seems to fall on deaf ears. Now is not the time. Focus on giving this person as much support as possible. Schedule a discussion for later today. Tonight: Find a favorite person.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Others might not intend to pressure you, but somehow they do. You also could feel like you need to cocoon some. Staying out of office politics could take a lion's share of discipline. Tonight: Sort through suggestions.

Happy birthday

This year, you witness many changes. You could be uncomfortable with some of what you see occurring within your immediate personal or domestic circle. You might often feel overwhelmed, as if you have no choice or alternative as events unfurl. You do, but it might take centering first. If you are single, others find you alluring and attractive. Easily, you could be swept up in a whirlwind romance. Don't have any expectations, as it could end as quickly as it began. Give this bond the test of time. If you are attached, the two of you could experience a lot more energy and excitement between you than you have in quite a while. VIRGO often can challenge the living daylight out of you.

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

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Sudoku

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

Difficulty Level ★★★★★

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GETTING STARTED

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

7	1	6	5	2	9	4	3	8
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9	2	4	3	6	8	1	7	5
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Fill in the empty fields with the given numbers so when calculated together they satisfy all Equas in the gray boxes:

3, 3, 5, 5, 6

Solution 35 for Thursday

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CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

- 1 Showed interest
6 Print units
11 Cream of the crop
12 Take on
13 Bugs bugs him
14 Score speed
15 Deplore
16 Do better than, in stores
18 Hurler's stat
19 Compass pt.
20 Charge
21 Skilled
23 Some exams
25 Keg piece
27 Bond, e.g.
28 Leader of the Pace-makers
30 "— brillig ..."
33 Train part
34 Running bird
36 "— Believer"
37 Skilled worker
39 Huck's pal
40 Pizzeria buy
41 Fire aftermath

43 Shake-

- speare's Athenian
44 Okra dish
45 Perfume
46 Clarifying words

DOWN

- 1 Fume
2 Charm
3 Sammy Cahn song
4 Salt Lake City player
5 Juan of Argentina
6 Spiels
7 March time
8 Sammy Cahn song
9 Orchard crop
10 Fancy wrap
17 Dos preceder
22 Road goo
24 Gifted
26 Roll-call answer
28 Pesto ingredient

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Yesterday's answer

- 29 Singer Sumac
31 Living cell
32 Noted strong-man
33 Flings
35 Eel, on a sushi menu
38 File stand-in
42 Ring up

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DAILY LOTTERY

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ World-class sword-swallower Chayne Hultgren, 32, is a veteran of such exhibitions as Scotland's Kamikaze Freakshow, as well as this year's Psycho Sideshow in Australia, and he holds the Guinness Book record by downing 18 swords simultaneously. Part of his skill, he told Sydney's Daily Telegraph in April, is learning to relax his body, but he also credited his 5-inch-longer-than-normal stomach and his decision to implant a row of magnets along his breastbone that he says ever-so-slightly diverts the metal swords away from vital organs. Reminiscing, Hultgren noted that once, during a show's run in Belgium, an average of seven spectators a night were fainting (known in the trade as "falling ovations"). What does Hultgren 's future hold? "I've never had another job."

TODAY IN HISTORY

- 1953 The Republic of Egypt is declared and the monarchy is abolished.
- 1953 A United States Air Force C-124 crashes and burns near Tokyo, Japan killing 129.
- 1954 Pierre Mendès-France becomes Prime Minister of France.
- 1959 Governor of Louisiana Earl K. Long is committed to a state mental hospital; he responds by having the hospital's director fired and replaced with a crony who proceeds to proclaim him perfectly sane.
- 1965 Vietnam War: The United States uses B-52 bombers to attack National Liberation Front guerrilla fighters in South Vietnam.
- 1972 Staines air disaster - 118 are killed when a plane crashes 2 minutes after take off from London Heathrow Airport.
- 1979 SALT II is signed by the United States and the Soviet Union.
- 1981 The AIDS epidemic is formally recognized by medical professionals in San Francisco, California.
- 1994 The Troubles: the Ulster Volunteer Force (UVF) open fire inside a pub in Loughinisland, Northern Ireland, killing six civilians and wounding five.
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