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HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

Samohi parts ways with baseball coach

BY DANIEL ARCHULETA
Managing Editor

SAMOHI The firing of a popular Santa Monica High School coach isn't going over well with the Viking faithful.

Head Coach Sheldon Philip-Guide was informed that the school was going in a different direction last week by Larry Boone, one of the house principals on campus.

Philip-Guide said that the bad news was given to him during a phone call and he wasn't given a chance to defend his three-year record that includes two Ocean League titles and a pair of Coach of the Year awards.

"I was told that the principal made the

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COOL ANGLE

Fabian Lewkowicz *FabianLewkowicz.com*

Santa Monica Police Activities League member Taneia Bryany, 11, takes photos of firefighters while lying on her back during the kick-off of the fourth annual Kids with Cameras summer photo workshop at the Santa Monica Fire training academy on Wednesday.

City Hall settles man's police brutality suit

Says he was punched, kicked, tased by officers

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL A man who claimed to be brutally beaten by police at Yankee Doodles was awarded $99,000 in a settlement approved recently by the City Council.

Paul Burke, the plaintiff in the case, alleged that five Santa Monica police officers repeatedly kicked and tased him for no reason as he was leaving the restaurant on the Third Street Promenade, causing injuries which forced him to go to the hospital.

According to a complaint filed in April 2009, Burke and his wife were at Yankee Doodles on March 1, 2008 watching a mixed martial arts event.

When the couple got up to leave, Burke was pushed and then assaulted by an unidentified person in the restaurant.

He left the scene of the fight, but, while he was still in the restaurant, Officer Koby Arnold attacked him from behind, according to the complaint.

Immediately thereafter, Burke alleged that he was tased by Officer Michael Rogozik, and then again by Arnold, at which point Burke fell to the ground.

Once down on the ground, handcuffed and subdued, Burke alleged that officers Dan Larios and Doug Kohno jumped on his back while he was lying face down and repeatedly kicked and punched him in the back, butt and legs. They also used a nunchaku-type weapon.

At that point, Burke alleged that Officer Roberto Villegas also assaulted him with the nunchaku-type weapon.

According to the complaint, Burke was then taken to the Santa Monica-UCLA Medical Center for treatment for cuts to his neck, abdomen, wrists and back. That included gashes to his flesh from the Tasers.

Burke sued City Hall, and each of the officers individually, for civil rights violations, assault and battery, false arrest, negligence and negligence on the part of City Hall.

Martin Douglas Holly, Burke's attorney, did not wish to comment for this story.

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Planning approves East Village agreement

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL Eight hours of emotional public testimony and half again as many devoted to official deliberations.

That's how long the Planning Commission spent on a proposal to develop one of the last trailer parks in Santa Monica into a 500-unit mixed-use complex, a plan which will displace over 50 households, many of which are low-income and elderly.

And although the commission had pronounced reservations about the design of the four--building complex and the amount of affordable housing and other benefits

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What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

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6:30 p.m. — 9:30 p.m.
Loews Hotel presents "Live from Loews: California Classics," a new monthly concert series with ocean views, California cuisine, fine wine and locally-crafted beer. Mix and mingle in the hotel's Fireside Lobby Lounge or relax outdoors on the oceanfront terrace while enjoying classic rock favorites by Relish. Tickets cost $45 — $55. For more information, visit ticketfly.com.

Puppet performance
Highways Performance Space
1651 18th St., 8:30 p.m.
Check out the world premiere of the puppet performance piece "Maudit" about Italian artist Amadeo Modigliani's wife Jeanne Hebuterne. Presented by Triumvirate Pi Theatre, this work is about the world of the Paris art circle and Modigliani's wife, who leapt from a fifth floor window at age 21, a day after Modigliani's death. Tickets cost $20/$15 for students. For more information, visit highwaysperformance.org.

All the pretty shoes
Kreation Kafe
1023 Montana Ave., #B,
7 p.m. — 10 p.m.
Artist Marianne Klein will be signing her recently published memoir "All the Pretty Shoes" at the cafe's "Kreation Friday Art Night" gallery opening featuring Marianne's most recent collection "Angels & Pets" this week. In this collection Marianna combined acrylics with pieces of cut mirror to reflect the viewers' own image from the painting. Admission is free. For more information, call (310) 458-4880. More info about her book is available at alltheprettyshoes.com.

Saturday, June 23, 2012

No sweat
Main Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd.,
10:30 a.m. — 1:30 p.m.
If you have a green thumb, check out this month's workshop, which will explain why "green" gardens require 60 percent less maintenance. Learn how to reduce your chores and increase your enjoyment — everything from pruning to prime mulches to pests and composts. Registration is not required. For more information, call (310) 458-8972.

Go fetch!
Main Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd.,
2 p.m. — 3:30 p.m.
Join Dave Dreyfus, owner of EveryDog, for an interactive workshop as he discusses the merits of positive-based dog training. Learn how dogs pick up skills and behaviors. There will also be a Q&A session following the discussion. No pets allowed. For more information, call (310) 458-8600.

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Study: SoCal could see record scorchers

ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES Southern California could see a record number of scorching days by mid-century as climate change heats up its cities, deserts and coastline, according to a study released Thursday.

Southern California probably will be warmer by about 3 to 5 degrees in the years 2041 to 2060, although the huge differences between inland and coastal areas, mountains and deserts mean that different areas will have different impacts, according to the UCLA study.

The study was commissioned by the city and conducted by UCLA's Department of Atmospheric and Oceanic Sciences. It downscaled global climate change computer models to the local region, breaking down predictions to 1.2-mile segments, and is 2,500 times more precise than previous climate models for the region, researchers said.

They said dense urban areas such as downtown Los Angeles probably will warm an average of 4 degrees, with a warming range of up to 6 degrees in the Mojave Desert.

The number of days where the temperature tops 95 degrees could triple in downtown Los Angeles and jump five-fold in the deserts, according to the study, while the hottest days could be record-breakers.

Such studies may play an important role in how local governments deal with the fallout of climate change. More hot days could affect power use as people turn on air conditioners, water use for lawns and traffic as people head to beaches to beat the heat.

"Longer, harsher heat waves will cause more cases of heat stroke and heat exhaustion - even among otherwise healthy people who believe they're immune - and higher temperatures mean more smog, with consequences for respiratory health as well," Dr. Richard Jackson, of UCLA's Fielding School of Public Health, said in a statement.

"UCLA's model projects climate changes down to the neighborhood level, allowing us to apply the rigor of science to long-term planning for our city and our region," Los Angeles Mayor Villaraigosa said at a news conference. "With good data driving good policies, we can craft innovative solutions that will preserve our environment and quality of life for the next generation of Angelenos."

Researchers, however, acknowledged that uncertainty remains and the temperature rise in Southern California could be far less or greater.

Rachel Dardaashti *news@smdp.com*

HEATING UP: **Beach-goers could expect higher temperatures in the future.**

The exact rise in temperature depends, among other things, on whether governments make global efforts to control greenhouse gas emissions blamed for heating up the earth or continue a "business-as-usual" scenario, the study said.

"Because it is very unlikely that humans will emit less greenhouse gases than in the mitigation scenario, adaptation to a changing climate over the next few decades is probably inevitable in the Los Angeles region," the study said.

Either way, forecasters said climate change will seriously affect Southern California and governments must begin thinking about that challenge.

"The changes our region will face are significant, and we will have to adapt," said UCLA professor Alex Hall, the lead author of the study. "Every season of the year in every part of the county will be warmer. This study lays a foundation for the region to confront climate change. Now that we have real numbers, we can talk about adaptation."

A year after mobster's capture, little has changed

DENISE LAVOIE
AP Legal Affairs Writer

QUINCY, Mass. It's been a year since mobster James "Whitey" Bulger was captured after more than 16 years on the run. But not much has changed for the families of some of his alleged victims.

Relatives of some of the people Bulger is accused of killing say they have little faith that Bulger will ever stand trial. They cite his age — 82— the yearlong delay his lawyer is seeking, and Bulger's former position as a top-echelon FBI informant.

Steve Davis, whose sister Debra was allegedly strangled by Bulger in 1981, said he felt some relief when Bulger was finally apprehended on June 22, 2011, but now wonders if he'll ever really get justice.

"I don't think in my heart that we're ever going to close this case. I don't think he's going to last that long or live through it," said Davis, who was a few days shy of his 25th birthday when his 26-year-old sister disappeared.

Prosecutors say Bulger strangled Debra Davis, a longtime girlfriend of his cohort, Stevie "The Rifleman" Flemmi, because she was planning to leave him, and Flemmi and Bulger worried she knew too much.

Davis said he was happy when Bulger was captured in Santa Monica, Calif., but that feeling was quickly replaced by frustration as Bulger's lawyer repeatedly sought delays in the start of his trial.

Although the trial is now scheduled to begin Nov. 5, Bulger's lawyer has asked a judge to delay it by a year so he can have more time to review more than 300,000 pages of documents, 31 videos and more than 1,000 cassette tapes of audio recordings turned over by prosecutors. Bulger, the former leader of the notorious Winter Hill Gang, is accused of participating in 19 murders. Prosecutors are opposed to delaying the trial.

"I've attended every hearing, but we're not getting satisfaction," Davis said. "This guy was evil to the bone for what he did. How do you let it go?"

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It's a set up

Editor:

This is in response to those who are complaining about the Big Blue Bus changes in service ("Big Blue Bus cuts service to save money," June 15). The BBB management is like the City Council.

They set up a stilted criteria for a "trial period of evaluation" where the outcome is a self-fulfilling prophecy. Take BBB Line 2. Instead of extending the route into the Marina, they cut it back from Venice so short that it did not even serve Ocean Park! Who lives there anyway? Let's see, a bunch of folks in senior housing!

Then after the "set up" trial period is over, they declared "no one is riding the last leg into Ocean Park" (aborted to Hill Street only). Gee, you cut off the four fingers of a hand, then say "this opposing thumb is of no use – cut it off also!" Add Line 2 to The Tide R.I.P. list.

Folks, get used to it. Be it the City Council, BBB or the Santa Monica Airport, the deck has been stacked. The test periods are set ups. The die has been cast. It is all a fete de complete. Excuse the French, but they gave us good bread in Southeast Asia. The City Council [and] BBB are shouting, "Let the Monicans eat cake!"

Dorian Nguyen
Santa Monica

Questions

Editor:

I am concerned about how our city is planning on having a budget deficit in a city of 80,000-plus and 8 square miles, with over half-a-billion dollars in revenues! How does the City Council justify its reckless spending of such a huge revenue stream?

I want to know the specifics on how that revenue is being allocated? I want to know how much is going for pensions? How long does it take to get vested and does it vary depending on how high you are in management?

I want to know which past and present city managers, police chiefs, and other administrators are double and triple dippers? I want to know which present and past council members, former mayors and Santa Monicans for Renters' Rights board members are employed in any capacity by the city, school district, and or receive consultant fees from city coffers?

Isn't it the role of the press to pursue these kinds of stories? The Daily Press should investigate and expose any and all conflict of interest, corruption, and incompetence. The proper mission of the press is to investigate and report the facts. It is also the role of the fourth estate to editorialize about any and all political malfeasance they discover. Its columnists should be allowed to print opinion pieces, and take positions on burning issues that affect the residents of this city. Letters to the editor should not be censored, although politicians rarely pay attention to local citizens.

Everyone knows how cities work. Santa Monica may not be as corrupt as Bell, Calif. or Vernon, Calif., but almost all politicians survive on patronage, cronyism and by sucking up to special interests to get elected.

Our budget should not be spent to reward city employees who endorse incumbents and SMRR candidates year after year. We need candidates who will not sell out to get elected by pursuing tax revenues that create chaos in our city. The people should have a voice to stop the City Council from taking away the Senior Center in Palisades Park and other burning issues that matter to the residents.

Jon Mann
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Postcards from the Edgemar

THIS MAY COME AS A SHOCK TO MY younger readers, but before text messaging, e-mails, cell phones, and even before TV and radio, after-dinner entertainment for families and friends often involved story telling. (I realize this may seem inconceivable to those who can't envision life before "American Idol.")

Around the dinner table, or in the living room, or by the fireplace, family and friends gathered. (And not to play video games.) Through story telling, histories were passed from generations. The stories, some of which might include scary and funny tales, would excite and amuse the imaginations of young minds, and instill a reverence for language. (And I don't mean "Yo, dawg.")

I'm delighted that the Edgemar Center for the Arts on Main Street has embraced story telling. As part of their eight years of "Senior Moments" programs, they have scheduled a show for Saturday at 7 p.m. It will feature compelling and often touching memories as told by some of our most distinguished senior citizens. The 10-minute tales, colorful mental postcards, will be about their lives, their loves, their joys and pains. (And to think none of this will involve texting.)

The six seniors range in ages from their mid-80s to their late 90s and all but one live at the wonderful Silvercrest Senior Apartments on Fifth Street run by the Salvation Army.

I've previously written about one of the participants, Jerry Rosenblum. Jerry's column in 2010 was entitled "Memoirs of a Mensch" and covered his event-filled nine decades of life as a high-end haberdasher (men's clothing store salesman and manager).

Reminiscent of Woody Allen's character Zelig in the movie of the same name, Jerry had the knack or luck to encounter some of the world's most famous and interesting men. (And women buying clothes for their men.) Jerry memorialized his often humorous experiences in a book, "Guess Who I Met Today?" (Jerry is also a tremendous singer and will close the show with his version of the famous Sinatra song, "My Way.")

Cecilia Rosenthal, 98, is also in the program. Cecilia was in the Navy during WW II where she was a "celestial navigator," stationed in San Diego. Because flights to Hawaii were the longest over water and thus most dangerous, and there needed to be radio silence, pilots had to navigate using the stars. It was Cecilia's job to teach them these life-saving skills. She served four years in the Waves and left as a full second lieutenant. So here's saluting Cecilia!

Sam Polk is a retired lawyer who served in the Colorado state legislature. Among his varied interests, Sam plays classical piano. Perhaps his most unique accomplishment is that he is credited with being the one who helped invent and popularize the Frisbee. (So the next time at the beach when a Frisbee hits you in the head, you'll have Sam to thank.)

The only "non-Silvercrest" senior on the program is Saul Salka. An army veteran, Saul lives in Bel-Air and worked in real estate all his life. He will be 95 in a few weeks and tells a wonderful story about getting married while on furlough from the army.

As I listened to their inspiring stories I was amazed at how ahead of their times these people were and, for that matter, still are. One reoccurring theme was how they didn't let convention stop them from following their dreams.

I'M DELIGHTED THAT THE EDGEMAR CENTER FOR THE ARTS ON MAIN STREET HAS EMBRACED STORY TELLING.

A perfect example is Kit Soo, who at 85, is referred to as the youngster of the group. Kit Soo was born in Malaysia and went to Duke in 1947. A remarkable achievement right there, she went on to receive two degrees. An avid skier, she also attended the University of Geneva, studying French and international relations and was a Malaysian government representative at the Unesco Conference in Paris. But Kit's passion in life continues to be holistic health involving body, mind, soul and spirit.

Perhaps the most touching story is that of Trudi Weiner, 94. Growing up an orphan, she always longed to one day be in a position to help other children in difficult circumstances. So it was that after her own kids were long grown, Trudi joined the Peace Corps and served in Jamaica from 1990 to 1992. (And did so in her 70s!)

Trudi taught a variety of educational and life skills to as many as 42 children, ages 11 to 18, and also many young girls who were pregnant. The deep satisfaction of "giving back" and helping disadvantaged kids stays with Trudi to this day.

Kudos to all the story tellers and also to Michelle Danner of Edgemar and volunteers Jacinta Marasco and Shayne Anderson. (Edgemar also has a story telling program for kids.)

Postcards often include the salutation, "Wish you were here." With the Edgemar Center so close, there's no reason you can't be.

"Senior Moments" plays June 23 at 7 p.m. at the Edgemar Center for the Arts at 2437 Main St. and admission is free. For tickets call (310) 399-3666 or visit online www.edgemarcenter.org. Jack can be reached at jnsmdp@aol.com.

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Couple reunites wedding ring with owner's widow

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

AUBURN, Calif. Thomas King lost his wedding ring years ago. He and his wife had given up on finding the white gold band with the five diamond flecks.

"We thought it was a lost cause," said Darlene King, 78. "I told him it probably went down the drain or something."

The couple had married on April 29, 1961, which is inscribed inside the band. Thomas King, a Korean War veteran, died in January — less than a year after he and his wife celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

But though he didn't get to see his ring again, it's now in the hands of his widow, thanks to a Sacramento couple and the help of a few news organizations.

Shannon and Steve Callahan found the ring three weeks ago under the passenger seat of their 2004 Pontiac Grand Am, which they purchased earlier this year in Sacramento. The couple believed it belonged to the car's previous owners, who had bought the car at a dealership in El Paso, Texas.

The Callahans thought the owner still lived in there, so they contacted the local newspaper, the El Paso Times, for help in their search for the ring's owner. The Kings, however, had moved to California after they bought the car years ago.

Steve Callahan called their search farfetched, but the Texas newspaper wrote about their mission, which was then distributed nationally by The Associated Press. The story caught the attention of the newspaper in the Callahans' hometown of Sacramento.

The Sacramento Bee got information about the Kings from the Texas dealership. And it turned out that Darlene King lives in Auburn, just 50 miles from the Callahans.

When the newspaper contacted Darlene King about the recovered ring, she was skeptical.

"The first question I asked was, is it white or yellow gold?" King said. "Because if it was yellow, it wasn't his. And it would be disappointing if it wasn't his."

The Callahans described the gold band to King, right down to the inscribed date. On Wednesday, a couple showed up at her apartment in a senior community and returned the ring.

"I want to give this ring back to you," Shannon Callahan said. "I kept the ring in my jewelry box, and every day I would walk past it thinking this ring belonged to somebody."

King said she planned to give the ring to her son.

"It'll be a gift from his father," she said.

Bill lets Caltrans skip newspaper notices

BY DON THOMPSON
Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. California newspaper publishers objected Thursday to a bill sent to Gov. Jerry Brown that would let the state's transportation department post legal notices on its own website instead of in newspapers and trade journals.

Jim Ewert, general counsel for the California Newspaper Publishers Association, said the timing is suspicious because the department has been in a dispute with The Sacramento Bee over articles raising questions about the construction of the East Span of the Bay Bridge between Oakland and San Francisco.

Posting notices only on the Internet would make it more difficult for the public and the media to track major projects and to hold the California Department of Transportation accountable, he said.

"It's curious that this happened just on the heels of that investigation," Ewert said. "It's tantamount to the fox guarding the henhouse, because the public will not be notified of any of these projects any longer."

Though the notices would be available online, Ewert said few people would be likely to see them.

The newspaper industry has a financial interest in seeing the paid advertising continue.

Caltrans Assistant Director Tamie McGowen said in an email to The Associated Press that the proposal would save taxpayers $700,000 a year. She says the proposal was first sent to legislative budget committees in February, before the department's dispute with the Bee.

Gil Duran, a spokesman for Brown, declined to comment.

The measure is in a budget bill approved last week and awaiting Brown's signature.

The publishers' objections came the same day as Brown and legislative leaders announced they had reached an agreement on remaining budget issues, with final votes expected in the Legislature next week. Lawmakers passed a $92 billion budget June 15, but several companion bills must still pass before the state's spending plan can take effect.

The Q Line

What's next?

Now that the City Council has banned holiday displays in Palisades Park, it leaves supporters at a loss as to what to do next.

So, this week's Q-Line question asks:
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Gov. Brown, Democrats announce deal on budget

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SACRAMENTO, Calif. Gov. Jerry Brown and Democratic leaders reached agreement Thursday to finalize California's budget.

The plan protects education, permanently reforms welfare and includes tough ongoing cuts, Brown said in a statement announcing the framework of the agreement.

"This agreement strongly positions the state to withstand the economic challenges and uncertainties ahead," Brown said in the statement. "We have restructured and downsized our prison system, moved government closer to the people, made billions in difficult cuts and now the Legislature is poised to make even more difficult cuts and permanently reform welfare."

A vote of the Legislature will take place next week.

Although Democrats passed the main budget bill on a majority vote last week, the governor pressed for deeper cuts to welfare and other social services amid a projected $15.7 billion shortfall. Brown has until Wednesday to sign or veto the main bill.

"We have a good deal with the governor," said Assembly Budget Committee Chairman Bob Blumenfield, D--Woodland Hills. "We were 99 percent there with the governor before. He took our bills, he still was pushing to go a little bit further, and we were willing to work with him and try to work out some of the details, and we've done it."

Other Democrats in the Assembly declined to comment, referring questions to Speaker John Perez, D-Los Angeles, who also declined to comment.

Democrats have majorities in both the Assembly and Senate, and can pass the budget without needing any Republican votes. Republicans have been shut out of the budget negotiations and did not immediately comment on the pending agreement.

"We can't comment on something we haven't seen. We haven't seen any language at all," said Bill Bird, spokesman for Senate Minority Leader Bob Huff, R-Diamond Bar.

Senate President Pro Tem Darrell Steinberg, D-Sacramento, said the agreement makes changes to four social programs to minimize the impact on the poor.

Democrats agreed to phase in federal work requirements after two years, but convinced the governor to drop his proposal to cut cash grants to the poor, a move that Democrats in the Legislature had feared would push families into homelessness. The two sides agreed to reduce funding for child care and suspend cost of living increases starting in 2013.

They also agreed to shift some 880,000 children from the Healthy Families program to Medi-Cal, a move they say will save on administrative funds. Steinberg said legislative negotiators also prevented deeper cuts to in-home support for now, but will negotiate more savings in the future.

The Legislature passed a $92 billion budget Friday but several companion bills must still pass before the state's spending plan can take effect. Many deal with some of the most contentious issues, including aid to the poor. The whole package hinges on voters approving an initiative in November to raise taxes.

"We are on the back end of this thing," Steinberg said. "If we pass those taxes in November we will be in a new chapter."

Democratic leaders also reached agreement with the governor on welfare programs, college aid and other social service cuts.

Brown, a Democrat, wanted to emphasize getting people back to work, while reducing aid for parents who aren't meeting requirements under CalWORKS, the state's welfare-to-work program. But Democrats say it's foolish to pay for job training when there aren't enough jobs to go around. They would rather preserve cash grants.

In passing the main budget bill, lawmakers met the minimum requirement to keep their paychecks flowing under a voter-approved measure that blocks lawmakers' pay if a budget is late.

California's new fiscal year begins July 1. Without a budget in place, the state will not be able make certain payments to school districts and vendors, or pay the salaries of elected officials and staff.

Both Brown and Democratic lawmakers are depending on the tax initiative to balance the state deficit. If the ballot measure fails, automatic cuts will be triggered, drastically reducing funding to public schools.

The initiative to raise the state sales and income taxes for some California residents qualified Wednesday along with a rival initiative that would raise income taxes on nearly all Californians.

Brown's proposal would backfill the state's general fund and guarantee funding to local governments for public safety. It would raise income taxes on a sliding scale on incomes over $250,000 a year for seven years and raise the state sales tax by a quarter cent for four years.

The rival proposal, backed by Los Angeles attorney Molly Munger, would raise income taxes on nearly all Californians on a sliding scale for 12 years, with the biggest increase on the wealthiest Californians.

Revenue from her proposal would go directly to public schools, while Brown's measure would use the money to prevent deeper cuts to schools and guarantee money for local public safety.

State signals likely probe at San Onofre plant

ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES California utility regulators have signaled they will launch an investigation later this year into the troubled San Onofre nuclear power plant.

The twin-reactor plant between Los Angeles and San Diego has been shut down for nearly five months after a break in a tube that carries radioactive water. Investigators later found unusual wear on hundreds of tubes running through the plant's steam generators.

California Public Utilities Commission Chairman Michael Peevey said Thursday that the panel has "every intention" of probing the San Onofre shutdown and its possible impact on electricity rates for customers of Southern California Edison and San Diego Gas & Electric.

The Associated Press reported Wednesday that the vote authorizing the probe would be postponed until August.

Peevey says the panel needs more time to gather information.

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CRIME WATCH
BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

Teen arrested for stealing ride, running from cops

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.

TUESDAY, JUNE 12, AT 1:10 A.M.,

Santa Monica police officers assigned to a burglary suppression detail were working along the 900 block of 20th Street when they saw a beige Honda double-parked down the block. As officers pulled up behind the Honda, the driver accelerated and turned onto Washington Avenue and proceeded westbound, police said. As the vehicle turned north on 17th Street, officers learned that the car was reported stolen out of Los Angeles. Officers continued to follow the vehicle until the driver pulled over on the 400 block of 12th Street. A passenger in the front right seat immediately jumped out of the car and ran east between two homes. The driver got out and ran north to Carlyle Avenue, then east and out of sight. Officers found a third suspect in the back seat of the Honda and took him into custody as they called for backup. Officers eventually found the driver hiding in the yard of a home on the 400 block of Euclid Street. The passenger was found in the backyard of another home just a few doors down. All three were arrested and booked. Francisco Cervantes, 20, of Los Angeles was booked for resisting arrest and violation of probation. No bail was set. The driver was identified as a 17-year-old from Los Angeles. He was booked for grand theft auto and resisting arrest. He was cited and released to his parents pending a court date. The rear passenger was identified as a 16-year-old from Los Angeles. He was cited for violating his curfew and released to his parents.

MONDAY, JUNE 11, AT 11:46 P.M.,

Officers responded to the 500 block of Colorado Avenue regarding a report of people fighting. When officers arrived, they detained several suspects in the 1500 block of Fifth Street. A potential victim was located in Alley 5 and Colorado and had suffered severe injuries to his head and body. Paramedics responded and transported him to a local hospital for treatment. Based on the victim's statements and several other witnesses, the victim and the suspects, who are all homeless, were camping in an abandoned building on the 500 block of Colorado. The suspects apparently attacked the victim when he began flirting with one of the suspects' girlfriend. The suspects allegedly kicked and struck the victim in the head and body several times while holding him down on the ground. When the suspects heard police sirens, they stopped and tried to flee, but were caught by cops. All the suspects were identified and placed under arrest. Tyler Logan, 19, a transient, was booked for making criminal threats and assault with a deadly weapon. His bail was set at $50,000. Jonathan Lopez, 19, a transient; Tony Pena, 18, a transient; and Lindsay Nagy, 20, a transient, were all booked for assault with a deadly weapon. Bail was set at $30,000 for each.

THURSDAY, JUNE 14, AT 10:18 P.M.,

Officers were on patrol on the 2000 block of Pico Boulevard when they saw a man straddling a bicycle, blocking the driveway to Eddie's Liquor. When a customer tried to enter the liquor store's parking lot, the man on the bike refused to move. Officers decided to intervene and approached the man for questioning. While speaking with him, officers determined him to be extremely drunk and asked if they could search him. He allegedly said yes. Officers patted him down and said they found some drugs in his possession that he did not have a prescription for. Officers also said they found a glass pipe and a baggy containing meth. The suspect was placed under arrest and booked for possession of a controlled substance and drug paraphernalia, possession of drugs without a prescription and a probation violation. He was identified as Devin Kai Honore, 34, of Los Angeles. No bail was set.

THURSDAY, JUNE 14, AT 7:45 P.M.,

Officers were on patrol in the area of Michigan Avenue and Alley 13 when they saw a man acting suspiciously in the alley. Officers approached the suspect, who told officers that he just got out of jail and was waiting for a friend to pick him up. During their conversation, officers learned the man was on probation for burglary and asked him if they could search him. He agreed and during the search officers said they found a baggy containing meth. The suspect was placed under arrest for possession of drugs and a probation violation. He was identified as Michael Patrick Winnen, 33, a transient. No bail was set.

SATURDAY, JUNE 16, AT 11:18 P.M.,

Officers were on routine patrol in the 2000 block of Ocean Avenue when they saw three guys sitting in Crescent Bay Park after it was closed. As officers approached, they said they saw open containers of alcohol. As officers spoke with the men, they placed one under arrest for drinking in public. When they searched him, officers said he was in possession of a pipe commonly used to smoke methamphetamine. Marijuana was also recovered, along with a baggy of meth, police said. The suspect was eventually booked for possession of drugs and drug paraphernalia, being in the park after hours, having an open container of alcohol and several warrants. He was identified as Kishore Darcel Welsh, 25, of Granada Hills, Calif. His bail was set at $215,000.

SATURDAY, JUNE 16, AT 3:30 A.M.,

Officers were on patrol along the 1800 block of Pico Boulevard when they saw a man riding his bike without a headlight, a violation of the vehicle code. Officers approached the man, whom they recognized and knew to be on probation, and searched him. Officers said they found a pipe commonly used to smoke rock cocaine. The man was placed under arrest for possession of drug paraphernalia, a probation violation and for riding a bike without a light. The suspect was identified as Charles Dean Duhon, 53, a transient. His bail was set at $10,000.

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SULLEN MOOD: **Samohi's baseball team huddles after losing a playoff game this season.**

SAMOHI
FROM PAGE 1

decision," Philip-Guide said, alluding to Laurel Fretz, the school's head administrator. "I'm confused, I don't know what happened."

Boone said that he couldn't comment, saying that Fretz would have to be the one to address the firing.

Calls to Fretz and school and district officials were not returned as of presstime.

The firing isn't popular among those close to the team.

Assistant Coach Tony Todd said that he was outright ticked off by the move. He has deep ties to the school going back to his playing days and has been a key fundraiser for the program since becoming a coach three years ago when Philip-Guide took over.

Todd said that he believes a group of disgruntled team parents led to the administration's decision.

"It's messed up that something like this could happen," said Todd, who isn't sure if he wants to return as a coach next season. "I know a lot of the kids want him back."

Mason Landis, a junior shortstop who was the Ocean League Most Outstanding Player of the Year this season, said that the firing is unfortunate for a team that has started to take shape under Philip-Guide's tutelage.

Landis said that not everything has been perfect, but the team was starting to grow more confident and saw big things for next season with a group of returners that includes starting pitcher Connor Greene and team MVP Nobu Suzuki.

"I want him back, definitely," Landis said. "[Philip-Guide] is one of the only coaches that puts in time. He's done amazing things for our program."

The firing also didn't sit well with prominent alum Tim Leary. The former Los Angeles Dodgers pitcher was so angered by what he heard that he fired off a missive to Fretz. He has yet to hear a response.

"Somebody needs to dig into this," Leary said. "Typically, athletic directors do the hiring and firing."

Leary is particularly upset that Philip-Guide didn't get a chance to defend himself and called the firing over the phone "tacky and classless."

"It's just wrong," he added.

As for Philip-Guide, he said that he's trying not to interfere with the team, but would like the opportunity to explain his side of the story.

"My understanding is there was a parent meeting with some of the unhappy parents. Sure enough, a week and a half later I get the call," he said.

He isn't sure if he'll return to coaching any time soon, saying that he's just trying to let it sink in and then he'll figure out what's the next move.

In the mean time, Philip-Guide walks away feeling like he has unfinished business at Samohi.

"I thought we were making improvements," he said. "The program was getting better every year. I thought next year would be a defining moment. It would finally be all my guys.

"I wasn't given the opportunity to coach my first class and see them graduate. That's disappointing."

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BULGER
FROM PAGE 3

Patricia Donahue, whose husband, Michael, died in a hail of bullets after Bulger allegedly opened fire on someone else in 1982, said she's been disappointed that no new information about Bulger's relationship with the FBI has been revealed publicly in the year since his capture.

Bulger provided information to the FBI on the rival New England Mob, beginning in the mid-1970s. His former FBI handler, ex-agent John J. Connolly Jr., was convicted in 2002 of protecting Bulger and Flemmi from prosecution and tipping them off just before they were indicted in early 1995. Bulger fled Boston and remained a fugitive, on the FBI's Most Wanted list, until he and his longtime girlfriend, Catherine Greig, were caught last year in Santa Monica, where they had been living in a rent-controlled apartment during much of the time they were fugitives. Greig was sentenced last week to eight years in prison for helping Bulger while he was on the run.

"It is good that they caught him, but in the time they've had him, nothing's really changed," Donahue said. "We were hoping that he would tell all."

Davis said he has been drawing some comfort by working on plans to build a memorial near the spot where his sister's body was found in 2000. Debra Davis' body, along with the body of another alleged Bulger victim, Thomas King, were found in makeshift graves along the Neponset River in 2000. Steve Davis said he hopes to build a small memorial park, with benches engraved with the names of the victims.

"My sister and I were best friends growing up," he says.

"I feel like I could come down here and sit, and in my head, talk to her, tell her I'm sorry about how things turned out."

VILLAGE
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they were able to extract from the developer, the principal message of the night was clear.

The Village Trailer Park will likely close, and it is up to city officials to ensure that those displaced get the richest relocation package possible.

"If you believe, as I do, that law and the state will ultimately close the trailer park, and I believe that day is coming closer, the residents need to know that no matter what, they have a decent package of relocation benefits and a secure future," said Commissioner Richard McKinnon.

The news fell on unwilling ears.

Many residents of the trailer park seated in the audience were audibly upset by that and other frank statements from the dais that indicated that commissioners had resigned themselves to the fact that Village Trailer Park, LLC., the company that owns the trailer park, will be able to close the site as soon as six months after the Rent Control Board gives its OK.

The estimated date of the six-month notice: Aug. 15.

Given that, commissioners set about beefing up the set of six relocation options negotiated between planners and Village Trailer Park, Inc. to make sure that when residents were asked to leave the park, they had somewhere to go.

"We have people who have lived there a long, long time, and have an emotional attachment and will potentially be displaced as an outcome of all of this. We want to ensure the softest landing possible," said Commissioner Ted Winterer.

Benefits provided under four of the six plans start at $18,500 and additional costs then accrue based on which plan they choose.

Winterer got behind a suggestion by Commissioner Jim Ries to increase the amount of money that the developer had to contribute to house displaced tenants in two of the seven options on the table.

One allows residents to claim one of 109 low-income apartments in the new development and another lets them find their own place. In either case, the developer must cover some of the rent for the residents' apartment for four years while the project is under construction.

The current $1,180 cap wouldn't get most people an apartment in Santa Monica, Ries said, opting to increase the ceiling to $1,652. Tenants would continue paying the amount of rent they currently pay for their trailers — which he estimated at $300 — and the developer would cover the rest up to $1,652 so they could afford a studio or one bedroom apartment in Santa Monica.

Some studio rentals in Santa Monica, notably 375- and 400-square-foot units close to Downtown, exceed that amount.

Ries also opted for extending the term of the payments until the building was fit for occupancy rather than cutting people off after four years without a place to move into.

The heightened ceiling seemed baseless to Commissioner Amy Anderson, who urged fellow commissioners to rely on market data rather than their perceptions of the Santa Monica rental market.

"We have the data. Let's use that data to find out what the middle ground is," Anderson said.

Commissioners also sought to make the first option, a move from Village Trailer Park into the city-owned Mountain View Mobile

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PARK
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Home Park, more flexible by allowing residents to either bring their trailers with them or require that the developer buy them a new mobile home if theirs could not be moved.

Right now, residents can only rent mobile units in the park, which many consider a step down from the home-ownership situation they have at their current site where they own the units, but not the land underneath.

The power to change that rule lies in the hands of the City Council.

Commissioners also weighed in on the design of the project, which they felt was too massive, with canyon-like gaps created by too-tall buildings set close together.

They found the prevalence of small studio and one-bedroom apartments upsetting, requesting more two and three-bedroom units, and upped the amount of affordable housing by another 5 percent of the total unit mix, or 24 units.

While those changes passed with relative ease, one more ambitious motion failed to even make it to a vote.

At the beginning of the meeting, McKinnon both expressed his belief that the park would close and put out an idea to delay that reality by as much as half a year.

The Village Trailer Park falls in a district in a state of flux. City officials are working on an area plan that will define where uses like housing and retail should go to meet a mix defined in the 2010 Land Use and Circulation Element, or LUCE, which dictates development.

The council should wait until that plan is finished before moving forward with the development agreement or risk locking all future development — like the proposed Bergamot Transit Village — into plans that may not appeal to their owners, McKinnon said.

"You're making the plane as you're flying it, and there are consequences to that you'll have to live with," McKinnon warned.

Commissioners also recommended that the City Council look at a much-reduced project put forward by Ron Goldman, a professional architect and volunteer who created a plan that would preserve half the park and develop half.

The City Council is expected to take the issue up July 24.

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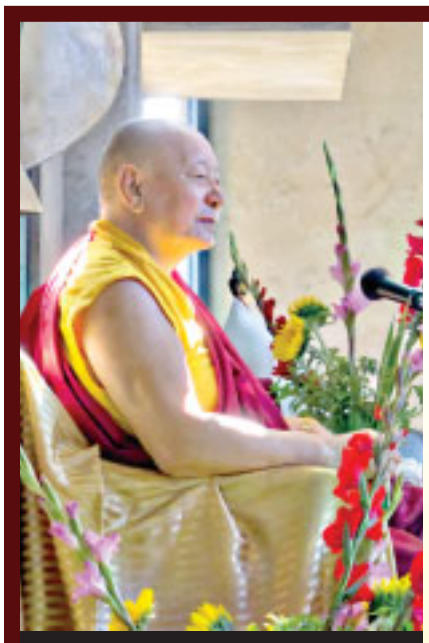

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Bad reports give Dow its second-worst day of year

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NEW YORK Relentlessly gloomy reports about the health of the world economy rocked Wall Street on Thursday, stirring more worry about the stalled recovery and sending the stock market to its second-worst decline this year.

The bad economic reports kept piling up: Manufacturing slumped in China. A closely watched unemployment figure jumped to its highest level in nine months. Sales of previously owned homes fell. Then came word of a sharp contraction in Northeast manufacturing, the worst since last August.

Suddenly, the outlook turned so bad that a Goldman Sachs analyst told clients to place bets against the stock market.

"The news has been horrible out there," said Uri Landesman, president of Platinum Partners. "The U.S. economy is slowing down. And China's growth is definitely under question."

The Dow started sinking after the Philadelphia branch of the Federal Reserve reported a manufacturing slowdown resulting from a steep drop in companies' orders. Then the losses just accelerated.

Mining and other companies that made basic materials fell hard after prices for commodities such as copper and oil dropped.

Elsewhere, the Labor Department reported that the four-week average of applications for unemployment benefits jumped to the highest level since September. The National Association of Realtors also reported that sales of previously owned homes dropped 1.5 percent in May.

All this unfolded a day after the Federal Reserve slashed its estimates for U.S. economic growth and said it would extend a bond-buying program through the end of the year. The moves disappointed investors who had hoped for bolder steps from the central bank to get the economy going again.

"What's worse is that things are getting weaker without the Fed coming in," said Rex Macey, chief investment officer at Wilmington Trust Investment Advisors. "We had a run-up in the market this month because people had been expecting Fed action. Today, the market is giving it back."

The Dow lost 250.82 points to close at 12,573.57, a drop of 2 percent.

The Standard & Poor's 500 index lost 30.18 points to 1,325.51, a decline of 2.2 percent. The Nasdaq composite fell 71.36 points, 2.4 percent, to 2,859.09. All three indexes lost their gains for the week.

The report on slowing manufacturing in China was troubling since that country has helped drive global economic growth over the past four years. China is a major importer of copper and other basic materials.

A manufacturing survey for countries that use the European currency also showed a contraction. That report, together with the China slowdown, helped sink commodity prices. Copper and platinum fell 2 percent.

The only good news was apparently at the pump. The price of oil fell Thursday to its lowest level in almost nine months — $78.20 a barrel. Gasoline was way down, too, at $3.47 a gallon, 46 cents below its peak in early April. Experts say it could dip to $3.30 by July 4th.

The Philadelphia Fed index pushed Treasury prices up and yields down as traders shifted money into their favorite hiding spots. The yield on the 10-year note slipped to 1.61 percent, down from 1.63 percent late Wednesday.

Material and energy companies, whose fortunes are closely tied to economic swings, led all 10 industry groups within the S&P 500 index lower. Just 12 of the 500 companies in the index rose.

In Europe, auditors calculated that Spain's troubled banks need as much as 62 billion ($78.76 billion). A Bank of Spain official said that scenario was much less than the 100 billion that the 17 countries in the euro currency union said they would provide for Spain's banking sector.

All day, speculation swirled that some major banks would have their credit ratings downgraded. After the market closed, Moody's Investors Service lowered the ratings of 15 the world's largest banks, including Bank of America, JPMorgan Chase and Goldman Sachs, saying their long-term prospects for profitability and growth were dimming.

However, with interest rates already at rock-bottom levels, the downgrades may not affect the cost of funding for the banks that much.

Among stocks making big moves:

• ConAgra Foods, a major food maker whose brands include Hebrew National and Chef Boyardee, gained 2.7 percent. The company's adjusted earnings and sales topped Wall Street's expectations. The stock climbed 66 cents to $25.26.

• Bed Bath & Beyond plunged 17 percent, the most in the S&P 500. The retailer said it expects weaker earnings in the current quarter than analysts expected even though it reported better profits after the market closed Wednesday.

Weak U.S. job market weighing on broader economic outlook

CHRISTOPHER S. RUGABER
AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON The sluggish job market is weighing on the U.S. economy three years after the Great Recession ended. And the signs suggest hiring may not strengthen any time soon.

A measure of the number of people applying for unemployment benefits over the past month has reached a six-month high, the government said Thursday. The increase suggests that layoffs are rising and June will be another tepid month for hiring.

Sales of previously occupied homes fell in May. And manufacturing activity in the Philadelphia region contracted for the second straight month in June.

The gloomy economic data echoed a more pessimistic outlook from the Federal Reserve issued Wednesday.

The reports also contributed to a sharp decline in stock prices. The Dow Jones industrial average fell 251 points to close at 12,574. The Standard & Poor's 500 index and the Nasdaq composite both ended the day down more than 2 percent.

"It appears the slow-growth expansion will be slower," said John Silvia, chief economist at Wells Fargo Securities, in a note to clients.

Thursday's raft of economic reports showed:

— Applications for unemployment benefits dipped last week to 387,000, from an upwardly revised 389,000 the previous week, the Labor Department said. The four-week average, a less volatile measure, rose to 386,250. That is the highest level since December. When applications for unemployment benefits top 375,000, hiring generally remains too weak to rapidly lower the unemployment rate.

— Home sales fell 1.5 percent in May from April to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 4.55 million, the National Association of Realtors said. Sales are up 9.6 percent from a year ago. That suggests that the housing market is slowly improving. But the annual sales rate is well below the 6 million that economists consider healthy.

— The Philadelphia Federal Reserve Bank said its index of regional manufacturing activity fell sharply to -16.6 from -5.8. That's the lowest level in nearly a year. A reading below zero indicates contraction. Measures of new orders and shipments also plummeted.

— A gauge of future U.S. economic activity rose in May to its highest level in four years, one of the few positive signs Thursday. The Conference Board's index of leading economic indicators increased to 95.8. That's the highest level since June 2008, which was six months into the recession. Still, before the recession, the index routinely topped 100.

The generally bleak news came a day after the Fed downgraded its outlook for growth and took another step to try and jolt the economy.

The Fed now expects growth of just 1.9 percent to 2.4 percent for the year. That's half a percentage point lower than its previous estimate in April. And it thinks the unemployment rate, now 8.2 percent, won't fall much further in 2012.

To try to boost growth and hiring, the Fed said it would extend a program intended to drive down long-term U.S. interest rates. Fed Chairman Ben Bernanke hopes that will encourage more borrowing and spending.

Hiring slowed sharply in April and May, raising concerns about the strength of the recovery. Employers have added an average of only 73,000 jobs a month in April and May. That's much lower than the average of 226,000 added in the first three months of this year.

Some economists warned that the weaker job market may have started to affect home sales, which until recently had been showing modest improvement.

Purchases made by first-time buyers, who are critical to a housing recovery, slipped in May. And sales fell in every region except the Midwest.

"Not a surprise that existing home sales took a step back in May," said Jennifer Lee, an economist at BMO Capital Markets. "Softening job growth could slow the housing recovery."

One positive sign in the report: The supply of homes for sale remains low. The inventory of unsold homes in May was just 2.49 million, roughly the same as in April. It would take only about six months to exhaust the supply at the current sales pace. Not since 2006, when the housing market was booming, has the supply been so low relative to the pace of home sales.

A low supply typically encourages more people to put homes up for sale. That generally improves the overall quality of the homes on the market, which drives prices higher.

The weaker manufacturing activity in the Philadelphia region likely reflects the worsening debt crisis in Europe, which has dampened demand for U.S. exports.

Despite the plunge in the survey, companies said they're more optimistic about business conditions in the six months. A gauge of future expectations rose to 19.5 in June from 15 the previous month.

Economists cautioned that the Philly Fed index is volatile and does not always reflect the state of manufacturing nationwide.

Paul Dales, an economist at Capital Economics, noted that the index fell sharply in August but bounced back into positive territory two months later.

"The weight of the evidence therefore suggests that the easing in demand in Europe and Asia is taking a toll on the U.S. economy" but that it's still growing, he said in an email to clients.

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Poll: Romney closes in on Obama

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Associated Press

WASHINGTON Fighting a swell of economic anxiety, President Barack Obama has lost much of the narrow lead he held just a month ago over Mitt Romney and the two now are locked in a virtually even race for the White House, according to a new Associated Press-GfK poll. The survey also found a majority of Americans disapproving of how the Democratic president is handling a national economy that fewer people think is improving.

Less than five months before the election, 47 percent say they will vote for the president and 44 percent for Romney, a difference that is not statistically significant. The poll also shows that Romney has recovered from a bruising Republican primary, with more of his supporters saying they are certain to vote for him now.

The economy remains Obama's top liability. Only 3 out of 10 adults say the country is headed in the right direction and 55 percent disapprove of his handling of the economy, the highest level detected in AP-GfK polls this year.

"I'm not going to vote for Obama," said Raymond Back, a 60-year-old manufacturing plant manager from North Olmsted, Ohio, one of the most competitive states in this election. "It's just the wrong thing to do. I don't know what Romney is going to do, but this isn't the right way."

Yet, in a measure of Romney's own vulnerabilities, even some voters who say they support Romney believe the president will still be re-elected. Of all adults polled, 56 percent believe Obama will win a second term. And despite three months of declining job creation that have left the public increasingly glum, Romney has not managed to seize the economic issue from the president, with registered voters split virtually evenly on whether Romney or Obama would do a better job improving it.

The polling numbers come as no surprise to either camp. Both Romney and Obama advisers have anticipated a close contest that will be driven largely by economic conditions. The Obama camp is busy trying to define Romney, hoping it is reaching more independents like Doss Comer, 58, of Jacksonville, N.C., who said he would vote for Obama again, despite the lagging economy.

"I think we are on the wrong track," he said. "We're not getting anywhere. We're not growing. The unemployment rate just spiked up again." But, he added: "I don't trust Romney because of what he's doing. He's telling his business experience, that he was an investor in business. ... I don't think he has the right background any more than Obama."

With his Republican nomination now ensured, Romney has succeeded in unifying the party behind him and in maintaining a singular focus on making the election a referendum on Obama's handling of the economy. Over time, polls that measure Obama's standing have reflected fluctuations in the economy, which has shown both strength and weakness since it began to recover from the recent recession. The new survey illustrates how an ideologically divided country and a stumbling recovery have driven the two men into a tight match.

The poll results among voters who live in states decided by less than 10 percentage points in 2008 underscore Obama's challenge. Among those voters in the new poll, Romney has an advantage, a shift from last month when Obama held that edge.

Still, Obama's overall 49 percent approval rating is not unlike the approval ratings George W. Bush faced in June 2004 during his re-election campaign, when he and his Democratic challenger, John Kerry, were also locked in a dead heat.

Besides weak job growth and still high unemployment, Obama is at the mercy of European countries struggling with a debt crisis that has already sent ripples across the Atlantic. Indicators released Thursday held bad news for hiring and for home sales, a day after the Federal Reserve downgraded its outlook for the economy.

For all that, and with preferences for November in a virtual tie, a majority of people believe Obama will still be re-elected, a shift from an even split on the question seven months ago. In December, 21 percent of Republicans said they thought Obama would win re-election; that's risen to 31 percent now. And among independents, the share saying Obama will win has climbed from 49 percent to 60 percent. Among Democrats, it was 75 percent in both polls.

Tim Baierlein of Brandon, Fla., believes Romney would be a reassuring voice for a business community worried about regulations and higher taxes. But he said he still thinks Obama will win because the right wing of the Republican Party could alienate voters from Romney and because, in his view, Romney lacks a clear message.

"He just comes across as very elitist and I think that's going to hurt," he said.

About 4 out of 10 adults say they are worse off now than they were four years ago, compared with nearly 3 out of 10 who say they are doing better now. Among those who say they're doing worse, 60 percent say they plan to vote for Romney in November.

Amy Thackeray, 35, of Alpine, Utah, said her husband and five children experienced the economic downturn when it affected her husband's job. "We've dealt with a pay cut," she said. "We are grateful we still have a job. We live within our means. We save and we feel that in situations like this, it makes us save even more."

"We need someone with more financial and business experience than what Obama has," she said. "We need a president who takes one term and makes the hard decisions to put us back on the right track, and I hope it will be Romney."

The Associated Press-GfK Poll was conducted June 14-18 by GfK Roper Public Affairs & Corporate Communications. It involved landline and cellphone interviews with 1,007 adults nationwide, including 878 registered voters. Results from the full sample have a margin of sampling error of plus or minus 4 percentage points; it is 4.2 points for registered voters.

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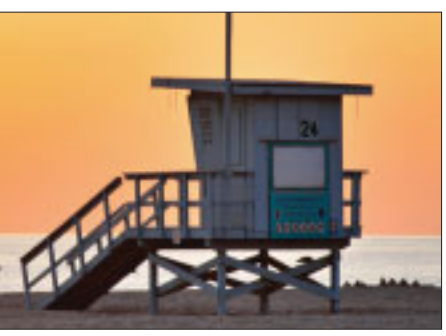


MLB

Kemp hopes to be healthy for upcoming All-Star game

JANIE MCCAULEY
AP Baseball Writer

OAKLAND, Calif. Dodgers slugger Matt Kemp still is optimistic about playing in the All-Star game next month in Kansas City — as long as he's sure he will be healthy for the stretch run with NL West-leading Los Angeles.

Whether manager Don Mattingly and the medical staff give him the go-ahead is another question altogether. Kemp said he and Mattingly have discussed the All-Star game and will do so again.

"Of course I want to play but I've got to do what's best for the team," Kemp said Thursday, before going through an extensive rehab workout of running on the field. "If I'm not ready, I can't play, but as of right now I plan on playing. We've discussed some stuff. When that point comes, we'll get to it and figure out what we're going to do."

Kemp has been on the disabled list for a second time this season since May 31 with the same strained left hamstring that first sidelined him from May 14-29.

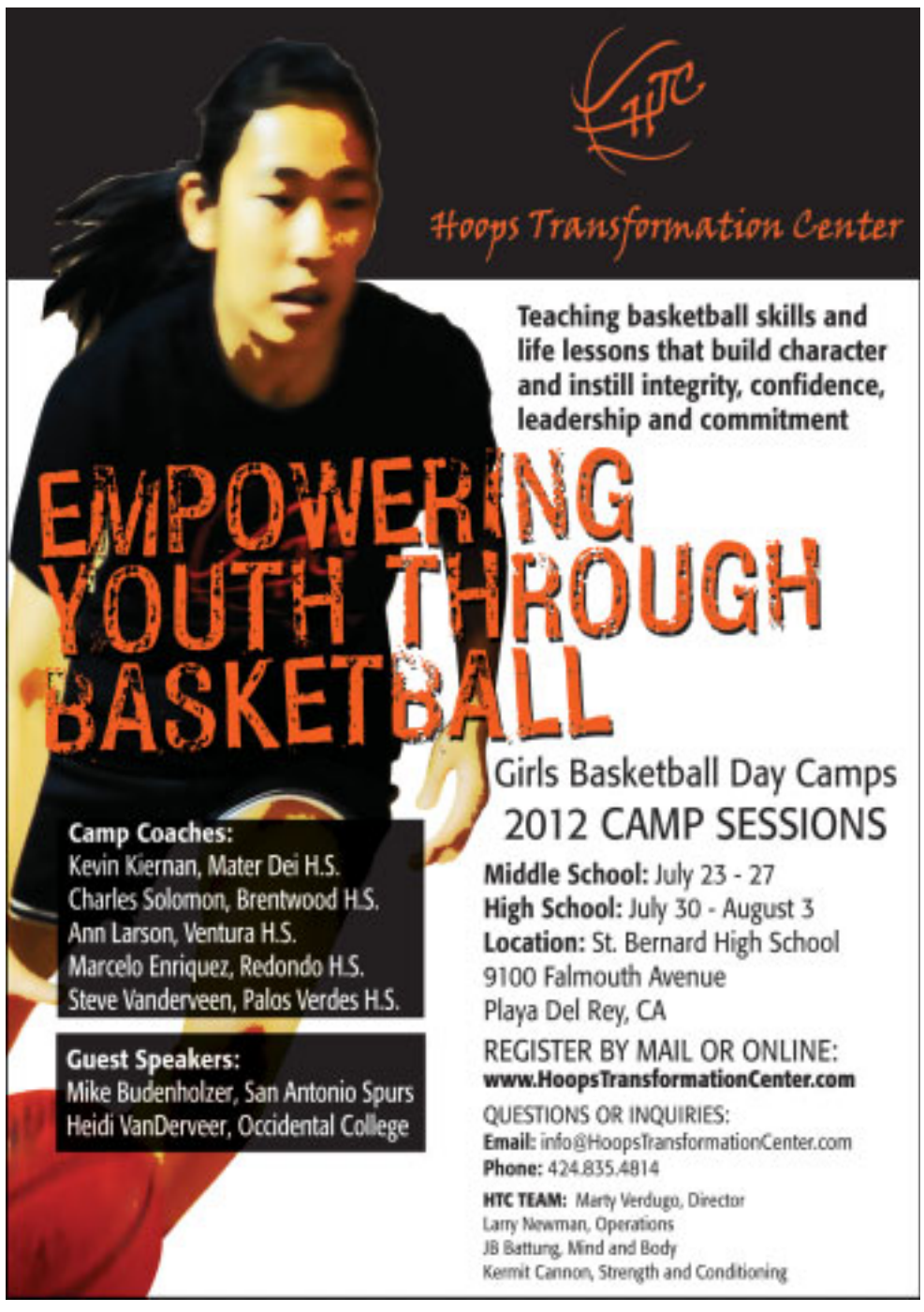
Kemp, the runner-up for last year's NL MVP and the National League's All-Star votes leader with 3,322,009 in baseball's latest count this week, insists he won't play in the Midsummer Classic if there is any question he won't be healthy for the long haul.

He is flattered by the fans' support.

"It means a lot, it shows that the fans really appreciate the way I play the game, and I thank them for that," Kemp said. "That's pretty tight right there, so I'm going to definitely try to do whatever it takes to play in the game."

The Dodgers haven't put a timetable on Kemp's return, though Mattingly has said just after the All-Star break is the goal. Kemp, who half-joked during spring training that he would become the first player to ever hit 50 home runs and steal 50 bases, is batting .355 with 12 homers and 28 RBIs in 36 games and has two stolen bases.

"The most important thing is being ready for the second half," Kemp said before the finale of a series against the Oakland Athletics. "I would love to play in the All-Star game. I want to play in the All-Star game, but I've got to be ready. I feel great. I can't really say when it's going to be, I've just got to be comfortable and be ready."



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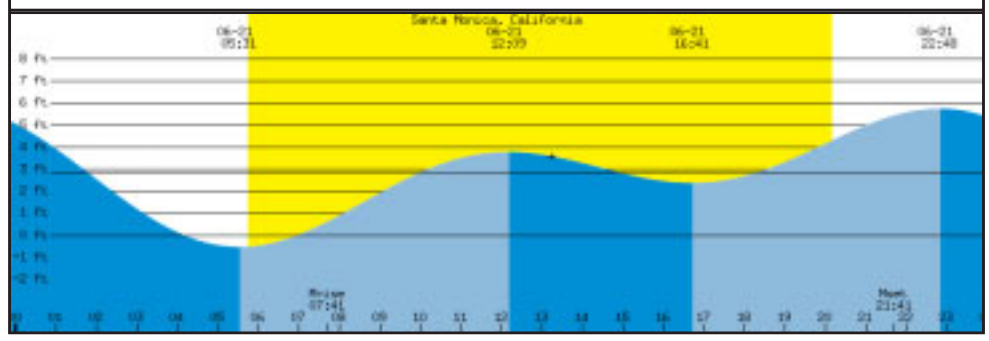

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LOCATION	DRY	WET
Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	ns
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechusa and Los Alisos creeks.	ns	ns
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	A+	ns
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	A+	ns
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth.	D	ns
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	B	ns
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Solstice Canyon at Don Blocker County Beach.	D	ns
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth.	A+	ns
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 21672 Malibu Rd..	A	ns
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	ns
Surfrider Beach (breach location) - daily.	C	ns
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	F	ns
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	F	ns
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero).	B	ns
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs.	A	ns
Pena Creek at Los Tunas County Beach.	A+	ns
Topanga Canyon.	A+	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	C	ns
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A	ns
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	ns	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at 17208 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.	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain.	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain.	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua).	A+	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain.	A+	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain.	A	ns
Santa Monica Municipal Pier.	B	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 CBAW jetty).	A+	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain.	B	ns
Dockweiler Beach- opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant.	A+	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain.	A+	ns

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Pierce Brosnan double feature.
Goldeneye (PG-13) 2hrs 10min
Tomorrow Never Dies (PG-13) 1hr 59min
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Snow White and the Huntsman (PG-13) 2hrs 07min
1:30pm, 4:25pm, 7:15pm, 10:00pm

Dictator (R) 1hr 23min
1:55pm, 4:30pm, 7:00pm, 9:30pm

What to Expect When You're Expecting (PG-13) 1hr 40min
1:45pm, 4:40pm, 7:20pm, 10:00pm

Men in Black 3 in 3D (PG-13) 1hr 46min
1:40pm, 4:20pm, 7:10pm, 9:50pm

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Madagascar 3: Europe's Most Wanted

3D (PG) 1hr 33min
11:45am, 2:15pm, 5:00pm, 7:45pm, 10:25pm

Men in Black 3 (PG-13) 1hr 46min
11:10am, 1:50pm, 4:35pm, 7:30pm, 10:20pm

Snow White and the Huntsman (PG-13) 2hrs 07min
11:20am, 2:30pm, 5:30pm, 8:30pm

Prometheus 3D (R) 2hrs 04min
11:45am, 3:00pm, 6:10pm, 9:25pm

Rock of Ages (PG-13) 2hrs 03min
11:15am, 12:15pm, 2:30pm, 3:30pm, 5:45pm, 6:45pm, 8:45pm, 10:00pm

Madagascar 3: Europe's Most Wanted (PG) 1hr 33min
11:05am, 1:30pm, 4:15pm, 7:00pm, 9:40pm

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Children of Paradise (Les enfants du paradis) (NR) 2hrs 43min
3:40pm

Hysteria (R) 1hr 35min
1:55pm, 4:40pm, 7:30pm, 9:55pm

Bonsai (NR) 1hr 35min
1:00pm, 3:20pm, 5:40pm, 8:00pm, 10:15pm

Best Exotic Marigold Hotel (PG-13) 1hr 58min
1:00pm, 4:00pm, 7:00pm, 9:55pm

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Moonrise Kingdom (PG-13) 1hr 33min
11:30am, 2:10pm, 4:45pm, 7:30pm, 10:05pm

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12:45pm, 4:00pm, 7:00pm, 10:15pm

Marvel's The Avengers 3D (PG-13) 2hrs 22min
3:40pm, 10:15pm

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ARIES (March 21-April 19)
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TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ You might want to stay close to home, but a friend or meeting lures you to a different place. Your strong yet gentle manner draws someone in closer. Do you really know what you want from this person? Think and determine that. Tonight: Close to home.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ You are a great communicator, and once more you get to express that quality to your immediate circle. You add clarity while others add confusion. Take the lead, because you have the strongest vision and the greatest field of possibilities. Tonight: All smiles. It is Friday night.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★ Your possessive side emerges in a conversation where you think you know more -- and you actually might. Play it cool, and do not reveal your true connection to a person involved here. Others will see it soon enough. Tonight: Beam in what you want.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★★ You are ready for whatever life tosses your way. You'll have a wonderful conversation with someone who is pivotal in your life. You also will see a positive outcome from a meeting. Tonight: Ask, and you shall receive.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★ Others seem to have a sense about whatever you are choosing not to reveal. Perhaps your look is like "I can't tell, but I want to!" Stay mum. It will be worth it in the long run. Tonight: Vanish.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★★ Meetings might be many, but they bring strong results. Your mind could be on a dear friend or someone at a distance. Make sure you have plans soon to get together with this person. Clear out as much as you can. Tonight: Think "weekend."

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Clearly the spotlight is on you. How you handle the situation could be up for scrutiny. Just do what you would normally do, and don't worry about others' judgments. Listen to a dear friend or associate. Tonight: A late dinner.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★★ Keep reaching out for more information and other people. You might have difficulty deciding what is doable, but you will figure it out. Getting feedback might be the most effective way to proceed. Tonight: Let your imagination choose.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Someone close to you has a way of absorbing the limelight no matter what you do. Continue as you have been; you cannot stop this trend. This person also has a lot to offer, so consider becoming a team player. What is stopping you? Tonight: Opt for a one-on-one conversation.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ With as many suggestions as are heading your way, you could be overwhelmed by what is happening. On the same hand, realize that you cannot deny building popularity. Tonight: So much to sort through: who, where and when?

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ Your even pace allows you to absorb much more of what is going on. You could be taken aback by the generosity of a loved one or roommate. Be willing to work with this person. Share an idea without fear of being judged. Tonight: Do not push.

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★★★★ Positive ★ Difficult
★★★ Average

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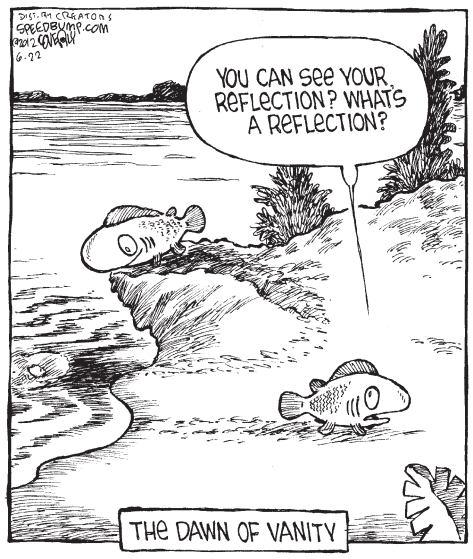

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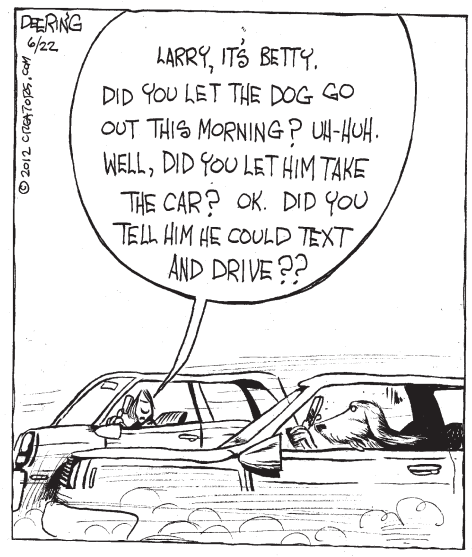

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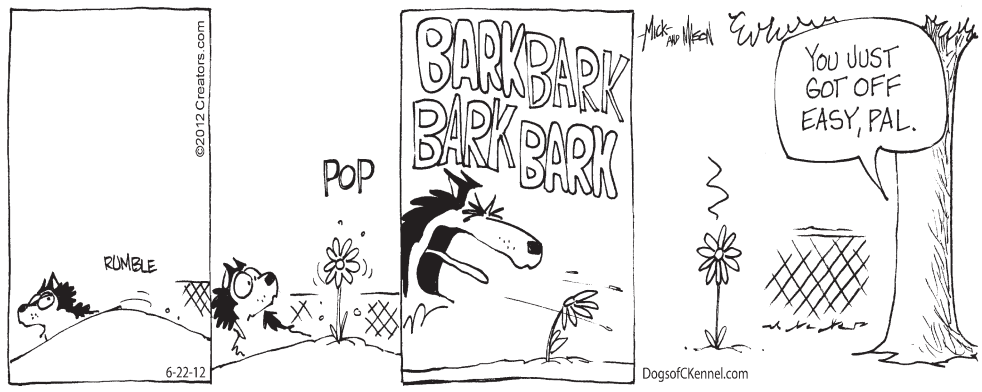

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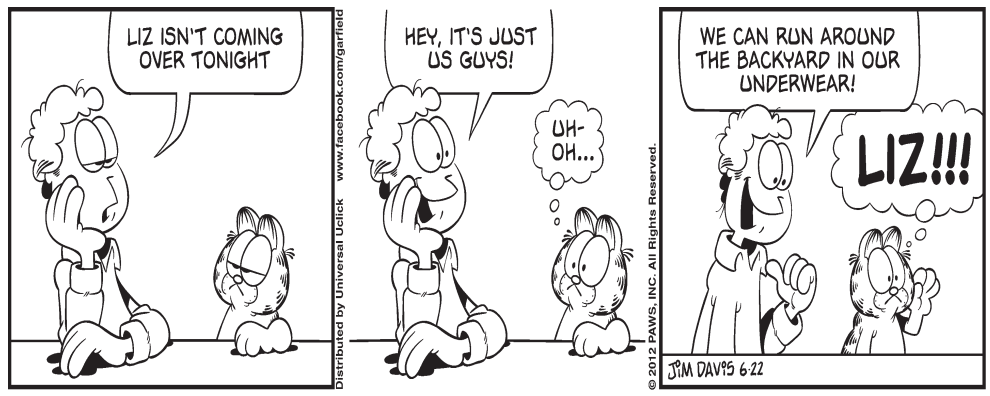

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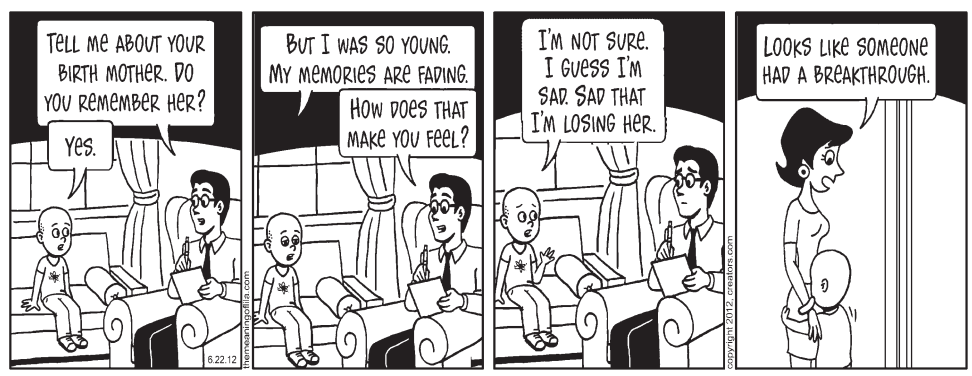

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Sudoku

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

Difficulty Level ★★★★

			4		2			
	6		7		9		3	
		4				1		
6	9			2			4	7
4	5			7			6	1
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GETTING STARTED

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

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

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Electrical protector
5 Defeat
9 Impressed
11 As — (generally)
13 Bowling site
14 Heathen
15 Young one
16 Try to equal
18 Seafood morsel
20 "Stand" band
21 Place for padding
22 Grant of films
23 URL part
24 Scathing review
25 Tatters
27 Laundry units
29 Candle count
30 Enlists
32 Kermit and company
34 Diner treat
35 Origami need
36 Juan's wife
38 Be furtive
39 Kitchen gadget
40 Pretentious
41 Disarray

DOWN

1 Decrees
2 Open, in a way
3 Sprinkled with gray, as a beard
4 Ram's mate
5 Accept eagerly
6 Vaccine variety
7 Part of little girls' makeup
8 Christian of "Breaking In"
10 Lace's place
12 Rival
17 Yr. parts
19 Some summer babies
22 "Brian's Song" star
24 Balanced
25 Highway exits
26 Scaly pet
27 Auction unit
28 Hotel rooms
30 Beef chew
31 Fruit-basket items
33 Natural fuel
37 Energy

M	A	T	A	■	■	L	O	B	E	S
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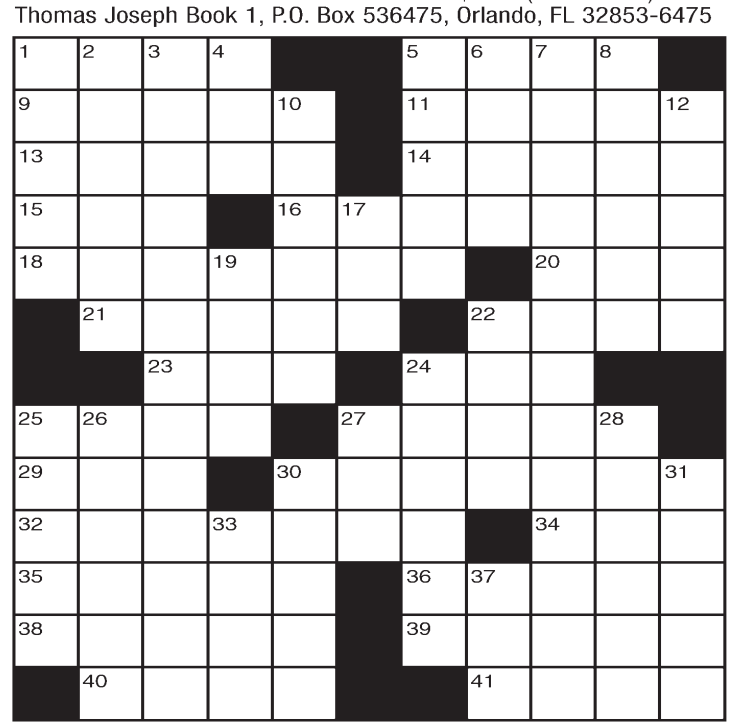

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11 21 27 30 53
Meganumber: 11
Jackpot: $55M

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4 7 9 16 25
Meganumber: 17
Jackpot: $13M

Fantasy 5 Draw Date: 6/21
1 3 5 7 31

DAILY 3 Draw Date: 6/21
MIDDAY: 4 0 2
EVENING: 0 5 2

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3rd: 11 Money Bags
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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Hard Month for Gays and Lesbians: Internet video excerpts of church services, all posted during May, recorded Christian pastors prescribing harsh futures for homosexuals. Pastor Sean Harris (Fayetteville, N.C.) recommended roughing up a limp-wristed son if the boy acts effeminately (but said later he was joking). Pastor Ron Baity (Winston-Salem, N.C.) wants gays and lesbians "prosecuted" (though the excerpt was not clear what particular statute was violated). Pastor Charles Worley (Maiden, N.C.) wants gays and lesbians rounded up and isolated behind an electrified fence so they won't breed to the larger population. Pastor Curtis Knapp (Seneca, Kan.) said "the government" should just kill them all (according to biblical commandment, he said). Pastor Dennis Leatherman (Oakland, Md.) likes "the idea" of killing them but added that it would be wrong. And at the Apostolic Truth Tabernacle in Greensburg, Ind., a 3-year-old boy's rendition of "Ain't no homo going to make it to heaven" also made it around the world on the Internet.

■ Ms. Stormy Moody was arrested and charged with aggravated burglary in Henderson County, Tenn., in May after her next-door neighbor returned from a trip and discovered that quite a few items (from the petty to the more expensive) were missing from the home. For some reason, Moody felt secure enough to be wearing some of the clothing as she chatted sympathetically with the victim about the missing items.

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