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THE MORE TAXES? ISSUE

Council agrees to new tax

BY NICK TABOREK
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL The City Council on Tuesday moved toward placing a half percent sales tax increase before voters, deciding by a 6-1 vote to draft a ballot measure for this November's election.

The proposed measure would raise an estimated $13 million per year for City Hall by adding a half-cent transaction and use tax onto Santa Monica's 9.75 percent sales tax, raising the rate to 10.25 percent.

As a "general tax" that would raise revenue to be allocated at the council's discretion, the measure would require a simple majority vote to pass, rather than the two-thirds super majority needed to approve special taxes that direct revenue to specific uses.

The council will make its final decision about placing the tax increase measure on November's ballot at its next meeting on July 13.

With the exception of Mayor Bobby Shriver, who voted against the proposed measure, members of the council on Tuesday voiced strong support for the idea, saying it was a way to maintain services at a time when the state budget crises is adding to fiscal concerns caused by the recession.

California's legislature has taken back $40 million in funding originally earmarked for redevelopment projects and other uses in Santa Monica in the past six years, according to City Hall. If current trends continue, the city's "structural deficit" could grow to $53 million by 2015, Finance Director Carol Swindell has said.

Before the vote, the council received a report on a poll of 500 likely Santa Monica voters conducted last week that showed substantial support for the proposed measure.

Fifty-nine percent of respondents said they would support the measure, the poll found. After hearing additional information about City Hall's fiscal distress and the types

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SNAPPING AWAY

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Yoly Islas (left) and Cesar Rodriquez (right) from the Police Activities League (PAL) participate with other kids in the Santa Monica Human Relations Council's second annual 'Kids with Cameras' summer photo workshop at the Main Street Community Garden on Wednesday afternoon.

Council approves new general plan

BY NICK TABOREK
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL Wrapping up the six-year process of updating Santa Monica's general plan with a marathon final meeting Tuesday night, the City Council unanimously approved the Land Use and Circulation Element (LUCE), agreeing to a framework that will guide development for the next 20 years.

Though recent hearings on the document have resulted in some significant changes to the plan — most notably, higher maximum building heights in most parts of the city — its broad outline has been clear for some time.

The LUCE envisions growth along Santa Monica's major boulevards and in formerly industrial areas on the east side of town. It seeks to protect existing neighborhoods from redevelopment by providing incentives for developers to build housing in other city zones.

It seeks to enliven commercial streets and cut down on vehicle trips by encouraging mixed-use projects with ground-floor shops and apartments on the upper floors. New commercial projects are mainly to be located near public transit hubs like the future Expo Light Rail stop at Bergamot Station.

The main objectives of the plan were non-controversial, with council members, the Chamber of Commerce, neighborhood groups and leaders of Santa Monicans for Renters' Rights are all in agreement about major components of the LUCE.

When, at 12:30 a.m. Wednesday, the final roll call vote to approve the document was complete, those who remained in the audience at City Hall applauded the accomplishment.

Planning Director Eileen Fogarty won special praise from members of the council for spearheading what amounted to a massive planning effort involving scores of public hearings and input from thousands of people.

Not everyone, though, was in a celebratory mood.

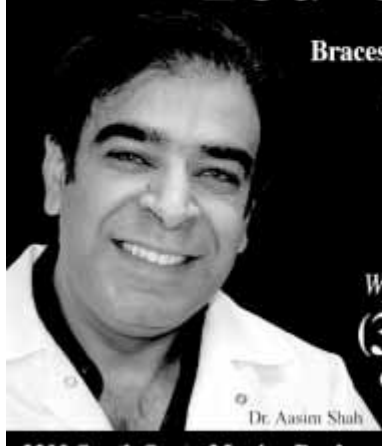
Though he supported the plan, saying it contained "more consensus than it does compromise," Councilman Kevin McKeown added he was "aghast" that the new general plan for Santa Monica includes higher building height limits in some areas than the previous, much maligned, 1984 version of the general plan.

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Thursday, July 8, 2010

Twilight two-step
Santa Monica Pier
7 p.m.
Grab your dancing shoes and head down to the Santa Monica Pier to enjoy the first free concert in the 26th Annual Santa Monica Pier Twilight Dance Series. Starting off the series will be Konono No. 1, followed next week by Australia Rocks the Pier featuring Ben Lee. The free concerts will continue every Thursday through September. For more information, call the Pier Restoration Corp. at (310) 458-8900.

Poetry slam
Pier 212 Cafe
212 Pier Ave., 7:30 p.m. — 10 p.m.
Pier 212 Cafe hosts this weekly poetry exhibition, paired with the music of their live band. Bring your own five-minute poem to read aloud with music, or just come to enjoy the poetry of others. Admission is free. For more information, call (310) 314-5275.

Getting through the recession
Santa Monica Main Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd., 7 p.m. — 8:30 p.m.
Learn how to spend wisely and be financially self-sufficient with "Be Thrifty: How to Live Better with Less" author Califia Suntree. Learn how to cope with food, pet and travel costs in these hard economic times. For more information, call (310) 458-8600.

Friday, July 9, 2010

All-around performance
The Broad Stage
1310 Eleventh St., 7:30 p.m.
Join Scottish actor/singer/writer/director Alan Cumming for a night of story-telling, music and laughter. Recommended for adults only, "Alan Cumming: Uncut" is a one-man cabaret show that features songs by Sondheim, Bacharach and Kander and Ebb. Tickets start at $60. For more information, call (310) 434-3200.

Saturday, July 10, 2010

Under construction
Main Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd., 8:30 a.m.
If you've ever been curious about how your tax dollars are being spent then this is for you. Join city officials on a three-hour tour of public construction projects and improvements throughout the city. The tour departs from the Main Library. The bus used for the tour is accessible to those with disabilities. The library is served by Big Blue Bus lines 1, 2, 3, 7, 8, 9, and 10. For more information and to reserve a spot, call (310) 458-8301. Ask for Bridget Stermer.

Who cut the cheese?
Main Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd., 3 p.m. — 4 p.m.
Morgan-Wixson Theater Group presents a musical adaptation of Jon Scieszka's book, "The Stinky Cheese Man." Ages 4 and up.

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GETTING DRESSED

Photo by Patty Rivera; Santa Monica Place

Looking a little underdressed and perhaps needing something hot to warm them up, these fashionable mannequins hit up Starbucks in Downtown on Wednesday. The mannequins are a marketing tool to promote the re-opening of Santa Monica Place mall on Aug. 6. Over 100 will be decorated by local businesses and nonprofits as part of an art exhibit that benefits the Otis College of Art and Design.

California Assembly approves BPA ban

BY REBECCA KHEEL
Special to the Daily Press

SACRAMENTO After twice voting down a bill that would ban a chemical some say is toxic from being used in baby bottles and other products, the state Assembly earlier this month approved the bill written by Sen. Fran Pavley (D-Santa Monica).

The Toxics-Free Babies and Toddlers Act, or SB 797, would ban the use of Bisphenol-A (BPA) from baby bottles, cups and jars meant for children 3 years old and younger by January 2012.

After passing in the Senate in June 2009, the bill was voted down in the Assembly that year. It came up for a vote again last Monday, but again fell just shy of passing. The bill was then put on call, meaning it had one last opportunity to be voted on. The bill passed last Thursday with a vote of 43 to 31.

There have been more than 220 studies that have linked BPA to health problems, including breast and prostrate cancer, infertility, obesity, and neurological and behavioral changes, including autism and hyperactivity, according to a news release from Pavley. In January, the Food and Drug Administration announced it would begin in-depth research into the effects of BPA, but at that point remained inconclusive on its stance on the chemical.

When the bill came up for a vote last Monday, many Assembly members opted not to vote, said Deborah Hoffman, Pavley's communications director. Though it was originally thought the bill would not be voted on again until the end of the session in August, it came up for a vote again last Thursday after supporters had the opportunity to garner the votes needed to pass.

"We only needed 41 to pass. We're thrilled it went to 43," Hoffman said.

The bill will now return to the Senate to reconcile with the Assembly version, which has amendments that, among other things, will allow it to work in conjunction with the Green Chemistry Initiative, which requires the California Department of Toxic Substances Control to prioritize chemicals of concern and to put the burden of chemical testing on that agency, not the industry.

The Senate must vote on the bill sometime before the end of the session on Aug. 31, but there is no set date yet on when the body will take action.

Though Pavley's office is hopeful there will be no trouble passing the bill in Senate again, passage is never certain, Hoffman said.

The American Chemistry Council, which was a main source of opposition to the bill, could not be reached for comment Wednesday.

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Magnitude-5.4 earthquake rocks SoCal

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES A moderate earthquake jolted Southern California on Wednesday, rattling buildings in downtown Los Angeles, toppling wine bottles at desert resorts and briefly halting rides at Disneyland.

There were no immediate injuries or major damage, although residents across a wide swath of Southern California were spooked by the force of the magnitude-5.4 quake.

The quake was centered 28 miles south of Palm Springs, or about 130 miles east of Los Angeles, the U.S. Geological Survey said. It struck at 4:53 p.m.

Laura Anderson, a manager at The Palms at Indian Head Hotel, said she ran outside when the shaking started and was surprised to learn the temblor was only magnitude-5.4.

"It was quite a shaker, this one was a little scarier. We were heading for the door. We're kind of waiting out here for a big one to hit. It was enough to knock over some wine bottles and some pictures fell off the wall."

Suzi Brown, a spokeswoman at Disneyland, said all rides were being inspected before guests would be allowed back on after the earthquake. It's the resort's policy to do that after any seismic activity, she said.

"The rides come back on as they're inspected, so some within a matter of minutes, some a little longer depending on the attraction," she said.

The quake was initially reported as a magnitude-5.9 but later downgraded to 5.4. Sheriff's departments in Los Angeles, Riverside, Orange and San Diego counties have no immediate reports of major damage or injuries.

Caltech Seismic Analyst Anthony Guarino said preliminary information indicates that the quake was on the San Jacinto fault, one of two that was stressed by the 7.2-magnitude quake near the U.S.-Mexico border on Easter.

"It was a strong one. It definitely shook the newsroom for a good 15 seconds," said Renee Schiavone, a new media producer at KPSP-TV in Palm Springs. "It knocked things off shelves, knocked us on our butts and underneath our desks. We're getting a lot of calls from across the area. People say this is the strongest one they've felt in years."

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Now is not the time

Editor:

Thank you, Mayor Shriver, for being a voice of reason.

For Santa Monica even to consider a sales tax now is completely unacceptable. Didn't the 9.75 percent rate go into effect not that long ago? I know I certainly started noticing it in my purchases, to the extent that several times I have asked at check-out, "And how much was that?" Paying basically 10 cents on the dollar borders on extortion. That's $10 of tax for every $100 and that's before we even start talking about state and federal taxes.

That an increase in sales tax would even come up as an option is an indicator of how out of touch Santa Monica "leadership" is. Any council member supporting a tax increase should be branded a Libertard, and Santa Monicans should call, e-mail and write any council member who would support an increase to register their protest of yet more money being taken from their wallets to support a few elite government workers. Further sales tax is a classic example of taking from the many to give to the few on the road to serfdom.

If City Hall can't operate on the funds it has, there's something wrong with how the city plans, budgets and manages its operations. Santa Monica has no excuse to be in a budget crisis. Unlike many other cities across the country, it has enjoyed a terrifically rich tax base and should have prepared for inevitable rainy days. Instead, it's pissed money away. A few examples jump to mind. Having lived in the area now for nearly 20 years, I've seen repeated examples of re-paving of streets that clearly didn't need repaving.

More recently, we found that the "free" summer concert series at the Santa Monica Pier doesn't support itself. So, City Hall put in $50,000. It's not the government's job to provide entertainment. Perhaps a review of the concept of what "public service" is might be in order.

Further, the poll for which the city is paying $28,000 seems (1) too high by about two-thirds of the price (that's $56 for each person polled), and (2) unnecessary. The collective council body should be able to see that cost-cutting is needed and have the balls to make some tough choices. For Council man Bloom to say "the poll was a common sense step" means to me that he still thinks the council can hide behind the much-used tactic of "third-party credibility" to support a tax increase. Clearly, too, the poll is skewed by virtue of how the question is worded.

With 1,700 employees whose compensation accounts for 70 percent of the general fund, a good place to start looking at fixing the budget might be overall employee compensation and some sort of tiered pay cut. Earlier reports indicated that employee compensation is expected to rise as much as 6.8 percent in the next five years. In the current economic environment and in a state with 12.2 percent unemployment, the city cannot possibly justify higher compensation to government workers. The city's website lists 548 job titles and salary ranges. Of the 548 descriptions, 325 top out at above $6,000 to $23,750 per month, or $72,000 to $285,000 per year. (The high end is the city manager, which is well ahead of other positions in compensation.) And these numbers do not reflect generous employee benefits.

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

Maria Fotopoulos
Santa Monica





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An open letter to Al Gore

DEAR AL,

It has become regrettably apparent that you have something in common with an oil company (BP), a soccer player (Landon Donovan), and Mel Gibson: You all seem to be having a very, very bad summer (although to be fair, Mel actually just seems to be having a bad life).

In less than a month's time you racked up the announcement of your divorce from Tipper, followed by reports that you had an extramarital affair with a prominent environmental activist, and then came the accusations that you attempted to receive a seriously deep tissue massage in an Oregon hotel a few years back.

Since few people (apart from Tony Hayward) are genuinely this deplorable (the divorce doesn't make you deplorable, by the way, just American), I'm starting to think the timing of the aforementioned might neither be accidents nor coincidences. After all, sex scandals have helped many before you. Just ask your former boss. No, really, ask him. He's much better at making hay while the sun shines (and where it doesn't) than you.

Bill Clinton is still taking an inexplicable victory lap 10 years after being pried from the Oval Office — sex scandals, grand juries, impeachment, civil lawsuits and grandstanding be damned. But while you, too, have had more than your fair share of high-profile embarrassments, you're somehow still not managing to fail upward.

In addition to your personal misfortunes of late, in the past several years you've racked up a presidential bid gone wrong horribly, terribly wrong (losing to one of the dimmest men on the planet, I might add), a TV network gone irrelevant (which would actually incorrectly imply that it was once relevant), and a radio network gone belly up (OK, so Air America wasn't yours, but it just feels so easy right now to blame you for everything that's gone wrong with the Left over the past decade).

While what Bill did with Gennifer, Paula and Monica was naughty, at least he managed to translate his misdeeds into a two-term presidency. "Go big or go home" is a motto that seems to work in his favor. (Sorry, Monica, no pun intended.)

But you couldn't even get one of the journalists from your very own TV network — who you helped rescue from hard labor in North Korea — to name her daughter after you. She gave that honor to Bill. (If you're looking for someone to commiserate with about that, I would start with our secretary of state.)

Plus, there's no sugar coating the fact you came off looking like a jackass when everyone who went on the record speculating about whether you had an affair with Laurie David laughed out loud — loudly. That it seemed so ludicrous that someone would want to be with you, that Laurie David preferred to be linked to her day laborer than a Nobel Peace Prize winner, doesn't bode well for your Q rating.

And I'm quite certain being called a crazed sex poodle by the woman accusing you of inappropriateness in Portland is not to your advantage. A brazen bullmastiff, saucy Great Dane, frisky Rottweiler or even a cheeky Chihuahua would have been more flattering than a breed most associated with tutus, rhinestone collars and yapping.

SPEAKING OF ELIOT SPITZER, WHILE CLIENT NO. 9 MIGHT NOT BE A GOVERNOR ANYMORE, GETTING DOWN AND DIRTY WITH HIS SOCKS ON DIDN'T DAMAGE HIS REPUTATION PERMANENTLY (JUST ASK CNN).

By the way, a hotel masseuse? Seriously? You know that the vast majority of massage therapists are legitimate, right? You know when Eliot Spitzer got his "massages" he didn't actually call the concierge in the lobby, right? And while I'm sure the Hotel Lucia is lovely, if you were trying to get busted, you needed to have done it somewhere outside of the Northwest, where it takes four years for news to travel to the rest of the world (apparently). What's next, getting caught on a security camera squeezing organic melons in the produce aisle of Whole Foods? I mean, come on.

Speaking of Eliot Spitzer, while Client No. 9 might not be a governor anymore, getting down and dirty with his socks on didn't damage his reputation permanently (just ask CNN). You, on the other hand, are going to need to work overtime for folks to move past the image of you in a bathrobe eating a box of Moonstruck chocolates while asking the massage therapist to listen to Pink sing "Dear Mr. President" on your iPod.

It'd just be heartwarming to see you use all of this negative attention to your advantage, unless you feel like this Charlie Brown thing is working for you (and if so, you might be the only one). Give me a call when you're ready to plot and scheme. There's no reason why we can't get you on top again (or for the first time).

Love (because if I didn't love you, then I wouldn't say anything. But let me just be clear — the kind of "love" I'm talking about will not result in me visiting your room for a "massage"),

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Advice for all you lonely hearts

DEAR NEW SHRINK,

I read your article on loneliness and got discouraged because I am lonely. I do have friends and I think that I do connect with them, but I do not have a love relationship. It seems like most of my friends do and actually, many of them are getting married soon or are already married.

Is something wrong with me? Can you tell me how to get into a relationship and keep it going?

Signed,

Lonely Single

DEAR SINGLE,

I am sorry to hear that you are feeling discouraged. From your comments, I assume that you are a young person. Not everyone finds love at the same time or pace. Please don't think that something is wrong just because you are not on some kind of schedule. And definitely do not try to force yourself into a relationship before the actual Mr. or Mrs. Right comes along. Unless you have some serious attachment issues, calm down, your time will come.

There are a few secrets to making sure you have the right partner. First off, there is what I refer to as the three C's: common goals, character and communication. The first one seems obvious — common goals. It is clearly important to be on the same path, going in the same direction and having similar life plans. The more compatible you are the better because you will have conflict; all relationships do. It will be less if you have a lot in common and agree on your goals. It is also highly recommended that you have a transpersonal goal as it can hold you together during rough times. A transpersonal goal is one that transcends you, something not personal and something that is equally important to both of you. It might be religion, or something political; it might be saving the environment, or fighting for the right to bare arms. Having that one thing that you both share and are impassioned about can see you through rough times and actually, being involved with it now is a great way of meeting someone you will click with.

Next, selecting someone with a character you like, admire and respect is critical. If you find yourself in a relationship with someone you really do not like or respect, it is going to be quite difficult to get along. So in choosing, pay close attention to how your potential partner treats other people. How does he or she treat the help, waitress, valet or everyday strangers?

Lastly, everyone knows or at least hears about how important communication is to a relationship. If you can't communicate during the beginning stages of a relationship, don't rely on changing it later. Communication does not mean getting the other to do what you want. It means truly being able to listen, be empathic and to possess an openness that enables you to discuss your differences. You should be able to talk about, not scream, but talk about what you need and what you want from the relationship. You are not going to get everything you want but you hopefully will at least try to give each other the things that you both need.

A basic rules is "relationships require room for two" and this means allowing for each other's needs and tolerating differences. If I can take care of me, my partner and the relationship, all at the same time, we are in good shape or at least I am. This is one indication of good mental health and it certainly is an aspect to keeping a relationship alive and well.

Don't get me wrong, this is a hard thing to do but it should be your goal and if you work at it, you will have a healthy, strong relationship that withstands all the seasons and storms.

Money is the most frequent cause of conflict in marriages, so try to be clear and straightforward about his before you start a serious relationship.

And once you are in a serious relationship, count on conflict. It's normal and natural if you find yourself fighting once a week or more. Take it as a warning sign that your relationship is in trouble and get help.

Our divorce rate is high but many good relationships could be saved if they got help early enough. Too many couples wait until it is too late. Many had something special and good but let it go until it was too late. Never let pride keep you from getting the help you need. Losing that someone you love is not worth it. Hope this helps. Good Luck!

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The Q Line

Filling the coffers

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Recent near-collisions raise government safety alarms

JOAN LOWY
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON Alarmed by a spate of near-collisions involving airliners, the government is trying to find out why air traffic controllers and pilots are making so many dangerous errors.

In recent months, there have been at least a half-dozen incidents in which airliners came close to colliding with other planes or helicopters — including in Chicago, Houston, San Francisco, Burbank, Calif., and Anchorage, Alaska. In some cases, pilots made last-second changes in direction after cockpit alarms went off warning of an impending crash.

"This spring we had several close calls that got everybody's attention, and I think that's the thing that really keyed us into taking at look at some of the risks, try to identify what we're missing," Robert Tarter, vice president of Federal Aviation Administration's Office of Safety-Air Traffic Organization, told employees in a conference call kicking off the new safety effort.

Just last week, a United Airlines flight waiting to land at Reagan National Airport near Washington came within less than a mile of a Gulfstream business jet that was climbing after taking off from another nearby airport. The United pilot can be heard on an air traffic control recording saying to his controller, "That was close," according to Rep. James Sensenbrenner, R-Wis., a passenger on the United flight who has listened to the recording.

The FAA has also seen a sharp spike in incidents in which planes violated minimum separation distances, a cornerstone of air traffic safety. The rate for the most egregious violations of FAA separation standards rose to 3.28 per million flight operations in the nine months ending June 30, up from 2.44 in the full year ending Sept. 30, 2009. Flight operations include takeoffs, landings and when planes pass from the control of one radar center to another. It's the job of air traffic controllers to keep planes separated.

FAA has also been receiving about 250 to 300 reports a week under new a program that encourages controllers to disclose their mistakes. In exchange, the agency promises not to use the information to punish employees. Instead, the reports are used to spot trends. The program is modeled on a similar program for pilots.

In response to these warning signs, FAA is convening a summit of employees and management, as well as other safety experts, in Washington on Aug. 17. The event will mark the third time in less than four years the agency has hosted a special meeting to address urgent safety problems. In 2007, FAA held a summit in response to concern about planes coming too close together on runways. Last year, the agency called together airlines and pilots unions in response to revelations about the training, pay, experience and work schedules of pilots at regional airlines following a crash near Buffalo, N.Y., that killed 50 people.

Officials are asking every air traffic controller, as well as other employees involved in air traffic operations, to tell them before the meeting what are the biggest safety problems they see. FAA officials are also fanning out to major airlines for meetings with their chief pilots. They want to stress the importance of pilots using the correct terminology when talking to air traffic controllers to avoid confusion, and that they shouldn't skip routine but important radio contacts with controllers.

By this fall, FAA officials hope to restart a program that gives controllers a chance to ride in cockpit jumpseats so that they can experience air traffic operations from a pilot's perspective. The program was discontinued after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks when the government cracked down on access to airline cockpits.

Although FAA has a history of rocky relationships with its unions, the new safety push is backed by the National Air Traffic Controllers Association.

"We see the errors also," Dale Wright, NATCA's safety director, said in the conference call last Thursday.

NATCA spokesman Doug Church said the union believes "we can help the FAA identify and address safety concerns in the system. ... We appreciate the level of collaboration that's now happening with the FAA on this."

The recent incidents have also spotlighted long-standing concerns about the experience level of the controller work force. Many of today's controllers were hired in 1981 after President Ronald Reagan fired striking controllers, and they are now retiring. FAA has hired 7,000 controllers in the past five years, but union officials say the rate of washouts has been high. They have complained that training waves of inexperienced controllers while trying to handle traffic at the nation's busiest radar facilities endangers safety.

Major airline crashes have dropped dramatically over the past decade due in large part to advances in safety equipment in cockpits, such as the collision warning systems. However, one consequence has been that it's easy for controllers and pilots to lose their edge, said former Transportation Department Inspector General Mary Schiavo.

"People come to rely on the equipment and the collision warning systems, and that's bad," Schiavo.

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Heat wave swamps East Coast; temps reach triple digits

JENNIFER PELTZ
Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK It's blistering. Scorching. Steamy. Brutal. Baking. Torrid. Ovenlike. It's run-out-of-adjectives hot.

"A volcano — that's what it feels like to me," said Wayne Reid, mopping his brow and swigging bottled water after walking three blocks to a New York subway station Wednesday morning. He was dressed for the heat — already a sticky 90 degrees and headed into triple digits — in shorts and a tank top, but it didn't matter.

"You could run butt-naked out there, and it would still be hot," he said.

Heat waves are more oppressive in big cities, because concrete, asphalt and steel absorb more solar energy during the day and are slow to release it after the sun goes down, offering people little relief at night.

In the nation's biggest city of them all, Wall Streeters are sweltering in business suits on subway platforms, senior citizens are schlepping to the grocery store on streets that seem like frying pans, and New Yorkers overall are handling it by doing what they do best: coping, with a little complaining thrown in.

Not that New Yorkers, on the fourth day of a record-breaking heat wave stifling much of the Eastern Seaboard, were suffering alone.

With triple-digit highs recorded from New York to Charlotte, N.C., roads buckled, nursing homes with air-conditioning problems were forced to evacuate, and utilities called for conservation as the electrical grid neared its capacity.

New York, where many buildings predate the age of climate control and many people don't have cars, is not for the faint of hot. The mercury hit 100 by 3 p.m. Wednesday after topping out at 103 on Tuesday.

"When I get up, I feel like I could shower all the time," Jeffrey Boone said Wednesday as he walked to a gym from his un-air-conditioned Manhattan apartment. He has a window fan, but it is not up to the task of 80-degree nights or triple-digit days.

"What can we do? We survive," said Boone, a security guard.

We also deploy umbrellas as parasols, run in sprinklers set up in parks, walk out of our way to stay on the shady side of the streets, hover by office-building doors where blasts of cooled air occasionally escape, and even appreciate the wind that signals the approach of a subway train. And wear our sweat with sangfroid.

Megan Dack coolly checked her cell phone as she waited on a roasting, elevated subway platform in Brooklyn while wearing a black dress and black opaque tights. Her retail job bars bare legs, she said.

"It's not so bad for, like, 10 minutes," said Dack, who recently moved to the city from Cocoa Beach, Fla. "I'm used to the heat."

For those who aren't, city officials have designated libraries, senior citizen centers and other places as public cooling centers.

Plenty of people across the East were looking for oases of their own.

Sue Robels' plan? "My apartment isn't air-conditioned, so it's going to be museums, movies, Starbucks — anywhere else but at home today," Robels said as she headed to Philadelphia's Franklin Institute, a science museum.

And even some who escaped to the beach found themselves escaping from it, too.

Sharon Delano of Lancaster County, Va., spent Wednesday morning in the Carolina Beach, N.C., arcade. Cool dips in the ocean were going only so far, said her mother, Carol Davis: "With that breeze blowing, you don't know how bad you're getting burned."

Throughout the region, there were reminders of the perils the hot spell poses. Deaths blamed on it included a 92-year-old Philadelphia woman, a Baltimore resident who was found at home where the indoor temperature was over 90, and a homeless woman discovered lying next to a car in suburban Detroit.

The U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md., said four midshipmen who had just completed an obstacle course Wednesday needed medical attention for possible heat exhaustion. In Middletown, Conn., police charged two high school assistant football coaches with reckless endangerment after a player collapsed while running an uphill sprint Tuesday evening.

Police in Park Ridge, N.J., evacuated a nursing home and rehabilitation center after an electrical line burned out Tuesday evening. In Maryland, health officials moved all 150 residents out of a Baltimore nursing home whose operators didn't report a broken air conditioner. The state learned of the home's troubles when a resident called 911.

A radio station distributed free bottled water to day laborers on New York's Long Island, while social workers in Pittsburgh did the same for the homeless there.

Transportation officials cut the speed of commuter trains in suburban Washington and New York for fear that the heat had warped the tracks. Some New Jersey train service was canceled.

A 100-degree reading at noon in Trenton, N.J., broke a 17-year-old record. Philadelphia hit 100 for the second straight day, breaking a record of 98 degrees set in 1999. Newark, N.J., hit triple digits for the fourth straight day, something that hasn't happened since 1993. Raleigh, N.C., reached 101 degrees Wednesday, surpassing the previous record of 100 in 1977.

Forecasters were predicting modest relief in the coming days. The National Weather Service expects temperatures in New York to approach 90, with humidity making it feel hotter, through at least next Wednesday.

Still, Boone, the security guard, was taking the sultry summer in stride.

"Time goes so fast," he said. "Next thing you know, it's September."





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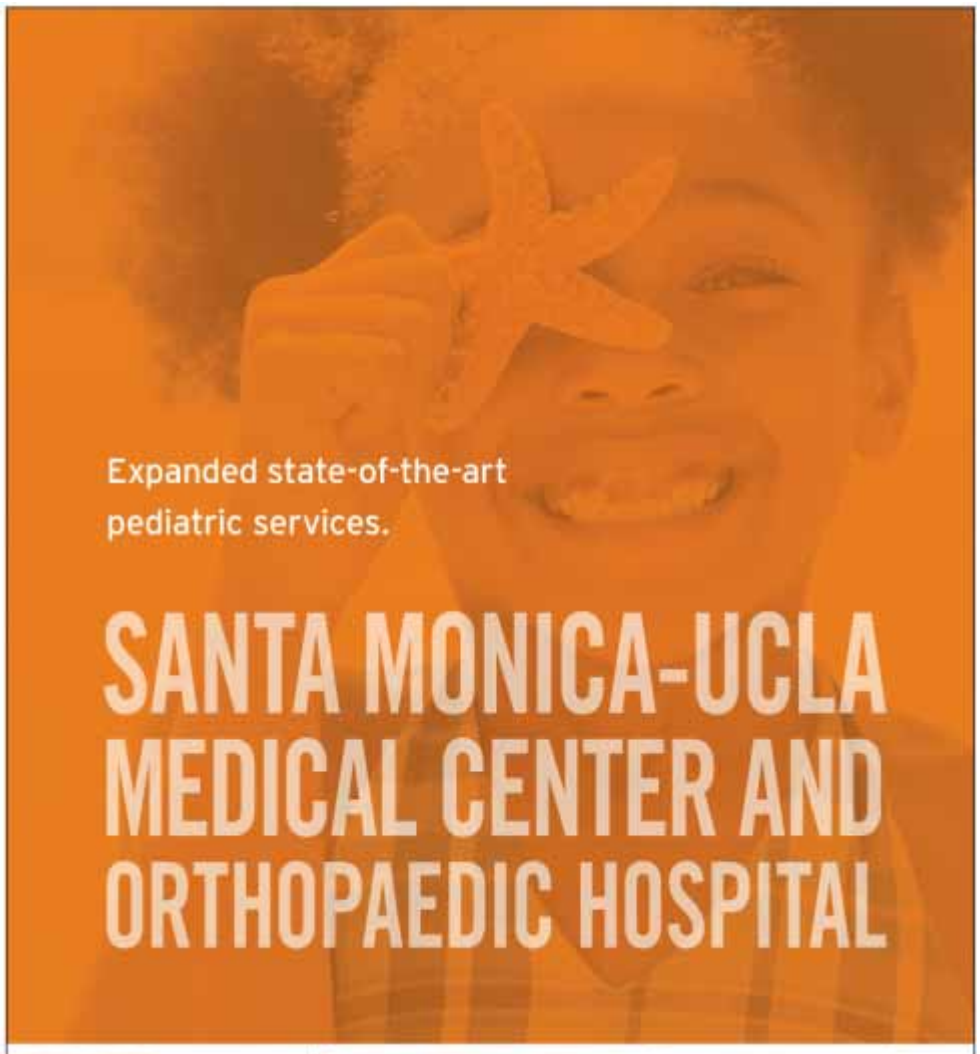
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TAX

FROM PAGE 1

of public safety, education and social services programs the tax increase could support, 64 percent of respondents said they would approve the measure.

In supporting the tax increase measure, Mayor Pro Tem Pam O'Connor said she believes local governments in the future will have to take greater responsibility for generating revenue.

"This is us taking it into our own hands," she said of the proposal. "And hopefully the voters will agree that it's the right thing to do."

Explaining his vote against the proposal, Shriver said the council had not cut costs enough in its most recent budget, so it was inappropriate to ask voters for more revenue.

"You're not very likely to cut costs when your revenues increase," he said.

Councilwoman Gleam Davis proposed placing a "companion measure" on the ballot that would ask voters whether half of the revenue raised from the tax hike should be transferred to the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District.

If approved for the ballot, the companion measure would serve as a non-binding advisory to the council; Santa Monica's elected representatives would still have complete authority over how to spend the money.

Although voters in May rejected Measure A, a $198 per parcel tax to support local schools, it's clear education supporters are a powerful local voting block. Measure A received 64.25 percent of the vote from Santa Monica and Malibu voters — just short of the two-thirds the measure needed to pass but enough to constitute a landslide in a general tax election. Santa Monica voters were more likely to back the tax, with 66.7 percent of voters here approving Measure A, compared with 51 percent in Malibu.

The school board is contemplating placing a new funding measure before voters in November but has yet to make a decision. The district has already cut $7.1 million from its budget and laid off 58 teachers.

On Tuesday, school supporters rallied around the possibility that City Hall's potential sales tax increase measure could generate additional funding for the school district.

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>
> **Laurie Lieberman,**
> School board candidate

They also hinted it would be in City Hall's best interest to cooperate with the SMMUSD.

"I think the support of the school community could be very important" in passing a sales tax increase, said Neil Carrey, who chairs a committee that is looking into a new school district parcel tax.

"My fear is that if both bodies put measures on the ballot in November, we'll both lose, which will hurt everybody," Laurie Lieberman, a candidate for school board, told the council.

City Hall already pays the district about $7 million each year. But in City Hall's recent poll, respondents said their greatest concern was a lack of funding for local schools, so tying the measure to the schools could provide a boost in the election.

The concept of a companion measure advising the council to spend a portion of new revenue on the schools was not on the agenda Tuesday night and was not discussed in detail.

The council s expected to make a decision about a possible companion measure when it takes a final vote on the proposed sales tax increase July 13.

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QUAKE

FROM PAGE 3

Tony Wann, 37, a bartender at Carlee's Place in downtown Borrego Springs, said the quake knocked a few glasses off shelves but none shattered and there was no apparent damage, other than rattled nerves.

"You heard it before you felt it. It was a big rumbling, then a few seconds of violent shaking," he said.

"Everybody came out of their shops, then everybody went right about their normal business," Wann said. "It's part of living in California."

Kim Daniel, director of sales and marketing at the Borrego Springs Resort and Spa, said the earthquake was the strongest that she's felt in 13 years of living in Southern California.

The temblor began with a strong shaking that lasted about 10 seconds, she said.

She said the resort appears to have suffered no structural damage. There were few guests because it's the heart of the summer — the low tourist season in the desert.

At least a dozen aftershocks have been recorded, with the largest measuring magnitude-3.6. Guarino said such seismic activity is not completely surprising given the quake on Easter in Southern California.

"We knew that the stress increased on both of those faults. You can't predict earthquakes, but the statistics said there would be an increased chance of this happening," he said.



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YUMMY!

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Children at the Santa Monica Boys & Girls Club on Tuesday have fun while eating their lunch. Free meals will be given out througout the summer to children under the age of 18 as part of a program to ensure children get at least one healthy meal per day while school is out. Some families struggle to put food on the table and rely on school lunches to help feed their kids.

LUCE

FROM PAGE 1

Mayor Bobby Shriver said he found it "extremely difficult to vote for" the LUCE because a financial analysis of its impacts that a consultant had been directed to prepare was turned in only hours before the final votes on the plan, and in "shoddy shape."

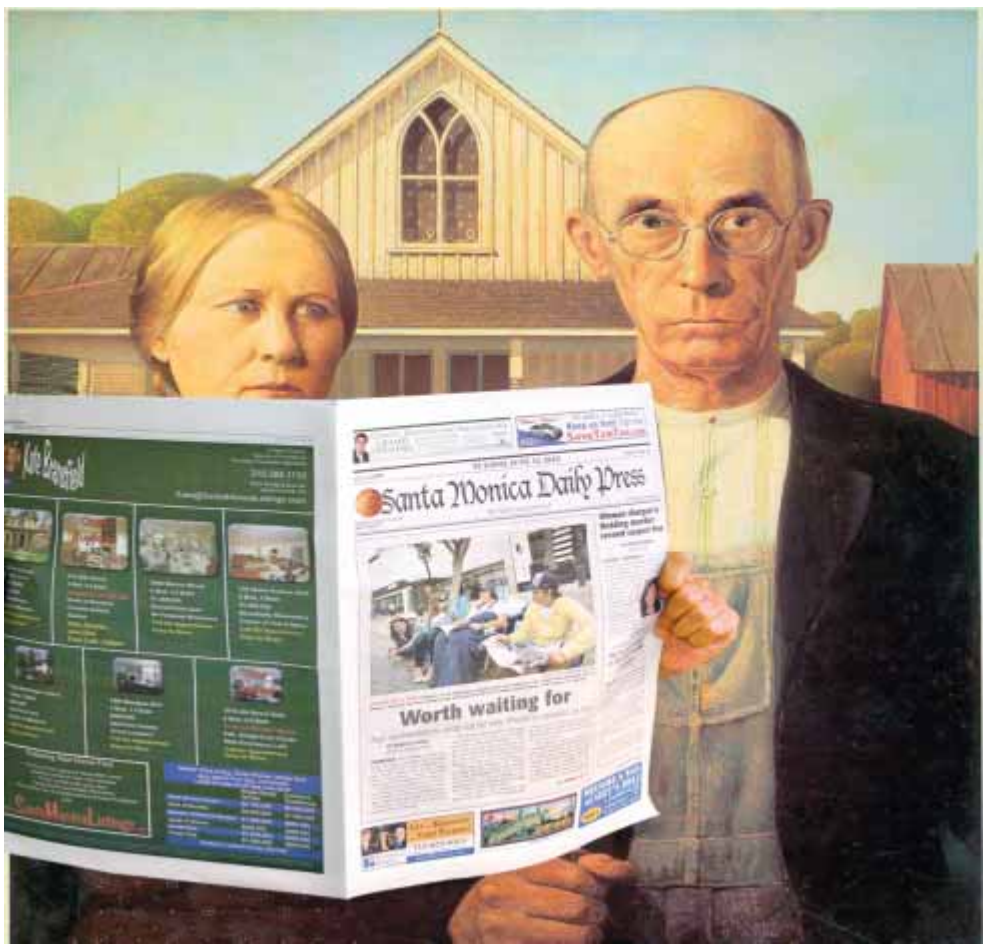
During several hours of testimony and discussion on the document Tuesday night, the council made final adjustments to the LUCE, giving low-income housing developers additional flexibility to incorporate smaller ground-floor spaces into their projects and strengthening language expressing support for residents of the Village Trailer Park, who are facing eviction, among other changes — all of them deemed too minor to require further environmental study of the plan's impacts.

"I'm really happy and pleased," said Mayor Pro Tem Pam O'Connor. "We haven't all gotten exactly what we wanted, but overall I think it's a document that will serve us well."

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The City Council and Planning Commission will next begin work on updating Santa Monica's zoning code, which places more specific rules on development.

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YouTube wants viewers to 'leanback,' stay longer

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SAN BRUNO YouTube is trying to become as brainless and painless to watch as the boob tube. In the process, the Web's leading video site hopes to learn enough about its viewers to replace their remote control.

Those ambitions came into sharper focus Wednesday with debut of a YouTube format called "Leanback." The feature picks out high-definition clips most likely to command a person's attention and then automatically serves up one video after another.

YouTube, based in San Bruno, believes viewers will feel like they're watching television if they don't have to search the website for another clip every few minutes.

As it learns more about viewers' preferences, YouTube envisions a day when coach potatoes eventually won't need their remote controls because Leanback will do all the work for them.

"We want to remove the 'What next?' question" for viewers, said Kuan Yong, Leanback's product manager.

YouTube previewed Leanback in late May when its owner, Google Inc., announced its plans for an Internet-focused TV. Wednesday marked the first time users were able to experiment with the concept. The feature will be among the options available on Google's Internet TVs when the Sony-made sets go on sale in the U.S. this fall.

Because Leanback still requires a Web browser to watch the high-definition video, YouTube expects most people initially will watch the format on their computers.

But YouTube is exploring ways to make it easier to bring Leanback to television screens. One obvious way would be making Leanback available on Web-connected devices, including video game consoles, Blu-ray players and specialty gadgets such as the Roku player, that can be easily plugged into TVs. YouTube executives said they were talking to some makers of Web-connected devices, but didn't offer any details Wednesday.

Leanback is part of YouTube's effort to evolve from a mere Website into a "video operating system" that's as ubiquitous and as easy to use as TVs. That objective also motivated a Wednesday upgrade of YouTube's mobile website that's supposed to make watching video on the go more appealing and convenient.

Although YouTube serves up more than 2 billion videos worldwide, most people spend relatively little time on the site. By YouTube's calculations, it occupies about 15 minutes of the average consumer's daily viewing time compared with five hours on TV.

Besides making its site easier to watch, YouTube has been trying to line up more compelling content from movie and TV studios to supplement the millions of kooky, amateur clips in its library. YouTube also offers a video rental option, but that might not be immediately available on Leanback.

Getting people to stick around longer would give YouTube more opportunities to sell more advertising and increase its revenue. Google doesn't disclose YouTube's financials, but Caris & Co. analyst Sandeep Aggarwal estimates the video site will bring in ad revenue of about $525 million this year. That would account for about 2 percent of Google's projected ad revenue of more than $27 billion.

Leanback will offer the best experience to YouTube users who log in to their personal accounts while watching video.

Drawing upon that history, Leanback's formula will choose videos most likely to appeal to each individual viewer. The format also offers channels devoted to specific categories, such as sports, entertainment and education, stripped across the bottom of the screen. The arrow keys on a computer keyboard are needed to navigate thorough Leanback's different options.

YouTube touches up mobile video for touch screens

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SAN BRUNO YouTube has upgraded its mobile website to make it more convenient and appealing to watch videos on touch-screen devices such as Apple Inc.'s iPhone and Motorola Inc.'s Droid X.

The improvements unveiled Wednesday are designed to make it easier for smart phone users to navigate YouTube's vast video library. The fine-tuning also enables YouTube's mobile website to stream videos in higher resolution than clips served up through YouTube applications installed on smart phones.

There is still at least one significant problem to be worked out: YouTube says the mobile website encounters some bugs on the hot-selling iPhone 4 phone. Those issues are expected to be resolved within the next few weeks. Apple sells the iPhone 4 with a YouTube application already installed on it.

YouTube, owned by Google Inc., is sprucing up its mobile website as part of its effort to create a "video operating system" that works on any gadget with a screen. Mobile phones are a particularly important target for YouTube. In five years, the site expects more people to be surfing the Web on mobile phones than on desktop computers.

As it stands now, YouTube says it's showing more than 100 million videos per day on mobile devices. That's roughly the same number of YouTube clips that were being watched on office and home computers when Google bought the site for $1.76 billion in late 2006. YouTube says people now watch more than 2 billion daily videos through all its distribution channels.

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FIFA

Spain topples Germany to reach World Cup final

NANCY ARMOUR
AP National Writer

DURBAN, South Africa Spain outplayed Germany yet again.

And now the Spanish have the biggest prize of all within their sights.

Spain will play for the World Cup title for the very first time, thanks to Carles Puyol's goal on a powerful header in the second half Wednesday night. The 1-0 victory over Germany was a repeat of the teams' meeting in the European Championship final two years ago, which gave Spain its first major title in 44 years.

"This is one of the greatest moments for Spain, for us to be in the final of the World Cup, it's history," said David Villa, who remains tied with the Netherlands Wesley Sneijder for tournament scoring leader at five goals. "And we want to make more history in the final."

Somebody will.

Spain faces the Netherlands on Sunday at Soccer City in Johannesburg, ensuring a first-time champion. The Dutch, who beat Uruguay 3-2 on Tuesday night, have lost in their only two trips to the final. The two teams have never met in the World Cup.

When the final whistle sounded, the Spanish players on the field thrust their arms in the air while the substitutes raced onto the field. Two teammates grabbed Villa, who has scored all but two of Spain's goals here, and carried him on their shoulders.

In the stands, Spanish fans partied deep into the night, waving flags, banging on drums and singing chorus after chorus of "Ole! Ole! Ole!"

"We worked hard to get here and now we have made the final," Villa said. "It's a great thing."

For Germany, it's yet another disappointment. The three-time champs were making their third straight trip to the World Cup semifinals. Yet just like in 2006, they are headed for the third-place game.

"The disappointment is very big. We had a lot as our goal and we didn't succeed," said captain Philipp Lahm, who was in tears after the game. "Right now, I really don't feel like playing for third place."

Indeed, the Germans looked devastated. Bastian Schweinsteiger was on his knees for several minutes, and not even a consoling pat on the back from Puyol helped.

The Germans retooled their team after the Euros loss in Vienna, bringing in youngsters such as Mesut Oezil, Sami Khedira and goal-scoring machine Thomas Mueller, who was suspended against Spain after picking up a second yellow card in the quarters. The newcomers infused Germany with a speed and smoothness few other teams could match, and it rolled over old rivals England and Argentina by a combined score of 8-1.

But there's something about Spain that brings out the worst in the Germans, and they looked as if they were back in Vienna for much of the night.

Those counterattacks that were so devastating against England and Argentina never really materialized, and the midfield spacing that had been so impressive was almost nonexistent.

Then again, making opponents look bad is becoming Spain's trademark.

"We can say Germany wasn't as good as we thought they'd be today," Spain coach Vicente del Bosque said. "But that is due to the excellent performance of our team."

Spain has been the best team in Europe — all the world, really — for much of the last four years. It's lost all of two games since November 2006, one a shocker to Switzerland in the group-stage opener. With all but two of the starting lineup playing for either Barcelona or Real Madrid, the Spanish play with a seamlessness and fluidity that's almost intuitive.

"They have been playing together for several years, they are very cohesive, their moves come automatically," German striker Miroslav Klose said. "They were simply the better team."

MLB

Officials ramp up security for MLB All-Star Game

NARDINE SAAD
Associated Press Writer

ANAHEIM Anaheim police expect an additional 100,000 visitors during the All-Star game weekend.

More than 20 state, county and federal law enforcement agencies formed a joint task force to ensure that events near Angel Stadium run smoothly through July 13, Anaheim Police Chief John Welter said.

He would not elaborate on specifics of security measures but said law enforcement would be out in "full force" during the five-day event.

Two of three lanes on a nearby street will be closed to set up a red carpet for current and former baseball players.

"This is a big event, this is one of the bigger events for the city," Welter said. "It is not a normal event."

Welter said that his team has is accustomed to handling an additional 200,000 visitors to the city of 350,000 on any given night, given that it's home to Disneyland as well as a large convention center.

"We expect large crowds and we're confident in our ability to handle them," Welter said.

Earnell Lucas, baseball's head of security, warned fans not to bring anything into Angel Stadium of Anaheim that they would not take through an airport security screening. No decision has been made about whether to allow laptops and iPads in the stadium, he said.

Police will also be on the lookout for the sale of counterfeit tickets and items.

Major League Baseball lawyer Ethan Orlinsky urged buyers to look for the official MLB hologram with a raised red stitch when buying products if they want a memento.

Vendors caught selling items bearing fake serial numbers or cut labels will be investigated and prosecuted, Orlinsky said.

"We ramp up our efforts during this week," Orlinsky said. "We're going to be everywhere. You may not be able to identify us, but we'll be there."



Surf Conditions **Water Temp:** 64°

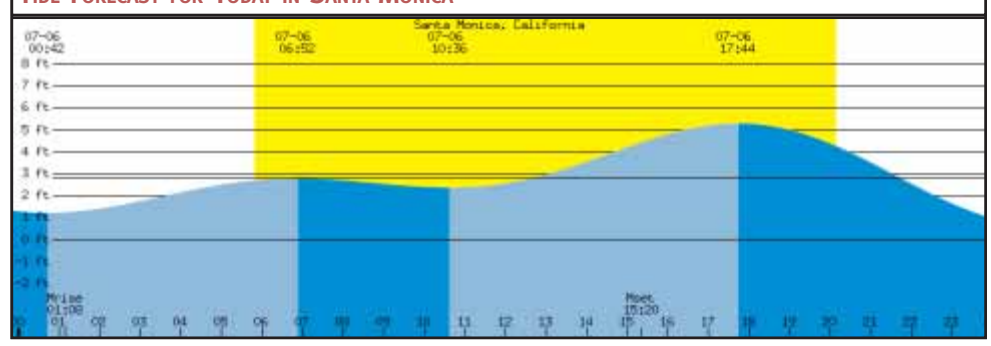
Swell Forecast

Swell should back down to around chest high.

Long Range Synopsis

Looks smaller, more along the lines of waist to chest at south facing breaks.

Tide Forecast for Today in Santa Monica



BEACH REPORT CARD

NORTH LOS ANGELES COUNTY

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

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

QUICK STATS (for the last 30 days)

- Number of sewage spills -- 0
- Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0
- Number of wet days -- 0
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 39 / ns
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 6 / ns

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

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

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

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

LEGEND

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

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MOVIE TIMES

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

Big Wednesday (NR) 2hrs 0min
Discussion following film with William Katt and Peter Townend
7:30pm

Call theater for more information.

AMC Loews Broadway 4
1441 Third Street Promenade

Get Him to the Greek (R) 1hr 49min
1:50pm, 4:30pm, 7:15pm, 9:50pm

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Laemmle's Monica Fourplex
1332 Second St.
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South of the Border (NR) 1hr 33min
1:00pm, 3:00pm, 5:10pm, 7:20pm, 10:00pm

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

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

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

Cyrus (R) 1hr 46min
1:00pm, 3:20pm, 5:40pm, 8:00pm, 10:15pm

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

The A-Team (PG-13) 1hr 57min
11:00am,1:50pm, 4:45pm, 7:40pm, 10:25pm

Grown Ups (PG-13) 1hr 42min
12:00pm, 2:30pm, 5:10pm, 7:45pm, 10:20pm

The Karate Kid (PG) 2hrs 20min
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Hang with friends, Aries

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★★ You are a sign that is not overly loquacious, though you are verbal. You will need to approach a situation differently. Try all the different ways you can to verbalize the same concept. You might have to repeat yourself more than once with an authority figure. Tonight: Hang with friends.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ Be aware of how easily you can act out and overspend. Is that what you really want to do? A devil-may-care attitude could provide much discomfort later. Try sagesse in reference to spending and feelings. Tonight: Pay bills first.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ You soar with what might feel like endless energy. Funnel this vitality where it counts. You could waste this cycle if you aren't careful. Do you really want that? Tonight: A partner or dear friend remains touchy.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★ Know when to pull back and do some thinking. The unexpected occurs with a boss, at work or within the community. Try not to feel negative, as there is an opportunity to do so within this situation. Tonight: Get some extra R and R.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★★ You express your fiery nature in what could be a quizzical situation. Respond naturally, and you will see the results of your particular set of talents. Opportunities come through your intellect or through travel. Tonight: Where people are.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Deal with key people directly. Don't push beyond what can be absorbed. You might be more comfortable with the facts now, as you have had more time to think about them. Tonight: Have a necessary talk over dinner.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★★ Your spontaneity defines a situation. You are probably more willing to take a risk than many. You see more of the big picture and don't have the same trepidation. Tonight: A family member could be a bit of a drag.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★★ Defer to others. Deal with key people on an individual level. Your daily life could be going through some unexpected changes. Don't fight the inevitable. A discussion could be more difficult than you anticipated. Tonight: Hang out with others without judging them.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★★ Others seem unusually spontaneous and fun. You might be stunned by a loved one or, if single, by what could blow into your life in the next few days, weeks and months. Remember, as easily as this person enters is as easily as he or she could leave. Tonight: Enjoy the haze created by a special person in your life.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★ All work and no fun happens with you more than any other sign. You could sacrifice some elements of your personal life. Be sure that there is not another way or approach. Use care with your finances, and avoid any money agreements. Tonight: Put your feet up.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ You have a unique outlook that sometimes causes you to do something wacky or different. You might not be comfortable with what you are feeling or with what others are responding to. There could be a schism here. Tonight: Let your hair down. Start the weekend early.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ If you can stay home, do. Your finances could be changing rapidly. You might try to change the situation through interference. Your instincts could be off. Stay with the facts. Tonight: Be a couch potato.

Happy birthday

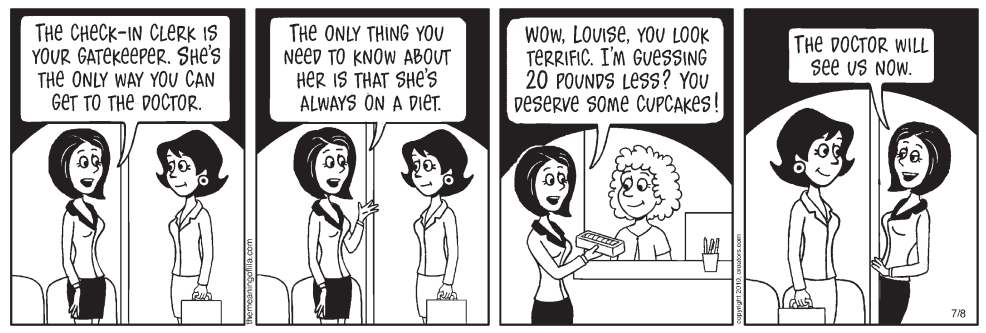
This year, you need to do more reflecting and thinking. Sometimes a haze of confusion surrounds your life. Learn yoga or another technique to reduce stress. By centering, you will make better choices. Often others observe your behavior and leadership. Don't think that there is anything but admiration there. If you are single, you could meet someone, or actually two people, through work and/or a public commitment. Each person offers a lot, but who suits you best? If you are attached, the two of you enjoy going out and about together. Share more private time together. GEMINI makes an excellent healer.

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

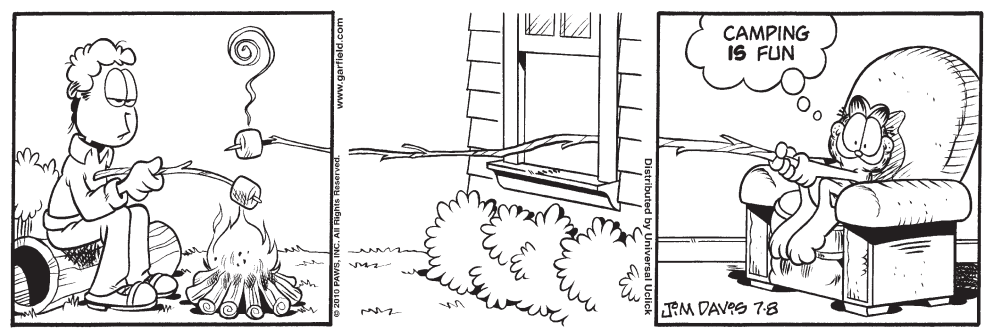
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Fill in the blank cells using numbers 1 to 9. Each number can appear only once in each row, column, and 3x3 block. Use logic and process of elimination to solve the puzzle. The difficulty level ranges from ★ (easiest) to ★★★★★ (hardest).

Difficulty Level ★★★

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	6						2	

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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

8	5	2	9	4	1	6	3	7
6	4	7	8	3	2	5	1	9
1	9	3	7	5	6	8	4	2
3	6	1	4	9	7	2	5	8
4	2	9	6	8	5	1	7	3
7	8	5	2	1	3	9	6	4
5	1	8	3	7	9	4	2	6
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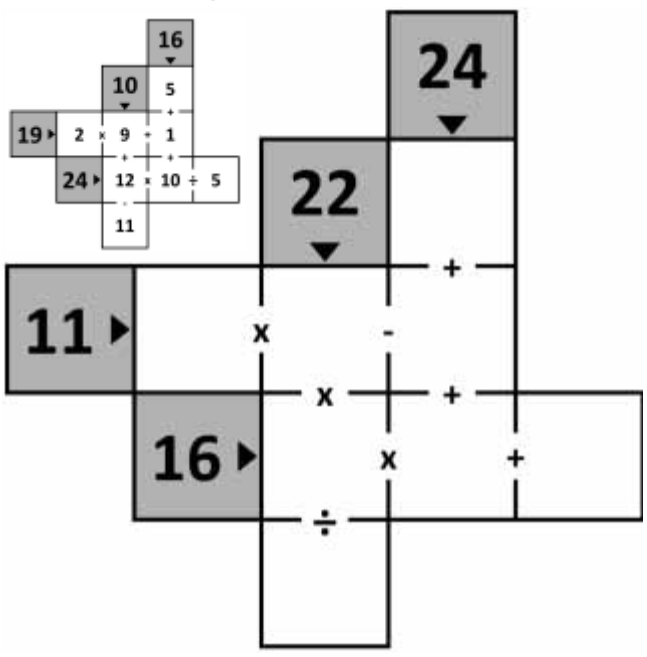
• Fill the grid with the set of given numbers (1 to 12) to satisfy the Equa demands (7 to 24) in the shaded boxes. The Equa demands represent the sum of the digits that you will insert into the empty squares.
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Fill in the empty fields with the given numbers so when calculated together they satisfy all Equas in the gray boxes:

2, 2, 3, 4, 4, 10, 11, 11

Solution 28 for Wednesday





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CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Hearty dish
5 Radio nuisance
11 Muscle quality
12 "Scar-face" star
13 Anti-quated
14 Like
15 Singled out
17 Horse healer
18 Arch-enemy
22 Insensi-tive
24 Act part
25 All the rage
26 Badmin-ton need
27 Some tourneys
30 Distorts
32 Piano part
33 Rower's need
34 Pentagon VIPs
38 Safe haven
41 "— boy!"
42 Ignoring ethics
43 Bulls or Bears
44 Rocker Ted
45 Advan-tage

DOWN

1 ERA, for one
2 Forum garb
3 Weak-ened
4 Door-stops, often
5 Minor fight
6 They accept bets
7 With a low pH
8 Malleable metal
9 Acct. addition
10 Pigeon call
16 UFO fliers
19 Esteemed
20 Fresh
21 "Why not!"
22 Pork serving
23 Clue weapon
28 Science study
29 Catch-phrase
30 Blubber
31 Dojo activity
35 Skin
36 Without a date
37 Matching
38 Con-ducted
39 Ostrich cousin
40 Sailing hazard

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Yesterday's answer

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FANTASY 5: 12 15 24 38 39

DAILY 3: MIDDAY: 6 7 7 EVENING: 7 7 9

DAILY DERBY: 1st: 01 Gold Rush 2nd: 10 Solid Gold 3rd: 08 Gorgeous George RACE TIME: 1:48.24

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Inventor Jiro Takashima, 75, maintains that his Pro-State massager is a serious medical device (retailing for about $80), but his daughter-partner Amy Sung, 35, simultaneously markets it as a prostate sex-play toy called the Aneros at adult novelty stores (retailing for about $50). According to a June Houston Chronicle report, Takashima's booth at medical conventions is popular, but at sex expos, he and his daughter are "rock stars." However, since the Pro-State/Aneros was intended as a medical device, competing sex-toy makers have felt free to copy Aneros' design, and Takashima's lawsuit to stop them is now before a federal court in Houston.

■ Washington, D.C., Attorney General Peter Nickles ordered an investigation in June after learning that the city's payroll office had, over a seven-year period, failed to remit the life-insurance premiums deducted from the paychecks of at least 1,400 employees. Already, one employee had been told that her policy had been canceled because of the unremitted premiums. (Until the investigation is finished, it is impossible to say which of the two usual explanations of chronic D.C. bureaucratic dysfunction -- theft or "large-scale human error" -- is applicable.)

TODAY IN HISTORY

1977 The ashes of Ahn Eak-tai, a Korean conductor and the composer of the national anthem Aegukga, are transferred from the island of Majorca to the Korean National Cemetery.

1982 Assassination attempt against former Iraqi president Saddam Hussein in Dujail.

1982 Senegalese Trotskyist political party LCT is legally recognized.

1992 Conference for Security and Co-operation in Europe creates the office of High Commissioner on National Minorities.

1996 A schizophrenic man armed with a machete wounds three children and four adults at a primary school in Wolverhampton, England. Teacher Lisa Potts received the George medal for protecting her pupils, despite being severely injured.

1997 NATO invites the Czech Republic, Hungary, and Poland to join the alliance in 1999.

WORD UP!

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