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NOT FOR LONG? **Brad Sipperley smokes on the Santa Monica Pier on Tuesday afternoon. Pier officials are considering a smoking ban.**

Pier smoking ban considered

BY NICK TABOREK
Daily Press Staff Writer

SM PIER Continuing a trend toward stricter anti-smoking rules in town, officials are set to consider an outright ban on lighting up at the Santa Monica Pier, citing concern that discarded cigarettes pose a fire risk.

Smoking on the family-friendly pier is already confined to seven designated areas, but there's a growing consensus at City Hall that the existing restrictions, enacted in 2004, don't go far enough, said Ben Franz-Knight, executive director of the Pier Restoration Corp., which oversees the pier.

He said two fires this spring that apparently ignited when discarded cigarette butts

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City Hall surveys interest in boosting coffers

BY NICK TABOREK
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL Despite a balanced budget for the next fiscal year, City Hall officials are looking into options to boost revenue by possibly asking voters to approve one or more ballot measures this November.

City Hall on Sunday began polling residents by phone about their support for possible "revenue enhancements" that could help shore up Santa Monica's long-term finances.

Kate Vernez, assistant to the City Manager, on Tuesday declined to release the questions City Hall is asking during the poll, citing concern that discussing the poll in detail publicly could make its results less reliable. She also declined to say whether the potential "revenue enhancements" would be new taxes or fees.

"I don't want to go into a lot of detail because I don't want to bias the poll," she said.

Besides seeking input on potential ballot measures, the poll also aims to gauge attitudes toward City Hall's budget priorities, she said.

The poll, which is being conducted by the Santa Monica firm Fairbank Maslin Maullin Metz & Associates, cost City Hall $27,195, Vernez said. It aims to gather the opinions of 500 registered Santa Monica voters.

Vernez said the City Council was briefed on the plan to survey residents during public budget hearings last month but did not have to vote on whether to conduct the poll. She said results of the poll, along with possible staff recommendations for ballot measures, will be presented to the council at a meeting this summer.

The council would have to act quickly to place a measure on the ballot.

Beth Sanchez, assistant city clerk, said her office has to file ballot measures for the Nov. 2 election with Los Angeles County by Aug. 6. The last regularly scheduled meeting at which the council could decide to place a city-wide measure on the ballot is July 27.

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Winners announced in SM Teen Film Fest

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

CITY HALL The results are in!

Judges with the Fifth Annual Santa Monica Teen Film Festival sifted through more than 180 submissions from across the country and Canada and screened 33 films over two days to award top honors to Harry Keenan and Max Groel of Pacific Palisades for their film. "Batman Starts," a humorous parody on the Batman series and the true crime that occurs in the filmmakers' hometown.

The film won "Best of the Fest, 1st Place," "Best Live Action," and "Audience Choice, Sunday." The awards were given out on Sunday, June 20 at the Santa Monica Main Library screening.

"Chicken Little" by Richard Mattox from Tallahasee, Fla. won both "Best of the Fest, 2nd Place" and "Best Experimental/Music Video." The film is a music video for an original song written and sung by Mattox.

The festival screened quite a few documentaries this year including the "Best Documentary, 1st Place" award winner Drew Morton Goldsmith from Middleton, Wis.

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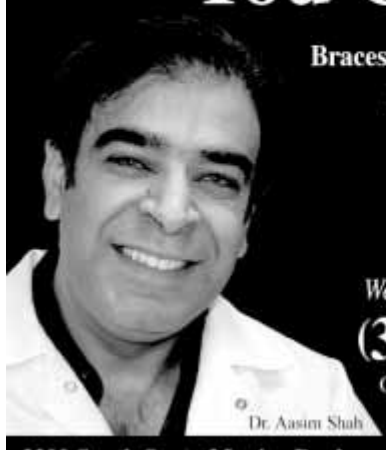

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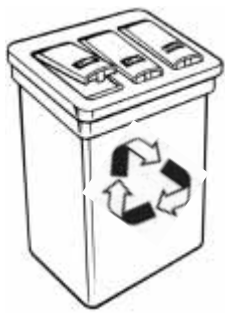
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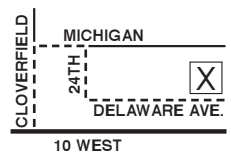
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Downtown Santa Monica
Arizona Avenue & Second Street, 8:30 a.m. — 1:30 p.m.
Get the freshest fruit and produce available at this weekly Farmers' Market. There are also a variety of prepared foods available.

Measure for measure
Sherry Frumkin Gallery
3026 Airport Ave., Noon — 6 p.m.
Robin Kandel presents her newest exhibition, "Measure," of three videos, drawings, composite photos and a number of measuring tools that explore the idea of the artist as a physical object. This is Kandel's second solo show in the gallery.
For more information, call (310) 397-7493.

Thursday, July 1, 2010

Healthy information
Santa Monica Sports Medicine
900 Wilshire Blvd., Ste. 410, 7 p.m. — 8 p.m.
A free nutrition and weight loss presentation on how to shed those last few pounds and push your body past a grinding halt or "plateau." Learn about the role of genetics, metabolism and set points. A complimentary nutrition or injury assessment is included.
For more information, call (310) 704-6569.

Poetry jam
Pier 212 Cafe
212 Pier Ave., 7:30 p.m. — 10 p.m.
Pier 212 Cafe hosts this weekly poetry exhibition, paired with the music of their live band. Bring your own five minute poem to read aloud with music, or just come to enjoy the poetry of others. Admission is free. For more information, call (310) 396-8566.

Two cents in
Main Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd., 6 p.m.
Express your thoughts on the Westside subway extension project prior to the release of an environmental impact report. Validated vehicle and free bike parking is available. Spanish translation will be provided. Served by Metro Lines 4, 20, 333 and 720 and Santa Monica Big Blue Bus Lines 1, 2, 3, 7, 8, 9, and 10. For more information about the Metro Westside Subway Extension, go to metro.net/westside.

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Students discover new figures on L.A. water waste

BY TAYLOR D'ANDREA
Special to the Daily Press

JAMS In the fight to restore the Los Angeles River and end wasteful water practices, Venice activists have enlisted the mathematical minds of local students.

Using complex algebraic equations, Parisa Jung's seventh grade math class at John Adams Middle School tackled extra credit questions posed by non profits L.A. River Expeditions and the Electric Lodge that illuminated the staggering amount of water wasted annually because of the current state of the river.

The river, which was once the sole water supplier for the city of Los Angeles, is now a concrete channel funneling massive amounts of water to the ocean instead of allowing the water to seep naturally back into the earth, replenishing underground aquifers.

"I liked the idea of my students tackling real-life problems," said Jung. "No matter how young they are, I hope their answers will inform citizens and contribute to new solutions."

Using the flow rate provided by the Los Angeles engineering department, the students found that the river dumps roughly 75 billion gallons into the ocean each year, the

"I HOPE WE'LL ALL BE ABLE TO PITCH IN AND CHANGE OUR INSANE POLICIES SO THAT, BY THE TIME THESE KIDS GET TO BE ADULTS, WE'VE DEVELOPED A MUCH BETTER PLAN FOR SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA."

Joel Shapiro,
founder and artistic director
of the Electric Lodge

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Morgan Genser *news@smdp.com*

HEADING UP FIELD: **St. Monica quarterback Matthew Partyka scrambles for extra yards against Animo Leadership last season.**

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

St. Monica shaping up

Mariners football heads into 2010 season looking to improve

BY DANIEL ARCHULETA
Managing Editor

ST. MONICA The beginning of football season is months away, but the Mariners already have football on the mind.

St. Monica, a team that improved last season to 3-6 overall following a couple of years of hard times, advances to the beginning of the season with at least one side of the ball in order. Senior quarterback Matthew Partyka is set behind center and his most explosive offensive weapon, Sam Holguin, appears to be healed from an injury that dramatically limited him last season.

"Were having a good year so far," St. Monica Head Coach Larry Muno said. "Just working."

Muno said that Partyka has looked strong all off-season, which bodes well for a team that hopes to build on its win total from last season.

To that end, Muno said that he is working with the senior who passed for 2,372 yards last season. The one thing that Muno said must be improved is Partyka's touchdown-to-interception ratio. As a junior, Partyka tossed 20 TDs, but also threw 19 INTs. Muno said that ratio should be improved to at least 2-to-1 if the team is to have a successful passing game.

Last season saw the Mariners as an offensive force, but risky passing and an overmatched defense struggled to keep the team in games late.

"We're focused on being good as a team," Muno said. "The offense is there, but we are much more of a total team this year."

He said that a strong off-season

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ST. MONICA FOOTBALL 2010 SCHEDULE

Sept. 4, @ Animo Leadership
Sept. 11 @ Christian
Sept. 17 vs. Malibu
Sept. 28, vs. Brentwood
Oct. 2 @ Blair
Oct. 9 vs. Windward
Oct. 22 @ Salesian
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Here's to America! Now leave

Editor:

Congratulations to everyone involved in pulling off another stealthily executed fireworks show at Corsair Field ("Flashing Lights," June 28, page 1). Staging our nation's birthday more than a week before the Fourth of July is a masterstroke of bourgeois exclusivity that would make any red-blooded, camera-ready American proud.

I can hear the ficus-huggers now: Fireworks are a unifying force in an increasingly divided nation; an awe-inspirin', goosebump-begettin' fire show in the sky that wows young and old alike. No matter your ethnicity, religion, gender, even checkbook girth, looking skyward we are one.

Don't be a buzzkill! How many times must Heidi Klum warn us? You're either in, or you're out. The city's tactical maneuver to stage its woo-hoo on June 26 was inspired, keeping outsiders and undesirables out (and the beautiful people in). Why shouldn't we be able to have a proverbial hush-hush office party without inviting the creepy mumbling guy two cubicles down?

As I stood on 15th Street, beer in hand, atop my rampart made of fallen palm fronds, I watched the rockets' red glare in the distance (relieved it wasn't "shots fired" in the Pico Neighborhood). Prideful chills ran down my leg as I watched the bombs bursting in air. Forget those passersby remarking they were "silly" or "stupid."

"What are they shooting fireworks for?" an undesirable asked, obviously ignorant.

I wasn't going to tell him. Didn't like the cut of his jib.

Michael Tittinger
Santa Monica

Rules of the game

Editor:

For many years when I was growing up, there was a natural – if strained – relationship between Wall Street and Main Street. But ever since the beginnings of the unraveling of Wall Street regulation (thanks, Phil Gramm, and others), Wall Street has been picking the pocket of Main Street with all the grace of a mugger.

We need Wall Street regulation and reform with enough teeth to prevent these greedmeisters from stealing everything that isn't nailed down. Make them tell the truth about the investments they sell. Make them own up to the risks and hidden pitfalls in their products and services. Make them understand that if they want Uncle Sam to shoulder the risk, then Wall Street will have to play fair with the public.

Robert Moskowitz
Santa Monica





Word in Edgewise

Kenny Mack — **Send comments to editor@smdp.com**

Obama following in Bush's footsteps

THERE IS A CONDITION AFFLICTING Republicans all over the country called Obama Derangement Syndrome or ODS. Symptoms include an inability to take our president at his word, a certainty that everything he does has an ulterior (read: socialist/statist/un-American) motive, and a belief that he was raised as a secret muslim/Nazi/Black Panther while living with his white grandparents in Kansas.

On the other end of the spectrum is Obama Fanboy Disease (OFD), a condition that suppresses one's ability to criticize our president in any way. I've been accused of suffering from OFD because I haven't taken issue with anything he's done since I was the first columnist in America to predict he would become our 44th president (back in April of 2007). That streak ends today.

Last week's decision to fire the commander of our military forces in Afghanistan, Gen. Stanley McChrystal (aka Frat Boy Stan), was the correct one; but the decision to continue George W. Bush's policy in Afghanistan was a mistake. Generations of warfare have left just about every institution of Afghan society needing to be built or re-built from the ground up, and the last 30 years have proven that country to be critical to the health and safety of the free world. America's role in the nation (re)building process must, by definition, be directed by our Department of State and not our Department of Defense. So while it's good that Frat Boy Stan is out on his frat boy can, I'm still waiting for the day President Obama sends Secretary of State Hillary Clinton and her Provincial Reconstruction Teams in to take over.

It's important to keep in mind that the "war" part of the war in Afghanistan has been over since at least 2003 when NATO took command of the International Security Assistance Force (ISAF). NATO says its main role is to "assist the Government of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan in exercising and extending its authority and influence across the country, paving the way for reconstruction and effective governance." That reconstruction, and not breaking the Taliban's momentum, should be the focus — if for no other reason than we won't be able to bring our troops home until that effective governance is in place.

Unfortunately for Commander in Chief Obama, the United States Army can't solve the problems that come from reconstruction or from establishing a strong central government. As deadly efficient as military problem solving is, the Army is great at two things: killing people and breaking stuff. If we cared less about civilians, we could kill our way out of our Taliban trouble over a long weekend. But our official Rules of Engagement are designed to protect the local population so we can win the hearts and minds of the natives when the Army comes in to "clear, hold, and build." The problem is that the Army doesn't "build" anything; and we won't be able to end this military campaign (which has now lasted longer than the Vietnam War) until responsibility is transferred to an organization that knows a thing or two about how to build a nation.

That's where President Obama should be focusing our attention and not, as President Bush did in Iraq, distracting us with talk of which general is in command and what tactics are being employed. President Obama should be reminding us that the mission in Afghanistan was authorized by the U.N. Security Council and is being conducted under the auspices of an alliance of 28 countries. We know that the size and destructive power of the U.S. armed forces makes us first among equals in that group, but that status becomes irrelevant when the way forward is diplomatic, not military.

Think back to Iraq in the late summer of 2003. The invasion was over, Saddam was gone, the U.S. military had de-facto control on the ground, and it was time to re-build. That was when the U.N. headquarters in Baghdad became a target for so many deadly bomb attacks that the organization pulled out of the country. For the next three years, President Bush tasked Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld, not Secretary of State Condoleeza Rice, with re-building Iraq. Four years after Sec. Rumsfeld was fired, people who live in the historic (and sweltering) capital of Baghdad get maybe six hours of electricity per day because the U.S. military knows much more about how to destroy power grids than how to operate them.

President Obama is making a mistake by talking about generals more than the diplomatic work that will allow our troops to come home where they belong. If he insists on continuing Bush administration policy, he should at least use the buying power of the Pentagon to promote some kind of economic development for the people of Afghanistan. It's great that our counter-insurgency plan is designed to protect civilians, but they still have to eat. Don't forget Kandahari pomegranates are the best in the world. Exports of the fruit bring in as much money per acre as poppies, but without epidemic dependency or the narco-dollars the Taliban use to undermine the leadership in Kabul and make the "effective governance" we need in order to bring our troops home more and more elusive.

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Please don't vote

MY BROTHERS ZANE AND RICHARD HAVE debated with me on almost a daily basis since we were old enough to talk. So when I heard Republican gubernatorial candidate Meg Whitman didn't cast a vote in 28 years I knew that Zane and I would dissect the subject from every angle.

My brothers are not shallow, lazy people that use the "agree to disagree" statement that most morons use to avoid doing their homework. We dive deep and search high and low for the facts. This has worked well for us over the years and allowed us to realize how many people are making decisions, like the Taliban, based on outright lies.

My position on voting is that it is the duty of all Americans to take the time to learn about the issues. As is often the case, the e-mail response from my brother Zane took the debate in a new and interesting direction, so I thought that I would share it with you.

DEAR DAVE:

I am glad that Meg Whitman was honest enough with herself not to vote during those 28 years until she had time to become more politically knowledgeable. I wish that more people would be that honest. Today's popular obsession with "get out the vote" drives is counterproductive to good democracy and is partially to blame for why Sacramento is currently so dysfunctional. Democracies do well when there are informed voters, with "informed" being the key word. They do poorly when voters are uninformed since this makes it easier for them to be manipulated. Special interest groups love it when voters blindly vote the way others tell them to. One of our nation's founding fathers, Thomas Jefferson, once said "Whenever the people are well-informed, they can be trusted with their own government."

Today many Americans cannot be trusted. Many of them are pressured by others to vote even when they know in their hearts that they do not have a clue about anything they are voting on. They vote even though they know as little about the candidates for governor as they do about the candidates for judges. When asked their reasons for picking one candidate over the other, their answers will seem ridiculous because they are. They will say things such as I voted for the candidate because "I think I heard of him before" or "I liked her name."

A classic example of the uninformed deciding an election just took place in South Carolina. A gentleman by the name of Alvin Greene recently got 59 percent of the vote over the party-endorsed candidate in securing the Democratic nomination for the United States Senate race this coming November. What makes his election so amazing is that polls show that voters knew nothing about him. How could they when this unemployed loner, who lives with his parents, did absolutely no campaigning at all? No speeches, no appearances, no literature, no bumper stickers, no staff, no platform; totally and completely nothing. The people that voted for him had no idea that he was involuntarily discharged from both the Army and the Air Force and that he was and still is facing obscenity charges. His incoherent ramblings to the press (a YouTube comic sensation) after his victory only completed the joke.

How could such a thing happen? An article in Time magazine states that "the most likely" explanation for his victory was that "Greene got lucky. His name appeared first on the ballot and may have had a more dulcet-sounding tone to it." Did you get that? They voted for him because of ballot placement and the sound of his name. Sadly this is how many voters regularly select their candidates. The only reason that Mr. Greene stands out is because he is so obviously unqualified. The fact that other candidates elected this way are more qualified, only lessens the damage caused to our democracy when the uninformed decide too many of our elections.

By all accounts Meg Whitman is an intelligent, well-educated workaholic. In directing her energies in building a high-tech company from a staff of 11 to a world class multi-billion dollar business that made her the richest self-made business woman on the planet, it is not hard to imagine that she did not have the time until recent years to focus on paying attention to politics. When asked why she did not vote during those years she answered "it was the right thing to do." I say thank you Meg Whitman for not voting. Thank you for not canceling out the vote of another person more informed. Thank you for understanding what democracy is really about.

The fact that she was wise enough and honest enough to know when she should not vote is a good example that I wish others would follow. There should be public service announcements that tell voters "please don't vote if you don't know. Get informed."

Sincerely,
Zane

My brother makes a sound argument. At first I chided Meg Whitman for not finding the time to educate herself and voting. However, since I am not a billionaire, I believing making a billion dollars could be very time consuming and am glad she did not cancel out my vote.

DAVID ALSABERY is trying every day to be an educated voter and all around nice guy. He can be reached at alsabery@gmail.com.

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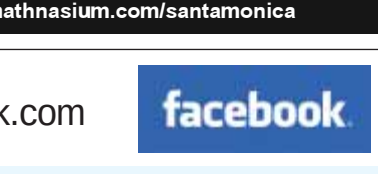
Truth behind camping arrests

The ACLU filed a suit against City Hall last year claiming that police were harassing the homeless for camping in public. The suit was eventually dismissed in court, but a Daily Press investigation found that the number of arrests plummeted following the filing of the suit. City officials say the arrests dropped because of stepped-up enforcement in the months prior to the filing.

So, this week's Q-Line question asks:
Do you think the suit caused the arrests to drop, or were other factors responsible?

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WALL STREET

Stocks fall as economic uncertainty grows

TIM PARADIS
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK No matter where they look, investors are seeing economic trouble.

Stocks and interest rates plunged Tuesday after signs of slowing economies from China to the U.S. spooked traders who were already uneasy about a global recovery. The Dow Jones industrial average fell 268 points, or 2.7 percent, and dropped below 10,000. The benchmark Standard & Poor's 500 index dropped 3.1 percent to close at its lowest level since October.

Interest rates fell in the Treasury market after demand for the safety of government debt grew. The yield on the 10-year note dropped to 2.95 percent, the first time it has fallen below 3 percent since April 2009, when the markets were in the early stages of their recovery from the financial crisis. The yield is used as a benchmark for many consumer loans and mortgages. The yield on the two-year note hit a new low.

The markets began the day by following Asian and European stocks lower. Asian exchanges fell after an index that forecasts economic activity for China was revised lower. European stocks continued the slide after Greek workers walked off the job to protest steep budget cuts.

Then, shortly after U.S. trading began, the market was hit with news that consumer confidence fell sharply this month because of worries about jobs and the overall economy. The Conference Board's Consumer Confidence Index fell to 52.9 from a revised 62.7 in May. It was the steepest drop since February and economists polled by Thomson Reuters had forecast only a modest dip.

Investors are also anxious as they wait for the Labor Department's monthly employment report on Friday. Companies have indicated that business is getting better, yet there are few signs that they are ready to hire in big numbers. The government is expected to say that the unemployment rate rose 0.1 percentage point to 9.8 percent in June.

Industrial stocks suffered some of the steepest drops on fears that a stalled global rebound will cut demand. Aircraft maker Boeing Co. led the Dow lower with a drop of 6.3 percent. Caterpillar Inc., the maker of construction and mining equipment, lost 5.5 percent. Shares of coal producers pulled energy stocks lower on worries about a slowdown.

Investors have been so burned by the financial crisis of 2008-09 that they fear any hint of a slowdown means the economy will start tanking again. And they're selling heavily at the end of the day, fearful about negative economic news that could start coming out of Asia just hours after U.S. trading ends.

Paul Zemsky, head of asset allocation at ING Investment Management in New York, said investors are wrestling with two opposing ideas of where the economy is headed. He said the more likely case is that the recovery continues and corporate earnings growth make stocks look cheap right now. The darker scenario is that government budget cuts, the end of fiscal stimulus, problems in Europe and a slowdown in China lead to a double-dip in the global economy.

Investors' indecision and uneven economic reports have brought big swings to stocks since late April when debt problems in Greece began to pound world markets.

"The central issue that any investor faces today is fire or ice," Zemsky said. "There's no in-between. It's either one or the other."

The Dow fell 268.22, or 2.7 percent, to 9,870.30, its lowest close since June 7. During the last hour, the Dow was down 326.60. The Dow has fallen 428 points, or 4.2 percent, in the past four days.

The Standard & Poor's 500 index fell 33.33, or 3.1 percent, to 1,041.24. It was the lowest close for the S&P since Oct. 5 and the fifth drop of more than 3 percent in the past year. The index is now down 14.5 percent from its 2010 peak in April.

The Nasdaq composite index fell 85.47, or 3.9 percent, to 2,135.18.

Only about 260 stocks rose while about 2,840 fell at the New York Stock Exchange, where consolidated volume came to 6.3 billion shares, compared with a light 3.9 billion Monday.

Mike Shea, managing partner at Direct Access Partners LLC in New York, took some comfort in the fact that the market closed off its lowest level of the day. That signaled that some buyers were willing to step in.

"Getting that little pop at the end of the day — it's kind of losing a football game 35-0 and then scoring a touchdown in the last five minutes," he said.

Shea cautioned that trading could continue to be volatile Wednesday, which is the final day of the quarter and the first half. For some traders, it's the last day of their fiscal year. "The market can be a little wacky on the last days of quarters," he said.

Crude oil fell $2.31 to $75.94 per barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

The yield on the two-year Treasury note traded as low as 0.59 percent, below the 0.60 percent from December 2008 during the peak of the financial crisis.

The Chicago Board Options Exchange's Volatility Index rose 17.7 percent. The VIX is known as the market's fear gauge because a rise signals traders are expecting more drops in stocks.

Zemsky said there isn't much until the start of corporate earnings reports next month that likely will give investors solid answers about the direction of the economy. Until then, Friday's June jobs report is the one standout. Even with a good report, investors might still be focused on earnings. The May jobs numbers were a disappointment because private employers hired only 41,000 workers.

"I don't think Friday payrolls can do a lot to bring the market a whole lot higher if they're good. But if they're bad, it's really 'Look out below,'" Zemsky said.

A drop in the euro to $1.2181 was another sign of traders' nervousness. A slide in the 16-nation currency has for months indicated fading confidence in Europe's ability to handle big budget deficits.

Greece is required to make the cuts under terms of a bailout from other European Union members and the International Monetary Fund. Protests over government cost-cutting in Greece renewed concerns about how well European countries will be able to stick to austerity plans.

In other trading, Chinese markets fell after the Conference Board's Leading Economic Index for China was revised to 0.3 percent for April from 1.7 percent.

Boeing fell $4.26, or 6.3 percent, to $63.04 and Caterpillar, also a Dow stock, fell $3.55, or 5.5 percent, to $60.85.

Coal company Peabody Energy Corp. fell $3.16, or 7.4 percent, to $39.33, while mining company Massey Energy Co. fell $2.25, or 7.5 percent, to $27.95.

The Russell 2000 index of smaller companies fell 25.58, or 4 percent, to 615.96.

The Shanghai composite index fell 4.3 percent to a 14-month low. Japan's Nikkei stock average fell 1.3 percent. Britain's FTSE 100 fell 3.1 percent, Germany's DAX index dropped 3.3 percent, and France's CAC-40 fell 4 percent.

MEDIA

Google scrambles to save Internet license in China

JOE MCDONALD & MICHAEL LIEDTKE
AP Business Writers

BEIJING China is threatening to revoke Google's business license over the company's decision to redirect Chinese traffic to computers in Hong Kong that are not governed by the communist government's censorship practices.

The latest skirmish between Beijing and the Internet search leader threatens to cripple the company in one of the Web's biggest markets.

Google agreed Tuesday to dismantle the virtual bridge to its Hong site that was created in March, but it was unclear whether that will be enough to stay in business in China. The license is required for the company to continue providing its mapping and music services in China.

Google hopes to keep its license by turning its Chinese website into a so-called "landing page" anchored by a link that users must click on to send visitors to the Hong Kong search service. The company has no plans to revert back to its previous practice of omitting search results that the Chinese government considers subversive or pornographic.

"This new approach is consistent with our commitment not to self-censor and, we believe, with local law," David Drummond, Google's top lawyer, wrote in a blog post.

A foreign ministry spokesman, Qin Gang, said he had not seen Google's announcement and could not comment on it. However, he added, "I would like to stress that the Chinese government encourages foreign enterprises to operate in China according to law."

The impasse could drag on for months, analysts predicted, as both Google and the Chinese government jostle in a heavyweight wrestling match unfolding on an international stage.

Google Inc. announced in January that it would no longer comply with Chinese censorship after being hit by a hacking attack traced to China. The high-profile challenge irritated Chinese leaders, even though they want foreign companies to help develop the country's technology industry.

Google met a Wednesday deadline to apply to renew its Internet license in China. It's not clear how long the Chinese government will take to review the application, but BGC Financial analyst Colin Gillis expects the company "to twist in the wind for a while."

Google's uncertain fate in China could become a distraction for management, but it's one that is probably worth the trouble, said Gartner Inc. analyst Whit Andrews.

That's because China already has about 400 million people online, making it the world's largest Internet market, and that figure is expected to steadily grow for decades to come.

"Google knows its shareholders think it's important to be in China, and a lot of its future value is riding on that," Andrews said. And China's government knows it has to flex its muscle because "if it looks like Google is running the show, it could affect their power."

Google shares fell $17.82, or nearly 4 percent, to $454.26 on a rough day throughout the stock market.

China has not produced a big windfall for Google yet, partly because it's one of the few markets where the company's search engine is not the most popular. (The homegrown Baidu.com holds a 60 percent share compared with about 30 percent for Google.)

Analysts estimate Google gets $250 million to $600 million in annual revenue from China, or about 1 percent to 2 percent of its total revenue.

Even if Chinese regulators approve Google's new navigation tool, the added click to reach Hong Kong could still drive away some users.

If that were to happen, "then advertisers will panic and cut spending," said Edward Yu, president of Analysys International, an Internet research firm in Beijing.

Google could still remain in China even if the government pulls the plug on its website in that country. The company has indicated it would like to retain its engineering staff in China to take advantage of the country's technology talent and to maintain a sales force that also sells ads to Chinese businesses trying to reach customers outside the country.

If Google.cn is shut down, mainland Chinese users could still reach Google's services by manually typing in the address of the Hong Kong site. But China's government could also use its own technology tools, sometimes called a "Great Firewall," to prevent its citizens from connecting to Google's sites outside the country.

The Mountain View, Calif.-based company launched its China-based site in 2006 after Chinese government filters blocked many users from reaching the company's U.S. site.

AUTO INDUSTRY

Tesla shares surge on first day of trading

DAN STRUMPF
AP Auto Writer

NEW YORK Shares of Tesla Motors Inc. gained more than 40 percent in their public trading debut on Tuesday after the electric car manufacturer raised more money than expected in its initial stock offering.

Investors snapped up Tesla's shares even as the broader markets took a beating. The stock soared $6.89, or 40.5 percent from its offering price, to close at $23.89 — marking the second-biggest first-day gain among initial public offerings this year. Tesla's performance was a feat in a sour market that has forced many companies looking to raise funds through IPOs to accept lower prices to get deals done.

The IPO also came on a day when most U.S. stocks tumbled as signs of slowing economies from China to the U.S. spooked traders already uneasy about a global recovery. Broad indexes closed down about 3 percent with the Dow Jones industrial average dropping below 10,000 for the first time since June 10.

The electric car maker, based in Palo Alto, Calif., is the first U.S. automaker to go public since Ford Motor Co. held its initial public offering in 1956. The offering raised $226.1 million after selling 13.3 million shares priced at $17 apiece. Tesla had earlier expected to price just 11.1 million shares at $14 to $16 per share.

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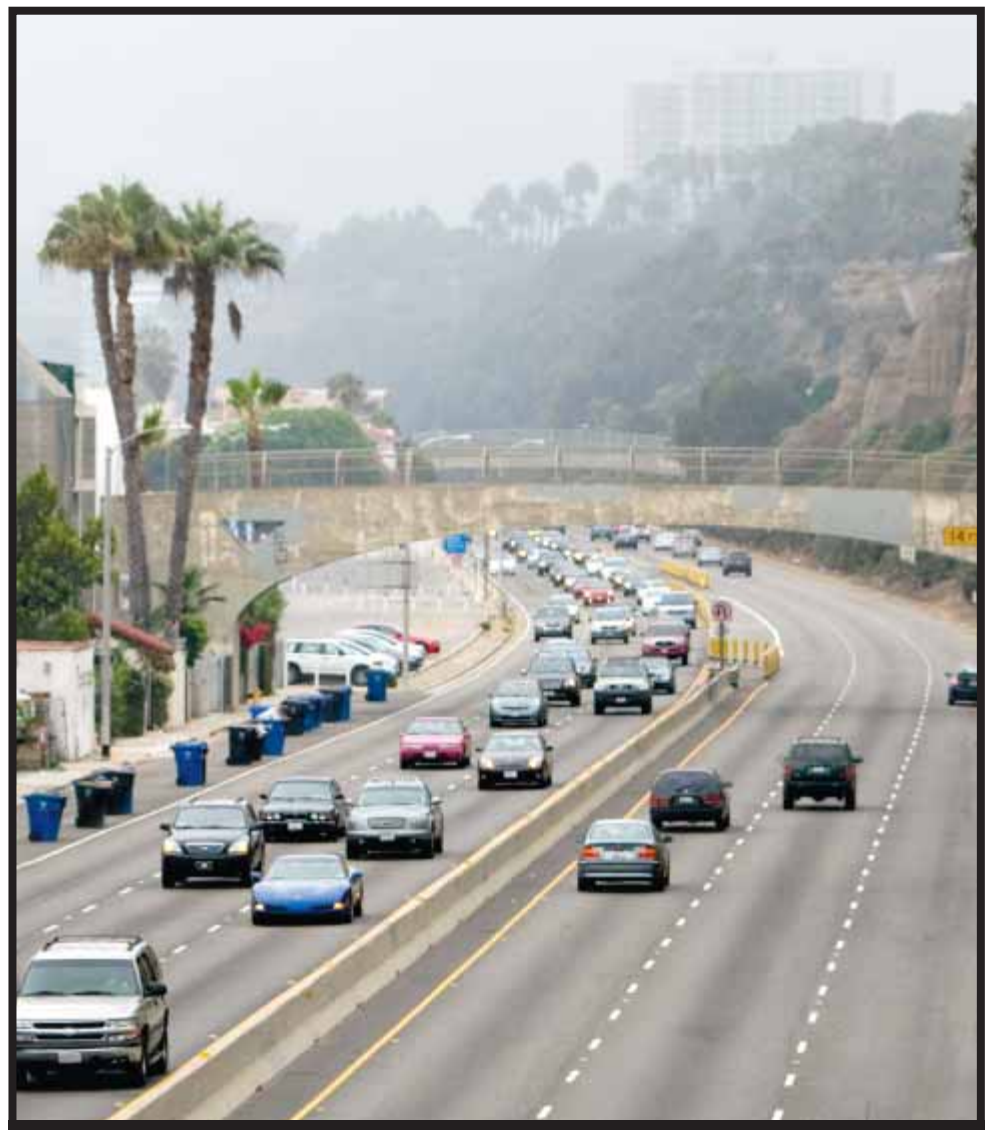
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FILMS
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for "No Pity," an eye-opening documentary about the depiction of people with disabilities. The "Best Documentary, 2nd Place" award went to an international submission, "Enza and Thom" by Jesse Bostick from Ontario, Canada. This film followed the relationship between a deaf woman and a hearing man, their challenges, and their joys.

Several local students won awards this year. The "Audience Choice" award for Saturday went to Adam Morina from Crossroads High School for his film "First Time," which is about two teens who share an intimate encounter for the first time, along with the awkwardness and embarrassment that follows. Sergei Acuna from Santa Monica High School won the "Best Animation" award for "Evolution of Scissors," a clever short film about scissors that come together to form new life and are destroyed by a meteor. The Santa Monica "Budding Filmmaker Award" — an award given each year to a local teen who displays the talent and passion for a future filmmaking career — was awarded to Nicole Andrews from Samohi. Two of Andrews' films were screened at this year's festival: "Tap," a short experimental film that illustrates lyrics from Billie Holiday's "Fire and Mellow" through images of a dripping faucet, and "Going Up Crazy," a live action film that follows a businessman who must endure the daily annoyances of using a public elevator on the way to work.

Category winners of the Santa Monica Teen Film Festival were decided by a panel of industry professional judges and teen judges. The "Audience Choice Award" winners were decided by popular vote from the audience at each screening.

The Santa Monica Teen Film Festival is an interdepartmental initiative between the Santa Monica Cultural Affairs Division, the Santa Monica Public Library, and the Virginia Avenue Park Teen Center. Its purpose is to provide an outlet for, and to showcase, the creative talents of teen filmmakers, as well as encourage youth to use the art of filmmaking as a form of creative expression and commentary on the world in which they live.

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equivalent of 114,477 Olympic-sized swimming pools. According to Electric Lodge, much of this water is brought in from hundreds of miles away, wasting energy and money.

Students also calculated that L.A. wastes approximately 130 billion gallons of clean rainwater, which could potentially be utilized throughout the city.

"Each year we could fill up the Rose Bowl 1,541 times or 3,081 times/year with an especially large annual rainfall," said Zaha Wolfe, a 12 year-old student in Jung's class. "That's really crazy and stupid, just watering the ocean! I knew adults did weird stuff, but this just confirms my theory!"

Joel Shapiro, founder and artistic director of the Electric Lodge, a solar-powered visual and performing arts center in Venice, was also surprised by the results.

"The figures they uncovered are mind-boggling, even for people like myself who already think about these issues. We really appreciate that the class helped out. I hope we'll all be able to pitch in and change our insane policies so that, by the time these kids get to be adults, we've developed a much better plan for Southern California."

Shapiro hopes that Jung's students will open the door for other classes in Santa Monica to come up with their own solutions to improve water usage. He believes that raising questions such as these will help determine how to alter the current situation, and help save both money and water for future generations.

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strength and conditioning program has helped the Mariners prepare for a campaign the coach hopes ends with more victories than losses.

Unfortunately for St. Monica, many of next season's games will be played away from Santa Monica. After hosting three home games at Santa Monica College's Corsair Field last season, the Mariners were a bit disappointed that they would host just one game at SMC this season. The Mariners will host Bell-Jeff on Oct. 30 at SMC.

"It just didn't work out," Muno said.

The rest of the team's home games will be played at St. Bernard High School, located in Playa del Rey.

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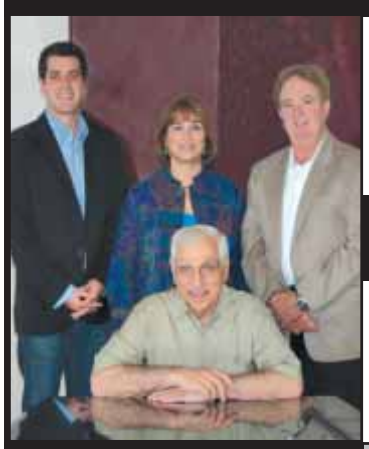


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smoldered in the pier's floorboards showed how risky smoking on the pier can be.

"We would qualify them as significant fires at the west-end that required extended effort to put out," Franz-Knight said. "We're fortunate that they happened in the middle of the day."

As opposed to other recent steps to further restrict smoking in public places, such as the ban on smoking in apartment building common areas that took effect in 2009, the pier proposal isn't about public health.

"This is primarily about safety of the facility and the fact that it's a 100-year-old wooden pier, and we want to do everything we can to protect it," Franz-Knight said.

A subcommittee of the PRC board on Monday approved the idea of an outright smoking ban, sending the proposal to the full PRC board for consideration on July 7.

The City Council would have final say on whether to enact the ban.

In supporting the proposal, the subcommittee also recommended that City Hall conduct a "significant education and signage" campaign to publicize any potential ordinance change at the pier.

Councilman Kevin McKeown said he's open to considering the ban, but said a total smoking prohibition on the entire length of the pier is unlikely unless the council is presented with compelling safety reasons.

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Ben Franz-Knight,
Executive director, Pier Restoration Corp.

He said when the council last considered smoking on the pier, members were careful to balance public health concerns with the practicality of an outright ban.

"We very deliberately allowed for some smoking on the pier, understanding that the nature of a long, elevated causeway meant that someone couldn't just 'step outside the area,'" he said.

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Cleanup ships idled as storms hit Gulf region

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GRAND ISLE, La. The crashing waves and gusting winds churned up by Tropical Storm Alex put the Gulf oil spill largely in Mother Nature's hands Tuesday. Regardless of whether the storm makes things worse or better, it has turned many people fighting the spill into spectators.

Oil-scooping ships in the Gulf of Mexico steamed to safe refuge because of the rough seas, which likely will last for days. Officials scrambled to reposition boom to protect the coast, and had to remove barges that had been blocking oil from reaching sensitive wetlands.

Alex is projected to stay far from the spill zone and is not expected to affect recovery efforts at the site of the blown offshore well that continues to spew crude, but the storm's outer edges were causing problems. Waves were as high as 12 feet in parts of the Gulf, according to the National Weather Service.

In at least one area of coastal Louisiana, the waves were tossing oil-soaking boom around and forcing crews to take precious time putting it back in place. However, oily water was not yet crashing over it.

U.S. Coast Guard Lt. Dave French said all skimming efforts had been halted for now off the Louisiana coast. Wayne Hebert, who helps manage skimming operations for BP PLC, said all nearshore skimmers were idled off the coasts of Florida, Alabama and Mississippi.

"Everyone is in because of weather, whether it's thunderstorms or (high) seas," Hebert said.

French said workers were using the time off the water to replenish supplies and perform maintenance work.

"We're ready to go as soon as conditions allow us to get those people back out and fighting this oil spill," French said.

Farther inland, local officials worried the weather could hamper efforts to keep the oil out of Lake Pontchartrain, which so far has not been affected by the spill. The brackish body of water, connected to the Gulf by narrow passes, is a recreational haven for the metropolitan New Orleans area.

Authorities worried that underwater currents and an easterly wind might drive a 250-square-mile oil slick north of the Chandeleur Islands toward the lake.

"We're very concerned because of the weather," said Suzanne Parsons, spokeswoman for St. Tammany Parish, which is on the north side of the lake. "That means they can't get out and start working it. This may be the first test of our outer lines of defense."

Meanwhile, Jefferson Parish Council member Chris Roberts said the oil was entering passes Tuesday at Barataria Bay, home to diverse wildlife. A day earlier, barges that had been placed in the bay to block the oil were removed because of rough seas.

"The barges are removed and the boom is being displaced in many areas," Roberts said in an e-mail. "As weather conditions permit we are making progress with repositioning the boom."

The loss of skimming work combined with 25 mph gusts driving water into the coast has left beaches especially vulnerable. In Alabama, the normally white beaches were streaked with long lines of oil, and tar balls collected on the sand. One swath of beach 40 feet wide was stained brown and mottled with globs of oil matted together.

That nasty weather will likely linger in the Gulf through Thursday, National Weather Service meteorologist Brian LaMarre said.

Scientists have said the rough seas and winds could actually help break apart the oil and make it evaporate faster.

The wave action, combined with dispersants sprayed by the Coast Guard, have helped break a 6-by-30-mile oil patch into smaller patches, Coast Guard Cmdr. Joe Higgens said.

"It's good news because there is less on the surface," Higgens said. "It's surface oil that washes up on the beaches."

Forecasters expect Alex to grow to hurricane strength later Tuesday over the southwestern Gulf, on track for the Texas-Mexico border region and away from the oil spill area off Louisiana. But it will blow waves and stormy winds all the way to the open Gulf, where BP is working to cap and contain the oil, and to the coastal waters tinged with crude.

So far, between 137.6 million and 70.8 million gallons of oil have spewed into the Gulf of Mexico from the broken BP well, according to government and BP estimates. The higher estimate is enough oil to fill half of New York's Empire State Building with oil.

A hurricane warning was posted for the Texas coast from Baffin Bay, 100 miles (160 kilometers) south to the mouth of the Rio Grande river; and for an additional 225 miles (360 kilometers) south to La Cruz, Mexico. Except for the border area itself, both regions are lightly populated.

Workers along the South Texas coast were clearing drainage ditches, filling sandbags, positioning heavy equipment and water pumps, and preparing shelters. Some cities handed out sandbags to residents and urged people to make preparations.

Forecasters said rain from Alex would keep falling on southern Mexico and Guatemala into Tuesday, raising the possibility of life-threatening floods and mudslides.

In Louisiana, the Coast Guard had to evacuate workers and equipment from coastal areas in Terrebonne Parish because of tidal surges that could cause flooding, French said.

Still in the water are vessels being used to capture or burn oil and gas leaking from the well and to drill relief wells that officials say are the best hope for stopping the leak for good.

All the uncertainty over what Alex and other storms could do to BP's containment effort gave new urgency to the company's efforts to make its operations at the well as hurricane-resistant as possible.

The company said it hopes to install a new oil-capturing system by next week that would allow BP to disconnect the equipment faster if a hurricane threatens and hook it back up quickly after the storm passes. Right now, BP would need five days to pull out if there is a hurricane. The new system being developed, which uses a flexible hose, would cut that to two days.

The containment system now in place is capturing nearly 1 million gallons per day from the well, which is spewing as much as 2.5 million gallons a day, according to the government's worst-case estimate.

Vice President Joe Biden visited Gulf Coast officials and residents Tuesday. In New Orleans, he said federal and state officials would use a uniform safety standard for seafood coming out of the Gulf. The goal is to quickly reopen closed fishing areas.

City of Santa Monica

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF A DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR SANTA MONICA SINGLE-USE CARRYOUT BAG ORDINANCE SCH# 2010041004

OFFICIAL NOTICE is hereby given on the completion and availability of a Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for the proposed Single-use Carryout Bag Ordinance.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The City of Santa Monica proposes to adopt a Single-use Carryout Bag Ordinance that would prohibit all retail establishments (except restaurants) in Santa Monica from providing "single-use plastic carryout bags" to customers at the point of sale, and create a Green Fee for each paper bag distributed by grocery stores, convenience stores and pharmacies in the city, and requires that paper bags are at a minimum made of 40% post-consumer, recycled content and 100% recyclable. Restaurants and other food service providers may apply for an exemption from the ordinance that would allow them to provide plastic bags to customers for prepared take-out food intended for consumption off of the food provider's premises. The intent of the ordinance is to reduce the environmental impacts related to single-use plastic and paper carryout bags, and promote a shift toward the use of reusable bags. The environmental impacts associated with the use of single-use plastic and paper bags include air quality, biological resources (including marine environments), greenhouse gas emissions, water quality and traffic. It is anticipated that by prohibiting single-use plastic carryout bags and requiring a Green Fee for each paper bag distributed by the respective retailers, the proposed ordinance would incrementally reduce the amount of single-use plastic and paper bags within the City, while promoting a shift to the use of reusable bags by Santa Monica retail customers.

Single-use plastic carryout bags are made from petroleum or bio-based plastic (i.e., made with at least 90% starch from renewable resources such as corn, potato, tapioca, or wheat, or from polyesters, manufactured from hydrocarbons, or starch–polyester blends) that are less than 2.25 millimeters thick. The proposed Single-use Carryout Bag Ordinance would prohibit retailers from distributing both petroleum and bio-based single-use plastic bags. The proposed Single-use Carryout Bag Ordinance would not prohibit the distribution of plastic "product bags" such as those distributed within a grocery store for bagging produce. As described above, restaurants and other food service providers may apply for an exemption from the ordinance that would allow them to provide plastic bags to customers for prepared take-out food intended for consumption off of the food provider's premises. This exception is included as a public health safeguard based on input from restaurant owners who expressed concern that some hot and liquid foods could leak from take-out containers and potentially cause paper bags to weaken and fail.

The Single-use Carryout Bag Ordinance would also impose a "Green Fee" on paper carryout bags at all Santa Monica grocery stores, convenience stores, mini-marts, liquor stores and pharmacies. It is anticipated that the Green Fee would be at least $0.25 (twenty-five cents) per paper bag with at least $0.10 (ten cents) of this amount being retained by the affected stores to offset their costs. The Green Fee is intended to provide a disincentive to customers to request paper bags when shopping at regulated stores and is intended to promote a major shift toward the use of reusable bags by consumers in Santa Monica. The fee would not apply to other types of retail stores such as department stores, clothing stores, and stores that sell durable goods because these types of stores do not typically distribute single-use plastic carryout bags to customers in large volumes as compared to grocery stores, convenience stores, mini-marts, liquor stores and pharmacies. The Green Fee would also not apply to paper bags distributed by vendors at the City's Farmers' Markets.

The Green Fee would charge customers for each paper carryout bag provided by the affected stores. Revenues generated by the fee would be used to offset the costs to the City for implementation and enforcement of the ordinance, and to compensate the affected stores for increased costs related to compliance with the ordinance. Stores would be required to indicate on the customer receipt the number of paper carryout bags provided and the total amount of Green Fee charged. The stores would be required to regularly report and remit to the City the regulatory portion of the Green Fees collected.

Although not included in the proposed ordinance, as part of the Community Outreach and implementation of the Single-use Carryout Bag Ordinance, the City would purchase and distribute (at no cost) approximately 25,000 reusable bags to the public.

POTENTIAL SIGNIFICANT IMPACTS: Potentially significant environmental impacts have been analyzed in the following issue areas: Air Quality, Biological Resources, Greenhouse Gas Emissions, Hydrology/Water Quality, and Transportation/Traffic.

PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD: A 45-day public review period is provided for all interested persons to submit written comments (letters or email) on the adequacy of the Draft EIR. **The comment period will start on June 7, 2010 and end at 5:30 p.m. on July 22, 2010.** Written comments should be sent to:

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PUBLIC MEETING: Additional notice will be given when public meetings before City Council are scheduled to receive comments on the EIR, and the proposed ordinance. If you wish to challenge the Draft Environmental Impact Report in court, you may be limited to raising those issues that you or someone else raised during this 45 day comment period, or at any public hearing or meetings where this document was considered.

AVAILABILITY OF ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION: The Draft EIR and background materials may be on the City website at www.sustainablesm.org or http://www.smgov.net/departments/ose/ and at the following locations:

Office of Sustainability and the Environment
200 Santa Monica Pier, Suite D
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Office of the City Clerk
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1685 Main Street, Santa Monica, CA

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Surf Conditions **Water Temp:** 64°

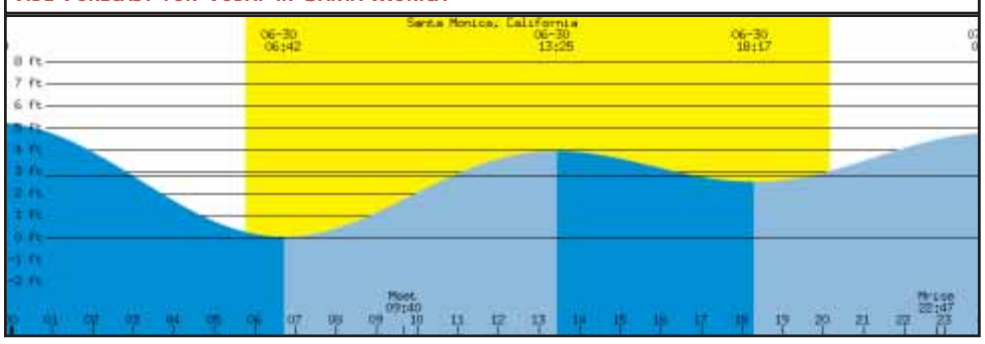
Swell Forecast

Swell will likely fade to waist to chest max.

Long Range Synopsis

Size right now is only expected to reach waist to chest max. Wind swell, so far, is expected as well in the chest high range for west facing breaks.

Tide Forecast for Today in Santa Monica



BEACH REPORT CARD

NORTH LOS ANGELES COUNTY

Grades for this report are based on monitoring data from the previous 30 days up to the ending date of **June 22, 2010**

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

QUICK STATS (for the last 30 days)

- Number of sewage spills -- 0
- Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0
- Number of wet days -- 0
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 40 / ns
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 6 / ns

The Beach Report Card is made possible by: The Diller – von Furstenberg Family Foundation; simplehuman; SIMA

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

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

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

LEGEND

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

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NBA

Cavaliers have not offered job to Lakers' Brian Shaw

TOM WITHERS
AP Sports Writer

CLEVELAND The Cleveland Cavaliers are closing in on a coach.

Los Angeles Lakers assistant Brian Shaw completed two days of meetings with the Cavs, who have not yet offered him — or anyone else — a contract to replace Mike Brown as their coach, a person familiar with Cleveland's search told The Associated Press.

The team is "not negotiating" but has narrowed its field of candidates to "two or three," said the person, who spoke on condition of anonymity because the club is not publicly discussing its coaching situation. The person said the team is "excited" to be nearing a decision on a coach but will not be making any announcements on Tuesday — two days before it attempts to re-sign free agent superstar LeBron James.

Shaw appears to be the front-runner.

A 14-year NBA veteran and five-year assistant to Phil Jackson, Shaw, who has won five championship rings, arrived on Monday to meet with owner Dan Gilbert. Shaw has never been a head coach, but the Cavs took a similar risk five years ago with Brown, who led the club through its most successful stretch before he was fired last month.

It's possible the Cavs have worked on the parameters of a contract with Shaw, but aren't quite ready to make it official.

Earlier, Shaw's agent, Jerome Stanley, indicated the sides were moving toward an agreement by telling the Los Angeles Times by text that Shaw was "close to accepting deal" with the Cavs.

The team was recently snubbed by Michigan State coach Tom Izzo, who rejected a reported $30 million to jump to the NBA in part because the Cavs couldn't guarantee him that James would be back. Cleveland has also had informal talks with former New Orleans coach Byron Scott.

Scott's agent, Brian McInerney, wished Shaw well in an e-mail to the AP.

"Coach Scott welcomes Coach Shaw into the ranks of head coaching, and as a Laker family brother, wishes him the best, until the final two minutes of any game where they are competing against each other," McInerney wrote.

Both Shaw and Scott are believed to be strong candidates to replace Jackson if the 11-time champion retires. Jackson is expected to announce his plans this week.

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MOVIE TIMES

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Sneak Preview
The Nature of Existance (NR) 1hr 34min
7:30

AMC Loews Broadway 4
1441 Third Street Promenade

Get Him to the Greek (R) 1hr 49min
12:00pm, 2:30pm, 5:10pm, 7:55pm, 10:35pm

Knight and Day (PG-13) 1hr 50min
10:50am, 1:30pm, 4:15pm, 7:00pm, 9:45pm

Shrek Forever After 3D (RealD 3D) (PG) 1hr 33min
11:30am, 2:00pm, 4:30pm, 7:05pm, 9:30pm

The Twilight Saga: Eclipse (PG-13) 2hr 4min
10:40am, 1:40pm, 4:40pm, 7:40pm, 10:40pm

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

Grown Ups (PG-13) 1hr 42min
11:00am, 1:30pm, 4:05pm, 6:45pm, 9:20pm

The Karate Kid (Digital Presentation) (PG) 2hrs 20min
12:40pm, 4:00pm, 7:05pm, 10:10pm

Knight and Day (PG-13) 1hr 50min
11:40am, 2:30pm, 5:15pm, 8:00pm, 10:45pm

Toy Story 3 in Disney Digital 3D (RealD 3D) (G) 1hr 49min
12:00pm, 1:40pm, 2:40pm, 4:40pm, 5:40pm, 7:30pm, 8:30pm, 10:15pm, 11:05pm

The Twilight Saga: Eclipse (PG-13) 2hrs 4min
10:00am, 1:00pm, 4:00pm, 7:00pm, 10:00pm, 12:30am

The Twilight Saga: Eclipse (Digital Presentation) (PG-13) 2hrs 4min
11:20am, 2:20pm, 5:20pm, 8:20pm, 11:20pm

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

Winter's Bone (R) 1hr 55min
1:50pm, 4:20pm, 7:10pm, 9:40pm

The Sun Behind the Clouds (NR) 1hr 34min
1:10pm, 3:20pm, 5:20pm, 7:40pm, 9:50pm

Please Give (R) 1hr 45min
1:00pm, 3:10pm, 5:30pm, 7:50pm, 10:10pm

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

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

The A-Team (PG-13) 1hr 57min
11:00am,1:50pm, 4:45pm, 7:40pm, 10:35pm

Grown Ups (PG-13) 1hr 42min
9:30am, 12:00pm, 2:30pm, 5:15pm, 8:00pm, 10:45pm

The Karate Kid (PG) 2hrs 20min
10:30am, 1:40pm, 4:50pm, 8:00pm, 11:05pm

Sex and the City (R) 2hrs 26min
9:45am

Sex and the City 2 (R) 2hrs 27min
1:00pm, 4:15pm, 7:30pm, 10:50pm

Splice (R) 1hr 44min
12:10pm, 5:10pm, 10:25pm

The Twilight Saga: Eclipse (PG-13) 2hrs 4min
9:20am, 12:20pm, 3:20pm, 6:20pm, 9:20pm, 12:20am

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

Find friends, Taurus

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Keep conversations rocking and rolling. You might be taken aback by someone holding back, making a situation more difficult. Get as much completed during the daytime hours as possible. Tonight: Take a break and do your thing.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ You are more together than you realize. How you deal with a boss might not be the best choice for you. Perhaps another approach would be better and more effective. Listen to news with an eye to the future. Tonight: Find your friends.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ The unusual solution will work. Understanding evolves to a new level. You could be held back by self-imposed restrictions or by going over a situation in your head again and again. Tonight: A force to be dealt with.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Close relating draws a new solution and a different option. Your way of dealing with a situation could change dramatically. Someone could be vague, creating a misunderstanding. Rather than trample on this person's feet, confirm his or her intentions. Tonight: Let your mind wander. Relax.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Others feel that they have the authority to make demands. You can choose to (1) do your thing, or (2) go along, knowing you are ultimately in control, or (3) let them know what you think. You might be best off with 1 or 2 for now. Negotiations could happen in the next few days. Tonight: A must appearance.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Dive into work. If someone is being vague or difficult, don't hesitate to ask questions. This person just tends to be a lot less precise than you would like. A partner could be put off by all the time you need to deal with an issue. Tonight: Head home, then decide.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★★ Your imagination knows no limits. Though the creative side of you enjoys this trait, the practicality of some of your ideas might be questionable. Consider options more openly. You might not want to act as an independent agent, but you might not have a choice. Tonight: Head home on the early side.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ If possible, work from home. You could be encountering a situation that is uniquely difficult or confusing. Be aware of what is going on and, for the moment, don't discount anything. Tonight: You get a second wind.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Conversations have a strange tone, and you sense that much is being left out. Don't ask why; rather, temporarily fill in the gaps. A boss could restrict you in some manner. Don't allow this person to make you uncomfortable. Tonight: Head home early.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ If you opt for a risk or are in murky waters financially, be ready for the worst-case scenario -- not that it will necessarily happen. The additional padding mentally can only help. Tonight: Getting the whole story might not be possible.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ Others find you inspiring, though they might have difficulty understanding the details of an idea or concept. Indulge others as they ask questions that you are sure you have answered already. Tonight: Meet a friend, but head home early.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★ You might feel out of sync a good part of the day. How others respond to you tells you even more. Realize your limits, but also know that there are better ideas and solutions. Tonight: Deal with a difficult associate directly.

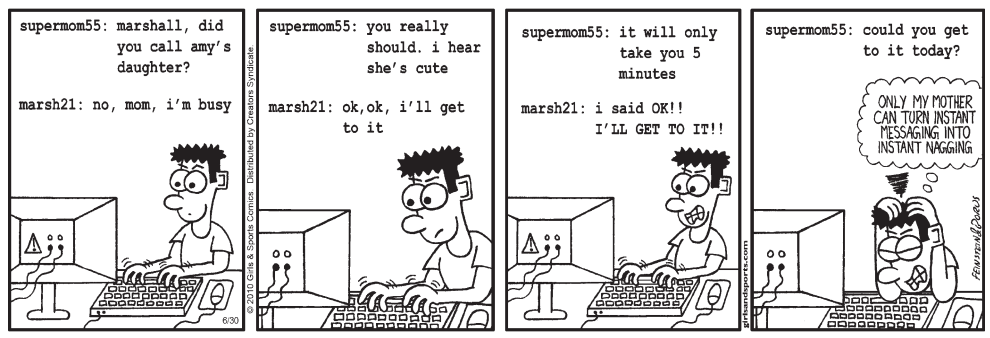
Happy birthday

This year, you have evolved, as is reflected in a new way of thinking and dealing with others. You might not always have the best answer, but you surround yourself with various people with different fields of expertise. If you are single, many doors open through a hobby or an intense field of interest. Still be a bit cynical when forming a bond. If you are attached, the two of you can really get to the bottom of some key issues and evolve to a new level of understanding. AQUARIUS nearly has X-ray vision into your soul.

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

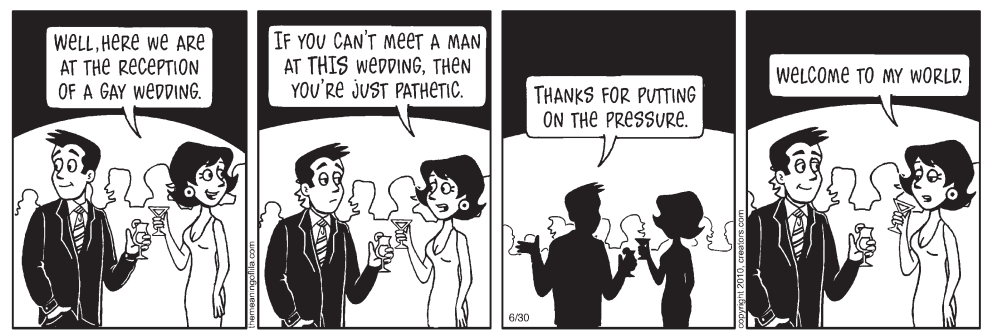
Girls and Sports

By Justin Borus and Andrew Feinstein



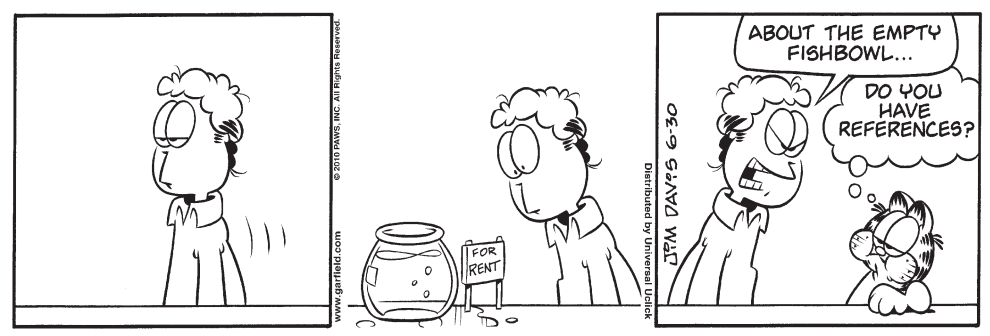
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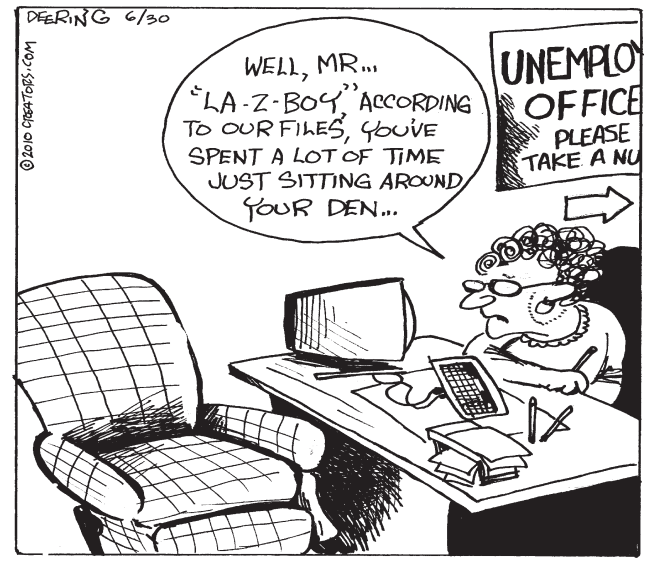
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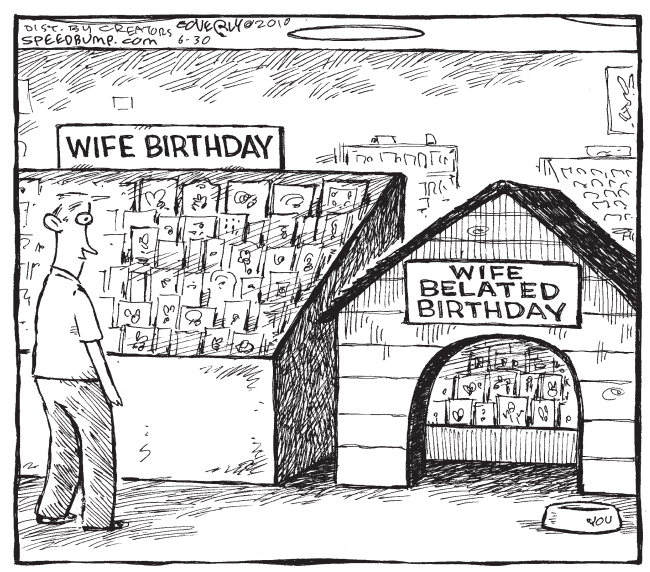
Strange Brew

By John Deering



Speed Bump

By Dave Coverly



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

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

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

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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 ★★★

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

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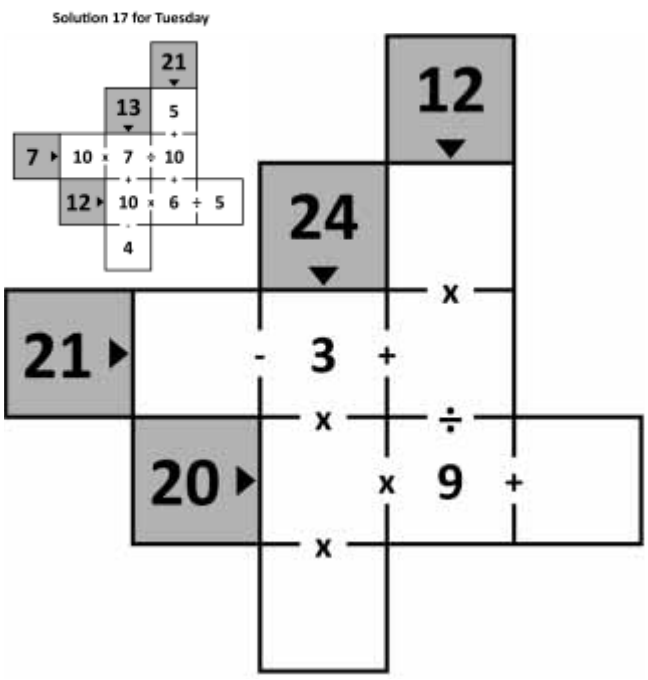
• Fill the grid with the set of given numbers (1 to 12) to satisfy the Equa demands (7 to 24) in the shaded boxes. The Equa demands represent the sum of the digits that you will insert into the empty squares.
• Each horizontal row has one Equa demand to satisfy; each vertical column also has one demand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

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

2, 2, 4, 9, 12, 12

Solution 17 for Tuesday





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CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Summer spots for some
6 RBI or ERA
10 Benefit
11 Slate source
12 Lucy's hubby
13 Johnson's successor
14 Trim
15 Eyetooth
16 Seventh Greek letter
17 Mythical bird
18 Determined
19 He voices Woody in "Toy Story"
22 Peruse
23 Deep voice
26 He voices Buzz in "Toy Story"
29 Ocean off Cal.
32 Scoundrel
33 Bonanza stuff
34 Stuck
36 Guns
37 Defame in print
38 Authentic
39 Leaves out
40 Kept in reserve
41 Wallet bills
42 Muscularly fit

DOWN

1 Floor cover
2 Flier
3 Knotty craft
4 Long-snouted fish
5 Crafty
6 Leg part
7 Heads for the hangar
8 Unescorted
9 Doctrine
11 Place to buy a bite
15 Swindle
17 Extremists
20 Chapeau
21 Mineo of movies
24 Reddish liqueur
25 Military stint
27 Silent
28 Like some boxes
29 Flier
30 Cartoon genre
31 Rustic home
35 Namath's team
36 Nevada city
38 Fortune

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DAILY 3: MIDDAY: 8 2 7 EVENING: 2 4 6

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Sydney's Daily Telegraph reported in May that Qantas Airways has acknowledged re-using plastic knives and forks from its in-flight meals as many as 30 times before discarding them. One supplier who visited Qantas' Q Catering center in the Sydney suburb of Mascot was told that the Qantas cutlery's plastic is "more robust" than ordinary plastic utensils and is completely safe (after special cleaning).

■ It took until spring 2010 (eight years after the invasion of Afghanistan) for the U.S. Army to realize that enemy fighters in that vast, mountainous country were difficult to shoot at because they are often so far away. The Associated Press reported in May that the Army is only now reconsidering its reliance on standard M-4 rifles (whose effective range is under 1,000 feet), in favor of M-110 sniper rifles (effective at more than 2,500 feet). (Shorter-range rifles work well in Iraq, since the fighting is closer-in.)

■ Psychologists generally discount that children at age 6 can form a specific intention to "sexually" molest anyone (as opposed to roughing someone up or being obnoxious), but the principal of Downey Elementary School in Brockton, Mass., nonetheless suspended a first-grade boy in 2006 for "sexual harassment." The boy admitted putting two fingers inside a girl's waistband, but his parents sued, livid that a "sexual" motive had been assumed. In February 2010, Brockton's daily Enterprise reported that the school would pay the boy a $160,000 settlement for the principal's overzealousness.

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1960 Congo gains independence from Belgium.

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CITY OF SANTA MONICA

Dated: June 30, 2010

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