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Taking sides on offshore drilling

BY ALICE OLLSTEIN
Special to the Daily Press

PACIFIC OCEAN Sen. John McCain (R-Arizona) is for it. Gov. Schwarzenegger is against it. And local officials, environmentalists and concerned citizens up and down the coast are mobilizing to defeat it.

Ever since President Bush declared his intent to lift the federal ban on offshore oil drilling, claiming the move would ease gas prices and boost the economy, the political battle has raged on. California, with its beach economies and memories of oil spill traumas past, has worked particularly hard to keep the prohibitions in place.

Unsurprisingly, California's Democrats have unanimously denounced the president's proposal. Sens. Dianne Feinstein and Barbara Boxer, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, (D-San Francisco), and state Sen. Sheila Kheul (D-Santa Monica) have all made statements condemning offshore oil exploration.

Even Gov. Schwarzenegger, a McCain backer, has come out against it, saying at a Miami conference last month, "Anyone who tells you that offshore drilling will bring down our gas prices immediately or anytime soon is blowing smoke."

Local and national organizations agree.

Sarah Abramson, the coastal resources director of the Santa Monica-based environmental organization Heal the Bay, explained that offshore drilling would hurt the oceans, not help consumers.

"Heal the Bay feels that this would be a huge step backwards in shore protection," she said. "Proponents are painting it as a panacea, but the reality is that it would not lower gas prices. The real answer is to start moving toward better fuels and renewables."

The Surfrider Foundation has also issued a statement against the proposal.

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Hawaiian superstars play the pier

BY CHRISTINA YOON
Special to the Daily Press

SM PIER For those who can't get away this summer for a tropical getaway, Santa Monica's Twilight Dance Series will bring a taste of Hawaii to the pier.

The "One Hawaii" event, featuring popular Hawaiian musicians Keali'i Reichel, Na Leo and Weldon Kekaouha will perform in the second Twilight Dance Series concert of the summer tonight starting at 7 p.m. The concert is a celebration of Independence Day, Hawaiian-style, with traditional and

contemporary Hawaiian music accompanied by two award-winning Hula groups.

"This is a very rare occurrence," said Warren Wyatt, the longtime tour producer for Keali'i Reichel and manager for the group Na Leo.

The three large acts rarely tour together and tonight's performance will be the first free show that any of the musicians have ever done on the mainland.

"Keali'i is the biggest-selling and most popular living Hawaiian artist," said Wyatt, "and Na Leo is the biggest-selling female group in Hawaii."

The musicians have been lifelong friends with singer-songwriter Weldon Kekaouha, who won song of the year at the 2008 Na Hoku Hanohano Awards, Hawaii's equivalent of the Grammys.

Nalani Choy, a member of Na Leo, said that the "One Hawaii" show has been a truly unique experience for her as a performer.

"It's been magical," she said. "This show is designed so there's a lot of overlapping and collaboration, resulting in a lot of mini

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Dancing Hawaiian-style

Santa Monica Pier, 7 p.m.

The Santa Monica Pier hosts the Summer Twilight Dance Series which features sounds from the Hawaiian islands this week. The musical talent includes One Hawaii featuring Keali'i Reichel, Hawaii's top selling touring act, together with Na Leo, the most popular female group in the history of Hawaiian music. For information, call (310) 458-8900

Friday, July 4, 2008

Independence Day parade

Santa Monica Civic Auditorium, 1855 Main St., 9:30 a.m.

All groups, teams, organizations, families, and individuals are welcome to attend the Second Annual Santa Monica Fourth of July Parade. The fun starts at the Santa Monica Civic Auditorium and continues on to 1855 Main St., right on Marine, and finally to the southernmost beach parking lot on Barnard Way. Marching in the parade requires pre-registration. For questions regarding volunteering, registration, guidelines, or the route, visit the Ocean Park Association Web site opa-sm.org, or call (310)-564-1968.

Attending mass

Santa Monica Pier, 6:30 p.m. — 9 p.m.

Anyone who takes an interest in exercising and helping the environment should join Santa Monica Critical Mass, a group devoted to riding the streets of Santa Monica and Venice. The group is a call for better cycling facilities, an alternative to car culture, and a merry ride with friends on the first Friday of every month. To join and bike ride with Critical Mass, visit www.SantaMonicaCriticalMass.org.

Hot salsa dancing

1334 Lincoln Blvd., 7:15 p.m. — 10 p.m.

Friday Socials in Santa Monica offers a friendly, relaxed atmosphere every Friday night to meet new people and learn how to dance hot salsa. Instructors Isabelle and Reiko offer classes for beginners and intermediates. Classes are followed by a social hour, where class peers get to mingle and enjoy great music. A 90-minute class and social hour is also available for \$20. Free drinks are included. For more information, contact Isabelle Pampillo at (310)392-3493.

For more information on any of the events listed, log on to smdp.com and click the "Events" tab for the given day's calendar.



CORRECTION

In a story on the city's smoking ban that appeared in the June 30 edition of the Daily Press, it should have made clear that police will continue to warn and cite people who fail to comply with the law, which prohibits people from smoking in places of general assembly, including the Third Street Promenade. Also, a ban on smoking at or around all public libraries will go into effect on July 22. The delay in enforcement only applies to business owners.

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ON THE MOVE: Former Santa Monica College men's basketball coach Jesse Teplitzky has agreed to become the head coach at Cerritos College.

SMC scrambles to replace coach

BY MICHAEL MIDDLEHURST-SCHWARTZ
Special to the Daily Press

SMC After losing eight players from last year's team to four-year schools, the Santa Monica College men's basketball team expected to be entering a transition year this summer.

What the Corsairs didn't anticipate was having to replace their coach as well as most of their roster.

Following his first year as head coach at SMC, Jesse Teplitzky has agreed to become the head coach of the team at Cerritos College. In 2008, Teplitzky led the Corsairs to their first winning record in five years.

"I love (SMC) to death, but it was the right move for me," Teplitzky said. "I'm extremely thankful for the opportunity that the school gave me and will forever

remember that season."

Teplitzky will continue to teach two summer courses at SMC before moving on to Cerritos in August.

The 29-year-old coach will be a full-time staff member at Cerritos, giving him medical coverage and other benefits that he could not receive as a part-time employee at SMC.

"They were able to give me more pay and benefits for essentially the same workload," Teplitzky said. "It was too good of an offer to pass up."

Teplitzky made SMC aware that he was pursuing the Cerritos job as he went through the application process, according to assistant coach Joe Cascio.

"He kept everyone in the loop," said Cascio, who will serve as the team's interim coach during the summer.

SMC must post their opening to the public before interviewing applicants for the coaching position, a process that could last into mid-August.

Teplitzky met with SMC players after accepting the position at Cerritos and encouraged them to remain with the program. He also extended offers to Cascio and fellow assistant coach Aaron Landon to join him at Cerritos, but neither is expected to leave SMC.

Cascio said that two recruits who had agreed to join the Corsairs in the fall are unlikely to play for SMC following the coaching change.

Ironically, SMC lost to Cerritos in the first round of the Southern California Regional Playoff this spring. After head coach Gary

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Rewarding architects for designing real change

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

DOWNTOWN Santa Monica buildings are more than just spaces to work, live, or play, as proved by the numerous architectural awards that have been presented this past month.

The Killefer Flammang Architects know something about sustainability and community enhancement. The company was awarded four Los Angeles Business Council (LABC) Awards last week for their work on the OPCC Cloverfield Services Center in Santa Monica and three Los Angeles fire stations.

The Santa Monica based company was founded in 1975 and has been honored with countless awards over the years.

"We are delighted to recognize these projects for the contribution they make to their local communities as well as the city in general," said Mary Leslie, LABC president, referencing the four recently honored buildings.

The Cloverfield Service Center was awarded the Council's Civic Award in the Renovation category. The Service Center houses abused women and mentally ill homeless, and was designed to create an "environment of hope" for its residents.

From the shell of an old manufacturing building, the Killefer Flammang Architects succeeded in creating a space that is "anything but grim," said Dick Lewis, a public relations spokesman for the company. He said that usually there is not a sense of hope or optimism associated with homeless facilities.

"During the planning stages, there was a big emphasis on light," Lewis said. The company used translucent panels, skylights and a lightwell to diffuse light throughout the interior of the building, and an elaborate glazed concrete perimeter wall to protect and provide privacy for the building's 55 inhabitants.

"Light plays a major role in the interior of the contemporary-styled building," said Wade Killefer, architect and founder of Killefer Flammang Architects.

The three fire stations were honored for

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Democracy in the Middle East

Editor:

As the executive director of the only national Jewish organization with an office in Santa Monica, I take strong exception to John Marciano's inaccurate and inflammatory comments concerning Israel and the Palestinians ("Is a change going to come?" page 5, July 1). It is telling that Mr. Marciano chose to base his rantings on the discredited ideas of Israeli academic Ilan Pappé, who left Israel last year after the president of his own university called for Pappé's resignation.

An extraordinarily high level of intellectual dishonesty is required to accuse of Israel of "ethnic cleansing" since it is a country with 1.2 million Palestinian Arab citizens who enjoy full political and legal rights. By way of contrast, Hamas does not permit Jews to live in the Gaza Strip, and no Jews are allowed to reside in Palestinian cities and towns on the West Bank. These Judenrein policies are reinforced by racial and religious incitement in mainstream Palestinian media, which promote hatred and violence towards Jews. Again by way of contrast, Israeli media do not feature children's shows that encourage martyrdom and suicide bombings.

Israel has a track record of making peace with Egypt and Jordan, and it is my sincere hope that more peace accords will be forthcoming. Unfortunately, Palestinian leaders have never submitted a peace plan to American and Israeli governments; they prefer instead to reject them, as Bill Clinton and Dennis Ross can attest. I applaud both leading presidential candidates for recognizing these facts and for publicly pledging to support Israel, the one true democracy in the Middle East.

Gary P. Ratner
executive director, Western Region
American Jewish Congress

Delivering the goods

Editor:

I hear people want to get rid of Steve Breen as a columnist. Don't. I don't always agree with him but he has a "fresh" voice in more ways than one.

With Lloyd [Garver] and Jack [Neworth] and that Soapbox guy you've got quite a few with the same opinion. The mailman is at least one counter balance to the same ol' same ol'.

I like puzzles. I do the crossword and the Sudoku. Frankly some of Steve's sentences are just another form of entertainment puzzle. Sometimes I get the Sudoku before I figure out what one of Steve's sentences mean, but it's a lot of fun all the same.

Eric Cooper
Santa Monica

Bring it on

Editor:

In Robert Kronovet's letter ("Bring on Development," page 4, June 30) he says, "We want development, bring it on." I'm not sure who the "We" is he claims to represent. No one in my neck of Pico [Boulevard] and Euclid [Street] wants to "bring on the development." We already have gridlock traffic from too much development in Santa Monica, our schools are way overcrowded, buildings are getting bigger and bigger and no amount of euphemistic "Village" doggerel will change this. We already have enough people crammed into our eight little miles. As Kronovet puts it, "Build it and they will come." We already have enough. That is why "We" support and applaud RIFT (Residents Initiative to Fight Traffic). "We" say bring on RIFT.

Peter Davison
Santa Monica



Your column here

Howard Kaloogian

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Rethinking the energy crisis

GITMO AND GUNS ARE GETTING ALL THE press. But energy mavens are talking about another recent far reaching — but little noted — Supreme Court decision on the California energy crisis: It took them seven years but they finally figured it out.

The revisionist part of the story is well known: Big bad oil traders like Enron gamed the market and drove up energy costs by 15-fold.

The blackouts, insolvent utilities and economic chaos are remembered as the worst energy crisis in American history.

But the Supreme Court turned this conventional wisdom on its ear and said there may have been misconduct on the part of energy sellers, but no one ever showed that caused the crisis.

To paraphrase Bart Simpson, the court, in part, said they didn't do it.

This left the real villains hiding in plain sight: The regulators who enforced the worst law in the history of the Golden State: The California energy deregulation of 1996. The same regulators who now say despite the Supreme Court, they intend to continue their expensive vendetta on energy producers.

The stakes are high and it is worth remembering how we got here. So let's go back. Way back to 1996. I was a member of the California Legislature.

I voted for what I thought was deregulation. Soon after the "deregulation" became law, one thing became apparent: This was not deregulation, but re-regulation complete with price controls and trading restrictions that did not produce one extra watt of power.

Once in the hands of the befuddled regulators, this bill went from a bad idea to a nightmarish reality.

Anticipating the Supreme Court and Bart Simpson, the energy economist Geoffrey Styles figured it out six years ago:

"California's energy crisis grew out of years of neglect, over-regulation and a fatally flawed "deregulation" scheme that, upon scrutiny, fails to meet any common sense definition of that term.

As the architects of an electric power deregulation process that grossly distorted the market, California's elected officials and regulators deserve their own share of the blame.

The regulators established the price caps and scheduling system that Enron's traders so effectively exploited with their

bizarrely-named strategies, and the legislature and governor froze retail electricity prices, while letting wholesale prices float (far above retail), deliberately opening up a gap that soon brought the state's two largest utilities to their knees."

When prices returned to earth, utilities — locked into long term deals they signed at the peak of the market — suffered what the Supreme Court is calling "buyer's remorse."

They demanded refunds from the energy companies. Some agreed. Others did not, saying the sales were fairly negotiated between sophisticated buyers and sellers. And a deal was a deal. So off they went to court.

After a lower court and the Federal Energy Commission found no evidence that dirty dealing caused the crisis, the most overturned court in American got into the act.

The Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. These judges said the federal government had a duty to rip up these contracts because of the high prices.

But the U.S. Supreme Court was having none of that.

In giving short shrift to claims that the reviled energy companies were behind the crisis, the court said legally what California voters knew intuitively when they voted the first time for Arnold Schwarzenegger. Absent massive mismanagement, there would have been no crisis.

That's bad news for some, good for others. Since our regulators are to blame, that means we can fix it.

The Supreme Court has sent a message: That is what it expects. California citizens have the right to expect even better: Stop the war on energy producers.

Declare victory and go home. Re-deploy California's private army of \$700-an-hour lawyers who have frittered away tens of millions of dollars in pursuit of this now hopeless legal endeavor.

Roads and parks and even taxpayers could use the money for utility bills.

A real energy policy recognizes that markets and contracts produce power.

Regulators and rhetoric do not. The governor and his regulators should be able to figure this out.

The Supreme Court sure did.

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Musically inclined

ALTHOUGH I'M GENERALLY HAPPY AS A clam, I think I'll always regret just a tiny bit that I never dated an upright bass player.

There's something so intriguing and sexy about how upright bassists maneuver their instruments.

They graciously leave little to the imagination as to how they'd treat a woman when they close their eyes, nod and sway their heads, their chins pointed down to the beats they create by caressing the strings with a series of firm yet gentle plucks.

When I lived across the street from Lincoln Center, I would stare longingly at the bassists lumbering with their life-size black cases in and out of the subway turnstiles, and up and down the stairs, of the 1 and 9 station at 66th and Broadway.

I'd wonder what the thought process was when they made the decision as children to take up such a cumbersome instrument, when they so easily could have chosen something much less bulky, like the trumpet or the French horn. Clearly, boys who play the upright bass become men who aren't afraid of commitment.

Still, I suppose I'm more remorseful that I never had what it took to become a real musician myself: talent and perseverance.

As far as I'm concerned, you're either born with talent, or you aren't.

I wasn't, but for a long time I sure thought I had some.

How else to explain all those years I spent belting out show tunes in front of my bedroom mirror, imagining myself on the Great White Way wearing a curly red wig and singing "Maybe" with the girls from the orphanage as my backups?

Perseverance is something that can certainly be learned if it isn't an innate trait, but I never had much of that either. My parents generously bestowed upon me nine years of piano lessons, for which I have embarrassingly little to show today.

Sure, I can still sit down at a piano, read music and rough out some of the songs I learned all those years ago.

But the reality is, the music I make now sounds nearly as good as what I produced 21 years ago — the last time I had any formal training.

"Rhapsody in Blue" was what I wanted to be playing, not "Row, Row, Row Your Boat." That I had to work hard to get there was what stood in my way.

My mom used to have me practice for 15 minutes every day.

Waiting for the kitchen timer to ding — signaling I could be done — felt agonizingly longer than it took for good-sized icebergs to melt in the Arctic (back before Al Gore discovered global warming).

In high school and college I really wanted to be able to master the guitar, especially when I was at gatherings with friends and Pink Floyd or Bob Dylan music was playing. I even borrowed an acoustic guitar once and bought a book for beginners.

However, I was dismayed when I realized I needed to learn chords in order to play an actual song. That required practice. And the cutting of my nails. The guitar dream was short-lived.

I also always thought it would be cool to be the lead singer of a band. They don't have to lug around any equipment. All they have to do is show up, look and sound good, and drink lots of hot water with lemon and honey.

But, of course, that means actually being really good-looking (something which no one ever has accused me of) and having talent (see above, and the failed "Annie" dream). Or having a lot of money to hire a good plastic surgeon, a well-connected producer and the most recent version of Pro Tools.

Needless to say, the lead singer thing didn't pan out either (which is fine, anyway, because I don't like lemon in my water).

I played the oboe for four years, but there's only been one moment when I wished I had kept up with it. I mentioned in passing to one of the musical directors of the Saturday Night Live band that I used to play the oboe.

"Really?" she said excitedly. "I've always wanted an oboist to sit in with the band. I'm going to schedule you to be on the show with us!"

It was with much regret that I had to inform her that the last time I played, or even laid eyes on an oboe, was when there was still great hope for New Coke. I wasn't even positive at that moment that I could distinguish among an oboe, a clarinet and an English horn in a classical music police lineup.

At least I never quit my day job. And I'll always have the memory of living across the street from all those upright bassists. They can't take that away from me.

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The Q-Line

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The Daily Press editorial staff was having a story meeting the other day when we began to wonder what are you, our readers, tired of reading about. Is it the school district? Maybe it is the City Council or homelessness.

So this week's Q-Line question asks:

What subjects are you sick and tired of reading about and why? Please be specific.

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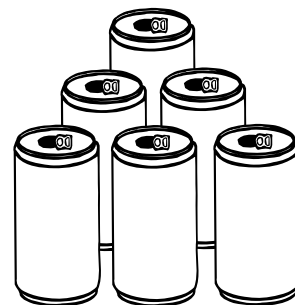
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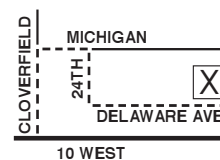


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Future looks even hotter

BY SETH BORENSTEIN

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON During the European heat wave of 2003 that killed tens of thousands, the temperature in parts of France hit 104 degrees. Nearly 15,000 people died in that country alone. During the Chicago heat wave of 1995, the mercury spiked at 106 and about 600 people died.

In a few decades, people will look back at those heat waves "and we will laugh," said Andreas Sterl, author of a new study. "We will find (those temperatures) lovely and cool."

Sterl's computer model shows that by the end of the century, high temperatures for once-in-a-generation heat waves will rise twice as fast as everyday average temperatures. Chicago, for example, would reach 115 degrees in such an event by 2100. Paris heat waves could near 109 with Lyon coming closer to 114.

Sterl, who is with the Royal Netherlands Meteorological Institute, projects temperatures for rare heat waves around the world in a study soon to be published in the journal Geophysical Research Letters.

His numbers are blistering because of the drying-out effect of a warming world. Most global warming research focuses on average daily temperatures instead of these extremes, which cause greater damage.

His study projects a peak of 117 for Los Angeles and 110 for Atlanta by 2100; that's 5 degrees higher than the current records for those cities.

Kansas City faces the prospect of a 116-

degree heat wave, with its current all-time high at 109, according to the National Climatic Data Center.

A few cities, such as Phoenix, which once hit 122 degrees and is projected to have heat waves of 120, have already reached these extreme temperatures once or twice.

But they would be hitting those numbers a little more often as the world heats up over time. For New York, it would only be a slight jump from the all-time record of 104 at John F. Kennedy Airport to the projected 106.

It could be worse. Delhi, India is expected to hit 120 degrees; Belem, Brazil, 121, and Baghdad, 122.

Those figures make sense, Ken Kunkel, a top Midwestern climate scientist and interim director of the Illinois Water Survey.

These are temperatures that are dangerous, said University of Wisconsin environmental health professor Dr. Jonathan Patz.

"Extreme temperature puts a huge demand on the body, especially anyone with heart problems," Patz said. "The elderly are the most vulnerable because they don't sense temperature as well."

And it's not just at the end of the century. By 2050, heat waves will be 3 to 5 degrees hotter than now "and probably be longer-lasting," Sterl said.

By mid-century, southern France's extreme heat waves should be around 111 degrees and then near 118 by the end of the century, Sterl's climate models predict. In the 1990s, that region's extreme heat wave peaked at 104 degrees; in the 1950s, the worst heat wave peaked around 91 degrees, according to Sterl.

Soybeans hit another record high

BY STEVENSON JACOBS

Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK Soybeans surged to a record for a second straight day Wednesday on concerns that flood-battered Midwest crops may produce lower yields and strain supplies at a time of booming world demand.

Other commodities traded mostly higher, with crude oil hitting a new record and gold, silver, copper and agriculture futures all rising.

U.S. farmers plan to harvest 96.8 percent of this year's 74.5 million acre soybean crop, down from an estimate of 98.7 percent that was calculated before severe floods struck the Midwest last month, the U.S. Department of Agriculture said in its annual acreage survey released Monday. Nationwide, farmers said only 70 percent of the intended soybean crop had been planted at the time of the U.S.D.A. survey interview, the lowest level in 12 years.

"Soybean yield prospects are just as uncertain as corn's. The crops are seeing really late development" after the flooding, said Elaine Kub, analyst with DTN in Omaha.

Soybeans for November delivery shot up to a record \$16.33 a bushel on the Chicago Board of Trade, before easing back to settle at \$16.30, up 20 cents. On Tuesday, soybeans settled at a record \$16.10 a bushel.

Soybean prices have jumped 45 percent in the past year amid soaring world demand to feed people and livestock, particularly in China. Prices have also gained on a recent farmer's strike in Argentina, the world's third largest soybean producer after the United States and Brazil.

Other agriculture futures also rose sharply Wednesday. Corn for December

delivery added 28.5 cents to settle at \$7.805 a bushel on the CBOT, while wheat for September delivery rose 15.5 cents to settle at \$8.8025 a bushel.

In energy markets, crude oil prices barreled to a new all-time high above \$144 a barrel Wednesday after the government reported U.S. crude stockpiles fell more than expected last week. The Energy Department's Energy Information Administration said crude oil supplies fell by 2 million barrels last week, or about 800,000 barrels more than analysts surveyed by the energy research firm Platts predicted.

However, the report also said gasoline supplies unexpectedly grew by a considerable amount, and demand continued to slide, suggesting that Americans are cutting back on driving amid record fuel prices.

Light, sweet crude for August delivery rose as high as \$144.15 on the New York Mercantile Exchange shortly after the market closed.

The contract also reached a new closing record, settling at \$143.57, up \$2.60.

Other energy futures also traded higher. August heating oil futures rose 12.8 cents to settle at \$4.0715 a gallon, while August gasoline futures rose 3.6 cents to settle at \$3.5494 a gallon.

In precious metals, copper prices surged to near record levels after a mining strike in Peru raised concerns of a drop in world output. Copper for September delivery rose 15.3 cents to settle at \$4.0635 a pound on the Nymex, after earlier rising as high as \$4.08. That was copper's highest trading level since reaching a record \$4.22 on May 5.

Other precious metals also rose. Gold for August delivery added \$2 to settle at \$946.50 an ounce, while September silver gained 13.5 cents to settle at \$18.425.

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Big Easy cocktail museum shakes and stirs history

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BY MARY FOSTER

Associated Press Writer

NEW ORLEANS In New Orleans, cocktails are serious business. What better town for a temple to the tasty history of the American libation?

Many outsiders may get their idea of the Big Easy's cocktail culture from the jumbo-sized plastic cups of punch slugged down by tourists on Bourbon Street.

But the Museum of the American Cocktail opening in July will focus on the rich history of sophisticated drinks that have been served since Thomas Jefferson was president.

Cocktails — originally defined as any mixture of bitters, spirits and sugar — were an early fixture in this French port city.

Besides easy access to sugar, a European sensibility allowed a drinking culture to flourish when it foundered elsewhere in the South's Bible Belt.

"I definitely think New Orleans has always been the home of civilized drinking," said Ann Tuennerman, founder of Tales of the Cocktail, an annual festival that attracts thousands. "The image the tourists have is not how most locals think of drinking. We believe in better, not more."

The museum is located near the French Quarter and features a collection of rare spirits, books, and Prohibition-era literature. There will be vintage cocktail shakers, glassware, tools, gadgets and other cocktail memorabilia.

"It's a fanciful combination of things," curator Ted Haigh said. "And New Orleans is the ultimate fit — a city that loves celebration and history."

New Orleans' culture and celebrated laid-back attitude have shaped its drink-

SOME LITTLE-KNOWN FACTS ABOUT COCKTAILS

Although people tend to call anything in a V-shaped glass a cocktail, the drink traditionally is required to have spirits, sugar and bitters. Some other facts about the drink:

- Originally, the cocktail was considered a morning eye-opener. Some speculate that's how it got its name — a metaphor for a rooster (cock) heralding the light of day.
- In New Orleans, legend has it Antoine Peychaud served his blend of bitters and brandy in egg cups, known as "coquetiers" to the French-speaking residents. The word later was corrupted to "cock-tay," and finally to cocktail.
- In the 1800s, bitters were used as medicine. Peychaud's Bitters' label still reads, "Good for what ails one irrespective of malady."
- Martinis and Manhattans were not developed in the United States until vermouth began being imported from Europe.
- Two of the earliest recorded enhancements to the cocktail were a sugar-crusted glass lip with fruit peel (called a crusta), and the addition of absinthe.

* Source: Ted Haigh, curator, Museum of the American Cocktail.

ing habits, said Dale DeGroff, president and co-founder of the museum.

"In the rest of the country until prohibition, bars were pretty much the male territory," said DeGroff. "In New Orleans, with its European approach to things, they called them coffee houses and men and women used them equally."

The museum's nonprofit organization was founded in 2004 and displayed some of its exhibits in a temporary space before Hurricane Katrina.

The permanent museum opening July 21 — on Monday morning — promises an impressive series of seminars with professionals and scholars.

"The museum is a very serious undertaking that will have a lot of serious work going on," Haigh said.

There will not be a bar, but there will be tastings in connection with some events.

"If, for instance, we have a seminar on the 19th century cocktail, those attending will have a chance to taste those cocktails,"

Haigh said.

Some historians believe the first cocktail — the Sazerac — was invented in New Orleans by Antoine Amadie Peychaud, a Creole apothecary with a shop in the French Quarter in the early 1800s.

Haigh disputes the theory.

"Peychaud would have been 3 years old when the first one was made," he said.

The Sazerac caused a stir in Louisiana's most recent legislative session when a bill to name it the state's official cocktail ran into opposition from lawmakers who felt they shouldn't promote alcohol. Supporters settled for naming it the city's cocktail: a mixture of rye whiskey, sugar, bitters and absinthe, or a substitute anise-flavored liquor.

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www.museumoftheamericancocktail.org

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www.talesofthecocktail.com/2008/index.php

BY MICHELLE LOCKE

Associated Press Writer

SAN FRANCISCO The pillar-box red lipstick is the first clue the white-coated butcher sawing up a grass-fed California lamb isn't your typical meat-cutter.

But then, Avedano's Holly Park Market is no ordinary chop shop.

Tucked into San Francisco's funky Bernal Heights district, the store — which first opened in 1901 as Cicero's Meats — has an old-time look with its restored period fixtures and black and white photos.

But behind those vintage trappings, Avedano's is on the cutting edge of 21st century food trends, owned and operated by three women — one an ex-vegetarian — and selling sustainably raised, locally produced meat.

"People are surprised when they find three women owning the shop," says Tia Harrison, who, along with Melanie Eisemann and Angela Wilson, took over Avedano's a year ago. "We've gotten a lot of looks from people who are a little bit like, 'Well... Who's your boss? Who's running the show back there?'"

Step into Avedano's and you're likely to be hit by a wave of nostalgia as palpable as the crispy smell of roasting meat that permeates the shop, a tasty byproduct of their catering and sandwich sidelines.

The store was a family-owned market that served the neighborhood for decades, only recently becoming vacant. When the women took over the lease, from a descendant of the Cicero family, they found many of the original furnishings and equipment, which give the place its time-capsule feel.

"We want people to come into our shop and we want them to find really great quality meats and fish, meat that has been broken down by hand the old fashioned way," says Harrison.

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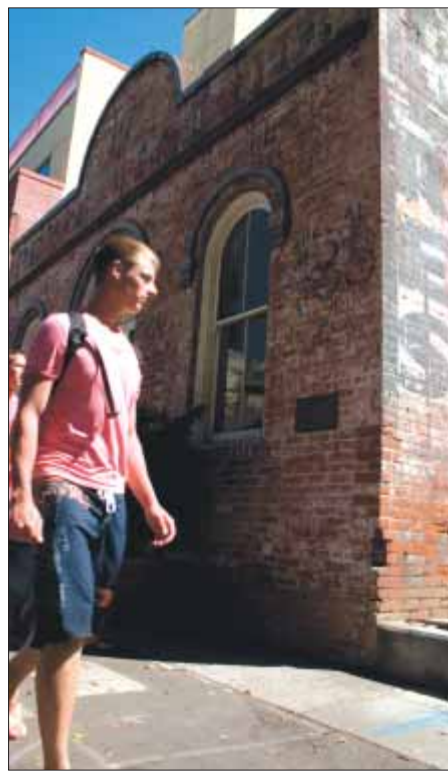


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STORIED HISTORY: (top left) The Miramar Moreton Bay Fig Tree on Ocean Avenue and Wilshire. It is rumored that an unknown Australian soldier brought the original sapling from his ship and traded it for a room at the Rapp Saloon on Second Street was built in 1875 and served as Santa Monica's City Hall for two years. (above right) The Bay Cities Guaranty Building was built in 1913 and was once a 12-story building that was used for housing. (above middle) This 103-year-old building was built in 1905 and was once a landmark last summer to keep it from being torn down for development. (far left) The Santa Monica Pier houses the popular carousel. The building is an integral element of the pier itself.

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Experts: Drilling would bring no consumer relief

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"We're opposed to lifting the federal moratorium because it would not provide immediate relief to high gas prices or reduce dependence on foreign oil," said Alexis Henry, the communications manager for Surfrider, which has a chapter in Malibu. "With the potential increase of spills, it would threaten coastal and marine environments and put a strain on coastal wildlife, not to mention that burning the oil contributes to global warming."

According to Jim Presswood, the energy analyst for the Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC), which has offices in Santa Monica, the Bush administration should drill in the land it already owns instead of going for protected coasts.

"The Department of the Interior reported that 80 percent of U.S. oil is already open to development, so those are the areas that the gas

companies should be developing," he said. "There's a Nevada-sized area of unused leases. The western Gulf of Mexico is already open, and there's already some drilling going on off California, so they're really going after the last barrels."

The results, said Presswood, would be detrimental in a number of ways.

"This won't help consumers at the pump, now or in the future. Since we have only 2 percent of the world's oil reserves, we can't impact the price of oil. Instead, we need to protect our beach economies because a lot of areas depend on pristine beaches for tourism. The real solution is breaking our addiction to oil."

The NRDC has taken action by lobbying congressmembers, running ads on radio and in print and educating voters. Presswood said they will "remain vigilant and ward off attempts" to lift the moratorium.

Judy Dugan, the Research Director of Santa

Monica-based OilWatchdog.org, is confident that the state will reject the president's oil plans.

"California's the last state to allow any kind of drilling offshore and for good reason," she said. "The Santa Barbara spill may seem long ago in years but it's still alive in the public imagination."

She speculated that only oil companies and politician, not consumers, would gain from the measure.

"It's a way for Big Oil to lock up a profitable asset, no matter the harm to California, and it's a good talking point for politicians who refuse to grapple with the real answers — it's an excuse to do nothing. [The proposal] has a certain populist appeal, because it can be expressed in one phrase by people who think that Americans are too stupid to understand reality, so it's up to the public to educate politicians."

Dugan's group recently launched a feature

on its Web site to "Send Congress Your Gasoline Bill" wherein citizens can send their congressmen an e-mail with their monthly gas bill and the following message:

"We want you to do something about it. Please don't tell me you can't, or that it's the way the free market works. You can regulate energy trading markets. You can regulate refineries, and demand that they increase the fuel supply on hand. You can take back the subsidies we taxpayers are giving to Exxon, Chevron and friends, then use these billions to expand renewable energy, build the public transportation we lack and cut our petroleum dependence."

Dugan believes that lawmakers, whose gas expenses are taken care of, are "out of touch with what it costs to fill up." She hopes her program will prompt action.

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Santa Monica College unlikely to hire a coach until August

FROM SMC PAGE 3

Cain took a different job within the school, a Cerritos staff member encouraged Teplitzky to apply for the opening.

Cain was part of the interview committee that eventually decided to hire Teplitzky.

"Coach Teplitzky seems driven and has goals for himself and his program," Cain said in a press release. "He sets his standards



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Jesse Teplitzky
Former SMC coach

high and his level of expectation is equally as high. He is aware of the tradition we have set at Cerritos College and he told me he

was excited to get started and do his very best to maintain that tradition."

Among his accomplishments at SMC,

Teplitzky said he was most proud of helping six sophomores and two freshmen transfer to four-year colleges to continue their basketball careers.

"I couldn't have been more proud of what we accomplished," Teplitzky said. "I definitely made some mistakes along the way, but I can say that none of those mistakes were a result of not working hard enough."

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GETTING NOTICED: The Killefer Flammang Architects, designers of the OPCC Cloverfield Services Center, recently received four awards from the Los Angeles Business Council.

Architects go green and prosper from it

FROM AWARDS PAGE 3

their design which provides state-of-the-art working, living, fitness and training functions, and LEED certification and also make use of external lighting.

The Killefer Flammang Architect Co. has taken on various projects including schools, universities, libraries, recreational buildings, community buildings, urban apartments and condominiums. They are also revered for their adaptive reuse of historic buildings in Los Angeles.

Across town the Santa Monica Airport Park and its designers, the Ah'be Landscape Architects, have also received distinctions. The park's design, which effectively utilized environmentally conscious lighting, greenery, and irrigation in a visually interesting way.

The Santa Monica Airport has long been a spot of historical significance. It was part of the first circumnavigation of the world by airplane and the founding of the Douglas Aircraft Corporation, which made the DC-3.

However, for years the space has been poorly utilized, serving most recently as a

parking lot and a storage area for a car dealership. The opening of the park introduced green space to the area. The park's design also incorporates the transportation history of the site, with winding pathways that suggest runways, steel picnic tables that recall the industrial origins, and windsocks giving the park an intentional airport feel.

The sports fields are made of synthetic turf with infiltration beds underneath to capture storm water, and the dog park consists of three terraces which drain to capture all of their water. The parking lots were paved in permeable asphalt to also help improve the city's storm water retention system.

The park won the Westside Prize in the Urban Solutions/Built category from the Westside Urban Forum on June 6. On June 19 it won the Los Angeles Architectural Award in the Landscape/Civic category from the Los Angeles Business Council. A few months earlier the Southern California Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects also gave the park a design award.

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Hawaiian performers will attempt to break Hula record

FROM CONCERT PAGE 1

once-in-a-lifetime moments."

This is not Choy's first time performing on the mainland, or in Southern California, for that matter. Na Leo and Reichel performed together in 2006 at the Hollywood Bowl to a packed house. Choy recalled the breathtaking sight of thousands of cell phones being raised in the air in place of lighters to show the audience's approval as Na Leo performed its hit song "Flying With Angels."

"When we come to the mainland, people really embrace everything about the Hawaiian culture and people," Choy said.

She expects nothing less of tonight's event, and is glad to be playing for an audience that has to pay nothing to enjoy it.

"For us, a free show is really exciting," she said. "We feel like the more people we can

reach out to and share the aloha spirit with the better."

Wyatt said that tonight's audience would be asked to make one contribution, however. The performers and organizers hope to break the world record for the number of people Hula dancing at the same time. The current record is 5,000 people. Wyatt said he was confident that the crowd at the pier could break the record.

Mostly, however, Wyatt said he hoped that tonight's concert would introduce Hawaiian culture to people who were not yet familiar with it, and bring fond memories to those who had visited the islands in the past.

"The idea was to bring a free gift of Hawaiian dance, music and culture to the people of Southern California."

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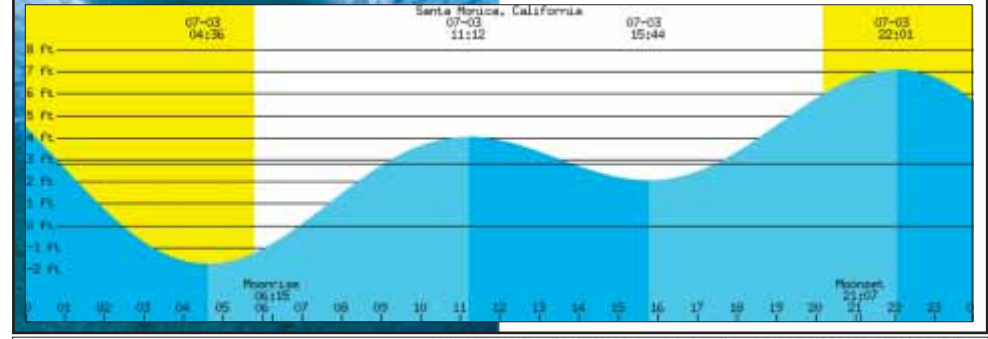
SWELL FORECAST (3-4 FT)

It looks like we'll see southwesterly swell come up from the Tasman Sea, but as with most systems that form in this area, not a whole lot of energy will make its way to our shores. For SoCal, we're looking at sporadic, 220-degree waist to possibly chest high surf from this swell. Boris energy should be in the mix running waist to maybe chest high from 180.

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QUICK STATS

(for the last 28 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 -- 28 / 28

Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 8 / 28

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LOCATION	DRY	WET
Las Cienegas Beach, at Arroyo Sepulch Creek mouth	A+	ns
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth	A	ns
El Pescador State Beach, between Lockwood and Las Alitas creeks	A+	ns
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach	A+	ns
Bread Beach at Trancas Creek mouth	A+	ns
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth	A+	ns
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private)	A+	ns
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth	A	ns
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach	A	ns
Laguna Canyon Creek mouth	A	ns
Selkirk Canyon at San Blocker County Beach	F	ns
Puente State Beach at creek mouth	A+	ns
Marine Canyon storm drain at Puente Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd.	D	ns
Sunridge Beach at Malibu Colony fences	A	ns
Sunridge Beach (beach location)- daily	F	ns
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east	F	ns
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon	A+	ns
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (joint zone)	A+	ns
Big Rock Beach at 15048 PCH stairs	C	ns
Pine Creek at Las Flores County Beach	A+	ns
Tuna Canyon	A	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth	A	ns
Castroville Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	A	ns
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	ns	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain)	A+	ns

LEGEND

DRY -- each location is graded on an A - F scale based on bacterial pollution levels present in the surf zone

WET -- grades for days of recorded rainfall and the following 3 days

ns -- no sample taken



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NBA Wizards open talks with Arenas, praise Jamison

BY JOSEPH WHITE
AP Sports Writer

WASHINGTON On Tuesday morning, Abe Pollin placed a call to free agent Gilbert Arenas, who was at a layover in Toronto on the way to China for a promotional trip on behalf of a shoe company.

In the afternoon, the 84-year-old Washington Wizards owner arrived via cart and was helped into a cushioned chair for a news conference for the newly re-signed Antawn Jamison. Although the body appeared frail, the voice and mind were strong and sharp.

"I'm getting a little old and a little sick," Pollin said. "But I'm still around, and I'm going to be around until we win the ... championship. I'm stubborn and hardheaded."

And determined to achieve his goal with the core group that has led his team to four straight playoff appearances. So far, half of the major offseason work has been accomplished.

While negotiations with free agent Jamison were relatively straightforward — a four-year, \$50 million deal that was signed Monday night — the talks with Arenas will be much more complicated. The Wizards can sign the three-time All-Star point guard to a maximum deal worth roughly \$125 million over six years, but Arenas has also said he doesn't want to hamstring the team's ability to sign other players.

Under NBA rules, the Wizards couldn't start negotiating with Arenas until the start of the free agency period on Tuesday — Jamison's situation was different because Arenas became a free agent by exercising an opt-out clause. The team also can't comment on the talks with Arenas or announce a deal until a league-mandated moratorium expires July 9.

"We've contacted the players, and the process is going to play out," said president Ernie Grunfeld, referring to both Arenas and free agent guard Roger Mason.

Jamison's signing satisfies one condition in the talks with Arenas, who had said he would not return unless the team also kept his longtime teammate.

"I'm confident something will get done," Jamison said. "He just likes to go at his own pace."

Jamison, meanwhile, was lauded with praise from Pollin, who compared the team co-captain to Wes Unseld, who led the Wizards to their only NBA championship in 1978.

NBA Hawks free agent Smith visits 76ers

BY DAN GELSTON
AP Sports Writer

PHILADELPHIA Josh Smith wasted no time taking advantage of his restricted free-agent status, spending Wednesday visiting the Philadelphia 76ers — a franchise with plenty of cap room to make a big offer.

The 22-year-old Smith toured the city and visited the Wachovia Center with Sixers officials, who would like to woo the forward away from Atlanta with an offer sheet to expensive for the Hawks to match. As he's a restricted free agent, the Hawks can match any deal made to the 6-foot-9, 235 pound Smith.

"Everything is going good. He's enjoying his time here," said Smith's agent, Wallace Prowther. "They seem to like him. They seem to be genuine."

The Sixers have about \$11 million in salary cap space available and could use all of it to offer Smith a five-year contract. The Hawks have said they would match any contract offer to Smith, but are on the hook next season for big contracts for Mike Bibby and Joe Johnson, and they still want to resign forward Josh Childress.

Smith's numbers have increased in each of his four NBA seasons since Atlanta made him a first-round pick out of high school in 2004. He averaged 17.2 points and 8.2 rebounds last year and helped the Hawks make the playoffs.

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Party away, Gemini

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ Choice sometimes brings pressure. Who is putting this pressure on you? Who is creating this judgment? Could this person be you? Try to ease up and relax. Put your feet up and know that there is something better ahead. Tonight: Home is where you will be happiest.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★★ Look to positive changes, being aware of what is going on around you. You might be racing from one errand, project, call or encounter to another. Express yourself and stop holding back. Think positively. Tonight: Talk up a storm.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ Expenses are out of whack, and you might not be ready to change the direction. Loosen up and make decisions that work financially. You might feel overly burdened by events and people. Tonight: Party away.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ You are full of energy as you enter this very special birthday. You feel as if you have a new beginning. Excesses earmark the day; get into the moment. Tonight: All smiles.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★ Take your time making a decision, for better or for worse. You might need to switch gears or do something differently. You'll want to rethink a decision more carefully. Tonight: Start thinking about celebrating, very soon!

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★★ You already might be setting the tone as you make your exit and start what might be an extended celebration. Enjoy every moment of the next few days. You laugh and relax as you know there is nothing like tomorrow. Tonight: Zero in on what you want.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ Take charge and define events. You don't need to push quite as hard as in the past. Don't forget someone you look up to or care about a lot. Your take-charge attitude makes a difference. Tonight: A lot of suggestions, but still you take charge.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★★ If you haven't taken off for the next few days, stop and walk out the door. Adventure lies ahead for those willing to do something a bit different and innovative. Trust your judgment with a weird idea. Tonight: Make sure there is music too.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★★ Let a partner make the call. In fact, enjoy being at his or her beck and call. If you want, try another beat or do something different. Extremes define your interactions. Let them be most positive. Tonight: Togetherness.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★★ Allow others to make the first call. You might want to rethink plans but probably will have little time. Everyone wants you now! You have difficulty juggling different interests. Tonight: Say yes to an invitation.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★★ Defer to others, making sure they understand. Listen to people's plans. You are on top of your game. Evaluate what you need to do in order to come out free and clear for the Fourth! Tonight: Say yes to an invitation.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★★ Approach a new beginning. Understanding evolves for those who remain open. Allow more fun in the door, and point to the exit for anxiety and problems. You are vested in a certain end result. Loosen up when dealing with a child. You cannot expect perfection. Tonight: Oh, so, fun!

Happy birthday

This year you have energy and creativity working together. You draw someone in closer. You are more vital and dynamic than in the past. Investigate options as they appear, even if you might be inclined to say yes right off the bat. A little caution goes a long way. If you are single, you are a magnet to the opposite sex. Enjoy all the pickins! You'll see a more serious bond develop in 2009, provided you are willing! If you are attached, you will need to remember that this bond is not one-way. Allow more give-and-take. Both of you ultimately will be happier. CANCER reads you cold.

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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.

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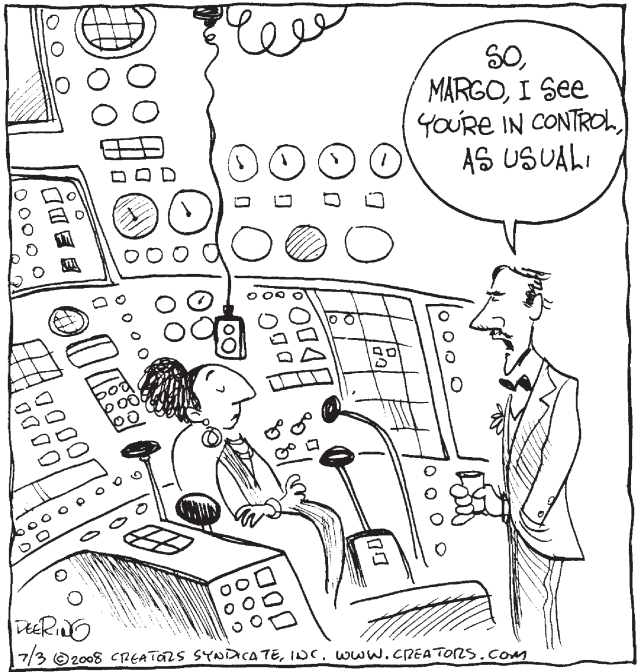
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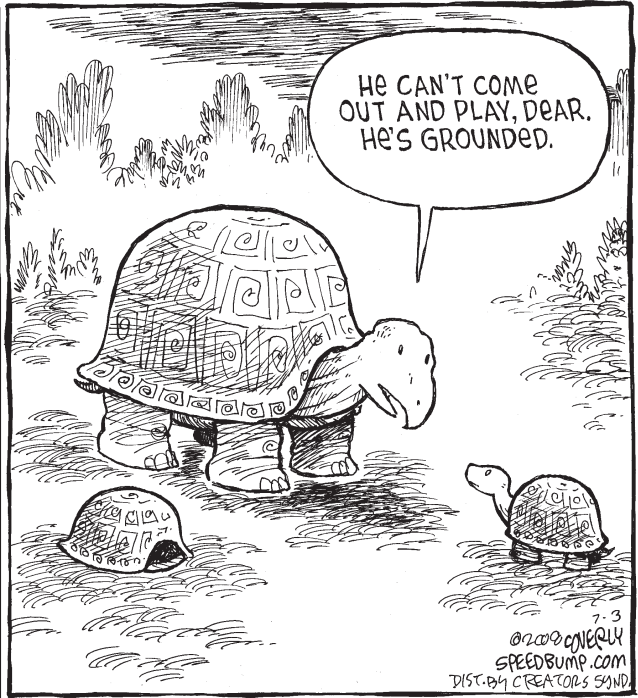
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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ The longtime elected clerk of court in Pasco County, Fla., Jed Pittman, admitted to WTSP-TV in May that he rarely comes to work and in fact has researched state law to learn that as long as he shows up once every 43 days, he can't be fired. (The law provides for removal by the chief judge only if the clerk is absent for "44" consecutive days.) Pittman's salary is about \$136,000 a year, but he exploited another loophole in state law to "retire" in 2004, and then un-retire the next day, which brings him an additional \$75,000 a year (besides the \$362,000 lump sum he received on the day he "retired").

■ Howard Shanholtzer was arrested in Garden Grove, Calif., in May in connection with stolen security cameras. Figuring that police might be looking for his white Mitsubishi pickup truck they probably saw on surveillance video, Shanholtzer allegedly stole another pickup, but for some reason, it was another white Mitsubishi.

■ Wesley Jumper, 36, and Shawn Stewart, 36, were arrested in Charles County, Md., in April and charged with running out of a CVS store with about \$500 worth of soap and shampoo. Their easy-to-spot getaway vehicle was the Good Humor ice cream truck Stewart works from at his day job.

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1775 Gen. George Washington took command of the Continental Army at Cambridge, Mass.

1863 the three-day Civil War Battle of Gettysburg, Pa., ended in a major victory for the North as Confederate troops retreated.

1890 Idaho became the 43rd state of the Union.

1898 the U.S. Navy defeated a Spanish fleet in the harbor at Santiago, Cuba, during the Spanish-American War.

1908 author Joel Chandler Harris, the creator of Uncle Remus, died in Atlanta.

1944 during World War II, Soviet forces recaptured Minsk.

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John Adams' famous letter of July 3, 1776, in which he wrote to his wife Abigail what his thoughts were about celebrating the Fourth of July is found on various web sites but is usually incorrectly quoted. Following is the exact text from his letter with his original spellings:

"The Second Day of July 1776, will be the most memorable Epocha, in the History of America. I am apt to believe that it will be celebrated, by succeeding Generations, as the great anniversary Festival. It ought to be commemorated, as the Day of Deliverance by solemn Acts of Devotion to God Almighty. It ought to be solemnized with Pomp and Parade, with Shews, Games, Sports, Guns, Bells, Bonfires and Illuminations from one End of this Continent to the other from this Time forward forever more. You will think me transported with Enthusiasm but I am not. I am well aware of the Toil and Blood and Treasure, that it will cost Us to maintain this Declaration, and support and defend these States. Yet through all the Gloom I can see the Rays of ravishing Light and Glory. I can see that the End is more than worth all the Means. And that Posterity will triumph in that Days Transaction, even altho We should rue it, which I trust in God We shall not."

(The Book of Abigail and John: Selected Letters of the Adams Family, 1762-1784, Harvard University Press, 1975, 142).

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Santa Monica Canyon	=	\$ 2,774,769	\$ 6,695,000
North of Montana	=	\$ 3,874,375	\$ 2,292,667
Between Wilshire & Montana	=	\$ 2,846,692	\$ 997,995
South of Wilshire	=	\$ 878,385	\$ 697,573
Sunset Park	=	\$ 1,449,096	\$ 730,848
Ocean Park	=	\$ 1,874,308	\$ 1,404,571

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