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THE PACKED HOUSE ISSUE

Lawmakers postpone water bond until 2014

JUDY LIN
Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. California lawmakers voted Thursday to delay voters' consideration of an $11 billion water bond from this November until 2014 — the second time the measure has been postponed.

The Assembly approved AB1422 on a 69-6 bipartisan vote and the Senate approved the bill by Democratic Assemblyman Henry Perea of Fresno on a 34-2 vote. The bill now goes to the governor, who is expected to sign it.

Voters were originally supposed to consider the bond in 2010, but former Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, a Republican, signed legislation delaying it until this year.

Democrats want to delay the vote again to focus on Gov. Jerry Brown's tax hike to help state programs and cut the deficit. Democratic leaders have worried about the timing and cost of the proposal at a time they are relying on tax hikes to help cut the state's $15.7 billion deficit.

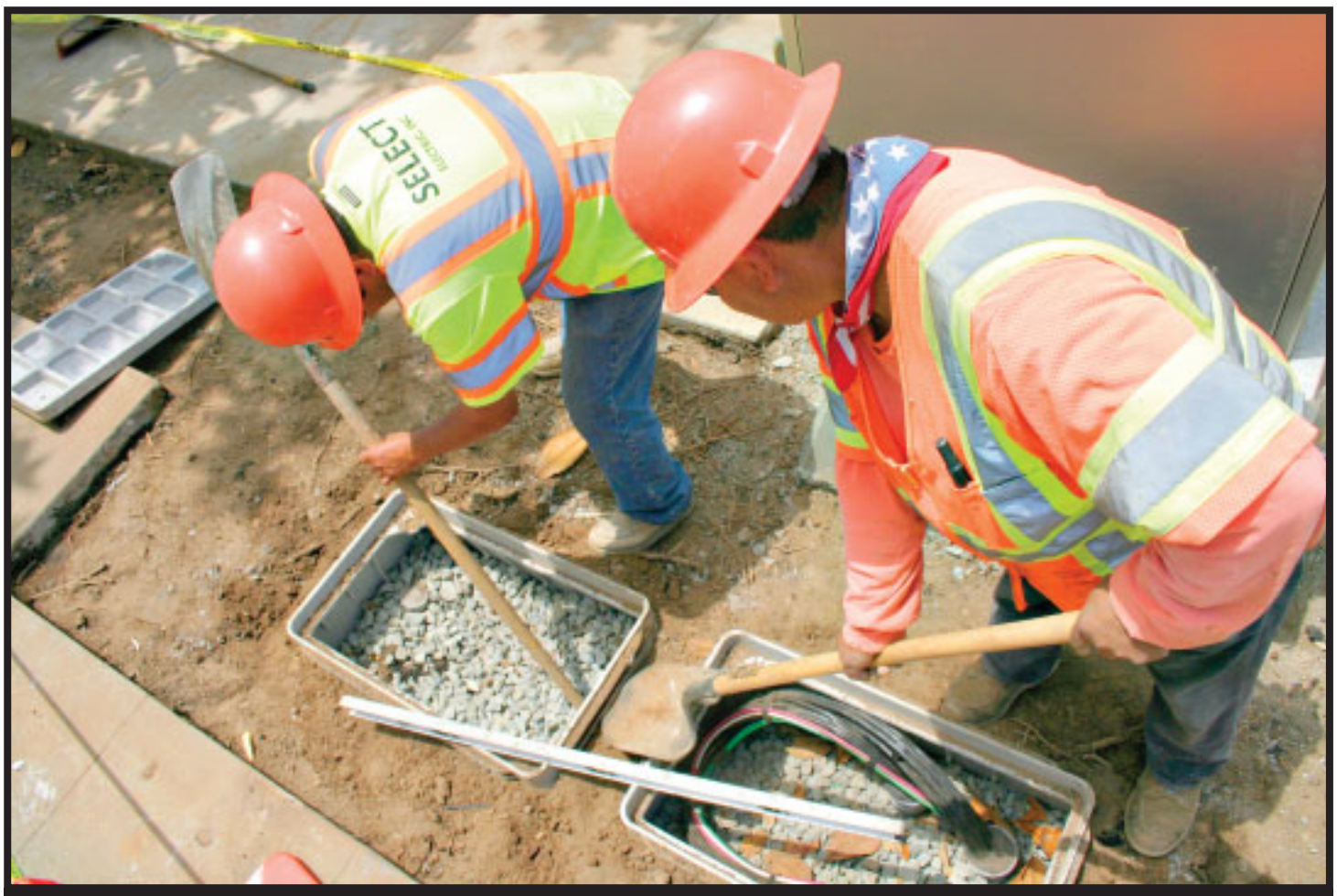
The governor's tax hike seeks to increase the sales and income taxes individuals with incomes over $250,000 a year. The money would aid the state's general fund, public schools and universities, and public safety.

"I am going to vote to delay it because I think it's critically important that we focus on the revenue measure at this point in time," said Assemblywoman Joan Buchanan, D-Alamo.

Some lawmakers say the entire bond should be scrapped because it is filled with pork projects estimated at about $800 million.

"By all rights this bond should be repealed and the reason it should be repealed is because that is the only way we will have a serious discussion over the next year or two about what really ought to be funded in a water bond," said Sen. Lois Wolk, D-Davis. Although she objected to the water bond itself, she voted in favor of delaying the

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RED LIGHT, GREEN LIGHT

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A city-contracted work crew installs the infrastructure for a new traffic signal Thursday on Broadway.

Ethnic studies program coming to Samohi

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

SMMUSD HDQTRS Santa Monica High School officials are building an ethnic studies program at the school as part of an ongoing attempt to improve relations between the racial groups on campus and achievement rates amongst minority students.

The program as envisioned includes one ethnic studies class available to upperclassmen at the school and similar components worked into all English, history and arts classes, as well as presentations to bring minorities in contact with successful and inspiring members of their own race.

The course for juniors and seniors would build upon a foundation created during Freshman Seminar, a class every freshman in the school takes that will be revamped with new information.

The program will also build into the fabric of the school's extra academic support and a student-led messaging campaign to stave off inappropriate racial jokes.

The Board of Education asked staff to develop an ethnic studies class in the wake of an incident in May 2011 in which an African American wrestler told police that he had been chained to a locker by his teammates who then yelled racial slurs.

It was one piece of a multi-pronged response that included beefing up the district's curriculum regarding diversity and minority populations, teaching instructors how to deal with racially-sensitive situations and creating consequences for racially-motivated hate behavior on campus.

As the district and school began putting the changes in place, the climate on campus worsened.

Between December 2011 and January 2012, multiple fights were reported in the vicinity of the campus involving students of different races.

Samohi Principal Laurel Fretz and I House Principal Renee Semik told the Board of Education last week that the new program, as envisioned, would result not only in a safer campus, but also shrink the sizable achievement gap seen between African American and Latino students and

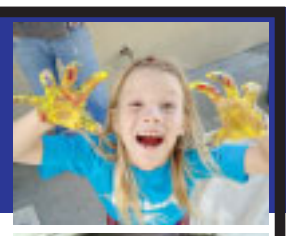
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7:30 p.m. — 9 p.m.
Downtown Santa Monica is excited to present its second annual Cinema on the Street series of weekly summertime movies every Friday night in July. To kick-off each movie, MI's Westside Comedy Theater will have you laughing in your seats with a pre-show performance. Bring a blanket or beach chairs and enjoy "The Sandlot" this Friday with family and friends. The outdoor movie screen will be located on Third Street Promenade between Wilshire Boulevard and Arizona Avenue, just outside of Chipotle. Attendance is free. For more information, visit www.downtownsm.com.

The night sky
Santa Monica College
2320 17th St., 7 p.m. — 8 p.m.
Learning as much as possible about the objects in the asteroid belt may be a key to our long-term survival on Earth. In a 50-minute show updated weekly, Santa Monica College's planetarium projector recreates the celestial wonders of the ever-changing night sky. The lecture will include images from the lowest-altitude orbits around Vesta and a discussion on the asteroid belt. Admission is $5, and tickets may be purchased at the door. Shows are held in the John Drescher Planetarium in Drescher Hall, Room 223. For more information, call (310) 434-3005.

Saturday, July 7, 2012

Lightsaber relay
Santa Monica Pier
10 a.m.
"Star Wars" fans everywhere have yet another reason to be excited about the inaugural Course of the Force lightsaber relay. Ashley Eckstein, voice of the character Ahsoka Tano in the television series "Star Wars: The Clone Wars," will team with Nerdist Industries' founder Chris Hardwick and the Nerdist Channel's Alison Haislip to lead legions of "Star Wars" fans from Santa Monica to San Diego and into San Diego Comic-Con International. The Course of the Force is a five-day relay for "Star Wars" enthusiasts to celebrate their love of the saga.
For more information, visit www.courseoftheforce.com.

Fashion and murder
Blues JEAN Bar
1409 Montana Ave., 1 p.m. — 5 p.m.
Join fashion industry veteran Diane Vallere for the launch of her new fashion mystery novel "Designer Dirty Laundry." Vallere will be signing her new book about a fashionista who is framed for the murder of her fashion director. The book will be available for sale and signing, with complimentary drinks and cupcakes. For more information, call (424) 333-2992.

Be loud at the library
Main Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd.,
12:30 p.m. — 1:30 p.m.
The Eurotones, a multilingual group specializing in classic continental, vintage dance and lounge, and Latin music, will have you dancing at the library at this outdoor concert. Admission is free and all ages are welcome. Seating is first-come, first-served. Although awnings will cover the audience seating areas, wearing sunscreen and sunglasses is recommended. For more information, call (310) 458-8608.

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Keeping children entertained

Local teachers pen book about things to do while waiting around

BY MOLLY PHILBIN
Special to the Daily Press

MAIN STREET When traveling, school teacher Kristy Pace plays with other families' kids at airports. Her first book, "101 Things to do With Your Kids at the Airport," provides games to successfully occupy children without Pace.

Although the title implies that the illustrated book is meant for the airport, and that it is for children, the games aren't specific to places or age.

"You don't have to be in an airport," Pace said. "Put those eight things [listed in the book] in your bag and you can play the whole book wherever."

The four types of activities listed in the book — "Alone Time," "Sharing Stories," "Active Moments" and "Group Games" — provide entertainment for wherever the reader is stuck for awhile, according to the book's summary.

Games listed in the book's index include "Airport Adventures: Tastes Like ...," scavenger hunts, and "The Bean's in the Bag" beanbag challenge.

"If you have this bag full of games it makes it so easy," Pace said.

Pace said her creativity and love for game-play was established early on; growing up on 92 acres of woods in Winchendon, Mass. — which she referred to as the middle of nowhere — Pace's mother told her to make up games with the neighborhood kids.

"That's just what we did every day — we made up games," Pace said.

Local teachers and sisters co-writer Karin Herrador and illustrator Ingrid Herrador — who met Pace when all three

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Photo courtesy Kristy Pace

ALL TOGETHER: **Kristy Pace (center) created a new book with fellow teachers Karin Herrador and Ingrid Herrador.**

Severely burned girls learn to cope at retreat

GILLIAN FLACCUS
Associated Press

CORONA, Calif. The room rings out with the cruel nicknames that have haunted the teenagers for years: Crusty crab. Burnt toast. Snake skin. Freddy Krueger's daughter. Mutant. Scarface.

For the first time, it's the burn victims themselves who are shouting them.

The exercise is emotionally excruciating but also empowering for these girls, who come from all over the world to attend Angel Faces, an annual retreat east of Los Angeles. Some were injured as infants; others arrive just months after a devastating accident. Several girls lost a parent or a sibling in the disaster that maimed them.

The program uses group counseling, role playing and art therapy to heal emotional scars and teach strategies to cope with never-ending teasing, staring and probing questions. The retreat's softer side boosts body image with massages, facials, hair styling and makeovers by a professional cosmetologist who teaches the girls how to use specialty make-up to minimize their scars.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

SMMUSD HDQTRS

Students receive bilingual designation

Ninety-five students in the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District were recognized for their proficiency in multiple languages on June 14.

More than 10,000 high school students across California earned the first state recognition in the nation for achieving proficiency in multiple languages, State of Public Instruction Tom Torlakson announced July 5.

The State Seal of Biliteracy, created by former SMMUSD Board of Education President Julia Brownley, recognizes high school graduates who have attained a high level of proficiency in speaking, reading and writing in one or more languages other than English.

More than 70 percent of students earned the seal by demonstrating proficiency in Spanish, followed by 10 percent in French.

Qualified students were tested on one or more of 40 different languages, including American Sign.

To have qualified for the seal high school graduates must have completed all English-language arts requirements with a 2.0 or higher grade point average, passed the California Standards Test in English-language and have demonstrated proficiency in a second language.

Proficiency is determined by passing a foreign language advanced placement examination with a score of three or higher or an international baccalaureate examination with a score of four or higher.

The student could also earn the seal by successfully completing four years of high school world language with a 3.0 or higher grade point average in that course.

The program went into effect Jan. 1, 2012.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Hard hat headache

Editor:

Dear public works directors, highway engineers, city planners, etc.,

There are still at least four or five Santa Monica streets and intersections not currently under construction, so if that was your master plan – total driver/pedestrian frustration – you're almost there!

This is the season of our construction discontent. Sidewalk closed, lane closed, exit closed, bike lane closed, no left turn, no right turn, expect delays, metal plates, 7:30 a.m. jack hammer, midnight front loader, lane re-striping, signal out, four-way stop, orange cone, yellow caution tape, flashing traffic advisory, emergency no parking until further notice, detour ahead.

I would write something lame and civic-minded like let's all slow down and be patient – but we don't really have a choice do we? To slow down to a creeping crawl. Gridlocked. Summer.

Mark Shepherd
Santa Monica

Corroding capitalism

Editor:

Thank you so much for printing your letters to the editor. My neighbors and I never miss them.

Please advise your oft published Jerry Rubin that he can save the metal mushroom cloud only if he gets the city sprinklers to stop over-watering the art work ("Reasons to save the sculpture," Letter to the Editor, May 22). RAND may be suing the city soon when the soaking wet sculpture falls toward RAND and hits one of its people on their way to work.

Also, thank you Jerry for writing that "unattended" displays will be prohibited during Advent and pre Christmas ("Expression not dead," Letter to the Editor, June 22). Jerry has inspired local choirs to perform Christmas music at the Palisades Park each Friday and Saturday at sunset during this upcoming Advent. Likewise local school children will be inspired to don nativity apparel and re-enact the erstwhile static nativity scenes! Oh Jerry, you lost the fight to save Big Blue Bus Route 2 south of Pico Boulevard (you pestered me at the bus stop), but you may have saved the nativity for the rest of us!

Thank you Sara Meric for reminding us about blindly following gods and icons ("Move to Saudi Arabia," Letter to the Editor, July 2).

Saint Monica, with the supine street folks guarding her statue each night, will never be ousted from her perch because she has a big religious affect on the city. Why? Because the real god and unrivaled idol of Santa Monica is capitalism. Stroll the streets, if there is a surface that does not have a poster on it soliciting you to spend money say so – someone will cover that site, and give you a percentage. Check out the buses; they are rolling sales posters. Take a stroll through the new Santa Monica Place. You'll see Cadillacs, bigger than Detroit ever made in its hey day, blocking out the sun as they reach toward the sky beckoning you to spend, spend, spend! Malls used to be places for commerce, for sales, but the new Santa Monica Place raises the stakes beyond capitalistic strip tease to full on consumer pornography!

The subtext of Jerry's and Sara's letters is "Have the Christians no shame? Must they throw their idolatry and superstition in our faces?"

The Christians are mere lambs in the salivating lion kingdom of Santa Monica capitalism.

Cassidy Ford
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Home of the homeless

POSSIBLY THE MOST "INVISIBLE" CELEBRITY in Santa Monica is political satirist Harry Shearer, best known as the voice of numerous characters on "The Simpsons" TV show. Shearer and other cast members reportedly earned $400,000 per episode until the "tough economy" forced them to accept $300,000. (Somehow they've managed to eke by.)

Since 1983, Shearer has been host of "Le Show" on KCRW, a brilliant hour of satire, music and sketch comedy. Harry signs off each broadcast by referring to Santa Monica as "The home of the homeless." But our transient problem wasn't always so severe.

Around 1978 marked the seemingly sudden emergence of "bag ladies," middle-aged and older women who wore heavy makeup, bright lipstick and, even in hot weather, layers of clothing. A tragic sight to see, they slowly pushed shopping carts filled with bags containing all their worldly belongings to who knew where.

What had happened was, with unlikely help from the ACLU, Ronald Reagan closed numerous mental facilities in California. For Reagan it was a perfect cost cutting tactic, while for the ACLU it was a civil liberties victory against involuntary confinement.

Almost overnight the streets of Santa Monica were populated with the homeless, many being emotionally disturbed. It was common to pass a homeless person engaged in a heated argument with him or herself. In fact, when the tiny Bluetooth phones first became popular, I'd often mistake a person talking on one for a homeless person bantering with ghosts from their past.

Homelessness only increased throughout the '80s. Newly married, my wife and I often helped some poor souls who slept on the grass near our apartment building with money, food and clothing. One afternoon, 25 years ago this month, my connection to homelessness became even closer.

Back then I regularly played pick-up basketball in Venice. (Before I got so old that I could get injured just watching a game.) One day I invited some teammates back to my apartment for a beer.

As the group was drinking and reliving the games' highlights (more imagined than real) I noticed one buddy had disappeared, Kenny a 20-something black man. I figured he left without saying goodbye, that is until I heard the shower running.

Tentatively, I knocked on the bathroom door and just as tentatively Kenny opened it. With the shower door open and water spraying everywhere, Kenny had a towel around his waist and shampoo still in his hair. It dawned on me that poor Kenny was homeless. Momentarily stunned, I encouraged him to try to keep as much water as possible inside the shower.

After the group left I was anxious to straighten the bathroom as my wife was due home from shopping. But apparently I didn't do a great job and exasperated by the dirty towels, my wife did a load of laundry. Given that she was often critical of how I dressed, there is a punch line to this tale.

Three years later in Los Amigos Park, I was doing some writing when I noticed a bearded black man engaged in a heated argument with himself. It was Kenny. Much as I tried to be inconspicuous, he quickly noticed me. Surprisingly, he stopped arguing immediately.

As Kenny walked my way, I worried how I was going to turn down his likely request to take a shower at my apartment. "Remember me?" he asked gregariously. "Of course," I answered rather awkwardly. Sizing me up, I was taken aback by his next question. "So, how long have you been homeless?"

I fumbled for a moment. "Uh, actually I haven't been homeless that long." Almost patronizingly Kenny responded, "Well, good luck," and returned to arguing with his unseen demons. I was an odd mixture of guilty, relieved and insulted.

As for that punch line, here goes. Thinking my wife would be pleased that our bathroom had been spared use as a public shower, I shared my recent encounter with Kenny. "You see," she joked, "the way you dress even the homeless think you're homeless." (I suppose it won't come as a shock that we eventually got divorced.)

Fortunately, in recent years there has been considerable progress in securing housing for the homeless in Santa Monica. Councilmember Kevin McKeown, and city employees Setareh Yavari, Julie Rusk and Jessie Gonzalez, among others, have worked tirelessly. And Councilmember Bobby Shriver has made great strides on behalf of housing at the VA for homeless vets, of which there may be as many as 100,000 nationwide.

Being right after Independence Day, it's especially hard for me to reconcile how we patriotically send our GIs off to war only to look the other way when so many become homeless. Hopefully, soon we won't be in any of these seemingly endless and pointless wars. And won't that be the best July 4 of all.

"Le Show" is heard Sundays from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. on KCRW, 89.9 FM, or at www.harryshearer.com. **JACK** can be reached at jnsmdp@aol.com.



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Lee H. Hamilton

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Reform should be on the candidates' agenda

AS THE PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES GO AT it over the next several months, we'll be hearing a lot about what the federal government ought to be doing. Unfortunately, we'll likely hear next to nothing about how it should go about it. The need to reform how the federal government operates ought to be high on the campaign agenda every four years. Instead, it rarely gets mentioned.

Politically, this is puzzling. According to the polls, public trust in the government's capacity to solve the problems facing the country has hit record lows. Late last year, Gallup found that Americans believe the federal government wastes over half of every dollar it spends — compared to the 40 cents of every dollar they complained about when the question was first asked in 1979. A 2010 poll for the Center for American Progress found that Americans are "extremely receptive to reform efforts that would eliminate inefficient government programs, implement performance-based policy decisions, and adopt modern management methods and information technologies." Yet candidates don't seem to believe that reform has much appeal to the average voter.

This is especially perplexing because whoever wins office, of course, will have to rely on the institutions of government to pursue his goals. Yet much of government is widely perceived as dysfunctional these days — and often is. Our tax system is out of whack, our fiscal problems are stalemated, the civil service struggles to reward excellence or punish incompetence, Congress seems fundamentally incapable of resolving the issues that confront it, the bureaucracy too often seems ineffective, inefficient, or downright inept.

Moreover, the amount of waste and duplication that has been allowed to flourish within the federal government is nothing short of awe-inspiring. A Government Accountability Office inquiry last year found 15 different agencies dealing with food safety; five agencies and 100 separate programs just within the Department of Transportation involved with surface transportation; seven federal agencies overseeing 20 programs to deal with homelessness; over 2,000 federal data centers; and enough other examples to fill a 340-page report.

It's hardly a surprise, then, that Americans would resonate to talk of reinventing government. There is so much disdain for the federal apparatus and lack of confidence in its procedures and results that the whole system is crying out for change, experimentation and reform.

Yet there are also powerful reasons why it doesn't happen. The institutions of government, at heart, are structures of power. This means that even the smallest programs and agencies have their champions in elected officials, bureaucrats and a constellation of public and private interests that have grown up around them. Reform means a shift in power and resources, and will inevitably result in a fight. That is why, over the course of our history, it's tended to happen only after a crisis.

So there is a legitimate question as to whether Congress and the executive branch are capable of rising to the challenge of reform. Politicians are reluctant to push it unless they can control it — which means controlling both houses of Congress as well as the White House. And that kind of control comes along only rarely.

Within Congress itself, despite the widespread perception that it is the "broken branch" in the federal system, there seems very little fresh thinking among its members about how to make government work better — much less willingness to engage wholeheartedly with reform.

Still, these are explanations for inaction, not excuses. During my three decades in Congress, I served on pretty much every reform commission that came up. I saw a lot of earnest effort, only some of which actually resulted in changes that stuck.

But I inevitably came away from those experiences convinced that this country could do a much better job of governance, and that Americans actively aspire to a more perfect union. They believe in the limitless capabilities of our country, and they want a government that can act effectively to realize them. It puzzles me that our political candidates don't seem to understand that reform is the missing issue in this campaign.

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The Q Line

Paying for schools

The Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District is considering placing a bond on the November ballot.

So, this week's Q-Line question asks:
Would you vote for a bond or is this not a good time to ask the community for extra funding?

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Deputies say one dead, two injured in L.A. shooting

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LOS ANGELES A gunman walked up to a crowd watching Fourth of July fireworks and opened fire, killing a 14-year-old girl and wounding a 12-year-old girl and a man, authorities said Thursday.

No arrest has been made and the motive for the attack was unclear, Los Angeles County sheriff's homicide Lt. Mike Rosson said.

The shooting occurred shortly before 11:30 p.m. Wednesday while a crowd gathered outside a house at 97th Street and Normandie Avenue was celebrating Independence Day.

"The whole street was watching (neighborhood) fireworks" when two men walked around a corner two houses away and approached, Rosson said.

One pulled a handgun and fired many shots before fleeing.

The 14-year-old girl was hit in the upper body, while a 12-year-old girl and a 25-year-old man were each shot in the leg, Rosson said.

The 14-year-old died at a hospital. The other victims are expected to survive, he said.

The victims' names were not immediately released by officials, but family members told KABC-TV that the 14-year-old girl was Unique Russell.

"Just all of a sudden you hear everybody saying, 'Get down! Get down! They're shooting!" said her aunt, Emily Sharb-Williams. "I just can't understand it. I wish all this violence would stop."

The teenager "didn't deserve" this, said her cousin, Calvin Reeves. "No one here deserved what happened last night. No one."

"It's tragic," Rosson said.

"We do not believe that the two girls were targeted," he said. "We believe somebody else at the gathering was targeted."

Investigators were trying to determine whether the shooting was gang-related.

"It's a pretty quiet area," Rosson said. "There are some gangs in the area, but we don't have anybody warring. It doesn't appear to be retaliation. We don't have any motive at this time."

The shooting came a month to the day after another South Los Angeles-area street shooting killed a 1-year-old boy as his father cradled him in his arms.

A gunman rode up on a bicycle on June 4 and opened fire on a crowd standing outside a home on Hikory Street.

The baby, Angel Cortez, was shot in the stomach. His father, 24-year-old Mauro Cortez, was holding him and was shot in the shoulder.

A 15-year-old boy was later arrested and charged as an adult with murder and attempted murder. He remains jailed on $3 million bail.

Investigators have said the murder was gang-related although Cortez wasn't in a gang.

That shooting occurred in Watts, about nine miles north of the unincorporated county area where Wednesday night's attack took place.

STATE BRIEFS

LOS ANGELES

Driver recounts encounter with commerce secretary

A California man says former U.S. Commerce Secretary John Bryson seemed confused and disoriented during a bizarre series of traffic collisions last month that led to his resignation.

Rich Sanchez says his vehicle was struck twice by Bryson's car on June 9 as he and his older brother were waiting for a train to pass. Los Angeles County prosecutors declined to file charges against Bryson this week, saying doctors determined he suffered a seizure.

Bryson was initially cited for felony hit-and-run.

Sanchez said Thursday that if Bryson knew he had a pre-existing medical condition he should have stayed off the road because he put his own life and others at risk.

Sanchez and his brother suffered minor injuries and have been working with Bryson's insurance company to resolve the matter.

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Memorial held at LAX for victims of 2002 attack

A memorial has been held for victims of a July 4, 2002 attack at Los Angeles International Airport that left three dead — including the shooter — and four others wounded.

City News Service says Israel's consul general and an official of El Al airline spoke Wednesday during the event at the Tom Bradley International Terminal.

Authorities say an Egyptian national from Irvine, Hesham Hadayet, opened fire at an El Al ticket counter at the terminal. The shooting killed El Al employee Vicky Hen and Yaakov Aminov, a North Hollywood diamond importer.

Hadayet was shot by an El Al security guard.

The FBI called it a terrorist attack. Authorities say Hadayet was despondent over a failing business and personal problems, and angered by Israel's treatment of Palestinians.

AP

PIRU

Two dead in small plane crash in Ventura County

Two people have been killed in the crash of a small airplane in a Ventura County orchard.

Federal Aviation Administration spokesman Ian Gregor says the single-engine Ultralight Sting Sport went down under unknown circumstances around 1:30 p.m. about two miles east of Piru.

Sheriff's Sgt. Eric Buschow says passers-by on State Route 126 called 911 to report seeing the plane going down about 100 yards off the highway.

Buschow says two men aboard the aircraft were pronounced dead at the scene. Identities have not been released.

Father sues Fullerton over homeless son's death

AMY TAXIN & RAQUEL MARIA DILLON
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES The father of a mentally ill homeless man sued the Southern California city of Fullerton on Thursday alleging that a brutal beating by police officers a year ago led to his son's wrongful death.

In a civil suit filed in Orange County, Ron Thomas claimed that a violent confrontation with officers who restrained, struck and shocked Kelly Thomas with a Taser killed the 37-year-old man.

Thomas also alleged that the city previously ignored citizens' complaints and failed to discipline officers accused of wrongdoing, creating a "culture of corruption and deliberate indifference."

"There's an atmosphere around Fullerton with the police department that they can get away with anything they want," Thomas told reporters at a press conference in Los Angeles shortly after the suit was filed.

The city's police department declined to comment on the suit, noting officials have not yet had a chance to review it.

The suit was filed on the anniversary of the confrontation between a shirtless, long-haired Thomas and police that was captured on videotape and digital audio recording devices worn by some of the officers — footage that sparked outrage among many residents of the Orange County city.

Officers detained Thomas on July 5, 2011, while investigating a report of car break-ins at a city transit hub, and what started out as a conversation escalated into a physical conflict. Thomas, who suffered from schizophrenia, died five days later.

His death stoked an outcry by residents, the recall of three councilmembers, an FBI investigation and criminal charges against two of the six officers involved.

It also raised concerns among residents about the police department's preparation to interact with the mentally ill.

Garo Mardirossian, Ron Thomas' attorney, said the officers who stopped Kelly Thomas escalated the conflict instead of talking it out in a clear sign they were not properly trained.

"The fact that he was homeless, the fact that he was mentally ill, did not reduce his rights," Mardirossian said. "These police officers owed him an obligation to protect and to serve him, not to beat him to death."

Thomas' mother Cathy previously reached a $1 million settlement with the city and agreed not to pursue any further claims. The deal did not involve her ex-husband, Ron Thomas, whose suit seeks unspecified damages.

Man acquitted of assaulting retired priest

TERRY COLLINS
Associated Press

SAN JOSE, Calif. A jury acquitted a man Thursday of assaulting a priest he says molested him more than three decades ago during a camping trip and left him with tormented memories that led to alcohol abuse, depression and suicide attempts.

The verdict came after defendant William Lynch took the witness stand during the two-week trial and acknowledged punching Jerold Lindner several times on May 10, 2010.

While previously pleading not guilty, Lynch said he hoped to use the case to publicly shame Lindner and bring further attention to the Catholic Church clergy abuse scandal. Lynch said the verdict surprised him.

"I honestly thought I was going to jail," he said after the verdicts were read. "It turned our better than I expected."

Lynch had could have faced four years in prison if convicted. Jurors acquitted him of felony assault and elder abuse. It deadlocked 8-4 to convict him of the lesser charge of misdemeanor assault. The jury began deliberations late Monday and spent all day Tuesday discussing the case before announcing the verdict shortly after 2 p.m. PDT Thursday. They didn't deliberate on Wednesday.

Prosecutors now must decide whether to drop the misdemeanor charge or purse another trial.

"This is a major victory," said Paul Mones, one of Lynch's two attorneys. He said it was remarkable because Lynch told the jury he punched the priest several times.

Lynch has said memories of the priest have tormented him for years, and he struggled through nightmares, divorce and other problems. He tried to commit suicide twice.

Prosecutors called Lynch a vigilante and implored the jury not to be swayed by his dramatic testimony describing the horrific ordeal he claims to have endured at the hands of Lindner.

Lynch countered in his testimony that he only wanted the priest to sign a confession and started punching Lindner after the retired priest "leered" at him the same way he looked at Lynch in 1975 during the alleged molestation during a camping trip.

Priest abuse victims and their supporters contributed to Lynch's defense fund and packed the courtroom every day for a trial. Many carried picket signs outside the courthouse decrying the church abuse scandal.

Lynch refused to discuss a plea bargain with prosecutors, even when he was promised he could avoid prison and would serve no more than a year in exchange for a guilty plea.

Prosecutors said they were left with little choice but to take the case to trial and ask the jury to find Lynch guilty of felony assault and felony elder abuse. Lindner was 65 at the time of the beating.

Santa Clara County prosecutor Vicki Gemetti repeatedly told the jury of nine men and three women that she sympathized with Lynch and even conceded Lynch was molested. But Gemetti insisted that even the most unsavory of victims — drug dealers, wife beaters and child molesters — deserved equal protection under the law.

Lindner also testified and denied abusing Lynch. He later invoked his Fifth Amendment right against self-incrimination and would not testify further for fear of a perjury prosecution. The judge ordered Lindner's testimony stricken from the record.

In a deposition in the late 1990s, Lindner said he didn't recall Lynch, who received $625,000 in a 1998 confidential settlement with the Jesuits after alleging the abuse.

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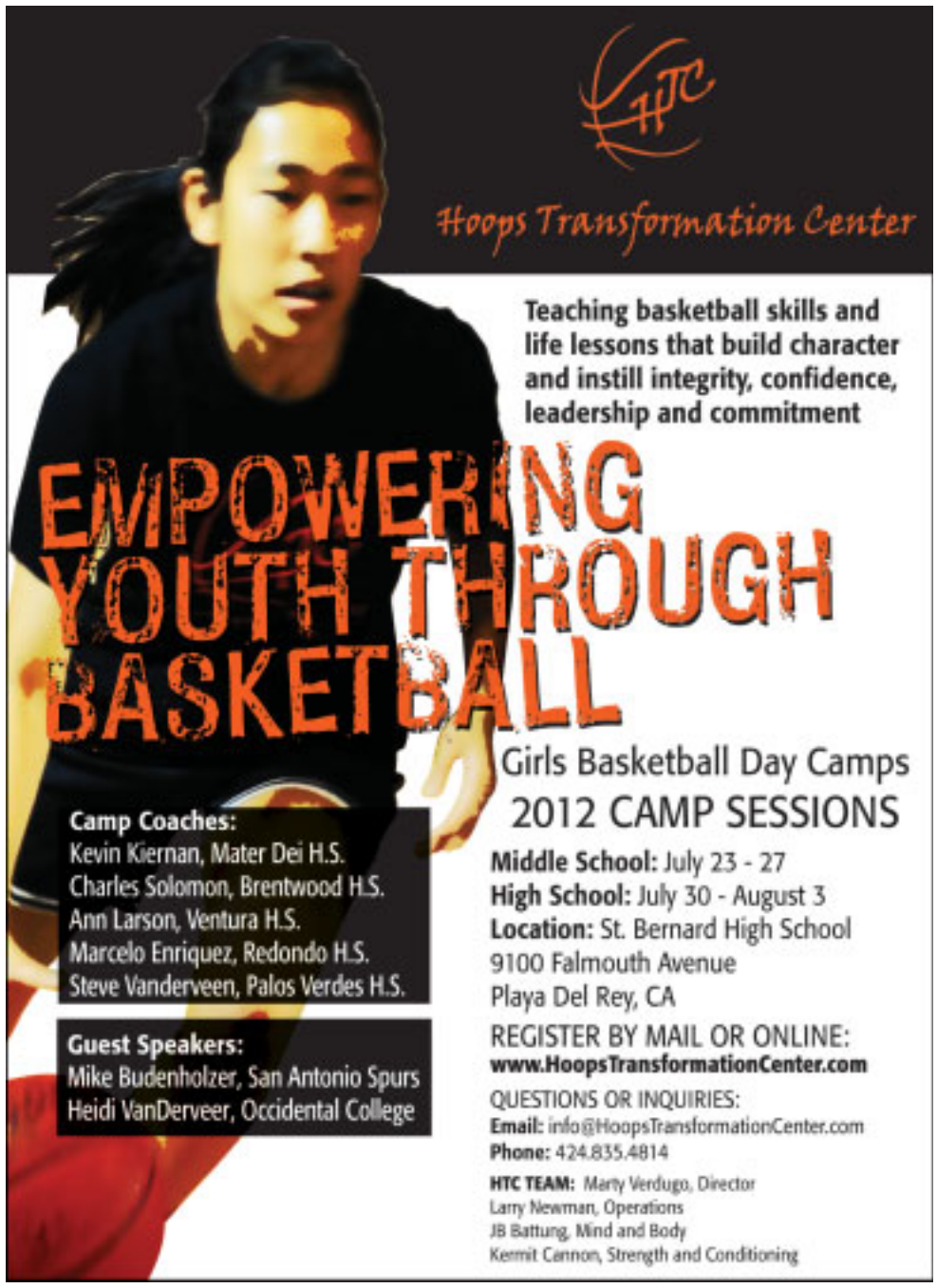
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Cuba is the neighbor we don't quite know

BY DORIS SOSIN
Special to the Daily Press

Recently I stepped into a Grimm's fairy tale akin to "The Sleeping Beauty." Remember how she lay hidden for years in an overgrown forest near the decaying palace which was her home?

The beautiful illustrations by Arthur Rackham from my childhood books came to mind as I explored the island of Cuba. To be transported to a time 65 years earlier is a rare and wonderful treat. I remember what life was like in the 1950s, and in many fantasies, I've wanted to return to an earlier period. I was delighted that no billboards or advertisements are allowed on the island; that there are miles of untouched beaches; that hardly anyone smokes (they can't afford cigarettes); that there are very few cars on the highways.

Once you leave Havana, one discovers tranquil, small colonial towns, still untouched by time, with winding cobblestone streets and central plazas which serve as social meeting places.

What I had anticipated: '50s cars, colonial architecture, The Tropicana nightclub, Alicia Alonso's Ballet National de Cuba, rice and beans, fried plantains, mojitos, sexy women, Caribbean music, blue skies and ocean, heat and humidity.

What I discovered: a beautiful island with innocent people on the verge of being thrown unprepared into our global society. Under the inept dictatorship of Castro, the life of Cuba is isolated in a time warp. Buildings are decaying and unsafe; streets, sidewalks, curbs, steps, railings are crumbling. There is no money or materials to repair them. Castro has not taken care of his country or its people, and the U.S. embargo has added oppressive measures, as well.

Our congenial group from UCLA Alumni Travel carried needed medical supplies, soaps, toiletries, clothes and children's toys. These were given out at clinics, schools and the Jewish synagogue. Our guide was phenomenal, bright, clever, funny and scholarly. We lucked out!

The Cuban people enjoy the privileges of universal healthcare and education. They are given coupons to buy food and every worker has a salary. However, the payments are low, money and food are scarce and it is almost impossible for Cubans to cover the costs of food, housing, clothing and electricity. Gas is very expensive and the cars are shared and used as taxis. I was charmed by the '40s and '50s cars, but driving in one is rocky. The floor boards and upholstery are gone, the paint job is pealing, and the taxi stops every few streets to either pick up or let off a rider. The ride is bumpy on the gutted cobblestone streets.

Once out of Havana, on the highways built by the Russians, are miles of virgin beaches, (just waiting to become another Miami). The old, colonial provinces dating to the 16th century are tranquil. People are not in a hurry and friends and neighbors greet each other on the street and in the plazas.

Sancti Spiritus is my favorite town, founded by Diego Velazquez in the early 1500s. Like Trinidad, it is a UNESCO World Heritage Site and tourist attraction; Sancti Spiritus has historic architectural attractions, pastel colored centuries-old mansions, tiled red roofs and narrow cobblestone streets. We stayed overnight in an exquisite colonial hotel built in 1818, situated on the main village square. The town's people were congregating on benches, promenading and enjoying life — until 2 a.m. It was too hot and humid to be in their homes without air conditioning. We could hear their voices as we slept in our room with the windows open. I felt as if I was part of the town for that one evening and savored the experience, all but the itching of the mosquito bites. I must admit that it was tempting to think of living in a bygone time, where life was slow, safe and friendly.

We went to The Tropicana, at one time the most elaborate cabaret in the world, for an evening of music and dancing, which began at 10 p.m. A huge outdoor garden arena greeted us. Included in the price of admission was a bottle of rum for every four people! The dancers came out extravagantly costumed on many stages of different heights. The girls were tall and lithe and wore thongs with elaborate head dresses and all sorts of finery on their upper torsos and arms. They were butterflies, birds, Carmen Mirandas, slaves, Africans, Tarzans, animals, etc. The band was loud and continuous and I sat there with my jaw hung open. Three hours of kitschy choreography; repetitive mamba which included, ever so often, a step where the girls bend over for the audience. Probably a new form of mamba — moon ba perhaps? It was a hoot.

In contrast, the Cuban National Ballet in the gracious, old, decaying Gran Teatro was original and moving. We were so lucky to attend the night when Alicia Alonso sat in the balcony. I was thrilled to see my revered prima ballerina dressed in bright red, and I threw her kisses, sure she recognized me as one of her longtime, American admirers. I used to throw roses on stage after she performed. The contemporary choreography and music were thrilling. The dancing was great.

Oh, the joy and excitement of the paladares, private restaurants created by the ingenuity of the Cubans. These are located in grand, historic, decaying mansions with the bygone era of romance. In some cases, the first and second floors have been taken over and divided into small living spaces by Cuban families who have lost their homes. We climbed to the third floor (no elevators) on long, winding stairways with crumbling hand rails to find colonial décor, garden patios with views of the city, delicious food, and, of course, mojitos and mamba bands. We were lucky to experience several paladares in Havana, and their savory food and old world surroundings.

Having my niece, Laurie, along was a great plus. Her enthusiasm and wit added to the enjoyment of the tour. As the hot and humid week wore on, rum with all the sweet, sugary juices lost its attraction. In the end, we were happy with "rum, straight, on the rocks."

DORIS SOSIN is an activist, founder of the North of Montana Association and co-founder of the Santa Monica Conservancy.

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BURNS
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For participant Angela Brady, the emotional and physical damage runs deep. The 18-year-old from Rockford, Ill., was severely burned at 3 months when her toddler brother set the curtains ablaze while her mother was passed out from a drug overdose.

The wisp of a girl hides behind the tresses of the long, brown wig that substitutes for hair and shuns make-up that could redraw her missing eyebrows. A web of thick scar tissue crisscrosses her upper face. She has had more than 60 reconstructive surgeries, including one that used one of her ribs to replace bone in her forehead.

"I only have one picture that was when I was first born when I had no burns. I do look at it sometimes and think about what I could have been like but I don't like to think about that, because I can't do anything about it and I can't change it," said Brady, who was removed from her biological mother and adopted at age 3.

"After being here, I realized that only a few people are picked for this journey — and I was one of them," she said.

Founder Lesia Cartelli conceived of Angel Faces after running a more traditional "burn camp" in San Diego for years. The camp focused on fun without getting at the trauma beneath the scars. Cartelli also grew frustrated with the self-pity that made campers see themselves only as burn victims and nothing more.

"One day I saw three teenage girls walk by and I thought, 'I'm failing,'" Cartelli recalled. "They were going to go home the next day and come Monday, those three teenage girls were going back to school, back to rejection, back to staring, back to the unwanted questions. They need to know, 'How do I respond to somebody who's staring at me? How am I going to get my self-esteem back or get it, period?'"

Cartelli offers the week-long program to fewer than two dozen girls once a year. They must complete a 14-page application and fundraising and donations cover the $3,500 it costs to bring each of them to the spa retreat in Corona, about an hour from Los Angeles. Participants can attend for up to three years and many return as volunteers into their 20s.

The program, now in its ninth year, attracts teens from around the country and as far away as Mexico and England. Most have spent months in the hospital and undergone dozens of surgeries but never opened up about their injuries or talked about what happened.

"We spend the first couple of days really digging into the trauma. How did it happen? Where did it happen? What went on? Who was there? Who do you need to forgive? Is it yourself?" Cartelli said. "No one's asked these questions in a loving environment. It's tough. It's tough on us to watch it and it's tough on the girls."

During one role playing exercise, Rosa Carrier struggled to respond to a volunteer posing as a stranger who asked probing questions about her injuries from a childhood fire.

The 16-year-old from Bristol, Tenn., wears a long-sleeved jacket even when it's warm to hide scars on her arms. Cartelli urged her to provide details about her accident to make her seem less like a victim and turn the stranger's teasing into sympathy.

"Do you see how when you change the language, you have compassion for that little girl? That girl who was you, who was burned

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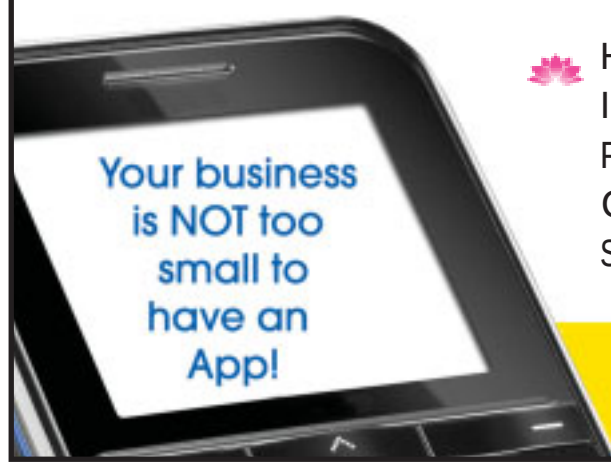
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in a house fire?" Cartelli asked, after she was done, pointing a finger at the teen's heart. Suddenly, Carrier put her face in her hands and began to sob on Cartelli's shoulder.

Carrier's worst scarring was on her arms, but a handful of the teens are so badly burned that wigs cover their scalps and thick, twisting marks are reminders of flames that chewed into their faces, legs and arms — in a few cases even burning away fingers.

Katie Riopka was one of the few with recent burns and without serious facial scarring.

The 20-year-old art student from San Dimas, Calif., was burned over 40 percent of her body on Halloween when the zombie costume she was making for a trick-or-treat trip to Hollywood caught fire. Flames jumped from a sweater she was singeing to the red paint on her costume, scorching away a moon-and-stars tattoo behind her ear.

She spent three weeks in a medically induced coma and two months in the hospital. She still wears a full-body black compression suit and gloves to speed healing and can't go in the sun.

Before the retreat, Riopka tried to deal with her emotions through art. At one point, she threw red paint on the ground and stomped on it in anger and frustration. Angel Faces showed her she is not alone and taught her how to cope with stares and questions.

She said she now sees her art as a metaphor for her life and believes she was burned for a reason. The flames scorched her back but didn't touch her favorite tattoo — a Hebrew script reading "I can do anything with God" inked along her spine.

"Sometimes the mistake in your painting is the most interesting part of the painting and I kind of look at life like that," Riopka said. "I actually realized that if I could go back to Halloween, I wouldn't change anything. You realize how strong you really are and we all know we have a purpose now — all of us."

WATER
FROM PAGE 1

vote to 2014.

"The problem is every year that this bond — the bond that can't pass and won't be allowed to die — continues to hang out there is another year that we're not working on a good water bond," said Assemblyman Jared Huffman, D-San Rafael.

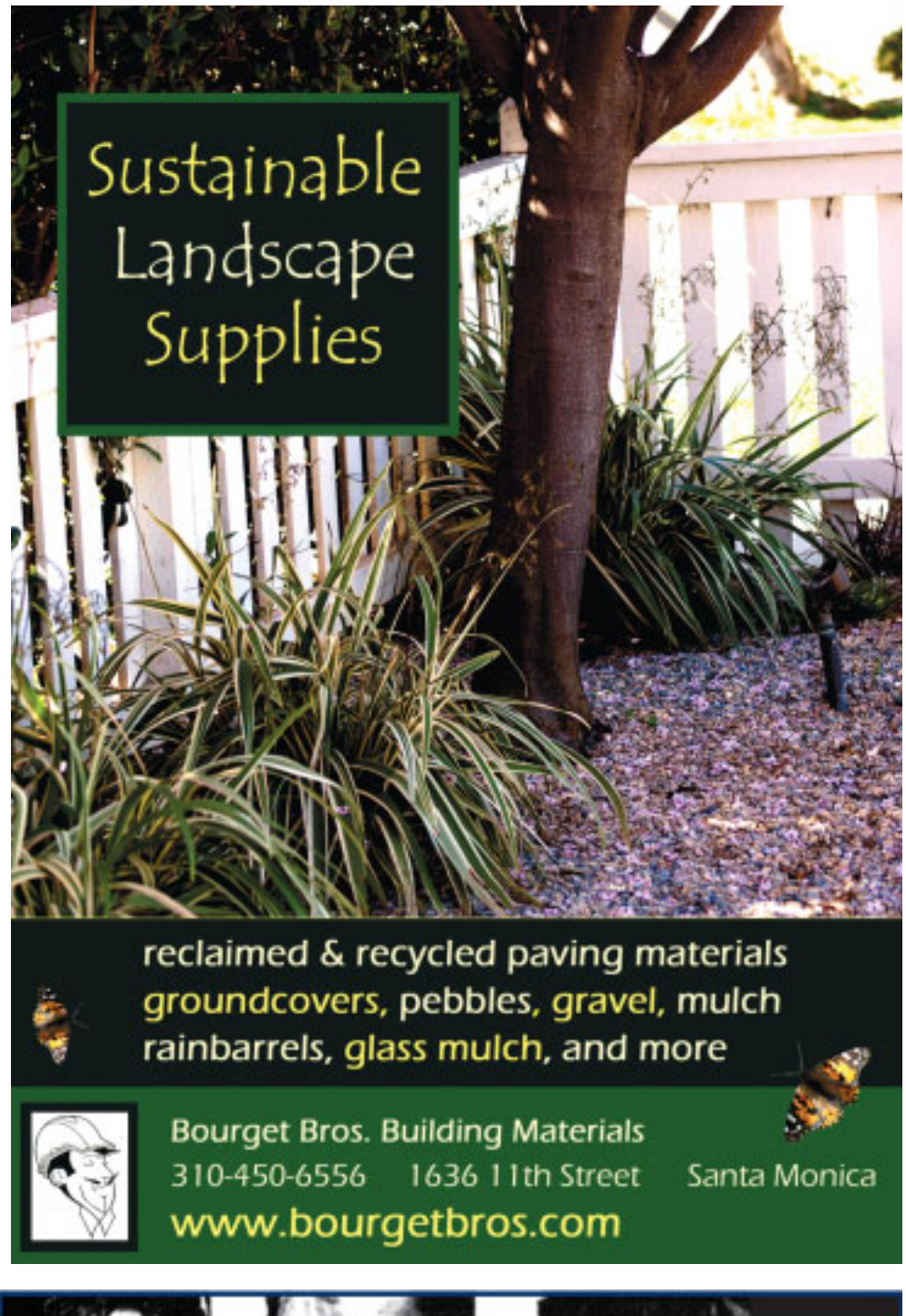
Others say it's a comprehensive plan that was the product of a bipartisan compromise. The general obligation bond required two-thirds support from lawmakers.

Sen. Tom Berryhill, R-Modesto, said the bill isn't perfect, but there are a lot of good things in it. "It was 10 years in the making," he said.

Money from the bond would go to cleaning up contaminated groundwater, increasing conservation efforts, improving sewage systems, and researching construction of at least two dams.

Senate President Pro Tem Darrell Steinberg, D-Sacramento, said he is open to making changes to the water bond but defended the size of the proposal.

"It took many of us a herculean effort to get to two-thirds. And that challenge is in part why the bond is so large," Steinberg said. "It's true we talk about pork and I get it, but one person's pork is another person's regional water solution."







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SUNDAY, JULY 1, AT 5:36 P.M.,

Santa Monica police officers responded to the corner of Cloverfield and Pico boulevards regarding a report of an assault. When officers arrived, they made contact with the victim, who told officers that she was walking west on Pico when a white man began pushing her. As she was being pushed, the suspect allegedly yelled racial slurs at her, stating that this was his town and she should leave. The woman is African American. She told officers that she was not injured in the attack, but did want to file charges. The suspect was detained a few blocks away and after being identified by the victim he was placed under arrest for battery, violating one's civil rights and a probation violation. He was identified as Allan Gordon, 62, a transient. His bail was set at $20,000.

SATURDAY, JUNE 30, AT 4:58 P.M.,

Officers responded to the 1800 block of 16th Street regarding a report of an assault in progress. When officers arrived, they detained a suspect in the rear alley and then made contact with the victim and witnesses inside a nearby apartment. The victim told officers that a fight started when she and the suspect began arguing over a living arrangement and money owed. The suspect allegedly pushed the woman to the ground and struck her in the back with a piece of glass from a computer table. The suspect allegedly continued assaulting the woman by striking her several times with a wooden chair. Witnesses broke up the assault and called police. The victim suffered minor injuries and was treated at the scene. The suspect was placed under arrest and booked for assault with a deadly weapon. He was identified as Frederick Turner, 48, of Culver City. His bail was set at $30,000.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 27, AT 1 A.M.,

Officers were on patrol on the 2700 block of Lincoln Boulevard when they saw a gray Ford Taurus driving southbound with a cracked front windshield in violation of the California Vehicle Code. Officers conducted a traffic stop at the corner of Lincoln Boulevard and Rose Avenue. As one of the officers approached the driver, he said he could see her reaching under her seat. During the investigation, the driver allegedly told officers that she could not find her license. Police searched a database and learned that the driver had a suspended license and she was on probation for drug possession. The driver consented to a search and officers allegedly found a glass pipe in her purse. Officers said they also found under the driver's seat a baggy containing rock cocaine. The driver was placed under arrest and the vehicle towed. The driver was identified as Dawn Mandell, 40, of Marina del Rey. She was booked for possession of drugs and drug paraphernalia, driving on a suspended license and a probation violation. No bail was set.

TUESDAY, JUNE 26, AT 8:45 P.M.,

Officers assigned to the Third Street Promenade bicycle unit were near Arizona Avenue when they saw a bicyclist with a man riding on the handlebars blow through a red light. Officers attempted to pull the cyclist over, but he made an abrupt left turn onto the 100 block of Santa Monica Boulevard and continued riding. The man on the handlebars was seen by officers removing a pair of bolt cutters from underneath his shirt before tossing them to the ground. The rider then turned into a nearby alley and continued riding northbound. Once they reached the middle of the block, the bicyclist and his passenger stopped. During their investigation, officers learned that the bicycle the men were riding was recently stolen from the corner of Fourth Street and Santa Monica Boulevard. Both suspects were placed under arrest for several offenses, including resisting arrest and conspiracy to commit a crime. The suspects were identified as a 17-year-old resident of Los Angeles, and Carlos Lopez, 18, of Hollywood. The juvenile was also booked for receiving stolen property, running a red light and for having a passenger on his handlebars. He was cited and released to his parents. Lopez was booked for theft, possession of burglary tools and for riding without being properly seated on the bike. His bail was set at $10,000.

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BOOK
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worked at the Santa Monica Alternative School House — had an entirely different childhood than Pace, but it resulted in the same skill sets.

"We grew up during a war in El Salvador," Karin Herrador said. "The electricity would go out and there would be people bombing outside."

Karin Herrador said she and her family would often have to stay in their hallway — which had no windows and thick walls — so no one would see them.

The sisters had no choice but to be creative. They made sock puppets and told each other stories, said Ingrid Herrador.

"The book was mostly Kristy's brainchild, but we all realized we had something to contribute," Karin Herrador said when asked why the three worked on the book together.

The games not only alleviate boredom, but they also promote imagination, creativity and self-esteem, Pace said.

"We really believe that it's not just games," Pace said.

"It's learning about the world around you and learning your capabilities," Karin Herrador added.

Karin Herrador also advises parents to turn off the television — and other electronics — and play the games in the book with children.

Kids react positively to when parents are involved in the games and are trying to be creative, Pace said.

If a parent does not have time to spend playing the games with their children the book can still be a source of entertainment without the help of an adult, Pace said.

> **"I THINK IT'S ENTERTAINING FOR EVERYONE WHEN THERE IS NOTHING ELSE TO DO BUT STARE AT PEOPLE."**
>
> **Kristy Pace,**
> Author of "101 Things to Do with Your Kids at the Airport"

"[My family] hands [the book] to the oldest kid and has them occupy themselves," Pace said. "A lot of it is writing in the book and things they can do on their own."

Although Pace said the book is primarily for children ages 2 - 11, the games can be fun for everyone.

"By the time you're 12 you might think you're too cool for it," Pace said. "But, if they're bored enough, grown-ups love the games, too."

Pace recalled a road trip where she and her friends played the games for hours; Ingrid Herrador said she played the games with adult friends.

"I think it's entertaining for everyone when there is nothing else to do but stare at people," Pace said.

The book is available online at www.Etsy.com, and Karin Herrador hopes to come out with a Spanish translation of the book soon.

"Let [the book] bring you back to your little family world," Pace said.

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STUDIES
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their white and Asian American counterparts.

"We think that this would impact our graduation rate and our achievement gap, and that it would naturally do that," Fretz said.

Statewide test results from 2010 showed that while 89 percent of Samohi's white students and 85.7 percent of its Asian students were considered proficient in English, that number dropped to 60.8 percent of African American students and 67.5 percent of Latino students.

In mathematics, the numbers were far worse, with only 38 percent of African American students and 53.4 percent of Latino students reaching levels of proficiency.

Minority students are also less likely to enroll in higher-level courses offered at the school.

A group of students in an Advanced Placement Spanish program examined enrollment in advanced and honors courses and found that minority students were underrepresented, said Peggy Harris, director of curriculum and instruction at the district.

Officials will use other metrics to measure the academic and social impact of the class and program, but they expect to see results by the end of the first year, Semik said.

"Research has continued to show that if a school creates and reinforces an environment that supports positive racial identity development then students of color show an increase, sometimes dramatically, in high school graduation, college attendance and college graduation," Semik wrote in an e-mail.

There is something to that, said Ron Scapp.

Scapp is the president of the National Association for Ethnic Studies, an organization that researches ethnic studies and supports schools and individuals in establishing curriculums.

Any academic institution that formally and genuinely acknowledges the social, cultural and linguistic needs of their students always have better outcomes, Scapp said.

"I do believe that ethnic studies programs have a direct impact on student achievement, but it doesn't have to be through ethnic studies per se," Scapp said. "A good math program could do this if the teacher was aware of the social culture, et cetera."

There's still a long way to go.

Once the curriculum is developed, it will go to the University of California system for approval so that the course counts toward acceptance requirements, upping the chance that busy high school students will take it.

That process can take between four weeks and four months, Fretz said.

Officials are determined not to let the program take on a "cookie cutter" feel, and still must decide which teachers will take on the class.

The teacher is a big part of the program's success, Scapp said.

"One of the most fundamental components is the element of honesty on the part of the teachers and the students," Scapp said.

If a teacher is going through the motions or doesn't know how to facilitate the conversations that an ethnic studies class requires, the class won't work.

Even factoring in those delays, the district could begin shopping the class around to students as early as spring of 2013.

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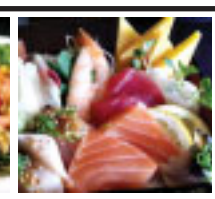
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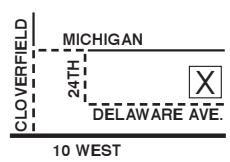
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Some are plugged in with no power, others camp out

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Associated Press

POTOMAC, Md. Hundreds of thousands of people from Illinois to New Jersey are still without power after a line of deadly storms struck last Friday. A week of more unpredictable weather and sweltering temperatures has followed.

In West Virginia, the leader of the National Guard said he hadn't seen a more widespread power outage in the state in decades. In Ohio, the chief of a major utility said the damage was worse than what was caused by the remnants of Hurricane Ike in 2008.

At least 27 people have been killed in the storms or their aftermath since Friday, not including deaths from heat-related causes.

Through it all, Americans have been getting by in their own ways, whether in the hollows of rural West Virginia or in the tony Maryland suburbs of the nation's capital. Here are a few examples of how they're doing it:

STILL PLUGGED IN

"We're like squatters in our own house, aren't we, Lilah?" Corey Phelps said playfully to her 2-year-old goldendoodle dog.

Their home in Potomac, Md., an upscale suburb dotted with multimillion-dollar homes, has been without power for six days. The 33-year-old Pilates instructor and her family have been using a portable generator to keep their refrigerator running and catching showers "like vagabonds — anywhere we can get one," like at her gym and swim club.

Her daughter, who's almost 13, has been using the generator keep her Nook e-reader and iTouch continuously charged.

A blowup mattress in the kitchen was serving as a makeshift bed, though she acknowledged that the heat inside her home could have been much worse.

"Probably the worst it's been is like, 78 (degrees)," she said. "That's literally because the house is made of stone. I mean, if we lived anywhere else, I doubt we'd have been as fortunate ... "

FENDING FOR THEMSELVES

Emma Kelly and her extended family in Fayette County, W.Va., didn't expect their power and water service back until Sunday, after being knocked out last Friday.

But you won't hear this resourceful West Virginian complain.

"I'm a holler girl," she said. "We were raised in the hollers, in the ridges and the hills of West Virginia. We hunt, we fish, we grow gardens and we take care of ourselves.

"You can complain about it or make the best of it," Kelly, 47, said Thursday as she fielded call after call as a 911 dispatcher.

Since the power went out, her family has hauled water up from a creek to flush toilets and taken the grandchildren down to the cool water for relief from the 90-degree heat. They made a cooking pit in the yard.

"Everybody's trying to find ice, just to keep things cold," Kelly said. She traded some fuel for a camper stove for ice with a neighbor.

She hasn't hounded her power supplier, American Electric Power, with calls.

"They're aware of it," she said. "I'm used to being in the woods. I'm the last to be served. I'm OK."

WARM BEER

South of Washington in the Virginia suburb of Arlington, sweat glistened on Lidia Valdez's forehead as she answered the door and wet hair clung to her cheeks. Inside, a dozen warm bottles of Corona beer sat on a countertop.

"We cannot find ice anymore," said her husband, Walter Valdez. "We were preparing the beers to celebrate the Fourth of July, but that was not possible."

The Valdezes were sweating through their seventh day without power, the result of a massive oak tree that fell across the street a few houses down, crushing a car and snapping a utility pole. The Bolivian natives said a week without air conditioning reminded them of trips to the Amazon in their native country.

"We are so desperate!" Lidia Valdez said. "We are taking cold water showers at midnight, in the morning. Three, four times a day."

QUEST FOR POWER

The outage sparked a quest for Charlie Salisgiver, 63, a retired printer in Arlington, Va. When he saw the massive oak tree that snapped their power, he knew electricity wouldn't be back for a while.

He set out to buy a generator, a search that took 12 hours and finally ended about 100 miles away at a Lowe's store in Tappahannock.

When he got back, he ripped open the box and quickly found it didn't work. He found another one at a store closer to his home. He's had it running constantly since Sunday night. It can power a refrigerator, a freezer, an air-conditioning unit and a couple of lights.

"It's like camping out. A little different," he said. "You have to unplug the fridge and the freezer to use the washing machine."

Salisgiver was quick to put their misfortune in perspective.

"We got the short straw, that's all. For us here in this neighborhood, I don't think anybody has suffered any particular health problems," he said. "We shouldn't be really complaining."

A BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY

In Randallstown, Md., power cords were stretched across the street in Deanna Platt's neighborhood.

"One side has it, one side doesn't," Platt said.

Platt's 9-year-old son, Trevor, his cousin and a neighbor launched an impromptu business.

They propped a chalkboard up on the lawn, drew a picture of a snowball, and ran a power cord out to a table with an ice shaver and a half dozen bottles of syrup.

Platt said her sister, who lives nearby, hasn't had power since Friday, but she never lost it, so family members have been stopping by.

"I've been like a place of refuge for my family. I've cooked a lot of meals for my sister," Platt said.

Her brother, meanwhile, has a pool.

WATER FIRST

In Silver Spring, Md., another Washington suburb, real estate agent Paula Nerret, 60, was using her generator to keep her water running. Her two-acre property has an electric pump for well water.

The generator has enough juice for the pump, her refrigerator, some lights, a fan and TV and Internet. But she misses air conditioning the most, plus her iron.

"I'm a wrinkled mess," Nerret said.

She's been sleeping downstairs on her couch because it's cooler. And she's been keeping the shades closed.

Her power company, Pepco, initially told her power would be back Friday, then Saturday morning. Now it's Sunday night.

"I've been obnoxious. I've probably called 10 times," she said.

Hiring outlook improves, but economy still weak

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AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON The outlook for the U.S. job market brightened a little Thursday after the government said fewer people applied for unemployment benefits last week and surveys of private companies showed hiring increased in June.

The economy is still far from healthy. U.S. service companies grew more slowly last month. Retail sales figures were disappointing. And central banks in Europe and China cut their interest rates, an indication that they expect weaker growth ahead.

But despite all the gloom, American factories and service firms kept hiring in June. Economists say that suggests many companies are less worried that the spring slump will endure.

"It is beginning to look like the labor market is not nearly as weak as feared," Joel Naroff, chief economist at Naroff Economic Advisors, said in a note to clients.

Wall Street was mixed in light of the latest economic reports. Stocks fell early but recovered much of their losses by midday. Bad news from Europe was offset by higher expectations for June job growth, which the government will report on Friday.

The economy added an average of just 73,000 jobs a month in April and May. That's much lower than the 226,000 a month that were added in the first three months of the year. And it's far too low to reduce the unemployment rate, which rose to 8.2 percent in May.

Before Thursday, most economists didn't expect much change from that pace. They forecast that employers added 90,000 jobs last month, while the unemployment rate didn't change, according to a survey by Factset.

But several sounded slightly more optimistic after seeing a slate of better data.

Weekly unemployment benefit applications dropped by 14,000 to a seasonally adjusted 374,000, the Labor Department said Thursday. That's the fewest since the week of May 19.

Payroll provider ADP said businesses added 176,000 jobs last month. That's better than the revised total of 136,000 jobs it reported for May and, if sustained, would be enough to lower the unemployment rate.

Goldman Sachs responded to the better data by raising its forecast to a gain of 125,000 jobs last month, up from its initial prediction of 75,000.

Brian Bethune, chief economist for Alpha Economic Foresights LLC, said he expects job growth of 120,000 to 140,000. But he warned that even those figures were too weak to bring down unemployment.

Economists typically say it takes at least 125,000 new jobs each month to absorb population growth.

"Looking forward, slow growth is expected," said Erik Johnson, US economist, IHS Global Insight. "But the U.S. economy should avoid recession."

A report on U.S. service companies, which employ 90 percent of workers in the economy, illustrated that point.

The Institute for Supply Management said its index of non-manufacturing sector growth fell last month to 52.1. That's down from 53.7 in May and the lowest reading since January 2010.

Still, any reading above 50 signals growth. The sector has been growing since December 2009.

The report covers a range of businesses, from retail stores and restaurants to health care companies and financial services firms. Even though growth slowed in June, those firms increased hiring. An index that measures employment rose in June to 52.3 from 50.8 in May.

Earlier in the week, a separate ISM survey of factory activity showed manufacturing shrank in June for the first time since July 2009, one month after the Great Recession ended. Yet that survey also noted that hiring at factories remained at a healthy level.

The contrast between the weak readings on overall growth and solid readings on hiring indicates companies aren't worried about a major slowdown.

The ISM reports suggest that firms may not view slower output and softer demand "as sufficient to alter hiring plans," said Michael Gapen, an economist at Barclays Capital.

Companies are also planning fewer layoffs, according to a survey by Challenger, Gray & Christmas, a firm that helps find laid-off workers new jobs. U.S. employers announced 37,551 job cuts last month, the fewest in 13 months,the survey said Thursday.

Despite recent signs that the economy is slowing, "employers appear reluctant to shed too many workers," said John Challenger, CEO of the firm.

The ADP survey has often deviated sharply from the government report, so economists approached the June results with some caution. The ADP report only covers hiring in the private sector and excludes government job growth.

Other economic reports have been disappointing.

Retailers are reporting weak sales for June as worries about the economy and jobs make people pull back on spending. The results raise concerns about Americans' ability to spend for the back-to-school shopping season. Costco Wholesale Corp. reported a gain below Wall Street expectations. Target Corp. also missed estimates, posting a modest increase. Teen retailer Wet Seal Inc. reported a bigger-than-anticipated decline.

And Europe's debt crisis is a constant threat to the U.S. economy.

The European Central Bank cut its key interest rate by a quarter-point to a record low 0.75 percent in an effort to boost Europe's flagging economy. The central bank also cut the rate it pays to commercial banks on overnight deposits to zero. That is intended to push banks to lend more rather than hold reserves at the ECB.

In addition, Mario Draghi, president of the ECB, said the economy in the 17 nations that use the euro would recover only gradually and the risks "continue to be on the downside." He also suggested the interest rate cut would only have a limited impact on the economy.

Meanwhile, China's central bank cut a key lending rate for the second time in a month. The world's second-largest economy is battling its worst economic slump since the 2008 financial crisis.

China's economy expanded at an 8.1 percent annual pace in the first three months of the year, runaway growth in most countries, but the slowest in nearly three years in China.

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NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA PLANNING COMMISSION

SUBJECT: A Public Hearing will be held by the Planning Commission on the following:

Appeal 11-006 of Variance 11-008, 137 Hart Avenue. An appeal of a variance request denied by the Zoning Administrator. The appeal involves one, non-required, substandard-sized (10 feet wide by 11 feet 7 inches in depth) parking space in the 10-foot front setback of the lot. The site contains a single-family dwelling. No parking is currently provided on site. A new curb cut and driveway apron would be needed to create the parking space. (Continued from April 18, 2012) **Applicant/Appellant: Robert Ward, Architect. Property Owner: David Morse.**

Conditional Use Permit 12-004, 415 Palisades Beach Road. Conditional Use Permit to allow for alcohol sales and consumption on the existing outdoor dining area of an existing restaurant. The outdoor dining area consists of 3,275 square feet with 66 seats located on the coastal side of the building on the sand. No changes to the layout are proposed. [Planner: Russell Bunim] **Applicant: Fred Deni, owner of Back on the Beach Café. Property Owner: State of California / City of Santa Monica.**

Development Agreement 11-017, 3402 Pico Boulevard. Discussion of Concept Plans for a proposed Development Agreement 11-017 for a four-story mixed-use project consisting of 300 residential units, approximately 5,000SF of ground floor commercial area, and approximately 554 parking spaces within a two-level subterranean parking garage. The project site measures approximately 112,056 square feet in size and is located on the south side of Pico Boulevard between 34th Street and Centinela Avenue. [Planner: Tony Kim] **Applicant /Property Owner: TC Pico Development, LLC.**

The Planning Commission will also hold a study session on how uses and districts may be regulated in the revised Zoning Ordinance, with presentation by consultant Vivian Kahn from Dyett & Bhatia. [Staff: Jory Phillips, Consultant: Vivian Kahn]

WHEN: **Wednesday, July 18, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.**

WHERE: Council Chambers, City Hall
1685 Main Street
Santa Monica, California

HOW TO COMMENT
The City of Santa Monica encourages public comment. You may comment at the Planning Commission public hearing, or by writing a letter or e-mail. Information received prior to the hearing will be given to the Planning Commission at the meeting.

MORE INFORMATION
If you want additional information about this project or wish to review the project, please contact the Project Planner (310) 458-8341. The Zoning Ordinance is available at the Planning Counter during business hours or available on the City's web site at www.smgov.net. The meeting facility is wheelchair accessible. If you have any disability-related accommodation request, please contact (310) 458-8341, or TYY Number: (310) 458-8696 at least five (5) business days prior to the meeting. Santa Monica "Big Blue" Bus Lines #1, #2, #3, Rapid 3, #7, and #9 service the City Hall and the Civic Center. Pursuant to California Government Code Section 65009(b), if this matter is subsequently challenged in Court, the challenge may be limited to only those issues raised at the Public Hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of Santa Monica at, or prior to, the Public Hearing.

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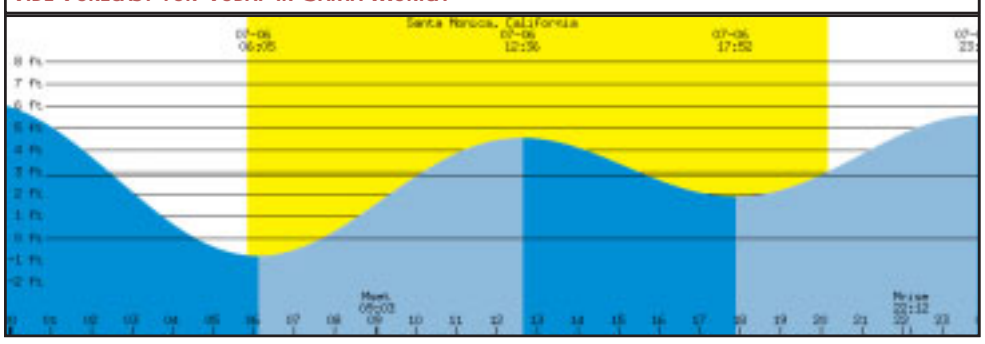
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Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	A+	ns
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	A+	ns
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth.	A	ns
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	A	ns
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Solstice Canyon at Don Blocker County Beach.	D	ns
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth.	A+	ns
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 21672 Malibu Rd.	A	ns
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	ns
Surfrider Beach (breach location) - daily.	C	ns
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	F	ns
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	D	ns
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero).	A	ns
Big Rock Beach at 19648 PCH stairs.	A	ns
Pena Creek at Los Tunas County Beach.	A+	ns
Tuna Canyon.	A+	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	B	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 17308 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	A	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence.	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain.	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain.	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua).	A+	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain.	A+	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain.	A	ns
Santa Monica Municipal Pier.	B	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain.	A+	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms).	A+	ns
Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain.	A+	ns
Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain.	A+	ns
Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain.	A+	ns
Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain.	A+	ns
Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south.	A+	ns
Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St.	A+	ns
Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach - lifeguard tower.	A	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth.	B	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain.	A+	ns
North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach.	A+	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of CIWW 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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SPORTS BRIEFS

MLS

Beckham suspended a game for misbehavior

David Beckham has been suspended for one game by Major League Soccer's disciplinary committee for kicking a ball at an opponent late in the Los Angeles Galaxy's loss at San Jose.

MLS announced the suspension Thursday for Beckham, the Galaxy's superstar midfielder.

Beckham kicked a ball at San Jose's Sam Cronin during stoppage time in Los Angeles' 4-3 loss to the Earthquakes on June 30. Cronin was down in the penalty box at the time, and Beckham's kick set off a prolonged argument between the teams.

Beckham was issued a yellow card for the kick during the game. He missed the Galaxy's home loss to Philadelphia on Wednesday night under suspension for an accumulation of yellow cards.

The struggling defending MLS champions' next game is Sunday at Chicago.

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MLB

Angels RHP Haren makes first trip to disabled list

Los Angeles Angels right-hander Dan Haren is on the disabled list for the first time in his career with lower-back stiffness.

The Angels made the move Thursday, two days after Haren finally acknowledged his back has been bothering him since spring training.

Los Angeles also recalled right-handed reliever Kevin Jepsen.

Haren is 6-8 with a 4.86 ERA, and the three-time All-Star has struggled through most of his starts in an unusually rocky season. He gave up seven runs in 4 1-3 innings to the Indians on Tuesday night.

Haren has been an uncommonly durable pitcher, leading the majors with 254 starts since his first full major league season in 2005. He has thrown at least 215 innings in each of the past seven seasons, the majors' longest active streak.

AP

MLB

Body of missing Dodgers fan found floating

Authorities say they've found the body of a Los Angeles Dodgers fan who vanished after a Giants game in San Francisco.

The San Francisco Chronicle says the body of 27-year-old Victor Murillo was found Wednesday morning floating in the bay just off the Embarcadero.

Friends said Murillo, a prison guard from Yolo County, was on a pier when he vanished while walking back to the parking lot on June 25.

A passerby spotted the body Wednesday morning.

The investigation into Murillo's death continues.

AP

MLB

Back surgery for Giants' Sanchez, out for season

Freddy Sanchez won't play this season — and he might be done for good with the San Francisco Giants — after the team announced Thursday that he will back surgery.

Manager Bruce Bochy said Sanchez will have a microdiscectomy performed by Dr. Robert Watkins on Wednesday to remove part of a disc, the latest and perhaps most serious setback in the second baseman's injury-marred tenure with the Giants.

"You know he's disappointed," Bochy said. "He played a critical role in our success in 2010."

The 34-year-old three-time All-Star and 2006 NL batting champion became the first player in major league history with three doubles in his first three World Series at-bats two years ago when the Giants captured their first championship since moving West to San Francisco. Sanchez also kept his team alive with a ninth-inning single in a memorable Game 3 victory over the Atlanta Braves that year in the playoffs.

"That base hit, I'll always remember it," Bochy said. "It would be a lot tougher if we had lost that game. Obviously one of the bigger hits in the postseason."

But Sanchez has spent the bulk of the time just trying to stay healthy since joining the Giants in a trade-deadline deal with the Pittsburgh Pirates in 2009. He had surgery on his left shoulder in December 2009 and December 2010 and on his right shoulder in August 2011. His back started acting up during rehab work this year, and he had an epidural in his lower back in May.

Sanchez will make $6 million this year and is scheduled to become a free agent at the end of the season.

"You don't know what's going to happen when the season's over," Bochy said.

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4:05pm, 11:00pm

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Best Exotic Marigold Hotel (PG-13) 1hr 58min
1:30pm, 7:00pm

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4:30pm, 9:55pm

Your Sister's Sister (R) 1hr 30min
3:10pm, 7:50pm

Neil Young Journeys () 1hr 27min
1:00pm, 5:30pm, 10:10pm

Safety Not Guaranteed (R) 1hr 25min
5:20pm, 10:15pm

To Rome With Love (R) 1hr 35min
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Abraham Lincoln: Vampire Hunter 3D (R) 1hr 45min
2:00pm, 7:30pm

Abraham Lincoln: Vampire Hunter (R) 1hr 45min
11:15am, 4:45pm, 10:15pm

Moonrise Kingdom (PG-13) 1hr 33min
11:30am, 2:10pm, 4:45pm, 7:30pm, 10:15pm

People Like Us (PG-13) 1hr 55min
11:20am, 2:05pm, 5:00pm, 7:55pm, 10:45pm

Magic Mike (R) 1hr 50min
11:45am, 2:30pm, 5:20pm, 8:15pm, 11:00pm

Katy Perry: Part of Me (PG) 1hr 35min
11:45am, 4:55pm, 10:25pm

Katy Perry: Part of Me 3D (PG) 1hr 35min
2:15pm, 7:35pm

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Practice flirting tonight, Gem

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Zero in on what you want. You are full of get-up-and-go when it comes to friends and fun. You don't need to do much, just be available. Make plans in the near future to see a distant friend or loved one. Tonight: Throw yourself into a fun game or happening.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ You know far more than you want to share. Unfortunately, you convey that fact through your facial expressions, which is why someone is hounding you. Tonight: Tap into someone's creative mind.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ Reach out for someone at a distance. You might want to rethink a get-together involving a child or loved one. You can work through a sense of heaviness surrounding this person, but you cannot force him or her to change his or her attitude. Just be a role model. Tonight: Practice flirting.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Deal with a family member or roommate directly and with a smile. Listen to what is being shared. Although optimism has its role here, understand the negativity of a comment. You do not need to take it on. Tonight: Chats continue.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Others seek you out, though you might want some time to relax and simply be entertained. Seek out a good movie, or go where there is music. You will enjoy yourself and recharge your energy. Return an important call. Tonight: Slow down, if need be.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★ In some form way, you feel restricted. Understand that you might have spread yourself too thin. Do not be concerned with this situation; open up to new possibilities. Honor a change in what you feel like doing. Tonight: Get some extra Z's.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Defer to others, especially if you seem to be drained or just not up to visiting, entertaining, etc. A child or loved one dominates the scene, and this person knows just what he or she wants. Just let it all happen, and go take a catnap. Tonight: Know that you can say "no."

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★ A must appearance and a sense of direction make you very content and happy. Your vision as to what is possible demands that you take the lead. Make it so, if it is important to you. Everyone seems to be playing "follow the leader." Tonight: Snuggle in.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ You might be happiest just fielding calls. You could be dealing with an unhappy friend. The good news is that you manage to lighten up this person's mood. A meeting could be more important than you realize. Tonight: Hang out.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Your interest in a changeable situation is quite clear. However, one person you deal with, who is instrumental here, could be quite stuck. Honor a change of pace. As a result, you'll see life with renewed interest. Tonight: Treat yourself.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ You could hear news that makes you feel a little off or sad. You need to honor your feelings, but do not push too hard. Someone shares how deeply he or she feels. Respond accordingly. Realize what is motivating a friend or loved one. Tonight: Reach out for someone who is way too quiet.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Listen to what is happening with a key loved one. You might not have realized that this person was so negative. A conversation might be far more important than you think. Listen to what is being said, and notice what isn't. Tonight: Togetherness is the theme.

Happy birthday

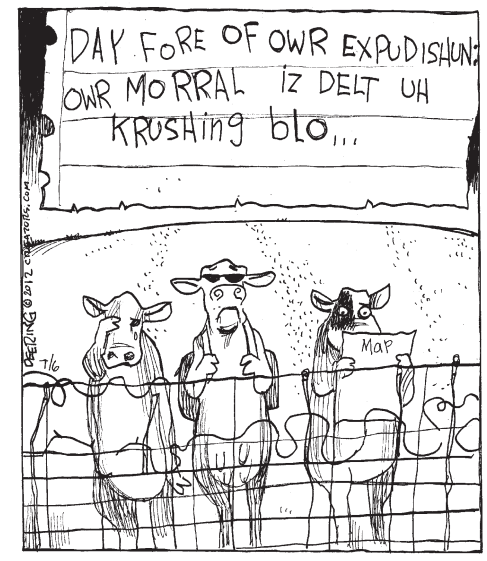
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The stars show the kind of day you'll have:
★★★★★Dynamic ★★ So-So
★★★★ Positive ★ Difficult
★★★ Average

You experience much more contentment as you seek and find solutions to many of your life issues. You actually are in the last year of a 12-year cycle. This inner reflection seems appropriate. Let go of what does not work so that you can enter a new life cycle with clarity. If you are single, observe your tendency to connect with emotionally unavailable people. This pattern will change by the end of this birthday year. If you are attached, the two of you can be found hiding away from the world. PISCES inspires you. As a result, you feel encouraged to pursue a dream.

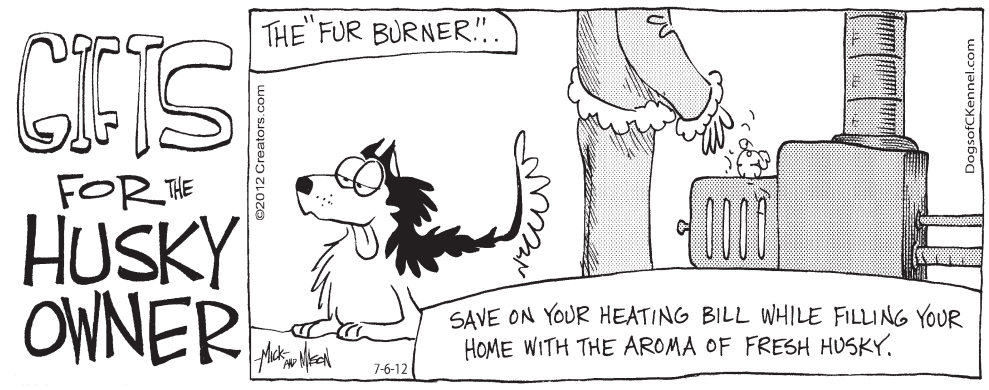
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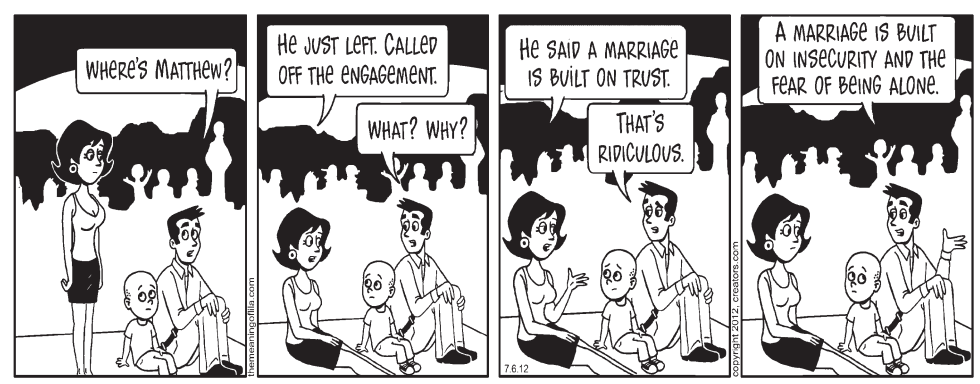
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Sudoku

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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		2	6			9		

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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

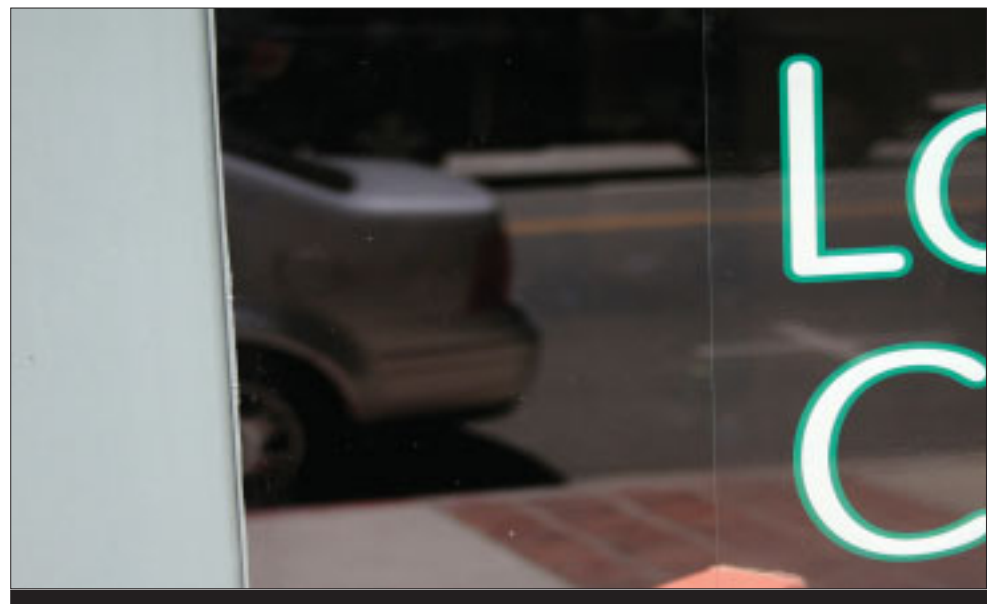
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CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Confronts
6 Coffee-bar order
11 Crockett's last stand
12 Different
13 "Splish Splash" singer
14 Kick off
15 One of Chekhov's "Three Sisters"
17 Tennis star Roddick
18 Chum
20 Quilt fill
22 Buddy
23 "Top Hat" star
26 "Nonsense!"
28 Central
29 Stone and Gless
31 Jazz job
32 Khartoum's river
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34 Large bell sound
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40 Located
43 Slow tempo
44 Draw out
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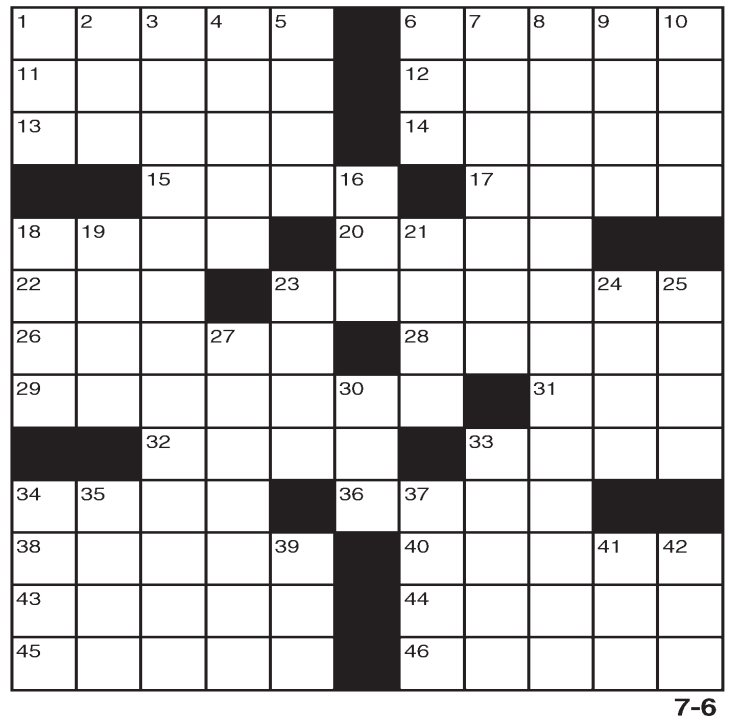
DOWN

1 Rage
2 As done by
3 "Hello, Dolly!" star
4 Polite Post
5 Number
6 Yr. parts
7 Toronto native
8 "Magic Mike" star
9 Grazing group
10 Pretentious
16 TV plugs
18 Band boosters
19 Whip
21 Elevator pioneer
23 MP's quarry
24 Horse halter
25 Therefore
27 Tokyo thanks
30 Trawling need
33 Tolerate
34 Indonesian island
35 Roasting spot
37 Exploited
39 Word of denial
41 Green prefix
42 Comfy place

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Draw Date: 7/4
1 8 22 33 37
Meganumber: 7
Jackpot: $10M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 7/5
5 12 16 22 31

DAILY 3
Draw Date: 7/5
MIDDAY: 0 0 6
EVENING: 8 4 0

SANTA ANITA PARK
Draw Date: 7/5
1st: 10 Solid Gold
2nd: 09 Winning Spirit
3rd: 05 California Classic
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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Good to Know: Five hikers on holiday from Miami got lost overnight on May 3 high in the Adirondack Mountains in Essex County, N.Y., and endured a night of rain with temperatures in the 40s before they were rescued. One or more of the hikers (number unclear in the news report) got to test one theory of body-warming, but learned that its benefit was illusory. That is, warming up a cold body by urinating on it provides only momentary, if any, relief.

■ Serial flasher-alcoholic Michael McShane, 55, of Workington, England, seems well aware of the serious problem he has. He has been arrested 283 times (190 convictions) for indecent exposure and public drinking, and was apparently trying to keep himself out of trouble one night in April by dressing in two pairs of pants, so that if he shed one, he would still be within the law. However, on that night, police picked up a passed-out McShane outside a bar where he had already managed to pull both pairs of trousers down past his buttocks, and in May, he garnered conviction number 191, in Carlisle Crown Court.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1975 - The Comoros declare independence from France.

1978 - The Taunton sleeping car fire occurs in Taunton, Somerset killing twelve people.

1986 - Davis Phinney became the first American cyclist to win a road stage of the Tour de France.

1988 - The Piper Alpha drilling platform in the North Sea is destroyed by explosions and fires. 167 oil workers are killed, making it the world's worst offshore oil disaster in terms of direct loss of life.

1989 - The Israeli 405 Bus slaughter in which 14 bus passengers are killed when an Arab assaulted the bus driver as the bus is driving by the edge of a cliff.

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