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FATAL IMPACT: **A plane that departed from SMO crashed at the Penmar Golf Course in Venice on Thursday night. The pilot was killed on impact.**

Concerns grow following plane crash at Penmar

BY NICK TABOREK
Daily Press Staff Writer

SMO Residents opposed to noise from planes that fly over Sunset Park and Ocean Park after takeoff from Santa Monica Airport were raising safety concerns on Friday, a day after a small plane that took off from SMO crashed at Penmar Golf Course in Venice.

The pilot of the small plane, Robert R. Davenport, 60, was killed in the crash, which occurred just after 6 p.m. Friday near the eighth hole of the golf course, authorities said. Davenport was the only person onboard the Cessna 152, and no bystanders were hurt.

But for some Santa Monica residents, the

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Council to mull sales tax increase

BY NICK TABOREK
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL Santa Monica voters in November could decide whether to increase the local sales tax by a half percent, a move that would bring in an estimated $13 million per year in additional revenue for City Hall.

The City Council on Tuesday is set to consider placing the measure on the Nov. 2 ballot. A majority on the seven-member council would have to agree in order to place the initiative before voters.

As a "general tax" that would not restrict how the revenue could be spent, the proposed increase would require approval from a simple majority of voters to pass, rather than from two-thirds of the electorate, according to City Hall. The two-thirds requirement applies to "special taxes" that limit the uses of revenue.

A poll of 500 registered Santa Monica voters in the past week found that 63 percent of respondents believed City Hall has "great" or "some additional" need for revenue to pay for services, according to a City Hall report.

Without being given detailed information about the proposed sales tax increase, 59 percent of those polled said they would support the measure. When additional information was presented, support for the tax hike was 64 percent, according to a City Hall report.

The poll, conducted by Fairbank Maslin Maullin Metz & Associates, was said to have a 4.4 percent margin of error.

City Hall staff is recommending the sales tax ballot initiative as a way to protect services as rising expenses, the recession and the state of California's budget crisis have damaged Santa Monica's financial outlook.

In the budget for this fiscal year, the City Council opted to spend $4.1 million in one-time funds and also cut spending and raised some fees to close a $13.2 million budget gap.

Finance Director Carol Swindel has estimated the budget gap could be as high as $53 million by 2015 unless officials make cuts to programs or find new sources of revenue.

In a report on the proposed tax increase released late Thursday, Kate Vernez, assistant to the city manager, said Sacramento has diverted more than $40 million out of City Hall's budget in the past six years, including $21 million from Santa Monica's Redevelopment Agency last fiscal year.

The report said one-quarter of the rev-

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GOING IN STYLE: **Visitors to the Santa Monica Pier pass by the relatively new restroom facility that is in the running for best in the nation.**

Pier bathroom in the running for nation's best

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Editor in Chief

SM PIER It may not have fresh-cut flowers, fireplaces or a crystal chandelier, but what the restroom facility at the Santa Monica Pier does have is some "whimsical" architecture and environmentally-friendly features, placing it on a list of the top 10

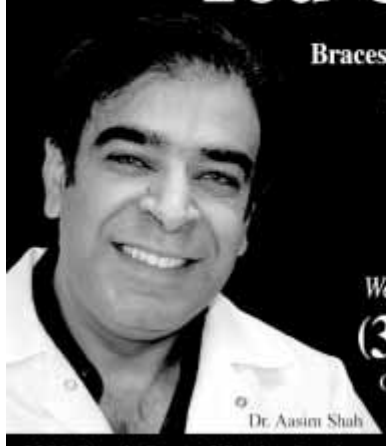
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OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA AND SURROUNDS



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
Happy Fourth of July

Proud to be an American
Santa Monica Civic Center
Main Street at Pico Boulevard, 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

Screen this
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 depend on for their fishery.
For more information, call (310) 434-4306.

Comfort and care

Old Navy Santa Monica
1200 Block of Third Street, 12 p.m. — 4 p.m.
Come support the troops in Afghanistan. Old Navy, in partnership with Operation Care & Comfort, will be hosting this event in an effort to help gather items to make care packages to send to the troops. Music will be provided by radio station KDAY-FM.
For more information, call Old Navy at (310) 576-7787.

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.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

CYBERSPACE

Campaign for schools enlists Hollywood

As "Save Our Schools," the emergency fundraising initiative to support Santa Monica and Malibu schools in light of state budget cuts, enters its third week, more than one third of the target amount of money has been raised to restore third grade class sizes, while the initiative forms new partnerships to promote the fundraising effort.

"Thanks to the incredible outpouring of support and volunteer efforts for Save Our Schools, we're nearly half-way to restoring class sizes in first grade district wide for next year," said Linda Gross, the executive director of the Santa Monica Malibu Education Foundation, in a news release Friday.

State budget cuts of $30 million over the last three years have severely impacted the district, forcing the school board to lay off 65 teachers and staff members, increase class sizes and cut library and music programs.

Measure A, a $198 parcel tax, was meant to make up for some of the budget cuts, but was voted down by Santa Monica and Malibu residents last month, prompting parents and school supporters to join with the foundation, SMMUSD's district-wide fundraising organization, to launch "Save Our Schools."

So far, the campaign has raised $414,492 from 500 contributors. The money will be put toward three goals: to lower elementary class size, to lower secondary class size and hire back counselors and to restore music and library programs. The money raised to date constitutes 37 percent of funds needed to reduce first grade class size ratios from 27:1 to 23:1; 17 percent of funds needed to restore the elementary music program; 14 percent of funds needed to keep elementary libraries open; 21 percent to hire back middle and high school counselors; and 2 percent of funds needed to lower class sizes in grades six through 12.

To promote its fundraising efforts, "Save Our Schools" created a public service announcement called "Opening Doors" featuring actors Ed Harris from 2008's "Appaloosa" and Amy Madigan from "Grey's Anatomy." The clip was created by a team of volunteers lead by independent filmmaker Varda Hardy and can be found on YouTube.

"Save Our Schools" will also bring its cause to the Santa Monica Fourth of July Parade this Sunday. It will have a float during the parade that will include more than 100 education activists marching. It will also have a booth at Wednesdays' Santa Monica Farmers' Markets.

In addition, "Save Our Schools" has partnered with several local businesses for donations. Spruzzo Restaurant and Bar and the Sunset Restaurant and Beach Bar in Malibu will contribute 10 percent of purchases, and Rosti Tuscan Kitchen in Santa Monica will contribute 15 percent of purchases made on July 6 and July 20 and Aug. 10.

The campaign has until Aug. 15 to raise funds in time to re-hire teachers and staff for the next school year. It will end in August with a fundraising event.

For more information, visit savesantamonicamalibuschools.org.

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Game on!

CityTV Channel 16 will replay the Santa Monica Little League Championship Games on Saturday at 2 p.m. and on Sunday at 10 a.m.

The broadcasts will begin with the Minor League Championship Game featuring the Giants and the Cubs. That game will be followed by the Major League Championship Game between the Yankees and the Mets.

The games were originally played and broadcast June 5.

CityTV is the government funded cable channel available to every cable subscriber within Santa Monica that reaches approximately 24,000 households.

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TOUR GUIDE: **Big Blue Bus Director Stephanie Negriff (left) on Friday guides U.S. Sen. Barbara Boxer (D-CA) through the BBB maintenance facility on Colorado Avenue. Boxer was there to defend the federal stimulus bill.**

Sen. Boxer defends stimulus funding bill, praises Big Blue

BY REBECCA KHEEL
Special to the Daily Press

COLORADO AVENUE In the midst of a tight re-election race, U.S. Sen. Barbara Boxer (D-CA) stopped by the Big Blue Bus maintenance facility on Friday to defend the federal stimulus bill, highlighting Santa Monica's use of federal funds to create jobs by purchasing new, hybrid buses.

"We are here today because the Big Blue Bus is such a great example of how we are creating jobs right here in Southern California through the economic recovery act," she said. "We have people all over this country going, 'The economic recovery act didn't do a thing,' and I'm going all over the state proving that it is very important in this very, very difficult and slow and painful economic recovery."

In her speech, Boxer, who is ahead by only four points in the polls for November's midterm election against Republican Carly Fiorina, defended the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, commonly known as the stimulus bill, and clean energy as ways to create new jobs to boost the economy and also responded to questions about her reelection campaign.

BBB used $14.2 million in stimulus funds to buy 15 new buses, 10 of which are hybrids, and is also in the process of updating its 360 bus stops to feature real-time signs that provide next bus arrival information, shade structures, lighting, seating and trash and recycling containers. City Hall was one of the first in the country to spend the stimulus funds it was granted, which Stephanie Negriff, Santa Monica's director of Transit Services, said Boxer recognized, partially prompting her visit Friday.

When Boxer arrived at the maintenance facility, her own transportation being a hybrid Nissan Altima, Negriff gave her a tour, moving from the inside of one of the new hybrid buses to the training facility for maintenance workers to the depot where the buses are serviced.

After the tour, Boxer was introduced by Mayor Bobby Shriver, who expressed the city's gratitude toward Boxer's support of the stimulus bill and clean energy.

"We're very happy that she was able to see the buses that she has helped us purchase, all made here in Southern California, for the citizens of Santa Monica and everybody on the Westside," Shriver said. "The last couple of years have been really tough for the transit industry, as people know, and the American Recovery Act really helped us."

During her address, Boxer emphasized clean energy is the best way to get out of the recession, but

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No porno at the public library

Editor:

Dear [City Librarian] Greg Mullen and the library board, I feel compelled to tell you about an upsetting incident that occurred last Saturday, June 26, at the Fairview Branch Library.

I took my 11-year-old daughter to the library to look for some books and some movies. My daughter and I were initially in the DVD section and we then left that area to go to the teen book area to look for some books. We had to pass the computer area of the library where there a number of people accessing the Internet. As we passed that area, both my daughter and I passed a man viewing explicit, hardcore pornography on one of the computers in plane view of all who walked by or happened to look at his screen.

After I took my daughter to the teen book area, I walked back by the computer area to confirm what I had seen and the man had a picture on the screen that showed a small boy in great distress with an adult behind him holding a gag to his mouth. This looked like some kind of sickening kidnap picture! I had hoped that my daughter had not seen what he was viewing but when I asked her about it, she became extremely upset that she had seen the pornography. I immediately spoke to one of the library clerks to let him know about the situation. He explained that what people look at on the Internet is not monitored by the library and that the man should have been using a "privacy screen' – he definitely wasn't which is why these screens aren't a solution.

I was completely shocked that this type of adult material can be viewed out in the open by any person that happens to be walking by that terminal, especially children! I feel that this policy is entirely unacceptable. If viewable content cannot be filtered and explicit hardcore and disturbing images can be viewed out in the open for all to see, then the computer monitors need to be set up in a way in which children, or other library visitors, aren't exposed to it. Or, have an adults only web area to prevent children from viewing this material.

While I am all for personal rights and freedom of speech, certain material should not be viewable by children or adults that don't want to see it. What about the rights of children and adults to not have to view these obscene images? My family and other families we've spoken to in the Sunset Park area feel very strongly about this problem and we will be contacting the local newspapers and community groups. I eagerly await your solution to this very disturbing problem. I had always felt that the library was a pretty safe place for my children, but to my complete dismay, that is not the case.

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Artest an unlikely role model

THE LAKERS' RON ARTEST IS NOT someone who has a good reputation. He's caused problems on some of the teams he's played for, he spent 10 days in jail because of a domestic abuse charge, and he's best known for being part of a brawl in which he punched a fan at a game. So why am I saying that he is now a very important role model?

We're used to hearing athletes after a victory thanking their mothers, coaches, and sometimes even their teammates. They often thank God, and that always seems weird to me to think that God was rooting for one team rather than the other. I'm not even sure He's a sports fan. So when the Lakers won the NBA championship, it was a little shocking to hear Ron Artest say, "I want to thank my psychiatrist."

Artest seems to have turned his life around. He hasn't gotten in trouble lately, he's involved in some philanthropic causes, and he has started a program called Xcel University to help high-risk kids. Maybe his deciding to see a psychiatrist was another step in turning his life around.

I was somewhat amused by Artest thanking his shrink, but a week or so later, a friend of mine said what a great thing it was that Artest made that statement. My friend, Sandra, pointed out that it was good for an athlete like Artest to admit that he was seeing a psychiatrist.

I realized that Sandra couldn't have been more right. Here was a tough, manly, macho guy telling the world that he was getting psychiatric help — and that it was working. That's why I think, at least because of that moment, that he is an important role model.

Most male athletes — and maybe most males — have learned to keep their emotions to themselves. Think about the famous movie line, "There's no crying in baseball." There's also no admission of fears, anxiety, or depression in any big-time sport. Players are taught to "man up" when something bothers them. When helmets were first mandated in hockey, many players said they didn't really need them. If they have to act like they don't care about their heads getting hit by a puck, they certainly aren't going to feel comfortable admitting that something is bothering them inside their heads.

When they turn pro, athletes suddenly earn more money than they ever dreamed of. Strangers cheer their every move. And before you know it, they're in a Holiday Inn with two hookers and enough drugs to sedate the entire population of Rhode Island.

I think teams should have a therapist on the payroll and make it mandatory that rookies see him or her at least once. After that, they should know that they can go to therapy as much or as little as they want. Maybe if they see that the veterans aren't embarrassed to get help, they won't be either.

Like many people, athletes generally only get help after they've messed up big time. Maybe Ron Artest wouldn't have been in that brawl if he had already admitted to himself that he needed help. Maybe some of those athletes who take their guns with them to nightclubs would stay home with their families if they got help for their unspoken insecurities. Who knows? Maybe Tiger Woods would have behaved himself — or at least stopped at two or three.

IT'S REFRESHING THAT FOR ONCE THE MESSAGE FROM A BIG TIME ATHLETE IS NOT THAT IT'S COOL TO DRIVE A CAR 100 MILES PER HOUR, THAT GRADUATING IS FOR GEEKS, OR THAT THE RULES OF MARRIAGE ONLY APPLY TO WOMEN. THE MESSAGE WAS THAT IT'S COOL TO GET HELP IF YOU NEED IT.

Athletes are heroes to many people, especially kids. It's refreshing that for once the message from a big time athlete is not that it's cool to drive a car 100 miles per hour, that graduating is for geeks, or that the rules of marriage only apply to women. The message was that it's cool to get help if you need it.

If a 6-foot, 7-inch sports figure feels that there's no reason to be ashamed about seeing a therapist, maybe at least a few people who are shorter than he is will feel the same way. Even if it's silly, people still seem to believe that truly manly men are big, strong guys. I guess society hasn't evolved enough to realize that the real manly men are those who look fear in the eyes and man up as they grind out a column every week, without even wearing a helmet.

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Keeping tabs on your child

Q: WHAT STEPS SHOULD I TAKE IN CASE my child is lost at the beach or Santa Monica Pier?

A: Before leaving home to go anywhere with your child, here are some steps you could take to help in the unfortunate event he/she becomes lost:

• Know the physical description of your child, age, height, weight, hair and eye color, and a detailed description of their clothing. Even better, like the saying goes, "A picture says a thousand words." If you have a cellular phone with a camera feature, or are taking a camera with you, take a photo of your child in the clothes he will be wearing on your trip so you can show it to the people who will be searching. If your child is not located within a reasonable time, we can use the photo to make flyers if necessary.

• Make sure your child has contact information for you or a responsible relative or friend. If your child is too young to memorize cellular phone numbers, provide them with a note/I.D. card, and have them keep it in their pocket. The note should include their name, parents' names, date of birth, address, vehicle description (including license plate) and several phone numbers where a guardian can be reached.

• Show them a specific location where they should go if they are lost, such as a lifeguard tower (show them the number painted on the back), specific business, or public safety facility.

If your child does become lost, and you cannot find him within close proximity to you, don't try searching everywhere by yourself. Call 9-1-1 or our communications center at (310) 458-8491 and police will be dispatched to your location (stay where you last saw your child). A lost child is not taken lightly, so we need to know exactly who we're looking for, and what they look like.

We hope you never have to experience a lost child, but if you do, be prepared!

Q: During summer months, I see an influx of vendors selling fruit, body boards, inflatable objects, and other items on the beach. Is this legal?

A: No, it is not. Currently the city of Santa Monica does not allow the vending of these products on the beach. Thus, permits are not issued for such activity, and the subjects you see vending these items are doing so illegally. Santa Monica Municipal Code 6.36.020 defines vending as: to sell, offer for sale, expose for sale, solicit offers to purchase, or to barter food, goods, merchandise, or services in any public area from a stand, push-cart, motor vehicle, or by a person with or without the use of any other device or other method of transportation. To require someone to pay a fee or to set, negotiate, or establish a fee before providing goods or services constitutes vending. Requests for donations in exchange for merchandise also constitute vending.

Although the food products which are sold "may" be safe, there is no current method for the Los Angeles County Health Department to keep track of the vendors, nor the procedure in which the food items are prepared and cared for prior to being transported, and while in transit to the consumer. Some food items require a temperature range in which they must be kept in order to be safe from bacteria. Many of the items you see are carried in plastic containers merely with a wet towel placed on top. Also, there are no facilities in place for sanitizing hands and other utensils which may be required between the handling of money and other unsanitary items while on the beach.

All inflatable objects such as rafts and tubes are not only illegal to sell, they are illegal to use at all Los Angeles County beaches, unless approved by the U.S. Coast Guard (17.12.460 LACMC). Beachgoers who use inflatable rafts or tubes are in the water with a false sense of safety. If you cannot swim, or are not a good swimmer, your safety is at risk if the inflatable is punctured or deflated.

Although foam body boards are legal to use at the beach, it is not the preferred type of body board for novice swimmers use. According to Los Angeles County Lifeguards Headquarters Capt. Tom Seth, the preferred type of body board is one made of quality core materials such as Polypropylene. Ask your local surf shop representative to show you the different quality materials available to you. Boards made of this material are more expensive, but they do not break apart during normal use while riding the waves or surf.

As tempting as it may be, please refrain from encouraging the sales of potentially unsafe foods and/or goods.

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Performing at your best requires the right fuel

DURING A RECENT VISIT TO PENNSYLVANIA, my home state, I told a friend that I was living in Santa Monica. Her response was, "Wow! That's like the Mecca of beach volleyball." She lives for volleyball.

I don't know if Santa Monica actually is the Mecca of beach volleyball, but there certainly are a lot of volleyball nets set up on the beaches. I often glance at the heated games as I jog by on the path. Being only 5-foot, 4-inches tall, I've never felt that volleyball was my game.

Recently, a friend who coaches college volleyball asked me to write a nutrition article pertaining to eating for performance while on the road. I figured since I live in the Mecca of volleyball, I might as well share this information with those of you who are tall, or athletically adept enough to play.

No matter what sport you choose, optimal nutrition each and every day can make all the difference in your performance. Volleyball is an especially demanding sport that requires both explosive energy and endurance. For quick bursts of energy like jumping and spiking, anaerobic metabolism kicks in and is fueled by stored carbohydrates, aka muscle glycogen. When playing multiple sets, endurance is needed, optimal blood sugar and a combination of circulating fats and amino acids from protein will help to ensure you're in for the long haul. Proper hydration is also an essential part of the equation.

To ensure all of your energy needs will be met while you're out playing for the day, eat a good meal two to three hours before you plan to play. Your meal should be high in carbohydrates from sources such as whole grains or starchy vegetables like sweet potatoes, along with lean protein such as an egg white vegetable omelet or a protein shake combined with a little healthy olive or flax oil.

When you head out, be sure to pack as many portable energy and hydration sources as you can fit in your cooler or bag. Packable fuel might include energy bars with 10 to 15 grams of protein and limited added sugars. Sandwiches made with whole grain breads, lean organic meats, fresh vegetables and mustard make great pre-workout meals. Skip the mayo and other high fat options to ensure your meal is digested in two to three hours, prior to play time. When you have an hour or less and need some fast fuel, opt for fresh or dried fruit and a small handful of nuts or trail mix. Energy bars and lots of water work well too.

Hydration is key any time of the day but especially for active days in the sun. Drink at least 16 ounces of fluid before and after an event and 4 to 6 ounces for every 15 minutes of activity. Sports drinks work well to rehydrate and refuel when you don't have time to sit and eat yet still need to replenish blood sugar for continuous play. But commercial sports drinks can be filled with artificial colors and flavorings that no one needs.

Make your own sports drink by combining 4 ounces of water with 4 ounces of juice such as grape, cranberry, pomegranate or similar flavor juices plus 1/8 teaspoon sea salt. Mix enough to last for the time you will be playing. If you plan to play for two hours, you might want to mix up to 48 ounces, multiply the recipe by six.

For more math, make the Beach Volleyball Bar recipe and divide into eight equal portions. Then pack up a few servings and enjoy your tasty fuel-on-the-go. It's so worth the math and the effort for less than half the cost of any comparable store bought bar. And that's using only the best organic ingredients purchased at the Santa Monica Co-op. Now get out there and play, and don't forget your home-made sports drink and bars!

ELIZABETH BROWN is a registered dietitian and certified holistic chef specializing in weight management, sports nutrition, disease prevention and optimal health through whole foods. She can be reached at eat2liv@earthlink.net.

Beach volleyball bar

1 cup raisins or dates (10 each)
1/4 cup water
1/4 cup natural peanut butter, smooth or crunchy
1/4 cup roasted peanuts
2 Tbsp ground flax seeds
1cup vanilla whey protein powder (100g protein)
1/8 tsp sea salt
1/2 cup Kashi 7 Whole Grain Nuggets Cereal
1/2 cup dried cherries or cranberries

Place raisins or dates and water in food processor and process. Add peanut butter and process until smooth. Add protein powder and salt and process to combine thoroughly. Add more water as needed. Add the dried cherries or cranberries and the cereal and pulse just enough to combine. Place a 2-foot long piece of wax paper in an 8x8-inch dish with half of the wax paper hanging over the edge. Pour mixture into dish. Use the wax paper to press the mixture evenly in the pan. For best results, place in freezer for one hour to help firm. Cut into eight equal pieces. Wrap individually and refrigerate or freeze. Per serving: 230 calories, 6g fat, 29g carbs, 4g fiber, 15g protein.





Tornante

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Photo courtesy Ford Motor Co.

REBOUND: **Ford Motor Co. is on the rise with new models like the 2010 Super Duty F-250 truck.**

Ford hitting home runs

DURING THE PAST YEAR, GENERAL MOTORS went bankrupt, Chrysler found itself owned by Italy's Fiat and yet Ford seems to be hitting home runs, knocking them out of the park with regularity.

In fact, all of Detroit fared well in the recent J.D. Power Initial Quality Study (IQS), the benchmark for quality in the auto industry. It measures "problems per 100 cars" as reported by owners who have had the cars for 90 days.

New 2009 vehicles sold by Chrysler, Ford and GM's domestic brands have improved in initial quality by an average of 10 percent, compared with 2008, surpassing the 8-percent rate of improvement by the industry overall.

Imports still garnered the most segment awards from Power, but the IQS shows that the quality gap is still closing between domestics and imports, and things are moving in the right direction for Detroit.

This is pretty remarkable considering the miserable, nightmarish condition of the industry the past two years. For quality to continuously improve speaks volumes about parts suppliers, assembly line workers, the factories where they toil and the stylists, engineers and designers who have all come up with some of the best cars and trucks the marketplace has ever seen.

Ford won three of the IQS segment awards; the Mercury brand one. Ford's unique Edge tied for first place with Chevy Trailblazer and Toyota 4Runner in the mid-size multi-activity vehicle segment.

In the mid-size sporty category, Ford's 2009 Mustang got the highest marks and in large pickups, the ubiquitous Ford F-150 took home the top honors for the Dearborn, Mich.-based car maker.

While Ford did best among the domestics in the 2009 IQS, another announcement they made this past week also spoke to the company's recent success. That news was Ford will pay about $3.8 billion in cash to a union healthcare fund, a sign the automaker is confident that CEO Alan Mulally's focus on the namesake brand will produce profits.

Ford sales rose 13 percent in June of this year over June, 2009. There are signs, though, that consumer confidence may be getting shaky again and the industry overall might be in line for another recession-based loss of sales and profits.

But in the meantime, Ford is flying relatively high, and it's not just all about the product.

In late 1989, Ford paid nearly $2.5 billion to acquire Jaguar, then a long-suffering car maker whose future looked none too bright. Legendary poor quality had dogged Jaguar for decades, and they didn't have the money or the technology to make a fresh start with all-new models.

Ford also bought Aston Martin (1994) and Range Rover (2000). All three companies improved in quality and customer service after their purchase, though a friend of mine still describes Range Rover interiors as looking like "an unfinished high school metal shop project."

In fact, in one of the first Power IQS surveys in the early '90s, Jaguar was named the top brand in the world based on its improvement in the study, while the company had been near-last before the Ford purchase.

Those buys by Ford came in handy before the worst of the recession hit. In mid-2008, Ford got $2 billion while off-loading both Jag and Range Rover to India's Tata, maker of the super mini Nano which has gained much attention worldwide for its small size and even smaller price. Ford was also able to sell Aston Martin to a consortium of engineers and racers (and banks).

Jaguar's brand win was the first time people took a very serious look at the Power IQS and helped establish the J.D. Power brand with the public just as Power's survey results created a new life for Jaguar. Power had developed a method which, for the first time, quantified quality, giving the public a one-stop shop for determining the likelihood of problems with a particular car or truck.

Power does not test cars; it uses registration rolls from every state to survey a set amount of owners of most all makes and models sold in the U.S. For this IQS, Power says they just spent nearly six months sifting through more than 80,000 surveys conducted with verified owners of 2009 model year vehicles.

Ford's Fusion line-up (which includes a hybrid), the all-new Taurus and Euro-bred Fiesta and of course that F-150 truck are keeping Ford moving in the right direction. Creative marketing (such as their tie-in with American Idol and the company giving new models to under-30 types before they're on-sale) have also been top drawer, currently some of the best in the business.

Ford had one other win in the Power IQS. That was the Mercury Sable, the gussied-up version of the Taurus. It won in the large car segment, gaining traction with the 2009 model from 2008, when it placed second in class. Of course the irony is that Ford has officially killed their Mercury division, slating it to be gone within the next two years.

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For three (3) members of the City Council	Full term of four (4) years
For two (2) members of the City Council	Partial term of two (2) years
For three (3) members of the Rent Control Board	Full term of four (4) years
For one (1) member of the Rent Control Board	Partial term of two (2) years
For four (4) members of the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District	Full term of four (4) years
For four (4) members of the Santa Monica City College Board of Trustees	Full term of four (4) years

The nomination period for these offices begins on July 12, 2010, and closes on August 6, 2010, at 5:00 p.m.

If nomination papers for an incumbent officer are not filed by August 6, 2010, the voters shall have until the 83rd day before the election, August 11, 2010, to nominate candidates other than the person who is the incumbent, for that incumbent's elective office.

If no one or only one person is nominated for an elective office, appointment to the elective office may be made as prescribed by Section 10229, Elections Code of the State of California.

The polls will be open between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.

NOTIFICACION DE LA ELECCION

POR LA PRESENTE SE DA AVISO de que se habrá de llevar a cabo una Elección Municipal General en la Ciudad de Santa Monica el martes, 2 de noviembre de 2010, para los siguientes Funcionarios:

Para tres (3) Miembros del Concejo Municipal	Periodo completo de cuatro años
Para dos (2) miembros del Concejo Municipal	Periodo parcial de dos años
Para tres (3) miembros de la Junta del Control de Alquileres	Periodo completo de cuatro años
Para un (1) miembro de la Junta del Control de Alquileres	Periodo parcial de dos años
Para cuatro (4) miembros del Distrito Escolar Unificado de Santa Monica-Malibu	Periodo completo de cuatro años
Para cuatro (4) miembros de la Junta de Administración del Distrito del Colegio Comunitario de Santa Monica	Periodo completo de cuatro años

El periodo de nominación para estas oficinas comienza el 12 de julio, 2010, y termina el 6 de agosto, 2010, a las 5:00 pm. Si los papeles de nominación para un oficial titular no son presentados para el 6 de agosto, 2010, los votantes tendrán hasta 83 días antes de las elecciones, el 11 de agosto, 2010, para nominar otros candidatos en lugar de la persona que es el titular, para la oficina electiva del titular.

Si no se nomina a nadie o solamente a una persona para un cargo electivo, se puede realizar el nombramiento al cargo elegido según lo prescrito por la Sección 10229 del Código Electoral del Estado de California.

Los centros electorales estarán abiertos entre las 7:00 a.m. y las 8:00 p.m.

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enue generated by the tax increase would come from visitors and tourists.

Details of when the potential tax increase would take effect and how long it would stay in effect have not been disclosed.

If passed into law, the increase could boost Santa Monica's sale tax rate to 10.25 percent, one of the highest rates in the state. A statewide 1 percent sales tax increase passed last year by the California legislature as a budget deficit reducing measure, though, is set to expire next July.

City Hall's poll also assessed residents' attitudes towards a possible ballot initiative to increase Santa Monica's property transfer tax. That idea "did not poll particularly well," according to the City Hall report, though no specific information about the results were included.

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CRASH
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crash raised new concerns about a possible rule change at SMO that would direct more planes to fly over residential neighborhoods in town after takeoff.

The FAA last month ended its 180-day flight path test that had required some small planes to take an alternate route out of SMO, flying northwest toward the Santa Monica Pier — and over densely populated Santa Monica neighborhoods — rather than flying over the Penmar Golf Course as they head west.

Residents in the affected neighborhoods have organized to oppose a possible effort to make the test flight path permanent, lodging thousands of noise complaints with airport officials.

The FAA has not announced whether it will seek to make the experimental flight pattern permanent, but has said preliminary analysis showed the test was effective at reducing delays at SMO and LAX by cutting down on the amount of time jets have to wait for smaller planes to exit shared air space.

By cutting down the time planes idle on the runway, FAA officials hope the experimental flight pattern can lessen the environmental impact created by airplane emissions.

On Friday, residents said they were thankful the plane crash hadn't occurred in a populated area where it could have caused greater damage.

"This crash — unfortunately it's an example that we would have preferred not to have had," said Lisa Hughes, chair of the group Neighbors for a Safe & Healthy Community, which is fighting to keep airplane traffic away from Santa Monica neighborhoods.

"Through the grace of god this pilot landed on the golf course and didn't hurt anybody … . Imagine if he didn't have an open place to land," she said.

While the crash was a tragedy, Hughes said it could have been much worse if the pilot had been taking the test flight path, also known as a "250 degree heading."

"If it was on the 250 heading it could go right into one of our schools, or my house," she said.

The incident was the first fatal crash to result from a takeoff from SMO since February of 2009, said Airport Director Bob Trimborn.

Though the crash happened in Venice, Trimborn said SMO staff members were the first to arrive on the scene.

A group of six airport employees were playing golf at Penmar after work on Thursday and had just played the ninth hole when the Cessna careened onto the course.

"They heard the engine start to sound funny, then turned to look and saw the aircraft go into the trees," Trimborn said.

He said an airport staff member approached the wreckage and, after realizing there was no way to provide medical help, protected the area until rescue workers arrived.

Trimborn said no information about the cause of the crash was immediately available. He said the National Transportation Safety Board and the FAA will be in charge of the investigation.

IF IT WAS ON THE 250 HEADING IT COULD GO RIGHT INTO ONE OF OUR SCHOOLS, OR MY HOUSE."

Lisa Hughes,
Chair of Neighbors for a Safe & Healthy Community

STEPPING INTO THE FRAY

Meanwhile, new support for making the FAA's test flight pattern permanent emerged, as Los Angeles City Councilman Bill Rosendahl on Thursday said in a press release the change would dramatically reduce the number of idling aircraft that spew emissions over Los Angeles neighborhoods.

"This new procedure is better for people in Venice, Mar Vista and West L.A. surrounding [SMO]," Rosendahl said. "I am grateful that the FAA tested this procedure, and I strongly encourage all my constituents to urge federal officials to implement it permanently.

"I can't ask a kid living in Venice, Mar Vista or West LA to play in a black cloud of aircraft emissions so that someone in Santa Monica is spared the noise impacts."

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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 dismissed, 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, among other factors.

This past week, Q-line asked:

Do you think the suit caused the arrests to drop, or were other factors responsible?

Here are your responses:

"OF COURSE THE SUIT CAUSED ARRESTS to drop, and continues to do so. I see many bums with tons of filthy, big-ridden garbage lying around in our parks and on our sidewalks. It's disgusting. So many people have, and still are leaving this deplorable, filthy, dangerous city, and I can't wait for my turn."

"INSTEAD OF ARRESTING THE BUMS, the cops ought to just drive them over to the homes of members of the ACLU and let the bums camp out there on their lawns."

"ONE CAN SEE THAT HARASSING homeless people is an effort of futility for the city, when one considers that our nation is on the verge of seeing a population of homelessness never imagined by the American people. The ACLU has every right to file claims against the city of Santa Monica regarding the homeless. The City Attorney's Office, being aware of this fact, understands that the city has better things to do with the budget than argue unbeatable cases. I am personally troubled by the unkempt physical and ragged clothing appearance of these unfortunate homeless human beings, which sets them apart from those about to be homeless. A shave, shower and clean recycled clothing would make a difference."

"ABSOLUTELY. I THINK THAT IS A temporary thing to reduce costs. I think frankly City Council, city officials and the police simply can't put themselves in the place of the poor homeless folks. I'm real lucky I have a nice home. I'm in real estate, and I think it's actually pathetic that they go around harassing these poor homeless folks. If they need a place to live, the beach is convenient, they're not hurting anything for the most part. Quit shipping them out and quit harassing."

"I DEFINITELY THINK THE ACLU SUIT stopped the police from enforcing these stupid camping laws. I live right in Santa Monica and I work in the park on Seventh Street. There used to be a couple with their dogs who would come to the park early and would leave at night before it would get dark. They had a big dog and I would bring bones for him. They were very polite, well mannered, appreciative and well educated. I found out a week later from another man that they had been taken to jail, and their animal put in the pound for camping. Now, I always thought camping was an overnight stay. These people were only there during the day, enjoying the park. They were clean and well-behaved and they weren't camping there overnight. I was absolutely disgusted, and I'm glad the ACLU filed a suit. I just hope the couple manages to earn enough money to get their dog out of the pound."

"YES, I THINK THE FILING OF THE LAWSUIT for the homeless is pretty serious. A good acquaintance of mine told me that this afternoon he saw six cop cars surrounding this poor little homeless man of 100 pounds. I'm an ex-landlord and I used to be a part of a homeless outreach program. So yes I think there are too many needless resources given towards this cause."

"I THINK THAT ALL THE MILLIONS OF dollars we spend on Santa Monica bums is having a great monetary effect on housing people who normally would be sent away. Naturally in this town no good deed goes un-punished, proven positive by the ACLU. Bum relief is a very lucrative paycheck for the many non-profits providing bum-aid in this town. And since there is an almost endless supply of Santa Monica bums, even the ACLU can get some money action from our dopey council. With the warmer weather, neo Santa Monica bums can vacation anywhere in the U.S., which could be the reason for lower bum detentions by police. We should eliminate future ACLU money lawsuits by sending all our bums to the Salvation Army Skid Row."

"THE ACLU IS AN EXTREMELY CORRUPT organization. They hate America. I'm glad that they lost to City Hall. Yay! City Hall did something right. The reason they have so many less homeless arrests is because they're taking a break."

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BOXER
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America is currently lagging behind other countries, like China and Germany, in clean energy technology like solar power. But California has the potential to be a leader in the country for clean energy, Boxer said, citing Santa Monica's BBB as an example of what the state has already done.

Citing the BP oil spill off of the Gulf Coast that has lasted for 74 days and threatened the billion-dollar fishing and tourism industries in the South, Boxer said now it is more important than ever to pursue clean energy, not just to create jobs, but to protect the coasts.

"Think about what would happen to Santa Monica's economy if people couldn't go to the beach," she said.

Should Boxer win in November, it will be her fourth term in the Senate.

Though she is only four points ahead of her opponent, Fiorina, Boxer said she is not worried about getting reelected, saying the choice between her and Fiorina is "the clearest choice in the country."

Fiorina does not support the stimulus bill, supports off-shore drilling, is against gun control laws and wants to repeal Roe vs. Wade, positions Boxer said she does not believe are in line with California voters.

But in a statement in response to Boxer's comments Friday, Fiorina contended Boxer's policies have not helped the people of California.

> **THINK ABOUT WHAT WOULD HAPPEN TO SANTA MONICA'S ECONOMY IF PEOPLE COULDN'T GO TO THE BEACH."**
>
> **Barbara Boxer,**
> U.S. Senator (D-CA)

"The contrasts in this race could not be more stark between an out-of-touch career politician who has pressed for job-killing legislation, more than a trillion dollars in tax hikes and more government intrusion into our lives, versus a proven business leader who has a record of creating jobs, meeting payrolls and managing billion-dollar budgets through tough times," Fiorina said in the statement. "Barbara Boxer is consistently rated as one of the most liberal senators in the United States and has failed the people of California for 34 years. That is unacceptable, and it is time for her to go."

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RESTROOM
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lavatories in the country.

The recently re-built restroom, which features a curved-roof design that mimics waves and the roller coaster at Pacific Park, is in the running to be named America's best restroom by Cincinnati-based Cintas Corp.

And you can help. Cast a vote for your favorite restroom at www.bestrestroom.com through Aug. 31. The site takes visitors on a photographic tour of each facility and then encourages them to choose their favorite. The winner will be announced in September 2010 by Cintas.

Cintas, which produces brand-specific products for businesses, created the Best Restroom award in 2002 to honor those businesses across America that place high value on hygiene and exceptional style in their public restrooms. Over the last eight years, the contest has attracted tens of thousands of voters. The 2010 winner will receive a plaque of recognition and a place in America's Best Restroom "Hall of Fame" section of the program's Web site.

"We like to think of this contest as a fun, light-hearted way of drawing the public's attention to the very important issue of restroom hygiene," says Cintas Marketing Manager Rich Bing. "People don't think about such things until they walk into a poorly kept restroom, and then it matters. After that, the odds are they won't be back."

Designed to celebrate the pier's 100th anniversary, the restrooms feature environmental enhancements including applying mesh clerestories to allow for natural light and ventilation, adding low-flow restroom fixtures to reduce water usage, installing durable materials that are corrosion-resistant to the salt air and utilizing recycled materials when possible. The color palette suggests the sky, sea, and sand.

There are 32 toilets, nine urinals, and 18 hand faucets selected for durability and low water usage. Sinks are located outside and can be used by both men and women. There is a 190 square-foot retail space facing the main pedestrian walkway. The 4-foot wide plumbing chase allows for maintenance of plumbing lines without having to close the facility.

Those working to preserve and promote the pier said they waited more than a decade for City Hall to fund and construct new restrooms. As the number of visitors increased over the years, the pier central restroom facility became inadequate in size, deteriorated beyond practical maintenance, and was in need of replacement.

"The restrooms were a top priority of the [Pier Restoration Commission (PRC) board] for over a dozen years," said Ben Franz-Knight, executive director of the PRC. "This took a long time and we've come a long way from having facilities everyone agreed were really subpar to the stellar public facility we have today."

Franz-Knight is pleased the restroom is in the running for best in the country, the recognition a sign that the hard work spent coming up with a design is paying off. It is up against some stiff competition. Bryant Park in New York City is in the top 10 along with the China Grill at Mandalay Bay in Las Vegas and the Grand America Hotel in Salt Lake City.

Previous winners include the lavatory at the Shoji Tabachi Theater in Branson, Mo., and the loo at the Hermitage Hotel in Nashville.

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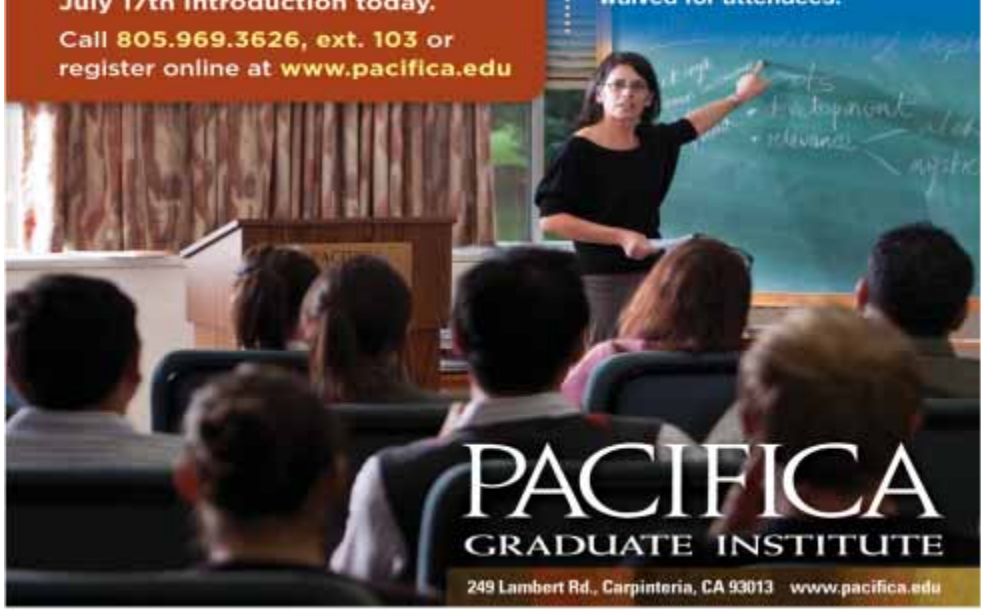
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2 officers shot, wounded at Burbank Kmart lot

Two police officers were shot and wounded Friday during a struggle with a shoplifting suspect outside a Kmart store, authorities said.

The officers were escorting a petty theft suspect out of the store shortly after noon when there was a struggle and shots were fired, city spokesman Keith Sterling said.

One officer was shot in the hand and the other in the leg but neither injury was life-threatening, Sterling said.

The suspect was shocked by a stun gun and was taken to the hospital for observation, Sterling said. The man's name was not immediately released.

Witnesses reported hearing six or seven shots. Joseph Hoage told KCAL-TV he was in the parking lot near a patrol car when shots rang out.

"As I started to walk, I heard 'He's got a gun, got a gun,'" Hoage said. "So I dove behind my car and heard several shots."

One officer was shot in the hand and the other officer "emptied out his stun gun," Hoage said. The shoplifting suspect was in handcuffs. "Evidently he got the officer's gun and unloaded on him," Hoage said.

Sterling said it was not immediately clear whether the attacker had a gun or took one from an officer. The parking lot was closed while police interviewed shoppers. The city planned to bring in buses to take home people who were unable to get their cars, Sterling said.

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ELDORADO NATIONAL FOREST

Camper slashed on face in bear attack

State wildlife officials say a man camping with his wife in Eldorado National Forest is recovering from wounds suffered from a bear attack.

A spokeswoman for the California Department of Fish and Game says the black bear slashed the man's face after rummaging through his ice chest around 2 a.m. Friday at a campground near Union Valley Reservoir.

Spokeswoman Kirsten Macintyre says before slashing the man, the bear rushed the unidentified man and knocked him down.

Macintyre says the man, who was armed with a .45-caliber pistol, fired a shot at the bear when the animal rushed a second time. It is not clear if the bear was hit.

The man required 26 stitches after the attack. The campground where the attack took place is in a remote area about 60 miles northeast of Sacramento.

AP

LOS ANGELES

Talks to resume in SoCal port clerk strike

Negotiators for the striking clerical workers at the ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach are set to restart contract talks with shippers and terminal operators.

A negotiator for the employers said talks are set to resume Friday night. The president of the 900-member union could not be reached for comment.

Clerical workers began picketing outside several terminals Thursday after their contract expired and negotiators reached an impasse.

The workers process critical paperwork for shipments at the nation's busiest port complex. They are seeking to protect their jobs from being outsourced in the next contract. The Harbor Employees Association, which represents the shippers, said it offered the workers "significant job security guarantees."

AP

LOS ANGELES

LA toy company accused of laundering drug money

Three executives at a Los Angeles cuddly toy maker have been arrested on suspicion of laundering millions of dollars for Mexican and Colombian drug traffickers.

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement officials said Friday that the arrests came after a two-year investigation into the Angel Toy Corp.

Officials say representatives from drug-trafficking groups deposited more than $8 million into Angel Toy accounts over a four-year period, always in amounts less than $10,000 to avoid raising suspicion.

The suspects allegedly wired the cash to China to purchase stuffed toy animals. The toys were then sent to Colombia and sold. Money from those sales was then considered clean.

It was not immediately known if those arrested had retained attorneys.

AP

ORANGE

CA woman in child-custody battle with Ohio man

A California woman is facing the prospect of having to relinquish a little girl she has been trying to adopt while an Ohio court deals with the biological father's custody claim.

Stacey Doss of Rancho Santa Margarita says a teleconference Friday between judges and lawyers in Orange County, Calif., and Montgomery County, Ohio, determined that Ohio has jurisdiction.

If an appeal fails, the girl Doss has raised for two years since birth will be taken to Ohio on July 16 and placed in foster care. A July 29 hearing will determine whether the child can then be placed with her paternal grandmother.

Montgomery County Juvenile Court Administrative Judge Nick Kuntz says the California judge agreed to remove an order that the child remain in Orange County.

AP

LOS ANGELES

Jury in Calif. train shooting trial goes home

Jurors have ended their first day of deliberations in the trial of an ex-San Francisco Bay area transit officer accused of murdering an unarmed black man last year.

The Los Angeles Superior Court panel will have the three-day weekend to ponder the fate of Johannes Mehserle before returning Tuesday to resume deliberations. Jurors on Friday spent nearly 2 1/2 hours reviewing the case.

Mehserle has pleaded not guilty to murdering Oscar Grant on New Year's Day 2009. Mehserle testified he mistakenly pulled out his .40-caliber handgun instead of his Taser when he fired a single shot into Grant's back. The trial was moved from Alameda County to Los Angeles after racial tensions boiled over into violence in Oakland.

AP

Job market not growing fast enough for big rebound

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WASHINGTON A second straight month of lackluster hiring by American businesses is sapping strength from the economic rebound.

The jobless rate fell to 9.5 percent in June, still far too high to signal a healthy economy. It came in slightly lower than the month before only because more than a half-million people gave up looking for work and were no longer counted as unemployed.

The private sector added just 83,000 jobs for the month. Looked at from that angle or almost any other, from a teetering housing market to falling factory orders, the recovery is limping along as it enters the year's second half. And that is when the benefits of most of the government's stimulus spending will begin to wear off.

The fate of the economy will hinge on whether it can stand on its own. President Barack Obama acknowledged the slow pace of the recovery and used the new jobs figures to argue for more stimulus spending and extended unemployment benefits.

"We're not headed there fast enough for a lot of Americans," the president said. "We're not headed there fast enough for me, either."

Overall, the nation's total payroll actually shrank last month by 125,000, the first decline in six months, the Labor Department said Friday. The loss reflected the end of 225,000 temporary jobs helping the U.S. Census Bureau complete its 10-year head count.

The 83,000 jobs added by the private sector was a better performance than in May, when private job creation nearly stalled. But it fell far short of what the economy needs — at least 200,000 jobs a month — to bring down the unemployment rate.

Nobody, from Obama to Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke to private economists, expects that anytime soon. And the government has mostly exhausted its realistic options for nudging the economy along faster.

Benchmark interest rates, which at low levels can encourage borrowing to spur economic growth, are already near zero. Republicans in Congress object to additional stimulus spending.

Unemployment is expected to stay above 9 percent through the midterm elections in November. And the Fed predicts joblessness could still be as high as 7.5 percent two years from now. Normal is considered closer to 6 percent, and economists say it will probably take until the middle of this decade to achieve that.

The jobless rate did come down in June from 9.7 percent the month before. But that was mainly because 652,000 people abandoned their job searches.

Even among Americans with secure jobs, confidence is fading. One gauge of consumer confidence fell in June to about 53, down nearly 10 points in a single month. And it's well below the reading of 90 typically seen in a healthy economy.

Add to that jitters over Europe's debts, an edgy stock market and cautious consumer spending, and the result is an economy essentially moving sideways. It's no surprise that businesses are reviewing their orders and seeing no reason to add to payrolls.

Few big companies say they plan to step up hiring in the second half of the year. Most auto, airline and railroad companies, for example, say they expect little or no job growth, blaming weak demand.

One that does plan to hire, Chrysler Group LLC, expects to add engineers and other workers as it updates its aging line of cars and trucks. The company has announced 1,000 factory jobs in Detroit to meet demand for the new Jeep Grand Cherokee SUV.

But other companies, like American Airlines, have no plans to significantly boost hiring this year. And major railroads, which have furloughed thousands since the recession, say they have no plans to add employees in the coming months.

In June, manufacturers, the leisure and hospitality industries, temporary staffing agencies, and education and health services providers all added jobs. Retailers, construction firms and financial service providers cut payrolls. So did state and local governments, which are wrestling with budget shortfalls.

On Wall Street, stocks sagged yet again on the news. The Dow Jones industrial average finished down 46 points, its seventh consecutive losing session. The Dow lost more than 10 percent of its value in the second quarter.

Trying to put a positive outlook on the report, Obama said it showed that "we are headed in the right direction." At the same time, he acknowledged there is a "great deal of work to do to repair the economy and get the American people back to work."

His options are limited. Senate Republicans concerned about record budget deficits this week blocked his efforts to extend unemployment benefits for millions of out-of-work Americans.

"The two things that are growing fastest in this Democrat economy are the size of the federal government and the crushing burden of the national debt," said Senate Republican leader Mitch McConnell of Kentucky, who led opposition to the extension.

All told, 14.6 million people were unemployed in June. An additional 11.2 million have given up their job searches or are working part-time but would prefer full-time work. That adds up to nearly 26 million Americans, and an "underemployment" rate of 16.5 percent.

Among the 225,000 census workers who lost their temporary jobs in June are people who had been unemployed before and now are again. One of them is Michael Stein, who worked for the census in Phoenix on and off since April 2009, after losing his job with an architectural firm.

It all ended for good two weeks ago.

Jobless again, Stein, 49, at least feels better off with the census experience on his resume.

"I was told the State of Arizona is hiring again," he said. "Because of the people I met at the census, there's a possibility if they could find the right position, they'll put in a good word for me."

Eric Model, co-owner of Seal & Co., a shop in Summit, N.J., that sells accessories and toys, said he has not replaced the two back-office workers he let go two years ago. Not including a summer hire, Model has four employees, plus himself.

"It would be nice to get some support," Model said. "But I don't want to go out on a limb and hire somebody, anticipating things will improve. I would rather run with low expenses."

Those Americans who still have jobs drew smaller paychecks last month. Average hourly wages fell 2 cents to $22.53. Workers' hours were cut, too. Those factors could dampen consumer spending in the months ahead and further weaken the recovery.









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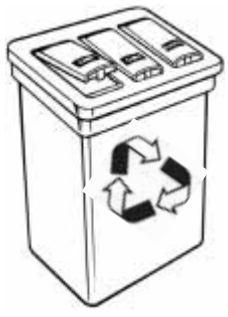
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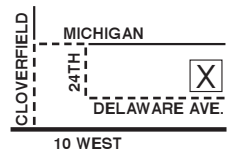
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Debt crisis pushes Europe toward economic reforms

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MADRID In the ashes of Europe's debt crisis, some see the seeds of long-term hope.

That's because the threat of bankruptcy is forcing governments to implement reforms that economists argue are necessary to help Europe prosper in a globalized world — but were long viewed as being politically impossible because of entrenched social attitudes.

Changes such as making it easier for companies to fire workers or stare down unions were until recently dismissed as simply not being the "European way." Similarly, many were skeptical that European governments would or could tackle bloated public payrolls, trim entitlements or force people to retire later.

When it became clear earlier this year that Greece's debt crisis was rattling markets everywhere and dragging down Europe's common currency, it was business as usual: European governments seemed to dither, disunited.

Germany came in for particular criticism, appearing to hold up a bailout of Greece because it was unpopular with German voters.

But over two months of hectic activity a new narrative has started to settle in, to the surprise of many a euro-skeptic: When the chips were truly down, the countries of the European Union found a way to strike hard and fast — and together.

European leaders first joined with the International Monetary Fund in May and agreed on a $1 trillion rescue fund for financially troubled countries. Then Greece announced deep budget cuts, Spain cut employer costs and France raised its retirement age. France also joined Germany and the U.K in imposing harsh budget cuts.

To Marco Annunziata, the London-based chief economist for Unicredit, those are signs that Europe is finally facing the reality that it must make structural changes.

"Governments are reluctantly acknowledging that reforms are needed and there is no more room for delays and excuses," he said. "It looks like perhaps we are past the longest stage of denial, which in Europe has lasted at least 20 years."

Annunziata said governments now face a crucial test of political will: Can they implement the reforms they have announced?

Already in Italy, Premier Silvio Berlusconi has suggested he will reconsider some of the austerity measures he announced last month to trim the deficit after facing opposition and seeing his popularity dip. And France will have to steel itself for strikes.

Still, there are signs that Europe may muster passing grades.

In Spain, employers had long moaned that laying off workers is so expensive that they were wary of hiring in the first place. Political leaders felt no urgency as the economy grew at a healthy clip, buoyed by a construction boom and cheap credit. Nor did they when the boom ended and the jobless rate soared to 20 percent.

Then came the May 28 decision by the credit rating agency Fitch to downgrade Spanish debt.

Facing a growing risk of a debt default, the Spanish parliament quickly passed measures that make firing cheaper and even let companies talk their way out of collective bargaining agreements if times go bad.

The changes were imposed by Prime Minister Jose Luis Rodriguez Zapatero's government almost overnight, after nearly two years of state-sponsored talks between unions and management finally collapsed a few weeks ago.

Sandalio Gomez, a professor of management at IESE Business School in Madrid, noted that the government also has enacted 15 billion ($18.7 billion) in spending cuts to slash the deficit. The cuts reduce civil servants' wages and public investment and freeze retirement pensions.

"If we were not in the midst of a sovereign debt crisis they wouldn't be doing it," said Stephen Lewis, chief economist at Monument Securities. "They wouldn't be inviting the negative reaction from their own labor forces."

Spain's workplace package was passed as a fast-track decree and is now subject to amendments by Parliament over the next month or so.

Under the old law, many workers have contracts that give 45 days of severance pay per year worked. These will remain for old contracts, but for new ones the figure goes down to 33 days of severance per year of work.

Also, companies in economic trouble can now negotiate with workers to lower salaries and reduce shifts or other terms of employment, and call in an arbitrator for a binding ruling if the talks hit a deadlock. That's still generous, compared with practices in the U.S. and other less regulated economies, but a start.

Spanish unions are furious and have called a general strike, but not until Sept. 29, after the sacrosanct monthlong summer vacation ends.

Like Spain, Greece is shaking up its stodgy, rule-bound practices on hiring and firing. The hope is to encourage hiring and stimulate economic growth that will be needed to help pay down a swollen debt load.

Last year, the newly elected government revealed that its predecessors had fudged the country's deficit numbers. Prohibitively high interest rates soon followed, prompting Greece to accept a 110 billion ($138 billion) EU and IMF bailout, with policed austerity as the price.

Last month, Greece announced that it would allow companies to lay off more people and make lower severance payments. The maximum notice period, if Parliament approves, would be reduced from 24 months to six months.

The short-term response to those moves has been a wave of strikes and riots. Demonstrations also have been held in Spain and France.

In fact, such measures were called for by the European Union in its Lisbon Strategy, an ambitious blueprint adopted in 2000 whose goal was to make Europe the world's most competitive economic bloc. Little got done.

One reason: the courage to enact change can be costly. Then-Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder loosened Germany's heavily regulated labor market as part of social spending reforms he undertook in 2003 and implemented for the most part by 2005.

Economists say the changes helped get the German economy on track before the recent financial crisis. But they hurt Schroeder and his Social Democrats politically — in 2005, voters dumped him and Angela Merkel became chancellor.

Not everyone has the same sense of urgency. While Italy's debt totals 115 percent of gross domestic product, higher than Spain's, few structural reforms are being discussed there.

NBA

Clippers, Heat do their best to woo LeBron

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CLEVELAND The Miami Heat used every precious second of their promised time with LeBron James — and then some.

Team president Pat Riley, coach Erik Spoelstra, billionaire owner Micky Arison and former center Alonzo Mourning spent nearly three hours making their presentation to try to lure James, the NBA's most coveted free agent, to sunny South Florida.

The Heat's delegation arrived at 10:20 a.m. James showed up two minutes before the scheduled 11 a.m. meeting wearing a T-shirt, shorts and a backpack.

At 1:50 p.m., the Heat's delegation paraded through the lobby of the IMG building without saying a word. Before getting in their cars, they passed the Los Angeles Clippers' two-man contingent of acting general manager Neil Olshey and executive Andy Roeser.

Olshey then joked that Riley went into overtime with James.

"Is coach going to get fined for going over his allotted time?" Olshey asked a person who works for James. "Don't worry, we'll be short."

The Clippers wrapped up their meeting with James in about an hour. Olshey coached James at a summer camp before his senior year of high school. He knew back then James was a special player, one he would like to see relocate his game to the West Coast.

"I predicted he would be Rookie of the Year, an All-Star in his second year and the best player on the planet in his third year," he said. "So far, I've been right. I think we've got the best roster and the best chance and the best city."

After the meetings concluded, James was asked how things were going as he headed out the door.

"Good," he said.

Riley felt the same way.

"This is a very fluid process," Riley said. "We've had five meetings across the country in the span of 40 hours. We will continue with the process. It's still early in free agency, but we feel very good with how our presentations have gone thus far."

The second day of LeBronmania didn't have as much star power.

On Thursday, James met with the New Jersey Nets, who brought billionaire owner Mikhail Prokhorov and hip hop superstar Jay-Z to help make their pitch. The New York Knicks followed with a presentation that required a rental van to haul their equipment.

James will visit on Saturday with the Chicago Bulls and Cavaliers, the two teams widely considered co-favorites to sign the two-time MVP.

James pulled into the garage of the IMG building in a Range Rover and was escorted to the elevator banks by two Cleveland police officers for his 11 a.m. meeting with the Heat. Miami's advance team, led by executive and salary-cap specialist guru Andy Elisburg, arrived nearly 90 minutes before the start to set up the Heat's production.

Elisburg may not be the best known of Miami's group, but he may have the most important job since the team is hoping to re-sign Dwyane Wade and add either James and/or fellow free agent Chris Bosh to its roster. The Heat, who have more than $40 million in salary-cap space, met with Bosh in Chicago on Thursday.

James was in a great mood when he walked in for the second day of his hyped recruitment.

"Hey, what's up?" he said before heading to LRMR Marketing, the company he started with Maverick Carter, his close friend and business partner.

On the eighth floor, Riley was seen pacing the hallway waiting for James.

Riley's pitch to James wasn't expected to contain too many surprises, and it likely focused on the possibility of him playing with Wade, a U.S. Olympic teammate and friend. The Heat also have talked about uniting the two with Bosh, who was in the same draft class as James and Wade.

Riley's recruiting plan goes something like this: He talks about the benefit of playing in an no-income-tax state like Florida, something that would be worth millions to James, whose off-court earnings dwarf his on-court salary. He sings the praises of having a willing-to-spend, not-willing-to-meddle owner in Arison, plus talks about what it means to be part of the Heat family, something to which Mourning can attest.

And Riley also speaks about building a dynasty, the word he's been using with Heat fans for months.

Given all that, these days could largely define a huge portion of Riley's Heat legacy.

"We feel very strongly about our commitment to Dwyane and our fans," said Riley, who is planning to speak with Brendan Haywood and David Lee, and possibly others, before returning to Miami.

Wade has said he wants to stay, but he will leave if Riley doesn't make the moves that turn Miami into a championship contender again. Although Wade was the clear leader of the 2006 title team — his finals MVP trophy proves that — he's lamented not getting out of the first round of the playoffs since.

James invited the Clippers to meet with him, but it's hard to imagine them making a compelling argument for him to sign.

The club does have a nice core group of young players, including center Chris Kaman, forward Blake Griffin (a No. 1 draft pick in 2009) and guards Baron Davis and Eric Gordon. The Clippers also can entice James with Hollywood and the potential to add to his riches in the entertainment industry.

While other teams tried to impress James with theatrical displays, the Clippers kept things simple.

"We had a DVD and it showed all the places that he's already eaten, all the beaches he's already gone to and all the clubs he already knows about and all the business opportunities he'll be able to engage in," Olshey said. "But what's important is Baron Davis and Eric Gordon, Blake Griffin and Chris Kaman as his starting five. That's what's important to him. He's well educated on that. He knows our team."

Roeser said the Clippers are close to hiring a coach, saying one likely would be in place by "early next week."

The Cavs are expected to make a short, but sweet pitch to James.

Their message will focus on one word: Home.

As the meetings took place above the corners of East 9th Street and St. Clair, several Cavaliers employees held signs with words dear to James such as "Community," "Family" and "Mission." There were similar signs on the overpasses of Interstate-77, the freeway James travels between his home and Cleveland.

"I think we've got about 36 people all over town with these signs," said Nate Ferrall, a 39-year-old Clevelander, who refused to confirm he works for the Cavs. "We just want to remind LeBron that this is his home and that we support him."



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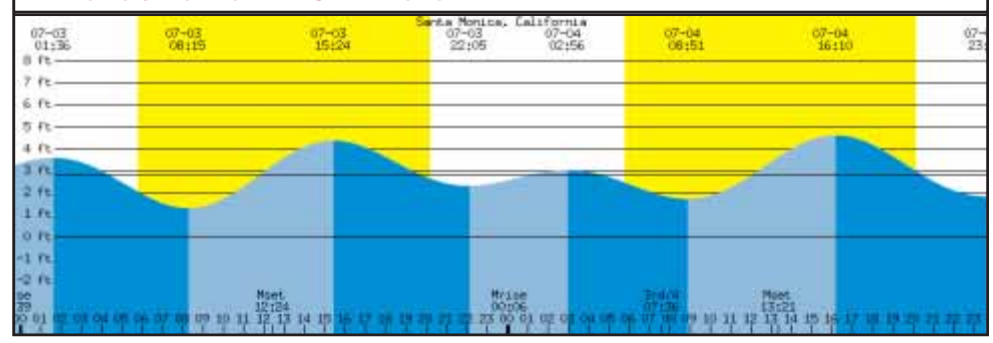
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Grades for this report are based on monitoring data from the previous 30 days up to the ending date of **June 29, 2010**

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

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

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

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

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

LEGEND

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

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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

Saturday, July 3
1776 (PG) 2hr 49min
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

Grown Ups (PG-13) 1hr 42min
9:30am, 12:00pm, 2:30pm, 5:15pm, 8:05pm, 10:45pm

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

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9:20am, 12:20pm, 3:20pm, 6:20pm, 9:20pm, 12:20am

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Go where the gang is, Pisces

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Your impulsiveness takes the lead. Opportunities seem to spring from those spontaneous moments. You might not want to become involved with someone who likes to wield his or her power. Walk the other way. Tonight: Whatever makes you smile.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ Tune in to your inner mind, recognizing that you might want some downtime or to do something special. Perhaps you feel as if you have to explain too much. Make it a point not to do so for one day. Tonight: Strange news heads your way.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ You know where you are going and why. Find your friends, and don't feel as if you have to do anything that you don't want to do. Networking seems more natural to you than it is to many. You cannot help but make a new friend or two. Tonight: In the middle of the action.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★ A responsibility calls, or perhaps you might have to do some work. Though you might like to feel as free as a bird, right now it is impossible. Respond to another person's request carefully. Tonight: Adapt your plans.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Reach out for someone who comes to mind. You might be startled by this person's news, as well as pleased. You discover that your attitude on the home front might not be serving you at all. Tonight: Take off and try something different.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Make time for a special person in your life. You might wonder which is the best way to go. Sometimes you give too much; other times not enough. Let spontaneity energize your bond. A child or new friend could be difficult. Tonight: Take your cue from someone else.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★★ Others seem to be full of surprises, leaving you wondering. Right now, clearly, a new friend cannot be counted on. As fast as this person whirled into your life is as quickly as he or she might pop out. Tonight: Go with the moment.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Whether you can accomplish everything you want depends on your focus and drive. Others easily could distract you if you let them. Don't go too far. A walk or a visit to the gym helps you center. Tonight: A local haunt.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★★ Your spontaneous decisions could be fun. You are in touch with your desires and can express your interests in a dynamic manner. Understanding evolves as a result. Pressure builds around spending. How much is too much? Tonight: Tap into your creativity.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Communicate the bottom line to a family member, roommate or pet. You could be startled by his or her reaction. In the long run, for others to know your expectations is more important than you realize. Tonight: Entertain at home.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ Having plans is all well and good, but somehow the unexpected could wreak havoc, and you might need to demonstrate your adaptability. Someone close could be quite upset about this change, and lets you know it! Tonight: Visit over drinks and munchies, or maybe go to a ballgame.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Extremes mark the day, especially in the financial sector. You can see why something has happened, but what is the solution? Regroup, and include an inventive friend in the conversation. Tonight: Where the gang is.

Happy birthday

This year, you often find a shake-up on the horizon in your work and/or community. You might fear change, and might not like what appears. Surprises await those who are flexible. Your professional stature could change. If you are attached, your significant other could be changing right in front of you. You will need to grow with him or her. If you are single, this is not the year to make a commitment, though you meet potential suitors with ease. Enjoy the dating part of a relationship. Time will be your ally. PISCES helps you get past problems when you're stuck.

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

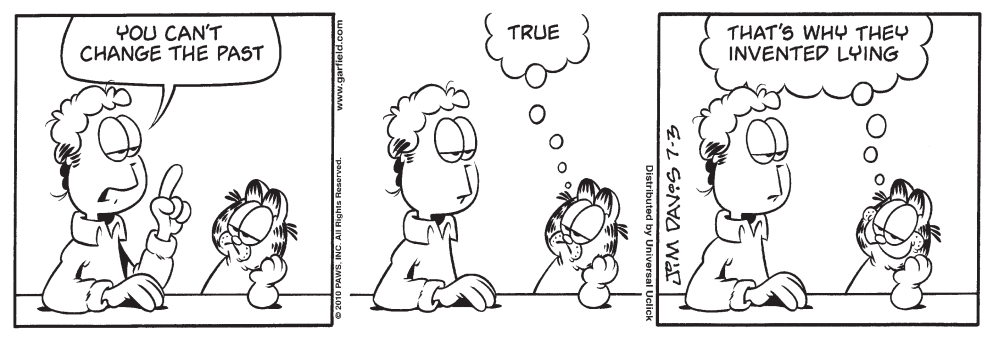
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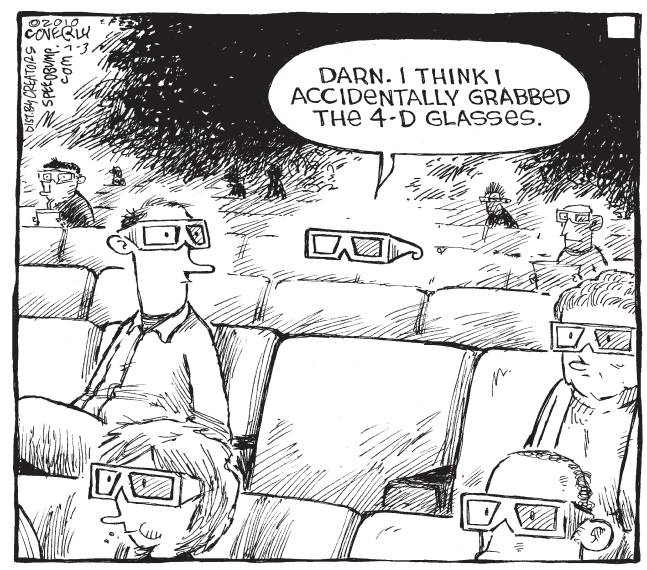
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Sudoku

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

Difficulty Level ★★★★

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	3			6			5	
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4		5			8			
	6							

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GETTING STARTED

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

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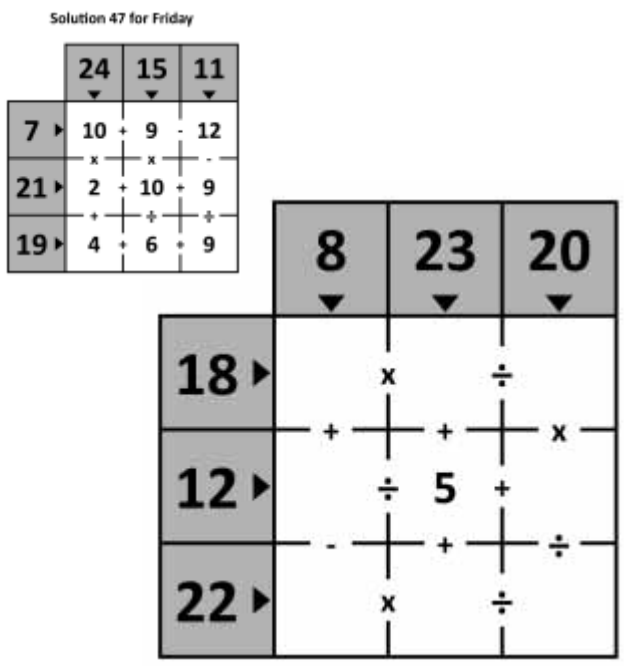
- Fill the grid with the set of given numbers (1 to 12) to satisfy the Equa demands (7 to 24) in the shaded boxes. The Equa demands represent the sum of the digits that you will insert into the empty squares.
- Each horizontal row has one Equa demand to satisfy; each vertical column also has one demand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

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

3, 6, 6, 9, 10, 10, 11, 12

Solution 47 for Friday





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CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 California peak
7 Hutton and Henson
11 Low-cost stopover
12 Overlook
13 Meaning
14 Prom transport
15 "You're asking —!"
16 Squelch
17 1982 Disney film
18 Comfortable
19 First name in jazz
21 Road goo
22 Diner potatoes
25 Clamor
26 Drift
27 Grove fruit
29 Shaker stuff
33 Track event
34 Near-sighted cartoon character
35 Wax-coated cheese
36 Place to change
37 Further
38 Hammed it up
39 Printer's supplies
40 Strata

DOWN

1 PC key
2 Pay tribute to
3 Elroy's dog
4 "Ms." pioneer
5 Revival setting
6 PC key
7 "Wanted" star
8 Parrot
9 Brunch cocktails
10 High fellow
16 Flag features
18 Michael Caine movie
20 Like the Rockettes
22 Took a job
23 Just for kicks
24 Birth announcement
25 Moolah
28 Christens
30 Playing marble
31 Solitary sort
32 Marsh croakers
34 Baby's call
36 Animation frame

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Yesterday's answer

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FANTASY 5: 8 13 23 24 36

DAILY 3: MIDDAY: 0 9 8 EVENING: 8 3 5

DAILY DERBY: 1st: 05 California Classic 2nd: 04 Big Ben 3rd: 06 Whirl Win RACE TIME: 1:42.85

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ In this latest collection of men who accidentally shot themselves recently, private parts were the center of attention. University of Illinois campus police officer Bryan Mallin accidentally shot himself in the butt while shopping in Chicago (March), and Timothy Davis, 22, digging through a drawer in Fort Myers, Fla., last October, also accidentally shot himself in the butt. And four other men (a shopper at a Lowe's Home Improvement store in Lynnwood, Wash., a 17-year-old in Vallejo, Calif., 20-year-old Jeffrey Disney in Hamilton, Ohio, and 50-year-old David Blurton, in Dillon, Colo.) accidentally shot themselves in what for men is their most cherished spot.

■ In July (2004), police were summoned to an upscale office building in St. Louis, Mo., on a report of a man roaming the halls with a gun, and on arrival, officers found some workers hiding under desks and in closets and others having fled the building. Police concluded that two lawyers, Gary Burger and Mark Cantor, were once again playing their game in the hallways, stalking each other with BB guns and occasionally firing. Most workers did not know that the men were playing, but one did because she had been shot in the finger and shoulder after walking into a previous battle. Police said they would file gun charges, and one officer said the perps would be tried "as adults" (i.e., not in the juvenile court system).

TODAY IN HISTORY

1981 First mention in the New York Times of a disease that would later be called AIDS

1986 US President Ronald Reagan presides over the relighting of the renovated Statue of Liberty.

1988 United States Navy warship USS Vincennes shoots down Iran Air Flight 655 over the Persian Gulf, killing all 290 people aboard.

1988 The Fatih Sultan Mehmet Bridge in Istanbul, Turkey is completed, providing the second connection between the continents of Europe and Asia over the Bosporus.

1994 The deadliest day in Texas traffic history, according to the Texas Department of Public Safety. Forty six people are killed in crashes.

WORD UP!

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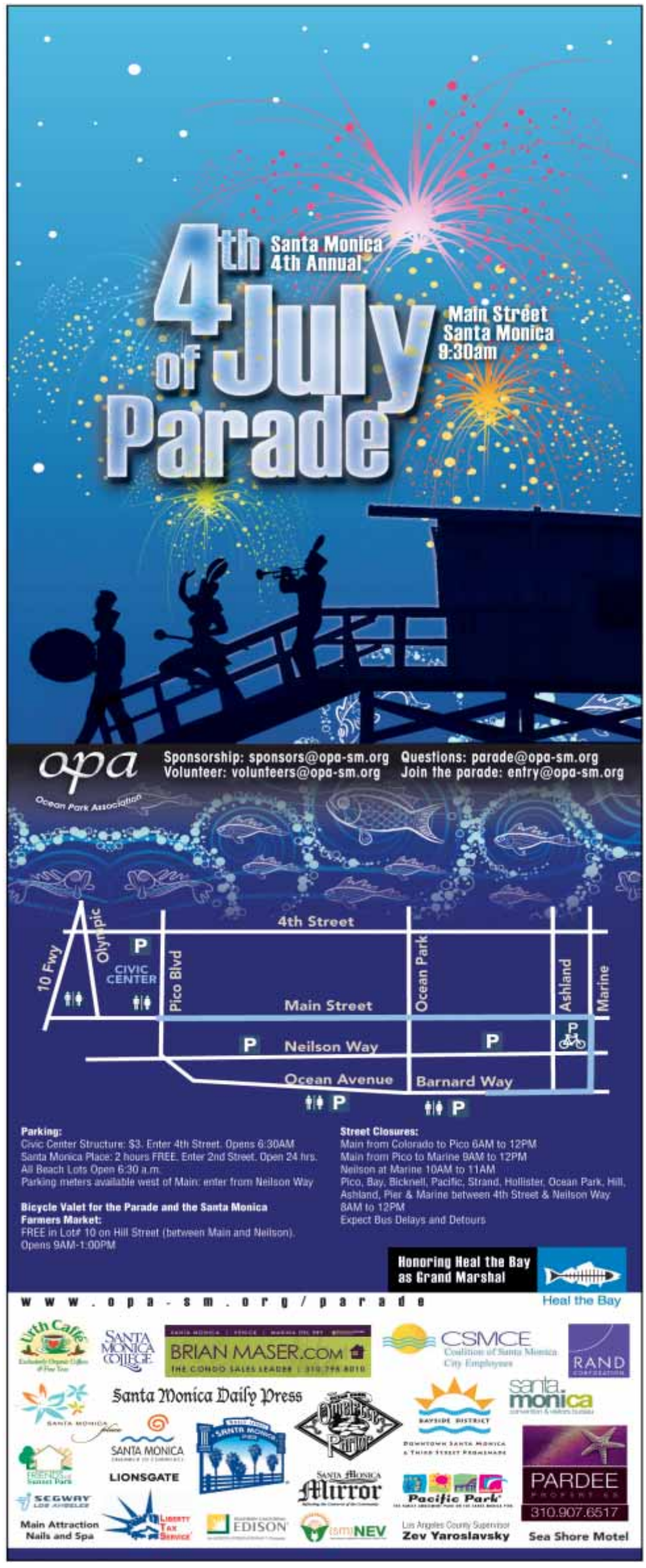
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