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Plane out of SMO crashes in Venice

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES Authorities say a pilot has died in the crash of a small plane on a Los Angeles golf course. The plan had departed from Santa Monica Airport.

Los Angeles Fire Department spokesman Erik Scott says the man was the only person on board the plane, which slammed into some trees near the 8th hole of the Penmar Golf Course in the Venice neighborhood shortly before 6 p.m. Thursday.

Federal Aviation Administration spokeswoman Kathleen Bergen says the single-engine Cessna 152 had just taken off from Santa Monica Airport when it crashed. She had no other details.

No one on the ground was hurt.

According to the FAA's website, the plane was registered to Kim Davidson Aviation, Inc. in Santa Monica.

The cause of the crash is under investigation.

The Santa Monica Fire Department responded to the call, but deferred to LAFD.

Measures to boost sales tax considered

BY NICK TABOREK
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL With a projected budget gap as high as $53 million by 2015, City Hall officials are considering whether to ask residents to approve a half cent sales tax increase or a property transfer tax hike this November to boost revenue and avoid cuts to services.

Santa Monica's City Council would have to decide whether to place one or both of the possible "revenue enhancements" on the Nov. 2 ballot before Aug. 6, the deadline for filing ballot initiatives with Los Angeles County.

If approved by voters, the sales tax increase could boost the rate in Santa Monica from 9.75 percent to 10.25 percent, one of the highest rates in the state. A statewide 1 percent sales tax increase the California legislature approved as a deficit reduction measure last year, though, is set to

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FIGHTING CITY HALL

Brandon Wise *brandonw@smdp.com*

The Pico Youth and Family Center Youth Council rallies for equal rights and justice in front of City Hall on Thursday afternoon. The center is fighting to stop the future development of the Expo Light Rail Line maintenance yard in the Pico neighborhood.

Assistant city manager abruptly resigns

BY NICK TABOREK
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL Jennifer Phillips, the assistant city manager who oversaw Santa Monica's planning, library, community and cultural services, economic development and public works departments, resigned on Wednesday after an 18-month tenure at City Hall.

The announcement from City Manager Rod Gould came at 5 p.m. on Wednesday in an e-mail to department heads and members of the City Council that provided little explanation for Phillips' abrupt departure.

"She plans to continue her involvement in local government, and she wants the community to know that she has enjoyed the opportunity to be part of a team that is making substantial contributions to the city of Santa Monica and the community it serves," Gould said in the message.

Wednesday was Phillips' last day on the job. Attempts to reach her on Thursday were not successful.

Phillips was hired in January, 2009 by former City Manager Lamont Ewell. Gould was hired to replace Ewell, who retired, in December.

City Hall declined to say whether Phillips would receive a severance package. Her starting annual salary was $180,000.

City Attorney Marsha Moutrie said there were "no legal claims or issues" related to Phillips' resignation.


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"She was nothing but supportive to us, and we'll miss that support," said Barbara Stinchfield, director of Community and

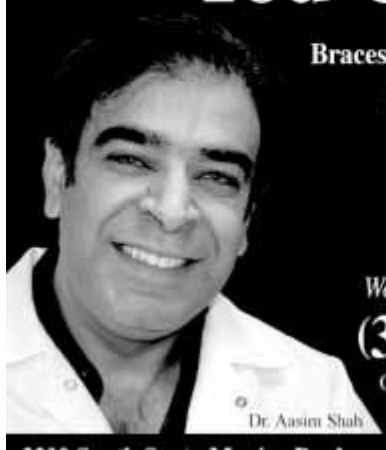
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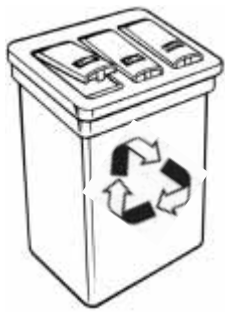
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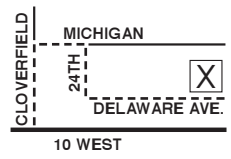
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Friday, July 2, 2010

Patriot's party
Wokcano
1413 Fifth St., 5 p.m. — 2 a.m.
Celebrate the country's birthday at Wokcano's Fourth of July Weekend Kick-Off Party, featuring live music, an extended happy hour, DJs and dancing. There is no cover charge to enter. To RSVP, go to pacqproductions.com.
For more information, call (310) 821-5371.

Saturday, July 3, 2010

Join in
Santa Monica Playhouse
1211 Fourth St., 12:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m.
Sing along with your favorite characters in this fairytale-themed musical revue, featuring songs and scenes from stories such as "Cinderella" and "Beauty and the Beast." Lyrics will be included in an activity-songbook as well as projected for the audience. People of all ages are encouraged to get up on stage and sing along! Tickets are $10.50 for kids 12 and under and $12.50 for adults. Ticket includes admission and activity-songbook. For more information or to purchase tickets, call (310) 394-9779.

Sunday, July 4, 2010

Independence Parade
Santa Monica Civic Center
Main St. at Pico Blvd., 9:30 a.m. — 11:30 a.m.
Come celebrate Independence Day with the Fourth Annual Santa Monica Fourth of July Parade. The parade will begin at the Civic Center and then proceed along the entire stretch of Main Street, which will be closed for the procession. A refreshment area will be located at Ocean View Park after the parade, as well as a band which will be playing until noon. For more information, contact Lori Nafshun at (310) 564-1968.

Monday, July 5, 2010

FILM
Patagonia Santa Monica
2936 Main St., 7:30 p.m.
Come to Patagonia in Santa Monica for a free screening of the movie "Red Gold." The movie takes place in southwest Alaska, where two different mining companies have proposed an underground mine at the headwaters of two rivers, which the people of Bristol Bay who depend on for their fishery. For more information, call (310) 434-4306.

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PUTTING IT TO USE: **St. Monica's football team practices on a newly-acquired artificial playing surface on campus on Wednesday.**

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Mariners explore new turf

L.A. Avengers' old playing surface suits St. Monica football well

BY DENNIS LIN
Special to the Daily Press

ST. MONICA Shouts echo through the school quad as football players run through drills on a Wednesday afternoon at St. Monica. Standing in lines 10 yards apart, they toss tennis balls back and forth in a routine aimed at improving concentration and hand-eye coordination.

Beneath their feet, nestled in a corner between the walls of the gymnasium and the school's west wing, lies a gift from the now-defunct Los Angeles Avengers of the Arena Football League: the artificial turf field once used at games inside the Staples Center.

"It's exciting," St. Monica Head Coach Larry Muno said. "I mean, gosh, in the history of this school since its inception, we've never had a field on campus. And now we have a field on campus. It's awesome."

Only 20 yards, length-wise, of the forest green turf have been brought out on this particular day, with the rest of the portable 50-yard field, not counting end zones, is rolled up in nearby bundles. But for the moment, even these 20 yards feel like a blessing.

"We're just very lucky," Muno said.

Lucky enough that a parishioner at St. Monica, Sam Lagana, also happens to be a recognized voice-over talent whose announcing credits include Avengers home games. After learning that the disbanded team's game field was sitting in a warehouse in Downtown Los Angeles, Muno set to work mailing letters, sending e-mails and placing phone calls to Casey Wasserman, who purchased the Avengers in 1998 and owned the franchise until it folded last April.

Lagana, the associate vice chancellor for athletics at Pepperdine University, proved to be influential in swaying the prominent sports and entertainment mogul. In early June, the field was delivered to St. Monica's campus — a donation from Wasserman.

"When we saw it come on we were like, 'Woah, that's AstroTurf right there,'" linebacker Chris Corbally said.

It was a welcome sight for the Mariners, who had been practicing on "worn-down grass" at local parks and sometimes even on the concrete of the school quad.

"They were fired up," Muno said of his players. "It was incredible, just the fact that we have something that's our own and that we're proud of. The kids, they want something to be proud of."

Besides the pleasure of finally getting an on-campus field, the team has been appreciative of the physical advantages of playing on turf.

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Helping drivers, bikers share road

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

14th STREET A new marking known as a "sharrow," short for "shared lane arrow," was recently installed on 14th Street between Montana and Washington avenues as a way to remind cyclists and drivers alike that the road is a shared space for both modes of travel, city officials said.

The street marking is a white graphic that combines the classic pictogram of a bicycle with two arrows. San Francisco was the first city in the United States to use these markings and since then many cities, including Los Angeles and Long Beach, locally, have installed them.

The sharrow reinforces the rights of bicyclists to use the roadway as granted by the California Vehicle Code. It is used to assist bicyclists with positioning on the street where parallel parking exists but there is not enough room for a dedicated bicycle lane. By indicating a safe distance from both moving traffic and parked cars, sharrows are helpful in reducing collisions between cars and bikes. It also alerts motorists of the location a bicyclist may occupy within the roadway, city officials said.

The 14th Street sharrows connect to the bicycle lane on Montana Avenue and are anticipated to connect to a planned bicycle lane on 14th Street south of Washington Avenue. The sharrows were installed as part of regularly scheduled street maintenance. By incorporating bicycle facilities into these ongoing projects, City Hall hopes to save money, while continuously building out the citywide bicycle network as envisioned in the Land Use and Circulation Element. City Hall will be evaluating the effectiveness of these markings.

Sharrows are only a small piece of City Hall's approach to promoting cycling and reducing automobile trips. The paving project also included the addition of a bicycle lane on Arizona Avenue west of Lincoln Boulevard providing a continuous lane from 26th Street to Ocean Avenue. City Hall has also been installing new bicycle detection technology at signalized intersections. The 46th Santa Monica intersection to include bicycle detection, allowing bicycles positioned at a red light to trigger the signal to turn green, is scheduled to be installed this summer and markings indicating where bicyclists should wait at intersections will be installed next.

In addition, City Hall provides services to

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Extra height not needed

Editor:

In his column, "Just stick to the facts, guys," July 1, Chris Harding says that "virtually every significant practicing architect in Santa Monica – including Frank Gehry – supports the ... recommended 2-6 additional feet in height ..." above the draft LUCE's height limits, ostensibly to provide "quality architectural design."

The increased height proposed here may help increase building rents but it will do nothing to improve the architectural quality of these buildings. Anybody who's been through architecture school and out practicing architecture in the real world knows that it is precisely these kinds of restrictions that often result in the best architecture. The tough work needed to make a design work within such limits will often stretch an architect's imagination and ingenuity, resulting in a building that is both good for the occupants and the community, and an example of excellent design as well. Architecture history is replete with examples of fabulous architecture created within very strict guidelines.

There is nothing inherently wrong with modifying zoning codes to allow for designs that increase building rents, and the community may well benefit, ultimately, from a more profitable project. But please don't couch it in terms of "architectural quality." To suggest that removing (or stretching) height restrictions will somehow spur higher-quality architecture is nonsense. There are real and tangible costs to the community associated with increased heights, ranging from deeper shadow coverage to creeping canyonization of the urban environment, and these must be taken into account just as significantly as increased building rents.

I wonder about "virtually every significant practicing architect in Santa Monica" supporting the increased heights. Has Mr. Harding taken a poll?

Dan Jansenson
Insignificant Santa Monica Architect

Put the meat on the back burner

Editor:

This Fourth of July, declare your independence from fatty hamburgers and barbecued chicken by having a vegan cookout. A recent University of Texas study showed that eating charred meat and grilled chicken and fish can raise your risk for bladder cancer, and research also suggests that people who eat well-done meats are more likely to develop pancreatic, prostate, or breast cancer.

Fortunately, vegetables and mock meats like Boca burgers and Tofurky-brand Italian sausages taste great on the grill, and they're much better for you and your guests – because they're cholesterol-free and low in fat and they don't form harmful carcinogens, even when they're barbecued beyond recognition. For vegan cookout recipes and tips, see www.VegCooking.com. Have a safe, healthy, and humane holiday.

Heather Moore
Research Specialist
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Your column here

Lee H. Hamilton — **Send comments to editor@smdp.com**

It's a tough task to give Americans what they want

THE GULF OIL SPILL HAS LAID BARE A series of shortcomings in the government's ability both to prevent and to respond to such a crisis, and the result is spiraling public frustration. But it might not hurt for members of the public to save a little of that frustration for themselves. Because anyone trying to figure out what Americans want from government as a result of the mess in the Gulf can only be left scratching his head.

"In times of crisis," the New York Times columnist David Brooks observed a few weeks ago, "you get a public reaction that is incoherence on stilts." Most people know that the direct fault was not the government's, and that there's nothing the president can do to plug the hole. Yet, as Brooks puts it, "they want to hold him responsible for things they know he doesn't control."

They want the government to take decisive action, but not at too great an expense or with too much interference in private oil companies. They want to beef up regulation of the oil industry, but don't want to stifle efforts to secure our energy independence.

And the Gulf spill is hardly the only issue on which we as Americans contradict ourselves. In a recent USA Today/Gallup poll, almost two-thirds of those surveyed put a high priority on halting the flow of illegal immigrants into the country; yet even more — almost three-quarters — also say that they are somewhat or very concerned that tougher immigration laws would lead to harassment of Hispanics.

Americans are leery of expanding the role of government in healthcare — but were outraged by the thought that the health-care reform might affect their federal Medicare benefits. They are bitter about the growing budget deficit, but resent efforts to cut entitlement spending or to raise taxes. They want government to run frugally, but quickly grow indignant when it turns out there aren't enough inspectors to ensure the safety of the food supply or basic infrastructure or oil-drilling rigs.

The key problem is that Americans want limited government, but keep demanding expanded government services.

So if you're a politician, what do you make of this? It is the job of our elected officials — our political leaders — to represent the American people. This is hard to do when the American people give conflicting signals about what they want.

In many cases, each of these desires — less spending and more services, for instance — are quite worthy. And there are certainly a host of matters on which difficult issues are at stake and contradictory principles at work. In a recent speech, for instance, former Supreme Court Justice David Souter noted that a choice often has to be made "because the Constitution embodies the desire of the American people, like most people, to have things both ways. We want order and security, and we want liberty."

The truth is, politicians represent the people rather precisely — and certainly better than most people think. To some extent, you can fault members of Congress and other politicians for not pointing out the contradictions. No successful politician, faced with an impossible request, would say, "You're crazy." He or she will instead respond calmly, "I'll do my best and try to be helpful."

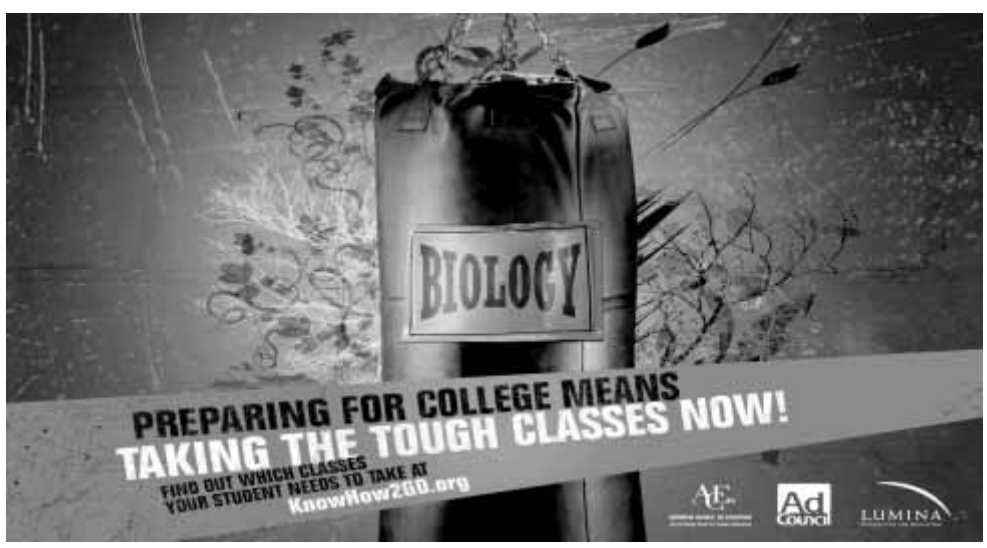
Politicians may, in fact, be fairly criticized for avoiding hard choices, refusing to ask constituents for short-term sacrifice in exchange for long-term gains, and for putting off the day of reckoning. But they understand accurately that their constituents often want contradictory things, and may well punish at the polls members who speak frankly and make tough choices.

It is unfair, then, to place all the onus for government's failings on our politicians. We — all of us — deserve some of the blame. Americans must understand our own responsibility for creating the problem if we want politicians to fix it.

Above all, it's crucial to understand that it is the job of the political process — and of Congress, in particular — to recognize the confusion inherent in popular desires and to resolve it. Much of what goes on in policy-making on Capitol Hill is the effort to reconcile seemingly irreconcilable views and to develop a consensus when people are asking government to do worthy but contradictory things.

This is the tough, time-consuming work of representative democracy, and some understanding, even patience, on the part of the ordinary voter seems entirely appropriate — since we so often contribute to the dilemma in the first place.

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Where will 'The King' go?

SUMMER IS USUALLY A SLOW NEWS season. Not this summer. Every day, thousands of barrels of oil spill into the Gulf of Mexico, with August or September as a likely end to this ecological nightmare.

What amazes me is that so few people are outraged, even when BP CEO Tony Hayward whined, "I d like to get my life back" and then went yachting. I've got an idea, Tony. You can get your "life back" when we get the Gulf back. And next time you go yachting, try sailing through some of your sludge.

In Washington, Elena Kagan is facing serious opposition to her nomination to the Supreme Court. Sure, she's no legal giant like Harriet Miers. I know, that's mean. The truth is, when Bush trotted her out I felt sorry for Harriet because she was so woefully unqualified. Whereas Kagan is the U.S. solicitor general, Miers was W's attorney. Not quite the same.

My theory is that Bush was so insecure that he never appointed anyone who was smarter than he was. This, of course, narrowed the field considerably.

Meanwhile, Gen. Stanley McCrystal resigned as NATO commander of forces in Afghanistan. He did so because in Rolling Stone, he made disparaging remarks about Obama and others. Even worse, he made them into a reporter's tape recorder! I can't figure out if Gen. McCrystal is just dumb, or arrogant, or both.

McCrystal also seems to have problems with the truth, at least in regard to the Silver Star awarded to Pat Tillman. He died as a result of "friendly fire" and not in the heroic manner described in the government's report. McCrystal said that he hadn't "read the report carefully enough." Right. The most famous soldier in the entire military gets killed on the battlefield and McCrystal "skimmed" the report?

As for Afghanistan, I've got three initials and one word for President Obama: LBJ and Vietnam.

But by far the biggest story these days is the future of LeBron James, aka "King James," aka "The Chosen One" aka " He Who Apparently Doesn't Suffer From Low Self Esteem." What does it say about a country if where a basketball player plays is more newsworthy than who sits on the Supreme Court? Whatever it says, it can't be good.

Even President Obama weighed in, saying it would be great if LeBron came to the Bulls. Then an aide must have pointed out that Ohio was a swing state. Obama immediately backpedaled, saying it would be great if LeBron stayed with the Cavs. Apparently, both are great.

NBA franchises all over America are doing cartwheels to get LeBron. Cities have staged parades, musical YouTube videos, and massive Internet campaigns. Judging from some of the videos, they're probably better off with cartwheels.

New York celebrities, including Donald Trump, Jerry Seinfeld, Chris Rock, Spike Lee and even Robert DeNiro, have formed a committee to help woo LeBron to the Big Apple. I worry that if LeBron sees Trump's hair up close it could scare him off.

If LeBron leaves, Cleveland will be so depressed there won't be nearly enough Cymbalta to go around. Other than LeBron, Cleveland has the Rock 'n' Roll Hall of Fame and the Great Lakes Science Center. (If you don't believe me, type in your browser "tourist attractions in Cleveland and see that GLSC is at the top of the list.")

Some experts estimate LeBron's value to the Cavs' franchise at a mere $100,000,000. Providing some hope to Cavs' fans, a week ago LeBron gave a speech saying that he would never leave. Of course, he gave that speech in Akron, not Cleveland.

Some pundits are predicting that LeBron will go to Miami (Vegas favorite), others say Chicago. Some are saying he may go to New Jersey, which is owned by a Russian billionaire and a rapper, i.e. Mikhail Prokhorov and Jay Z, respectively, the latter being a minority owner (no pun intended) and a close friend of LeBron's. (Because Prokhorov is Russian, some are calling the Nets the New Jersey Nyets.)

Another billionaire possibly in the LeBron sweepstakes is Dallas' Mark Cuban. It appears that he wants him so badly that he may have purposely incurred a $100,000 anti-tampering fine just to impress LeBron of his commitment.

For pure existing talent, it might make sense for LeBron to come to the Clippers. But no one is predicting that because, well, they're the Clippers.

As of this past Wednesday at midnight, LeBron is free to negotiate with, and make a verbal commitment to, any team, but the soonest he can sign is on July 8. And he may take weeks to do that. Until then, the circus will continue.

Personally, I hope LeBron stays in Cleveland. If New York is the city that never sleeps, without LeBron, Cleveland may be the city that never wakes. They desperately need their King James. With all due respect, how exciting can it be at the Great Lakes Science Center?

To see how gigantic the BP oil spill is, go to: www.ifitwasmyhome.com. In the meantime, **JACK** can be reached at Jackneworth@yahoo.com.

The Q Line

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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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
BEFORE THE CITY OF SANTA MONICA LANDMARKS COMMISSION

When: **Monday, July 12, 2010 at 7:30 pm**

Where: City Council Chambers, City Hall, Room 213
1685 Main Street, Santa Monica

Questions/Comments
The City of Santa Monica encourages public comment on this and other projects. You or your representative, or any other persons may comment on the application at the Public Hearing, or by writing a letter addressed to Scott Albright, AICP, Senior Planner, City Planning Division, 1685 Main Street, Room 212, Santa Monica, California, 90401-3295. Or, you may contact Mr. Albright by phone at (310) 458-8341 or by email at scott.albright@smgov.net.

More Information
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Espanol
Este es un aviso de una audiencia publica para considerar la designación de una propiedad en la ciudad como un monumento histórico. Para mas información, favor de llamar a Carmen Gutierrez en la División de Planificación al número (310) 458-8341.

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING
BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA ZONING ADMINISTRATOR

SUBJECT: **Variance 10VAR-010**
ADDRESS: 1001 21st Street
APPLICANT: Michael Peloquin
PROPERTY OWNER: Michael Peloquin

A public hearing will be held by the Zoning Administrator to consider the following request:

The applicant requests approval of a variance to allow for a one story, 95 square foot addition to a single family dwelling that would project into the required front and sideyard setbacks.

Pursuant to SMMC Section 9.04.20.10.030(d)(1), the applicant may request a modification to the yard setbacks when a parcel has a lot depth less than 90-feet or a lot width less than 39-feet. The subject property has a parcel depth of approximately 69.5 feet.

DATE/TIME: **TUESDAY, July 13, 2010 AT 10:30 A.M.**

LOCATION: City Council Chambers, Second Floor, Santa Monica City Hall
1685 Main Street, Santa Monica, California

HOW TO COMMENT
The City of Santa Monica encourages public comment. You may comment at the Zoning Administrator public hearing, or by writing a letter. Written information will be given to the Zoning Administrator at the meeting.

Address your letters to: Dennis Banks, Associate Planner
Re: 10VAR-010
City Planning Division
1685 Main Street, Room 212
Santa Monica, CA 90401

MORE INFORMATION
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Los Angeles police say they warned of rave danger

JOHN ROGERS
Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES A top police official said Thursday that authorities warned staff at Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum and event promoters about the potential for unruly crowds and drug abuse at a weekend rave that led to the death of a 15-year-old girl.

Deputy Chief Pat Gannon said through a spokeswoman that police didn't attempt to have the 14th annual Electric Daisy Festival canceled. However, he indicated it was common knowledge there could be trouble, given that such events are notorious for illicit drug use.

"When you hire two dozen private ambulances to show up to deal with overdoses, you know there is going to be a significant problem," Gannon told the Los Angeles Times earlier.

Police made 118 arrests, mostly for drug possession, at the two-day event last weekend, and Gannon said if more officers had been available they easily could have arrested 1,000 people.

Coliseum officials did not immediately respond to requests for comment. A spokeswoman for the event's promoter, Insomniac Inc., said no one was available to comment Thursday.

Insomniac issued a statement Wednesday saying it was investigating what went wrong. Also that day, Coliseum President Barry Sanders announced he was putting a moratorium on booking any future raves at the historic venue.

The Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum Commission, which oversees the publicly owned venue, called a special meeting for July 16 to discuss extending Sanders' moratorium. The Coliseum is jointly owned by the state, county and city.

An estimated 185,000 people attended this year's Electric Daisy Festival, which featured carnival rides, light shows and appearances by techno star Moby and Will.I.Am of the Black Eyed Peas.

At some point, 15-year-old Sasha Rodriguez collapsed and was rushed to a hospital, where she was treated for drug intoxication. She died Tuesday. The exact cause of death won't be known until toxicology tests are completed.

Another person who arrived in critical condition has since been released, hospital spokeswoman Katreena Salgado said Thursday.

There were 226 requests for medical aid during the festival, according to the Fire Department. Of those, 114 people were taken to hospitals. Fire officials said people were treated for intoxication, dizziness, fainting and in some instances being battered or trampled by the huge crowd.

The crowd was so large, Gannon said, that police had to dispatch about 250 officers to the area, pulling many off other duties around the city. That's about twice the number needed to police a sold-out University of Southern California football game at the Coliseum.

Local residents said the neighborhood always becomes the scene of gridlocked traffic and illicit drug use during a rave, but that this one seemed to attract far more people than usual.

Other raves have generated controversy in California in recent months.

One death and at least 18 drug overdoses tied to Ecstasy were reported at a New Year's Eve rave earlier this year at the Los Angeles Sports Arena, which is adjacent to the Coliseum and also operated by the Coliseum Commission. That event attracted about 45,000 people.

In the San Francisco Bay area, two men died of suspected drug overdoses at a Memorial Day weekend rave at the Cow Palace in Daly City.

It wasn't immediately clear what effect the moratorium might have on the Love Festival, which is scheduled to take place Aug. 21 at the Sports Arena. The festival, which bills itself as one of the longest running dance music events in North America, also has stops scheduled in Hawaii and Colorado this summer.

The Coliseum has a long, storied history, playing host to the 1932 and 1984 Olympic Games and serving as the home of USC's football teams. Professional football's Raiders and Rams both played there before leaving Los Angeles, and baseball's Dodgers played there during the 1959 World Series.

Audit: L.A. fails to collect millions in fines, fees

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES An audit says Los Angeles is losing $260 million a year because it's not collecting nearly half of parking ticket fines and various service fees.

City Controller Wendy Greuel released an audit Thursday of six city departments: police, fire, housing, transportation, sanitation and building and safety.

The audit concludes the city collected just 53 percent of some $553 million in fines and fees during the 2008-2009 fiscal year.

Greuel recommends creating a centralized billing process.

City Councilman Paul Koretz says the uncollected money could have helped fill a budget gap that has forced the city to make hundreds of layoffs, including around 200 that took effect Thursday.

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CRIME WATCH
BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

Repeat offender busted for burglary

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MONDAY, JUNE 21, AT 9:27 A.M.

Santa Monica officers responded to the 1600 block of Ocean Park Boulevard (Bob's Market) regarding a combative shoplifter in custody. Upon arrival, officers were advised that the suspect, who has stolen items previously, entered the business, removed a can of beer from the freezer section and placed it in his pants. The suspect carried the beer around for a while then placed it back in the freezer. The suspect then started to leave the store and was detained by personnel. The suspect fought with personnel and attempted to flee, but employees were able to detain him. Once in custody, police searched him, discovering that he was in possession of marijuana. The suspect was identified as Jose Medina, 29, of Santa Monica. He was charged with burglary and possession of marijuana. His bail was set at $20,000.

MONDAY, JUNE 21, AT 7:30 A.M.

Officers responded to the 600 block of Navy Street regarding a family disturbance. The reporting party told officers that her son had been screaming and damaging the house since 3 a.m. He was said to have broken a window and damaged the home's toilet. Officers arrested the suspect and charged him with vandalism. He was identified as Joseph Loporto, 58, of Santa Monica. His bail was set at $500.

THURSDAY, JUNE 24, AT 3:55 P.M.

Officers were on patrol in the area of 2300 Pico Boulevard when they observed a vehicle with occupants not wearing seat belts in violation of the California Vehicle Code. Officers conducted a traffic stop on the vehicle and discovered that the driver did not possess a driver's license. As officers attempted to search the driver prior to arresting him, the suspect would not remove his hands from his left pant pocket. The driver became resistive and was eventually placed under arrest. Officers located a small amount of cocaine in the pocket in question. The driver was arrested for possession of a controlled substance, obstruction of justice, driving without a license and not wearing a seatbelt. His bail was set at $10,000.

FRIDAY, JUNE 25, AT 9:20 P.M.

Officers responded to the 1500 block of Ocean Avenue regarding a subject that was said to be in possession of a controlled substance. Upon arrival, officers were advised by a Community Service Officer that they saw a subject rolling a cigarette with what appeared to be marijuana. As the CSO's approached the subject, they observed him throw a plastic bindle with white powder into the street. At that time, the subject ran away from the CSO's. Officers detained the suspect in a nearby park. Further investigation of the white powder revealed that it was cocaine. The suspect was identified as Alberto Cortina, 49, of Santa Monica. He was arrested for possession of a controlled substance. His bail was set at $10,000.

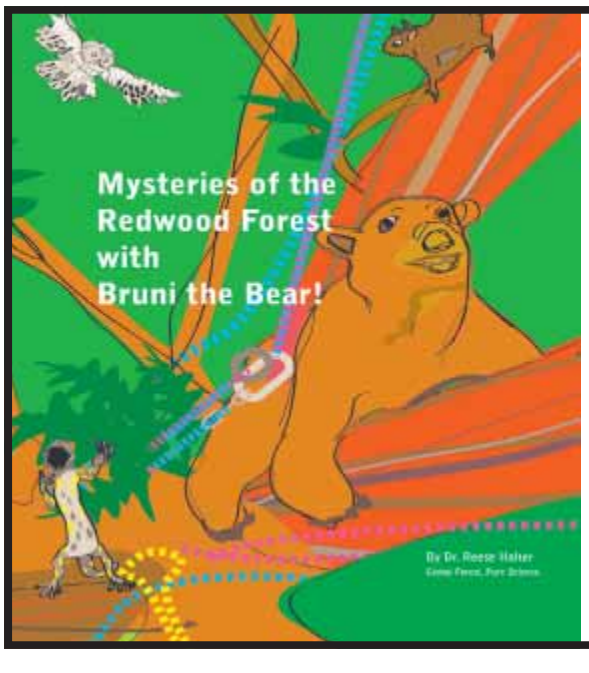
SATURDAY, JUNE 25, AT 5:35 P.M.

Officers were patrolling in the 2000 block of Lincoln Boulevard when they observed a female yelling and challenging another female to fight. As officers attempted to detain the suspect, she began pushing the officers and attempted to leave. Officers were able to detain the suspect and arrested her for challenging to fight in a public place. She was identified as Heidee Clark, 25, of Santa Monica. Her bail was set at $10,000.

SUNDAY, JUNE 26, AT 4:53 P.M.

Officers responded to the parking structure at Santa Monica Place regarding a suspect being detained by security for vandalism. Upon arrival, officers were advised by security that they observed the suspect writing on a fire hose box. The suspect was detained as security placed the suspect under arrest for vandalism. Officers took custody of the suspect and transported him to the Santa Monica Jail and booked him for vandalism. The suspect was identified as Obrian Robledo, 22, of Riverside. His bail was set at $500.00.

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Urban Forest Master Plan Task Force Special Meeting

July 7, 2010 6:30 p.m.
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Thelma Terry Building

City of Santa Monica

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LETTING PEOPLE KNOW: **A bike rider passes the new 'sharrow' symbol on 14th Street. The symbol is intended to remind bikers and drivers to share the road.**

SHARROWS
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encourage cycling, such as the Bike Valet Program which provides guaranteed, free and convenient bicycle parking at community and cultural events including the Twilight Dance Series, Sunday Farmers' Market, Friday nights on Main Street and the art festival GLOW.

Visit www.smgov.net/bikesm to access the city's bicycle map and other cycling resources.

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TAXES
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expire next July.

The property transfer tax increase being considered would add an additional $1.50 tax per $1,000 spent on property purchases, said Finance Director Carol Swindel. The potential increase, she said, would raise Santa Monica's rate to $4.50 per $1,000, equal to the property transfer tax rates charged in Los Angeles and Culver City.

To take effect, the tax increases would have to be approved by a simple majority of Santa Monica voters, Swindel said.

Since Sunday, City Hall has been polling registered voters to gauge support for the ideas. Results of the polling, which is being conducted by the Santa Monica firm Fairbank Maslin Maullin Metz & Associates, are expected to be presented to the City Council before the Aug. 6 deadline.

"The question is 'Would the community prefer to have the certainty of a local revenue stream to support local services, or do we need to look at other measures to resolve our budget shortfall over the long-term?" Swindel said.

The poll cost City Hall $27,195 and aims to gather the opinions of 500 registered voters. It was initiated at City Manager Rod Gould's direction to provide the City Council with information about options to improve the budget outlook.

No estimate of how much City Hall could expect to raise from either of the potential tax increases was provided by deadline late Thursday.

Councilman Richard Bloom said the poll was a common sense step as the city considers how to shore up its long-term finances.

"BECAUSE WE HAVE NOT MANAGED THE COST SIDE OF THE BUDGET WELL ENOUGH, I DON'T THINK IT'S THE RIGHT TIME TO ASK THE PEOPLE FOR MORE TAX REVENUE."

Bobby Shriver,
Mayor

"Given all of the uncertainty at the state and the fact that we are facing a very real structural deficit, it is important that we take a close look at all the options we have with a view toward maintaining the high level of service and amenities that Santa Monicans have come to expect," he said.

"We have choices to make as a community, and gathering information on what might be supported by voters is a worthwhile first step," added Councilman Kevin McKeown.

Mayor Bobby Shriver, though, said he could not support asking the voters to approve a new tax in November, regardless of what the poll results show.

"Because we have not managed the cost side of the budget well enough, I don't think it's the right time to ask the people for more tax revenue," he said.

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ST. MONICA
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"On the concrete it would hurt a lot. Your knees would get messed up," said Corbally, who calls the turf more forgiving, as well as "a lot more fun."

A lot more practical, too. Last fall, the Mariners hosted three games at Santa Monica College's Corsair Field, which also sports artificial turf, and they play there again on Oct. 30 against Bellarmine Jefferson.

Thus, a once-forgotten field left by the Avengers should help St. Monica better recreate actual game conditions — and perhaps ultimately help the team improve on last season's 3-6 record.

"I think it's going to help just being able to get out here and work on our footing," quarterback Matthew Partyka said. "I think it will get us ready a lot better."

Added Muno: "We can do everything on that field. We can practice throwing, we can practice tackling, do everything. Did you see the pad on it? It's a significant pad. So it's a safe field. It's easily run out.

"It's perfect."

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RESIGNATION
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Cultural Services.

Gould on Thursday announced he was promoting Deputy City Manager Elaine Polacheck to the assistant city manager post.

Polacheck had been responsible for overseeing the city's departments of finance, information systems, community maintenance, human resources and the Big Blue Bus.

"Elaine has demonstrated the best in leadership with a comprehensive understanding of operational issues and strong connections with the council and community," Gould said in a statement.

Polachek has more than 30 years of public administration experience, including stints as Open Space Manager and Director of Community Maintenance for Santa Monica.

From 1984 to 1995 she was Operations Manager for the Santa Monica Pier Restoration Corp. and previously held management positions with the Province of Ontario and the city of Scottsdale, Ariz.

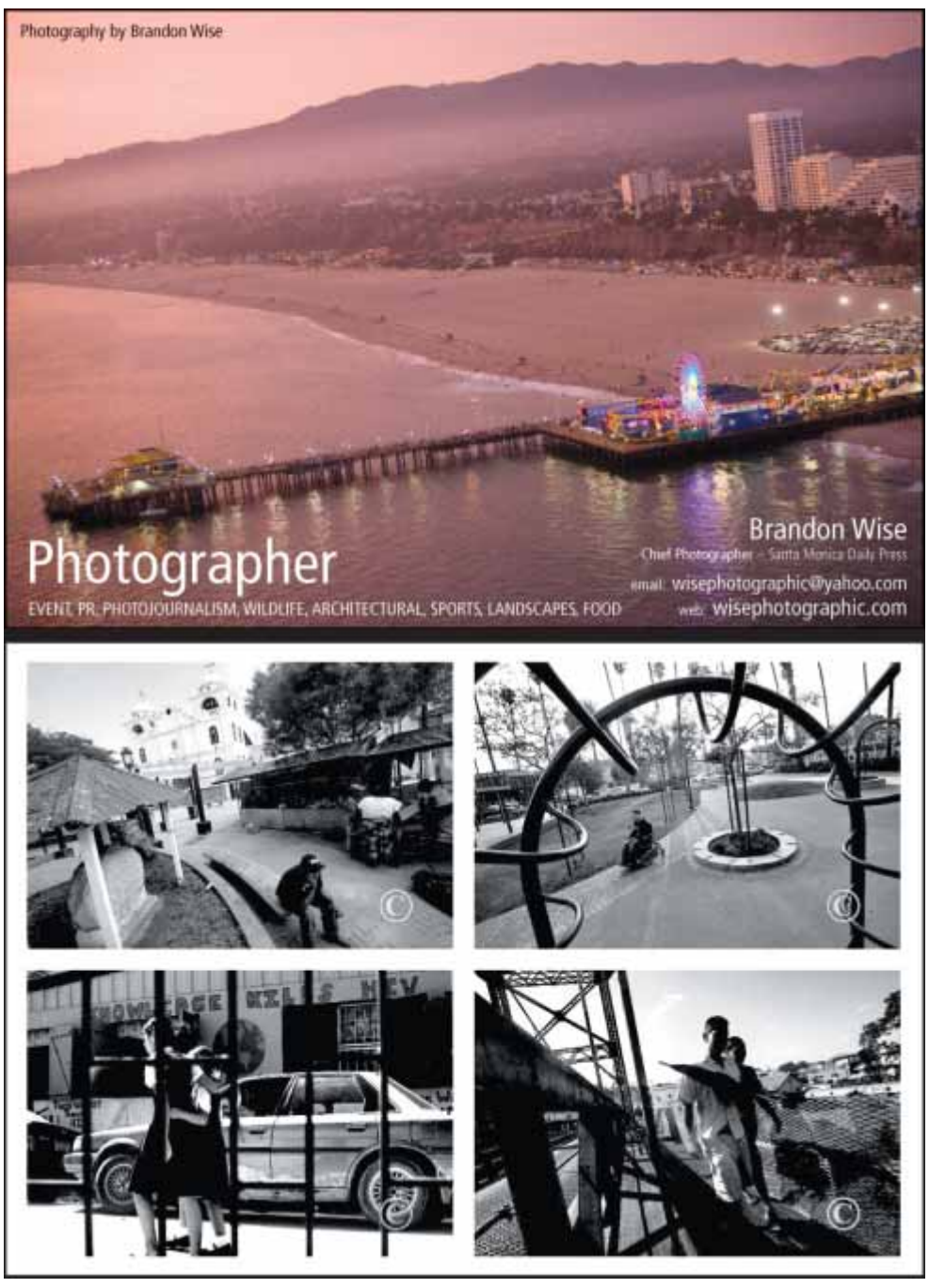
"Since my arrival, it has been clear to me that Elaine everyday has brought great skill, insight and collegial working relationships" to City Hall, Gould said.

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NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING
BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA ZONING ADMINISTRATOR

SUBJECT: **Variance 10VAR-011**
ADDRESS: 151 Hart Avenue
APPLICANT: TPA Architecture
PROPERTY OWNER: Miriam and Dr. Les Kaplan

A public hearing will be held by the Zoning Administrator to consider the following request:

The applicant requests approval of a variance to allow an encroachment into the required sideyard setback, for a proposed two-story addition to an existing single-family dwelling.

Pursuant to SMMC Section 9.04.20.10.030(d)(1), the applicant may request a modification to the yard setbacks when a parcel has a lot depth less than 90-feet or a lot width less than 39-feet. The subject property has a width of 25 feet. Furthermore, the proposed 1st floor garage portion of the addition requires approval of a variance to allow 17 feet in width where 20 feet in width is required. Pursuant to SMMC Section 9.04.20.10.030(b), modification of automobile parking space dimensions can be requested.

DATE/TIME: **TUESDAY, July 13, 2010 AT 10:30 A.M.**

LOCATION: City Council Chambers, Second Floor, Santa Monica City Hall
1685 Main Street, Santa Monica, California

HOW TO COMMENT
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Icelandic leader enters milestone gay marriage

LOUISE NORDSTROM
Associated Press Writer

STOCKHOLM Iceland's prime minister made history last week when she wed her girlfriend, becoming the world's first head of government to enter a gay marriage.

But fellow Nordic nations hardly noticed when 67-year-old Johanna Sigurdardottir tied the knot with her longtime partner — a milestone that would still, despite advances in gay rights, be all but inconceivable elsewhere.

Scandinavia has had a long tradition of tolerance — and cross-dressing lawmakers and gay bishops have become part of the landscape.

"There is some kind of passion for social justice here," respected cross-dressing Swedish lawmaker Fredrick Federley said. "That everybody should be treated the same."

Gay rights activists said Europe in general has a better record on accepting gays at the highest levels of government than the United States.

"In the current climate of U.S. public opinion it is impossible to imagine a U.S. president who is openly gay and who marries their longtime partner," said Peter Tatchell, spokesman for the London-based gay human rights group Outrage.

"In Europe the reaction is completely different — people just don't care."

Although no openly gay American has made a potentially winning run for president, gay men and lesbians have made significant advances in recent years in winning other elected offices in the United States, often while being open about their same-sex partners.

In Europe, the situation varies.

Several top-level politicians are openly gay, including Sweden's Environment Minister Andreas Carlgren and Paris Mayor Bertrand Delanoe, considered a possible contender for the 2012 presidential elections.

But a gay head of government would be impossible in strong Catholic nations.

"We will never see a gay prime minister in Italy. The power of the Catholic Church is too strong," said Giuseppina Massallo, 60, from Sicily who lives in Rome. "We have institutions that make us believe that ... being homosexual is simply not the right thing to do."

The 32-year-old Federley occasionally swaps his parliamentary suit and tie for heavy makeup and revealing dresses as drag queen Ursula. Federley has been openly gay for nine years and his sexual identity has never been an issue in politics.

His cross-dressing only hit the headlines when critics in February questioned which Federley accepted an alleged media junket to the Canary Islands: Fredrik the lawmaker or Ursula the drag queen?

Gays in politics would be inconceivable in Africa, where 37 countries have anti-gay laws and where Zimbabwe's leader Robert Mugabe has described same-sex partners as "lower than dogs and pigs."

Ugandans were shocked to hear of Sigurdardottir's marriage to her partner with whom she had been in a registered relationship since 2002. The partnership was converted into a marriage on Sunday, when a new law legalizing same-sex marriage went into force. The Icelandic leader has two adult children from a previous marriage.

"Their society is finished, they have no morals," said Uganda's ruling-party spokeswoman, Mary Karooro Okurutu, described the marriage as "disgusting."

The East African nation frowns on homosexuality and is considering proposed legislation that would impose the death penalty for some gays. The bill has sparked protests in London, New York and Washington.

The Nordic countries have been at the forefront of gay freedoms.

In 1989, Denmark became the first country in the world to allow registered gay partnerships and Sweden's Lutheran church last year ordained its first openly gay bishop.

All five Nordic nations reached top-ten rankings in a 2010 study of the legal situation for lesbian, gay and bisexual people in Europe.

Even Finland, the remotest country in the region, which has been slower than its neighbors in adapting to Scandinavian lifestyle trends scored six out of 10 points.

Russia and Ukraine both received bottom-rankings in the 2010 Rainbow Europe index by ILGA-Europe, a non-governmental umbrella organization representing lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender groups.

Even in the neighboring Baltic countries that have a long history of dealings with the Nordics, gay tolerance is generally low.

Same-sex marriages are not legal and are generally frowned upon in Estonia, Latvia and particularly in predominantly Catholic Lithuania.

Gay pride marches in Latvia and Lithuania typically attract crowds of angry counter-demonstrators far larger than the marches themselves.

Estonian Prime Minister Andrus Ansip concedes he is "somewhat conservative" on the question of gay marriages.

"I consider marriage a holy matrimony between a man and a woman," Ansip said Wednesday. "But I do fully accept that same-sex partners possess the same kind of legal guarantees as registered marriages currently do."

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DARLENE SUPERVILLE
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON Hoping to breathe new life into the stalled immigration effort, President Barack Obama on Thursday blamed the delay on recalcitrant Republicans whom he said had given in to the "pressures of partisanship and election-year politics."

Republicans responded that Obama's first step going forward must be to secure the border.

In his first immigration speech, Obama took Republicans to task, in particular 11 GOP senators who had backed attempts during the previous Republican administration to tighten the immigration system. He did not call out anyone by name.

Obama dismissed the focus on a "border security first" approach, saying the system is too big to be fixed "only with fences and border patrols." He advocated a comprehensive approach that would call on the government, businesses and illegal immigrants themselves to live up to their responsibilities within the law.

Obama also wants to create a pathway to citizenship for the estimated 11 million illegal immigrants in the U.S; critics call it amnesty. But Obama said the immigrants must first acknowledge that they broke the law, pay fines and back taxes, perform community service and learn English.

Without setting a timeline, Obama questioned whether the political will exists to get a bill through Congress.

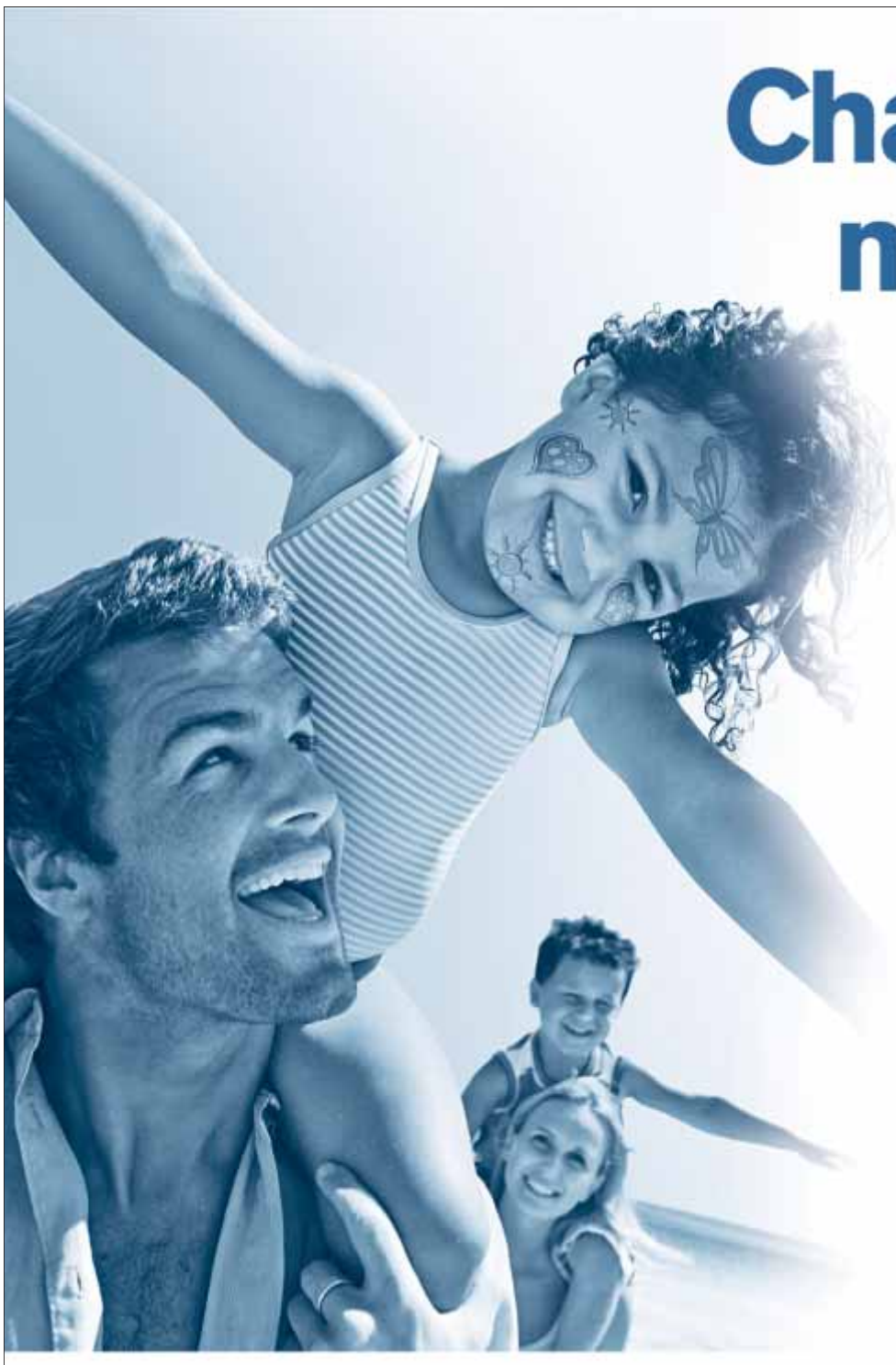
"Reform that brings accountability to our immigration system cannot pass without Republican votes," he said. "That is the political and mathematical reality." In the Senate, Democrats fall short of the 60 votes needed to overcome GOP delaying tactics.

Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., said Obama would get the bipartisan support he wants "if he would take amnesty off the table and make a real commitment to border and interior security." Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., who is in a tight re-election race and could benefit politically from enacting a broad overhaul, said he was committed to passing a bill this year.

Many immigrant advocates praised the president's comments. They had been pressing him for some time to give such as a speech — although it broke no new ground — as a demonstration of his commitment to an issue he promised would be a priority his first year in office.

But an organization of Hispanic conservatives criticized the speech as a "sheer political move" to keep them on board for the November elections. Obama was elected with strong backing from Hispanics and they could tip the balance in several tight races this year.

"President Obama is operating under the false assumption that Latinos are natural-born Democrats who will rally behind his policies in lockstep," said Alfonso Aguilar, executive director of the Latino Partnership for Conservative Principles. "Latinos must not let themselves be deceived by the soaring rhetoric that has replaced meaningful action on immigration."



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NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING
BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA ZONING ADMINISTRATOR

SUBJECT: **Reduced Parking Permit RPP10-001**
ADDRESS: 1531 6th Street
APPLICANT: DE Architects, AIA
PROPERTY OWNER: PR SM Anacapa LLC

A public hearing will be held by the Zoning Administrator to consider the following request:

The applicant requests approval to allow the shared use of two guest parking spaces on the subject property in conjunction with the conversion of a 724 square foot recreation room to a commercial/retail tenant space on the ground floor of an existing mixed-use building. The subject property provides 104 required parking spaces: 89 residential spaces, 5 commercial spaces, and 10 guest parking spaces. Two parking spaces are required to support the commercial/retail conversion of the 724 SF space.

Pursuant to SMMC Section 9.04.20.26.030(a), facilities may be shared if multiple uses cooperatively establish and operate parking facilities and if these uses generate parking demands primarily during hours when the remaining uses are not in operation.

DATE/TIME: **TUESDAY, JULY 13, 2010, AT 10:30 A.M.**

LOCATION: City Council Chambers, Second Floor, Santa Monica City Hall
1685 Main Street, Santa Monica, California

HOW TO COMMENT
The City of Santa Monica encourages public comment. You may comment at the Zoning Administrator public hearing, or by writing a letter. Written information will be given to the Zoning Administrator at the meeting.

Address your letters to: Grace Cho, Associate Planner
Re: 10RPP-001
City Planning Division
1685 Main Street, Room 212
Santa Monica, CA 90401

City of Santa Monica

MORE INFORMATION
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BP oil spill hits a somber record as Gulf's biggest

SETH BORENSTEIN & TOM BREEN
Associated Press Writers

NEW ORLEANS BP's massive oil spill became the largest ever in the Gulf of Mexico on Thursday based on the highest of the federal government's estimates, an ominous record that underscores the oil giant's dire need to halt the gusher.

The oil that's spewed for two and a half months from a blown-out well a mile under the sea hit the 140.6 million gallon mark, eclipsing the record-setting, 140-million-gallon Ixtoc I spill off Mexico's coast from 1979 to 1980. Even by the lower end of the government's estimates, at least 71.7 million gallons are in the Gulf.

The growing total is crucial to track, in part because London-based BP PLC is likely to be fined per gallon spilled, said Larry McKinney, director of Texas A&M University at Corpus Christi's Gulf of Mexico research institute.

"It's an important number to know because it has an impact on restoration and recovery," McKinney said.

The oil calculation is based on the higher end of the government's range of barrels leaked per day, minus the amount BP says it has collected from the blown-out well using two containment systems. BP collected a smaller amount of oil than usual on Wednesday, about 969,000 gallons.

Measuring the spill helps scientists figure out where the missing oil is, hidden below the water surface with some even stuck to the seafloor. Oil not at the surface damages different parts of the ecosystem.

"It's a mind-boggling number any way you cut it," said Ed Overton, a Louisiana State University environmental studies professor who consults for the federal government on oil spills. "It'll be well beyond Ixtoc by the time it's finished."

And passing Ixtoc just before the July Fourth weekend, a time of normally booming tourism, is bitter timing, he said.

The BP spill, which began after the Deepwater Horizon drilling rig explosion killed 11 workers April 20, is also the largest spill ever recorded offshore during peacetime.

But it's not the biggest in history.

That happened when Iraqi forces opened valves at a terminal and dumped as much as 336 million gallons of oil in 1991 during the Persian Gulf war, according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. Initial estimates put that spill at about 460 million gallons, but government estimates later found it to be smaller.

As the Gulf gusher continued spewing, the remnants of Hurricane Alex whipped oil-filled waves onto the Gulf Coast's once-white beaches. The government has pinned its latest cleanup hopes on a huge new piece of equipment: the world's largest oil-skimming vessel, which arrived Wednesday.

Officials hope the ship can scoop up to 21 million gallons of oil-fouled water a day. Dubbed the "A Whale," the Taiwanese-flagged former tanker spans the length of 3? football fields and is 10 stories high.

It just emerged from an extensive retrofitting to prepare it specifically for the Gulf.

"It is absolutely gigantic. It's unbelievable," said Overton, who saw the ship last week in Norfolk, Va.

The vessel looks like a typical tanker, but it takes in contaminated water through 12 vents on either side of the bow. The oil is then supposed to be separated from the water and transferred to another vessel. The water is channeled back into the sea.

But the ship's never been tested, and many questions remain about how it will operate. For instance, the seawater retains trace amounts of oil, even after getting filtered, so the Environmental Protection Agency will have to sign off on allowing the treated water back into the Gulf.

"This is a no-brainer," Overton said. "You're bringing in really dirty, oily water and you're putting back much cleaner water."

The Coast Guard will have the final say in whether the vessel can operate in the Gulf. The owner, shipping firm TMT Group, will have to come to separate terms with BP, which is paying for the cleanup.

"I don't know whether it's going to work or not, but it certainly needs to be given the opportunity," Overton said.

Meanwhile along parts of the Gulf, red flags snapped in strong gusts, warning people to stay out of the water, and long stretches of beach were stained brown from tar balls and crude oil that had been pushed as far as 60 yards from the water.

Hurricane Alex churned up rough seas as it plowed across the Gulf, dealing a tough setback to cleanup operations. It made landfall along a relatively unpopulated stretch of coast in Mexico's northern Tamaulipas state late Wednesday, spawning tornadoes in nearby Texas and forcing evacuations in both countries. Alex weakened to a tropical storm Thursday morning as it moved across Mexico.

Although skimming operations and the laying of oil-corralling booms were halted across the Gulf, vessels that collect and burn oil and gas at the site of the explosion were still operating. Efforts to drill relief wells that experts hope will stop the leak also continued unabated.

In Florida, lumps of tar the size of dinner plates filled a large swath of beach east of Pensacola after rough waves tossed the mess onto shore.

Streaks of the rust-red oil could be seen in the waves off Pensacola Beach as cleanup crews worked in the rough weather to prepare the beach for the holiday weekend.

In Grand Isle, La., heavy bands of rain pounded down, keeping cleanup crews off the water and tossing carefully laid boom around. However, oil had stayed out of the passes.

"All this wave action is breaking up the oil very quickly," Coast Guard Cmdr. Randal S. Ogrydziak said. "Mother Nature is doing what she does best, putting things back in order."

Natural microbes in the water were also working on the spill. The result was a white substance that looked like mayonnaise, that washed up on some spots along the Grand Isle beach.

"People will be fishing here again," Ogrydziak said. "It may take a while, but people may be surprised that it's not taking as long as they thought. Look at the (Ixtoc) oil spill in Mexico. It was massive and now people are back to using those waters."

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U.S. auto sales slow down in June

DAN STRUMPF & TOM KRISHER
AP Auto Writers

DETROIT Americans' enthusiasm for new cars and trucks cooled in June on worries about the economy, signaling that the auto industry's recovery is far from certain.

GM, Ford and Chrysler said sales of new cars and trucks fell between 12 and 13 percent in June from the prior month. Sales at Toyota Motor Corp. slid 14 percent. Hyundai, however, bucked the trend with a slight gain.

People are holding off on big-ticket purchases because they remain anxious about unemployment and home values. Tightfisted consumers could mean a tough summer for automakers, who hope to improve sales after a dismal 2009.

"The market remains very challenging and the recovery continues to be at a very gradual and modest pace," said Bob Carter, a Toyota vice president.

Industrywide auto sales rose 14 percent from June of 2009, when the industry was in the depths of its downturn and General Motors and Chrysler were in Chapter 11. But the May-to-June performance offered a glimpse of the recovery's progress. Sales fell more than 10 percent during that time.

The recovery in auto sales this year has been fitful. Sales rose in May from April, but fell the month before. Over the last six months, month-to-month sales fell as many times as they rose.

Paul Ballew, a former GM chief economist who now works for Nationwide Insurance, said the most recent sales decline shows that consumers are wary of mixed economic news.

"We have a recovery that certainly is struggling to gain momentum," he said. He has cut his U.S. sales forecast for the year by about 500,000 vehicles. He had predicted sales in the mid-to-high 11 million range.

June sales often fall from May, which benefits from big sales over Memorial Day weekend. But this June's decline is much larger than the usual 5 percent, said Jesse Toprak of auto pricing site TrueCar.com.

Hyundai Motor Co. was the sole automaker to post higher month-over-month sales, rising 4 percent. The South Korean automaker has grabbed a bigger chunk of the U.S. market recently thanks to several new models that have scored big with buyers. They include the Genesis luxury sedan and popular Sonata sedan.

Sales at General Motors Co. slid 12 percent from May to 195,000 vehicles. But compared with last year, its four core brands — Cadillac, GMAC, Chevrolet and Buick — saw sales rise 36 percent. Ford Motor Co. sales fell 11 percent from May to 171,000, with its popular F-Series pickup down 7 percent. But sales rose 15 percent from June 2009.

Automakers are still predicting a gradual recovery in the last half of the year. Most expect full-year sales of between 11.5 million and 12 million, an improvement from the historic low of 10.4 million last year, but still well below the record high of more than 17 million in 2000.

The outlook remains cloudy, and most economic indicators offer a bleak view. Unemployment remains around 10 percent, and millions of people could be cut off from jobless benefits because Congress has not extended federal jobless aid that was passed during the recession.

The auto industry's struggles could offer one bit of good news for consumers. The weaker results could tempt automakers to extend more sales promotions, like low-cost leases, zero-percent financing and cash rebates, analysts said. But buyers may have to wait for sweeter deals. In June, automakers averaged $2,661 in incentive spending per vehicle last month, down $36 from May, according to the automotive website Edmunds.com.

OTHER AUTOMAKERS REPORTING THURSDAY:

• Hyundai reported a 4 percent increase from May and a 35 percent jump from June of last year.

• Toyota sales fell nearly 14 percent from May but said they rose 7 percent over June of last year.

• Nissan Motor Co. sales dropped 23 percent from May but were up 11 percent from June of last year.

• Honda sales slipped 9 percent from May but rose 6 percent over June of last year.

• Subaru's U.S. sales fell about 9 percent from May.

• Chrysler Group LLC sales fell 12 percent from May.

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SUBJECT: **Variance 10-012**
ADDRESS: 802 Navy Street
APPLICANT: Robert Rotman
PROPERTY OWNER: Robert Rotman

A public hearing will be held by the Zoning Administrator to consider the following request:

The applicant requests variance approval to allow a proposed addition to an existing two-story residence to exceed district height limits by no more than five (5) feet. Pursuant to SMMC Section 9.04.20.10.030(f)(2), the Zoning Administrator may approve modifications to district height standards through the approval of a Variance application.

DATE/TIME: **TUESDAY, JULY 13, 2010 AT 10:30 A.M.**

LOCATION: City Council Chambers, Second Floor, Santa Monica City Hall
1685 Main Street, Santa Monica, California

HOW TO COMMENT
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Address your letters to: Steve Mizokami, Associate Planner
Re: 10VAR-012
City Planning Division
1685 Main Street, Room 212
Santa Monica, CA 90401

City of Santa Monica

MORE INFORMATION
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NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING
BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA ZONING ADMINISTRATOR

SUBJECT: Reduced Parking Permit 10-002
Address: 250 Santa Monica Pier
APPLICANT: David Forbes Hibbert, AIA
PROPERTY OWNER: City of Santa Monica

A public hearing will be held by the Zoning Administrator to consider the following request:

The applicant requests approval to allow the shared use of parking spaces on the subject property in conjunction with the operation of a new, 266 seat restaurant in an existing tenant space which was previously a restaurant/cabaret with 376 seats, on the Santa Monica Pier. An applicant may request a reduced parking permit for shared parking pursuant to Santa Monica Municipal Code Section 9.04.20.26.030(a). The applicant proposes shared parking between the Pier deck and three other parking lots located at 1440 PCH, 1550 PCH and 1640 Appian Way.

DATE/TIME: **TUESDAY, July 13, 2010 AT 10:30 A.M.**

LOCATION: City Council Chambers, Second Floor, Santa Monica City Hall
1685 Main Street, Santa Monica, California

HOW TO COMMENT
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Address your letters to: Lily Yegazu, Associate Planner
Re: RPP 10-002
City Planning Division
1685 Main Street, Room 212
Santa Monica, CA 90401

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Job worries hurt stocks

TIM PARADIS
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK Stocks began the third quarter with another loss after reports on jobs, housing and manufacturing raised investors' economic worries.

The Dow Jones industrial average fell almost 42 points Thursday for its sixth straight loss, although it ended well off its lows ahead of the government's June jobs report. The report is critical because a rebound in jobs is needed for the economy to recover. The numbers are due before the start of trading Friday.

Anthony Chan, chief economist at J.P. Morgan Private Wealth Management in New York, said expectations are now so low that the market could get a pop from the report. "So many people are so set up for such a negative number that even if the number shows any signs of life there may be some sort of a relief rally," Chan said.

The latest economic reports followed a bad second quarter for investors and added to the importance of Friday's snapshot of the labor market.

The government said initial claims for unemployment benefits rose by 13,000 last week to 472,000. Economists had forecast a drop in claims. The report comes a day after payroll company ADP said private employers didn't increase hiring as much as expected last month.

Other economic news added to investors' concerns. The National Association of Realtors said the number of buyers who signed contracts to purchase homes fell to a new low in May following a rush of purchases to meet an April 30 tax credit deadline. Meanwhile, the Institute for Supply Management said its manufacturing index fell in June but that industrial activity still appears to be growing.

There were some pockets of strength in the market Thursday. Retail stocks mostly rose after a private equity firm disclosed that it purchased a 9.5 percent stake in BJ's Wholesale Club Inc. with the intention of taking it private. BJ's shares rose 17.6 percent. Limited Brands Inc., parent of the Victoria's Secret and Bath and Body Works chains, rose 2.9 percent after Fitch Ratings raised its ratings on the company's credit.

The stock market has been sliding on concerns about the economy since hitting its 2010 high in late April. The benchmark Standard & Poor's 500 index dropped nine of the past 10 days. Investors are worried that they were too quick to bet on a rebound after major indexes plunged to 12-year lows in March 2009.

The Dow fell 41.49, or 0.4 percent, to 9,732.53. It was the lowest close since October 2009. It was down as much as 152 points in late morning trading. The Dow hasn't dropped six straight days since mid-January 2009.

The S&P 500 index fell 3.34, or 0.3 percent, to 1,027.37. The Nasdaq composite index fell 7.88, or 0.4 percent, to 2,101.36.

The Dow dropped 10 percent for the April-June quarter, while the S&P 500 index fell 11.9 percent.

The yield on the benchmark 10-year Treasury note, which moves opposite its price, rose to 2.95 percent from 2.94 percent late Wednesday. Its yield fell below 3 percent this week for the first time in more than a year on fears that the economy would slip back into recession.

There were signs Thursday that some traders think the slide has been overdone: Treasury bond yields rebounded after sliding early in the day. The euro rose sharply against the dollar in a sign of confidence in Europe's economy. Also, the market's fear gauge fell. A drop in stocks usually drives the Chicago Board Options Exchange's Volatility Index higher. Instead, the VIX dropped 4.9 percent.

John Canally, economist at LPL Financial in Boston, said traders were so scarred by the market's crash in 2008-09 that they have seeing lackluster economic numbers as signs that growth is going to disappear rather than just slow.

"You see this almost every time 12-15 months after the end of a recession. You hit sort of a soft spot," Canally said.

Canally said the likelihood of a so-called "double dip," in which the economy begins to shrink again, has risen in the past month to about 20 percent from 10 percent. He said investors are far more pessimistic. "I would say the market is now over 50" percent, he said.

The dollar fell Thursday along with commodities including oil and gold. Crude oil fell $2.68, or 3.5 percent, to $72.95 per barrel.

The June jobs report is expected to show that employers cut about 110,000 positions for the month. That figure reflects the loss of about 240,000 temporary census jobs.

Investors are more focused on hiring by businesses because that is a key factor needed to revive the economy. Economists polled by Thomson Reuters forecast that private employers added 112,000 jobs. That would be far above the 41,000 added in May. The overall unemployment rate is expected to rise to 9.8 percent from 9.7 percent in May.

Among individual stocks, BJ's rose $6.22, or 16.8 percent, to $43.23, while Limited rose 63 cents, or 2.9 percent, to $22.70.

Two stocks fell for every one that rose on the New York Stock Exchange, where consolidated volume came to 6.2 billion shares compared with 5.3 billion traded at the same point Wednesday.

The Russell 2000 index of smaller companies fell 5.30, or 0.9 percent, to 604.19.

Britain's FTSE 100 dropped 2.3 percent, Germany's DAX index fell 1.8 percent, and France's CAC-40 lost 3 percent. Japan's Nikkei stock average fell 2 percent.

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Jackson to return to Lakers

GREG BEACHAM
AP Sports Writer

LOS ANGELES Lakers coach Phil Jackson will return next season, putting off retirement for at least another year to chase his 12th NBA championship.

Jackson made the announcement Thursday with a news release. The two-time defending champions' coach said last week he was leaning toward retirement after another long season, but he changed his mind after getting a week to rest up at his offseason home in Montana.

"Count me in," Jackson said. "After a couple weeks of deliberation, it is time to get back to the challenge of putting together a team that can defend its title in the 2010-11 season. It'll be the last stand for me, and I hope a grand one."

Jackson, who will turn 65 later this year, is the winningest coach in playoff history and the most successful coach in league history by almost any measure.

He has a league-best .705 regular-season winning percentage, a record 225 postseason victories and two more titles than Boston's Red Auerbach, winning five championships with Kobe Bryant's Lakers and six with Michael Jordan's Chicago Bulls. He has 1,098 regular-season victories, fifth-most in league history.

His Lakers beat the Celtics in Game 7 of the NBA finals last month to claim their second straight title. Los Angeles has made the finals in seven of his 10 seasons with the club, and Jackson will have a chance next year for the fourth three-peat of his career.

"We're extremely pleased that Phil has decided to return," Lakers general manager Mitch Kupchak said. "He's not only the best coach for this team, but quite simply the best coach in the history of the NBA."

Jackson's health has been a constant concern in recent years, but he apparently feels strong enough for at least another year. The former New York Knicks player has two replaced hips, a sore knee requiring a brace under his suit during the season, and a previous heart problem.

The Lakers released no immediate details about Jackson's new contract. Owner Jerry Buss was widely thought to want Jackson to take a pay cut from the $14 million he earned last season, including a $2 million bonus for winning the title, but Jackson always claimed money wouldn't be an issue.

Brian Shaw, the former Lakers guard and Jackson's assistant coach, is thought to be Jackson's preferred successor. Shaw nearly landed the top job in Cleveland earlier this week after an impressive two-day meeting with the Cavaliers' brass, but the club abruptly hired former Lakers guard Byron Scott on Thursday — perhaps indicating Shaw is willing to wait in Los Angeles.

After last week's parade through Downtown Los Angeles without Jackson, who was getting medical tests, the Lakers uniformly said they wanted Jackson with them next season.

NOTICE OF A CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA ZONING ADMINISTRATOR

SUBJECT: **VARIANCE 10-007**
ADDRESS: 606 Marine Street
APPLICANT: Paola Vezzulli
PROPERTY OWNER: Roberto and Paola Vezzulli

A continued public hearing will be held by the Zoning Administrator to consider the following request:

The applicant requests approval of a variance to allow the modification of the parcel coverage from 50% to 61% and to permit the rear yard setback to be 4 feet instead the required 15 feet. Pursuant to SMMC Section 9.04.20.10.030(d)(1), the applicant may request a modification to parcel coverage or to setbacks when a parcel has a lot depth less than 90-feet or a lot width less than 39-feet. The subject property has a lot depth of 80-feet.

DATE/TIME: **TUESDAY, JULY 13, 2010 AT 10:30 A.M.**

LOCATION: City Council Chambers, Second Floor, Santa Monica City Hall
1685 Main Street, Santa Monica, California

HOW TO COMMENT
The City of Santa Monica encourages public comment. You may comment at the Zoning Administrator public hearing, or by writing a letter. Written information will be given to the Zoning Administrator at the meeting.

Address your letters to: Dennis Banks, Associate Planner
Re: 10VAR-007
City Planning Division
1685 Main Street, Room 212
Santa Monica, CA 90401

City of Santa Monica

MORE INFORMATION
If you want more information about this project or wish to review the project file, please contact Dennis Banks at (310) 458-8341, or by e-mail at dennis.banks@smgov.net. The Zoning Ordinance is available at the Planning Counter during business hours and on the City's web site at www.santa-monica.org.

The meeting facility is wheelchair accessible. For disability-related accommodations, please contact (310) 458-8341 or (310) 458-8696 TTY at least 72 hours in advance. All written materials are available in alternate format upon request. Santa Monica Big Blue Bus Lines numbered 1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 8, 9, and 10 serve City Hall.

Pursuant to California Government Code Section 65009(b), if this matter is subsequently challenged in Court, the challenge may be limited to only those issues raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of Santa Monica at, or prior to, the public hearing.

ESPAÑOL
Esto es una noticia de una audiencia pública para revisar applicaciónes proponiendo desarrollo en Santa Monica. Si deseas más información, favor de llamar a Carmen Gutierrez en la División de Planificación al número (310) 458-8341.

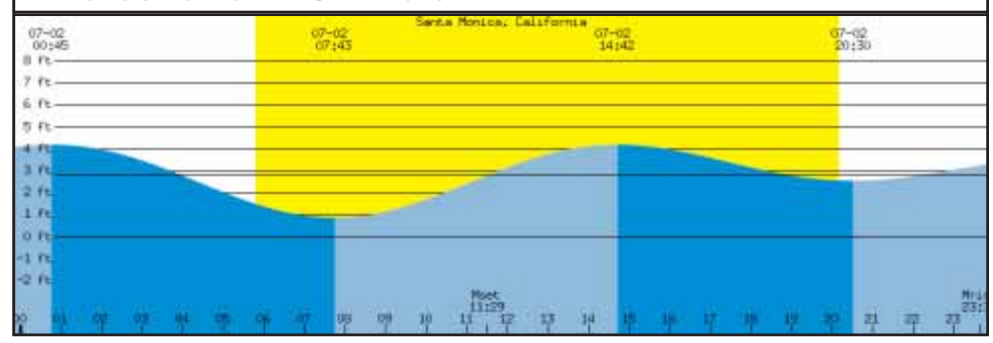


Surf Conditions **Water Temp:** 64°

Swell Forecast
Southerly swell backs off as NW wind swell remains. South facing breaks are looking at knee to waist high surf. West facing breaks are looking at waist to possibly chest high sets.

Long Range Synopsis
We may see some forerunners from the Pitcairn swell arrive with 20-second periods.

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 / as
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 6 / as

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

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

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
as -- no sample taken

Heal the Bay is a non-profit environmental organization dedicated to making Santa Monica Bay and Southern California coastal waters safe and healthy for people and marine life.

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

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

MOVIE TIMES

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

Double Feature
The Pink Panther (NR) 1hr 53min
A Shot in the Dark (NR) 1hr 41min
7:30pm

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

The Last Airbender 3D (RealD 3D) (PG) 1hr 43min
10:30am, 1:15pm, 4:00pm, 6:45pm, 9:40pm

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
10:45am, 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

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

Cyrus (R) 1hr 55min
1:00pm, 3:20pm, 5:40pm, 8:00pm, 10:15pm

Solitary Man (R) 1hr 45min
9:40pm

South of the Border (NR) 1hr 33min
1:00pm, 3:00pm, 5:10pm, 7:20pm, 10:00pm

Coco Chanel & Igor Stravinsky (R) 2hrs 13min
1:20pm, 4:10pm, 7:00pm, 9:50pm

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, 10:40pm

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9:30am, 12:00pm, 2:30pm, 5:15pm, 8:05pm, 10:45pm

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

Dinner with a friend, Leo

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★ Take your time rather than go with your first impulse. A discussion needs to happen, but you will call the shots. Don't underestimate the long-term ramifications of how you approach the situation. Tonight: A good night's sleep.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ Someone might disagree with you, or vice versa, but you are on the way to finding a solution. Realize that sometimes through disagreement a better idea surfaces. This could be one of those occasions. Tonight: Say goodbye to the work week.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Take charge if you have any hope of clearing out early. Note the juggling of many different concerns. Prioritize rather than juggle; the end results will be far better. Even if your words fall on deaf ears, your smile and attitude won't. Tonight: Happily heading home.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Keep reaching out past the obvious. You want answers that work, make sense and root out the true issue. Don't allow a moment of anger to cause a flare-up. Do more listening. Tonight: Where there is music.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Deal with others on an individual level if you want positive feedback. Use care with spending. Reveal your true thoughts to a key person. This person wants and needs to hear them. Tension builds in a key relationship. Tonight: Dinner with a friend.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ You cannot suppress what you really feel, but on the other hand, you could be unusually frustrated dealing with others. Stay level. Recognize a tendency to feel hurt more often right now. You could be taking certain issues personally. Tonight: Say "yes" to an invitation that gets you out and about.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Others still dominate and make you wonder which way to go. Taking the lead and having an important discussion with a respected authority figure help you decide. Use your innate charisma if need be. Tonight: Relax. Only with favorite people.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★ You have many answers, but someone would be hard-pressed to come to that conclusion. A meeting could be decisive and difficult. You also could be irritated by a boss who is a little too nice. Tonight: Charge out of the office.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★ You could be too tired to deal with everything that comes up. Close your door and get as much done as humanly possible. Some of you, if you can, will want to work from home. That might be the perfect solution. Tonight: Someone at a distance makes an extra effort.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ You might want to rethink a conversation. Try to break through a restriction or boundary. You don't need to have the only answer; the more options the better. A partner might withhold something. Tonight: Catch up on someone's week.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★ Be more aware of spending and your choices. You could find another way to resolve an issue, but might decide to go along with a combative or overly assertive associate. Let go of frustration. Tonight: Where your friends are.

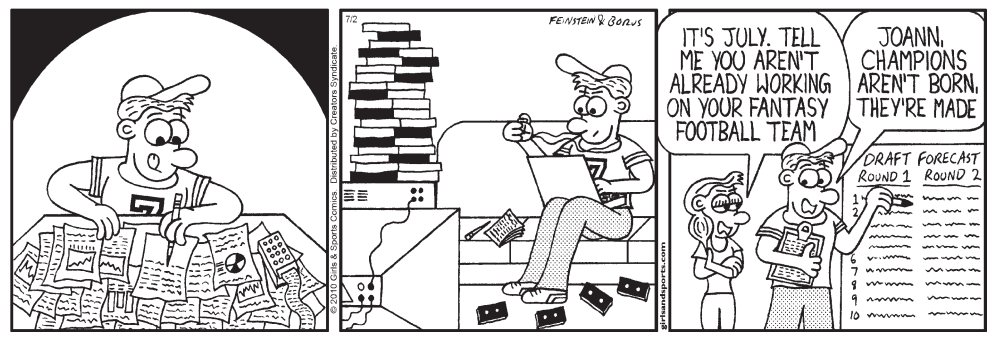
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ You have a way of drawing out the best in others, though one might be hard-pressed to see that today. A partner or associate displays his or her true colors so that everyone can see his or her mood. Tonight: Do for you.

Happy birthday

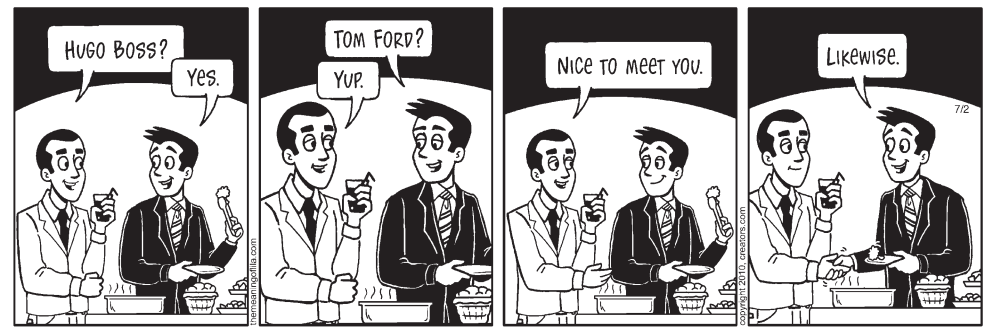
This year, you are able to follow your intuition and your higher mind. Together they function as one. Your ability to detach draws a lot of people to you. Some want your opinions, while others just want to be close to you. Communication can be difficult at times. When angry, you easily could lose your temper and become accident-prone. Learn more healthy ways of expressing yourself. Physical exercise could be more important than you realize. If you are single, you attract someone unusual and interesting. Be open to a different type of person. If you are attached, a trip planned by the two of you will bond you on a much closer level. PISCES helps you see the big picture.

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

Girls and Sports
By Justin Borus and Andrew Feinstein



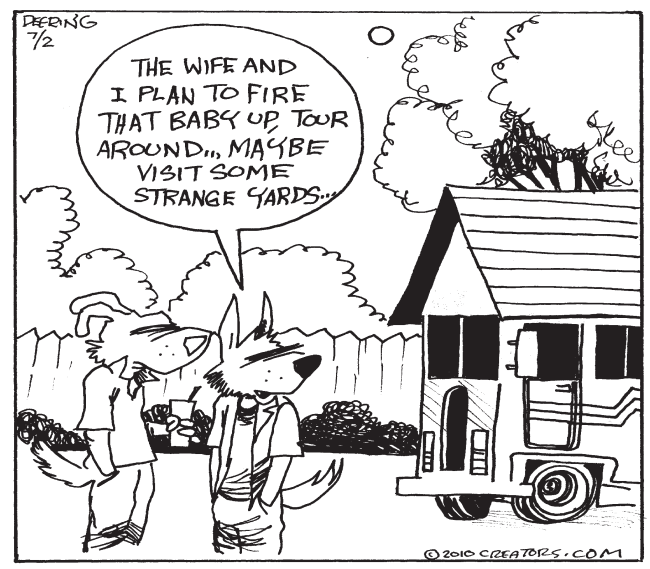
The Meaning of Lila
By John Forgetta & L.A. Rose



Garfield
By Jim Davis



Strange Brew
By John Deering



Speed Bump
By Dave Coverly



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

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

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

Make a plan.

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Sudoku

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

Difficulty Level ★★★★

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	4						7	
		7	2		3	1		
				1				

King Features Syndicate

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

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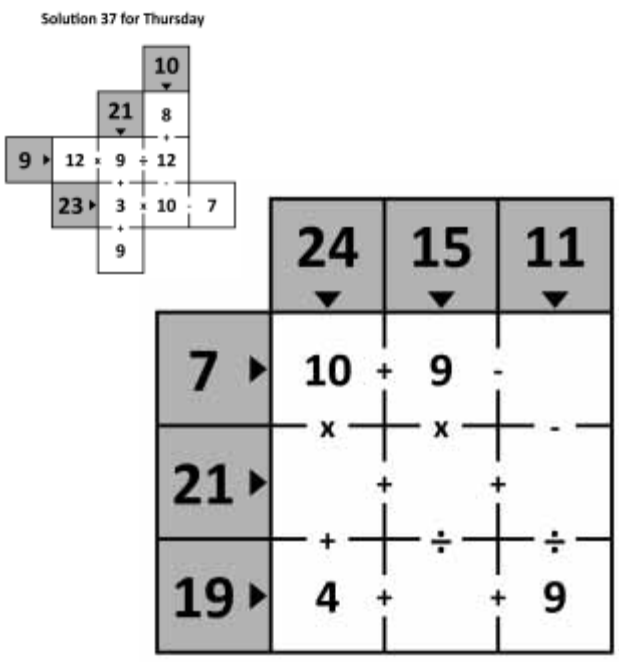
- Fill the grid with the set of given numbers (1 to 12) to satisfy the Equa demands (7 to 24) in the shaded boxes. The Equa demands represent the sum of the digits that you will insert into the empty squares.
- Each horizontal row has one Equa demand to satisfy; each vertical column also has one demand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

For more games, go to www.arithmo.com

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

2, 6, 9, 10, 12

Solution 37 for Thursday





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CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Stand-up guy?
6 Up
11 Some Japanese films
12 Combing spot
13 Family car
14 Davis of film
15 Secreted
16 Uncle, in Acapulco
18 Father's Day gift
19 Building wing
20 Play part
21 Early horror name
22 Jacket part
24 Crook
25 Encouraging words to Spot
27 Toe woe
29 Shred
32 From — Z
33 Brief bit
34 — tear
35 Singer Reed
36 Avril follower
37 Battleship letters
38 Summer of song
40 Less
42 Church official
43 Poet Breton
44 Bowler's button
45 Surgery tool

DOWN

1 Redeems, as a check
2 "Ah, Wilderness!" author
3 Areas of compromise
4 "— Believer"
5 Peso part
6 Monk's leader
7 Course need
8 Areas of conflict
9 Director's cry
10 Last words, often
17 Summer quaff
23 Long time
24 Frilly wrap
26 It has a point
27 Mobile artist
28 "Becket" actor
30 Skeptical
31 Quarterback, at times
33 Bright
39 Once called
41 — tizzy

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Yesterday's answer

NEW CROSSWORD BOOK! Send $4.75 (check/m.o.) to Thomas Joseph Book 1, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475

1	2	3	4	5	■	6	7	8	9	10
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DAILY LOTTERY

MEGA MILLIONS: 3 4 15 27 37 Meganumber: 35 Jackpot: $25M

SUPER LOTTO PLUS: 2 9 10 39 46 Meganumber: 19 Jackpot: $7M

FANTASY 5: 10 30 31 34 35

DAILY 3: MIDDAY: 6 7 5 EVENING: 3 7 2

DAILY DERBY: 1st: 11 Money Bags 2nd: 03 Hot Shot 3rd: 10 Solid Gold RACE TIME: 1:46.90

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Recurring Theme: Once again, the larger question in a "swindling psychic" case is not how Portland, Ore., "psychic" Cathy Stevens managed to separate Mr. Drakar Druella, 42, from his $150,000 (which she needed, to cure Druella's "negative energy"). The larger question is how did a man so totally lacking in street smarts manage to amass $150,000 to begin with. Explained Druella, "(Stevens) could cry (at) will. (She) becomes what you want and need her to be."

■ At her arraignment in Missoula, Mont., in April, Jackiya Ford, 37, refused to enter a plea to various fraud charges because, she explained, "Montana" is not a legal entity. According to the prosecutor, after Ford was shown a house for sale by a local agent, she tried to cut out the middleman by filing an ownership claim to it and all the land within 20 miles of it (although she generously offered to sell it to the current residents, aka the legal owners, for $900,000, but only in "silver or gold"). Armed with her (fraudulent) ownership document, she broke into the home and posted a no-trespassing sign (the only visitors allowed: people authorized by "our Lord and Savior Yahushua"). (As if she weren't busy enough, she also disclosed that she is pregnant.)

TODAY IN HISTORY

1298 The Battle of Göllheim is fought between Albert I of Habsburg and Adolf of Nassau-Weilburg.

1494 The Treaty of Tordesillas is ratified by Spain.

1555 Turgut Reis sacks the Italian city of Paola.

1561 Menas, Emperor of Ethiopia, defeats a revolt in Emfraz.

1582 Battle of Yamazaki: Toyotomi Hideyoshi defeats Akechi Mitsuhide.

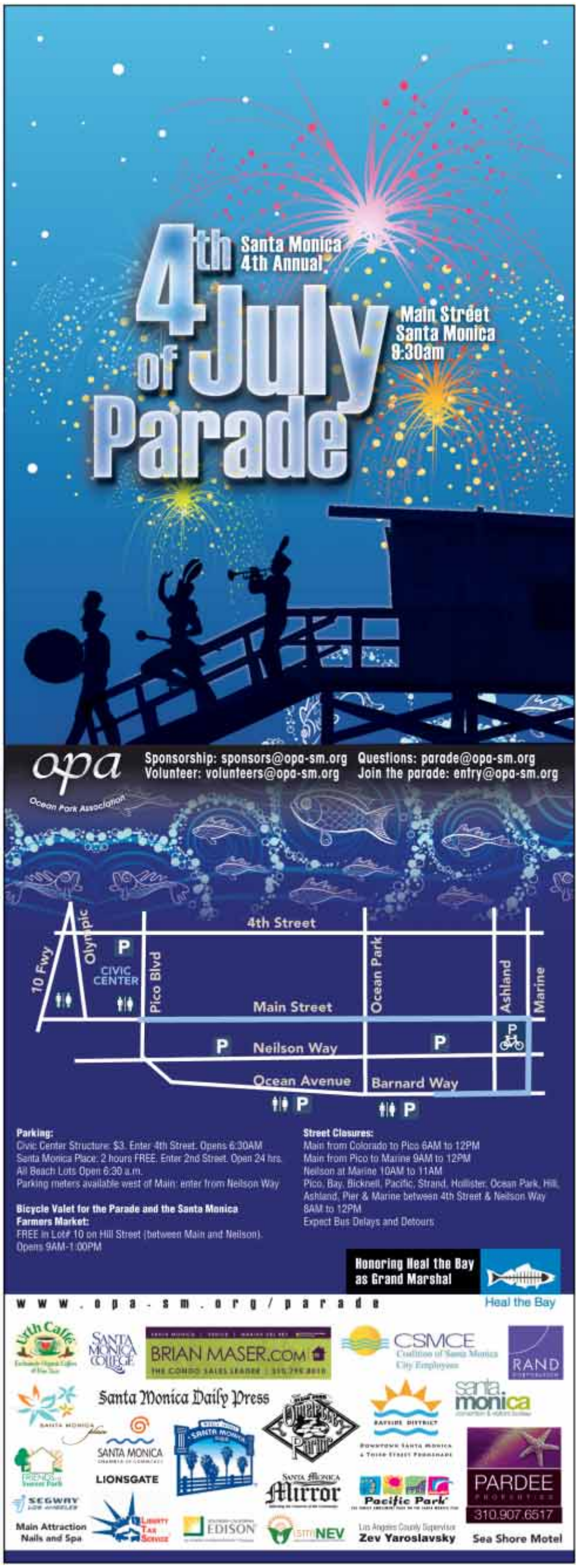
1613 The first English expedition from Massachusetts against Acadia led by Samuel Argall.

1644 English Civil War: the Battle of Marston Moor.

1679 Europeans first visit Minnesota and see headwaters of Mississippi in an expedition led by Daniel Greysolon de Du Luth.

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