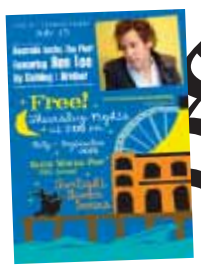
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THE FROM LEFT FIELD ISSUE

Election season begins

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Editor in Chief

CITY HALL Campaign season officially kicked off this week in Santa Monica as those interested in running for public office are now allowed to start asking registered voters for the 100 signatures needed to qualify for November's ballot.

The fall election is expected to draw considerable interest given that five of the seven City Council seats are in play, a school board member will not seek re-election and three incumbents on the Rent Control Board will either be termed out, are stepping down or are running for City Council. Incumbents have traditionally been hard to defeat in local elections.

There will also most likely be a measure on the ballot calling for an increase in the city's sales tax to help shore up City Hall's coffers and pay for public education. (The City Council was expected to place the sales tax measure on the November ballot on Tuesday night, but the decision was not made before presstime.)

City Clerk Maria Stewart held two information sessions Monday for prospective candidates, giving the hopefuls a chance to ask questions about filing deadlines, fundraising and establishing campaign committees, as well as pick up the all-important nomination papers. Around 20 people attended the sessions, Stewart said, and there were some very familiar faces, along with those contemplating their first run.

One of those new to the process is Patrick Cady, a fixture at Santa Monica High School who retired in 2008 but still coaches track and field. Cady, 63, is a Malibu resident and a former teacher of 38 years, both of which could give him an edge in the school board

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Ray Solano *news@smdp.com*

ADDING TO THE LOCAL WORKFORCE: **Employees at the Yahoo! Center on Colorado Avenue head for lunch on Tuesday. They will soon be joined by employees from the online dating website eHarmony, which plans to occupy 65,000 square feet there.**

eHarmony finds partner in SM

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Editor In Chief

DOWNTOWN It could be a match made in heaven.

eHarmony, one of the world's leaders in online dating, is moving its corporate headquarters from Pasadena to Santa Monica, officials with the company confirmed Tuesday.

The company, which was launched in 2000 and now claims over 20 million registered users, plans to occupy a 65,000-square-foot space at the Yahoo! Center on the eastside of town. The company plans to relocate 250 employees to Santa Monica and hire an additional 50 by the end of the year.

Several sources in Pasadena said eHarmony is moving to Santa Monica because its top executives live in the area. However, officials with the company said they are relocating "to be closer to the vast majority of Internet and technology companies in the area and the larger technology workforce that lives in that part of Los Angeles."

City officials in Pasadena, along with representatives from the Pasadena Chamber of Commerce, had several meetings with eHarmony brass, trying to convince them to stay. While eHarmony does not contributed a significant amount of sales tax revenue to Pasadena, the spending power of its employees is a significant benefit, said Paul Little, president of the Pasadena Chamber of Commerce.

"Studies … show that employees spend anywhere from $5 to $9 a day in the area where they work, and that's a significant amount of money every year when you look at how many employees [eHarmony] has," Little said. "The other part is eHarmony is a very high-profile company. Everyone sees those ads."

Nancy D. Sidhu, chief economist for the Los Angeles County Economic Development Corp., said restaurants in and around the Yahoo! Center will benefit tremendously from the move.

"This is a good employer and it brings high-paying jobs," she said.

Sidhu said it is not unusual for a company to move headquarters strictly because those in charge want to work closer to home, especially in Southern California where commutes can be burdensome. Santa Monica is attractive because of its

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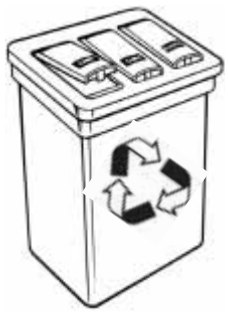
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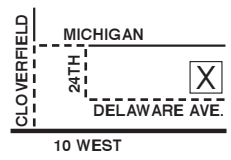
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OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA AND SURROUNDS



Wednesday, July 14, 2010

Freshen up
Downtown Santa Monica
Arizona Avenue & Second Street, 8:30 a.m. — 1:30 p.m.
Get the freshest fruit and produce available at this weekly Farmers' Market. There are also a variety of prepared foods available.

Shape up
Top to Top
2621 Wilshire Blvd., 6:30 p.m.
Perfect for marathon training or just staying in shape, the Top to Top store hosts a running club every Wednesday. Runners meet in front of the store for announcements and special guests before beginning. There are three running options: 5 kilometers, 5 miles or 10 kilometers. Food and water are provided, and it is free to join the run. For more information, call (310) 829-7030.

Thursday, July 15, 2010

Dancing at twilight
Santa Monica Pier
7 p.m.
Australia rocks the pier as Ben Lee headlines a bill that features artists from Down Under. For more information, visit www.santamonicapier.org.

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 5 minute poem to read aloud with music, or just come to enjoy the poetry of others. Admission is free.
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SUN AT LAST

Fabian Lewkowicz *FabianLewkowicz.com*

After nearly a month of below-average temperatures, the sun finally came out to play Tuesday and so did hundreds of visitors to Santa Monica Beach. It looks as if June Gloom is finally over.

Police union: LAX vulnerable to attacks

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES Security cutbacks have made Los Angeles International Airport vulnerable to a terrorist attack, its police union complained in a letter to airport officials who deny the allegation.

The Airport Police Officers Association told their police chief in a letter last month that the force was spread too thin in the central terminal area, and there have been fewer random checks of vehicles entering the airport.

Reductions in the deployment of personnel and cuts to the budget for training are making the airport "more vulnerable to a terrorist attack than at any time since 9/11," wrote Marshall McClain, president of the police union.

The airport was the intended target of a bomb plot by an al-Qaida-trained terrorist who was arrested in December 1999 as he entered the U.S. from Canada in a car with explosives in its trunk. The ticket counter for the Israeli airline El Al was the site of a gunman's fatal attack in 2002.

Gina Marie Lindsey, executive director of Los Angeles World Airports, disputed the union allegations. She said the airport police budget has increased annually since 9/11.

"There is no evidence to support allegations ... of budget reductions or staff cutbacks," Lindsey said in a statement.

She said the airport meets or exceeds the police deployment requirements of the federal Transportation Security Administration, which monitors the airport's security program.

McClain accused airport administrators of playing a numbers game, claiming that while no layoffs have occurred, the airport has eliminated about 30 unfilled positions through attrition.

Airport officials contend the police force has increased from 263 officers in 2002 to 447 officers today.

McClain denied raising terrorism fears in the interest of creating more jobs.

"What we're talking about is a potential terrorist event. We need to go beyond erring on the side of caution because no one wants that to happen," he said. "We have to be right 100 percent of the time."

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

VENICE

St. Joseph Center receives grant

St. Joseph Center recieved a $25,000 renewal grant from the William H. Hannon Foundation in support of its Family Center and Food Pantry Program.

"My late uncle, our foundation's founder, was a strong supporter of St. Joseph Center. Today, given the continued difficult economic climate, our support is even more critical," said Kathleen Hannon Aikenhead, President of the William H. Hannon Foundation.

This contribution will help the center provide integrated services including case management, supplemental groceries, and youth programs. Family Center and Food Pantry Program aims to give families the best possible chance for long-term success by first addressing survival needs and then concentrating on overcoming some of the more complex issues that can be barriers to self-sufficiency. Last year more than 2,600 people benefitted from these services.

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CITYWIDE

Wells Fargo gives $264K to local nonprofits

In 2009, Wells Fargo & Company awarded 43 grants totaling $264,250 to nonprofit organizations and schools in Santa Monica. The company, combined with Wachovia Corporation, and its team members gave $20 million to Los Angeles-area nonprofit organizations and schools. Nationwide, Wells Fargo gave $202 million in grants in 2009.

Wells Fargo contributed its Santa Monica charitable donations to support a variety of community groups including: Boys and Girls Clubs; California Heritage Museum; Chrysalis; Clare Foundation, Inc.; Common Ground – The Westside HIV Community Center; Heal the Bay; Heartfelt Foundation; Irene Dunne Guild SJHCF; John Wayne Cancer Institute; Madison Project; Meals on Wheels; Ocean Park Community Center; One Voice; Painted Turtle; Pico Youth and Family Center; Project Echo; Prostate Cancer Foundation; Rape Foundation; Santa Monica Bay Area Human Relations Council; St. Monica Catholic High School; Santa Monica College Foundation; Sol-La Music Academy; Special Olympics; UCLA Foundation; Westside Food Bank; and YWCA.

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CITYWIDE

Emergency kits for seniors offered

The American Red Cross of Santa Monica and WISE & Healthy Aging have joined together to create emergeny kits for low income, home-bound seniors.

The emergency kits were assembled by volunteers of the Santa Monica Red Cross and will be distributed throughout July by WISE & Healthy Aging care managers to their clients. The project was spearheaded by AmeriCorps member Elizabeth Adams who divides her duties between the Santa Monica Red Cross and WISE & Healthy Aging.

Adams approached local businesses and organizations to donate items that should be included in any emergency kit to be used after an earthquake or other emergency. Members of the public also donated items in bins set up at Bob's Market in Sunset Park and the Red Cross of Santa Monica. Ten other organizations in all donated to the project to help produce 100 emergency kits.

For more information and to learn how you can prepare for emergencies contact the Red Cross of Santa Monica at (310) 394-3773 during normal business hours or visit online at www.redcrossofsantamonica.org.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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The real deal

Editor:

[Letter to the editor writer] Don Gray takes issue with Chris Harding's statement that the recent parcel tax, Measure A, "garnered a two-thirds positive vote ... by Santa Monica voters." Gray contends that this statement is false because Measure A, in fact, failed to obtain the 2/3 supermajority needed to pass. Neverthelesss; Harding's statement is accurate. Measure A received over 2/3 of the vote in Santa Monica but failed due to 53 percent of the vote in Malibu and Harding's point was the overwhelming support local public schools receive in our community. Before Gray accuses one of telling a "whopper," he should check his facts.

Gray also argues that business interests supported Measure A because they have been getting a "free ride" due to the flat rate which Measure A, and all previous Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District parcel tax measures, imposed on both residential and commercial parcels. Setting aside Gray's hysterical rhetoric, the fact is that there is a serious question whether anything other than a flat rate is legal. Applicable law requires that parcel taxes "apply uniformly to all taxpayers or all real property within the school district ... . (Government Code 50079(b)(1))." This is why virtually all parcel tax measures throughout the state have imposed a uniform tax amount on each parcel.

The risk of adopting a "split-roll" method is illustrated by the plight of the Alameda Unified School District which did so in June, 2008 and was immediately sued. While the trial court recently held in favor of the district, the case is presently on appeal (with the district having to fund substantial legal fees). As one member of the Alameda school board said, "So, now we wait, possibly years, until the litigation has concluded to learn whether Measure H is legal. And ultimately learn whether the district is allowed to retain the millions of dollars of taxes collected under Measure H or will be subject to returning the taxes collected to the taxpayers." Alameda placed a similar measure on the ballot in June and it was defeated.

The district's Feasibility Committee, which is dominated by parents and other public school supporters, not "business interests," considered this question and determined that it was simply not prudent to take the litigation and political risks inherent in a "split-roll" measure at this time.

Tom Larmore
Santa Monica

Incentives to save

Editor:

Although Measure A came close, it does appear to illustrate that there is a desire to cut costs rather than increase expenses. Aren't there a lot of things in the budget that easily could be cut with little impact on our daily lives? For example, I was talking with my niece who was visiting from Berkeley. When she came over to visit, I had to tell her to move her car because of street cleaning. She was amazed that the streets are cleaned every week (her street in Berkeley is cleaned once a month). Are our streets really so dirty that we could not get by with having them cleaned every other week? This is just one example, but I think if we opened up a forum and offered a reward based on the savings to those who come up with cost saving ideas that are implemented, there are other areas where costs could be reduced with little or no impact on our daily lives.

How about it?

Mark Kaiserman
Santa Monica



Your column here

Dr. John C. McHugh

Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Top five reasons the prostate gets no respect

THE REASON WHY THE PROSTATE DOESN'T get any respect has a little to do with the very nature of the organ and its disease and a little to do with the mindset of the male. The perfect storm which is a gland that the male can't see or feel and a cancer that doesn't cause symptoms until it is too late is the reason for the tragedy of over 25,000 deaths a year in the United States a year. Look at the following reasons and see if a loved one, or maybe even you, isn't guilty as well.

• Unlike a woman's breast that gets all the attention an organ could ever want, the prostate lives a very isolated life. You can't see it, you can't feel it, men don't know what it does, and they sure as heck don't want a stranger probing around to disturb it or try to feel it. Men feel unmanly with the very thought of a rectal exam and would just as soon not have the prostate checked. Men are told to self examine their testicles in the shower, and women to do breast exams often, but no one suggests that the male contort himself to examine his prostate. Its very location bespeaks of nature giving it no respect; why does it have to be located right there where other unpleasant things occur?

• Then the blood test PSA comes along and further complicates the prostate's social life. Before the PSA was a test the only way to check on the prostate was a rectal exam. Now with the advent of this simple blood test, men and doctors will often substitute the PSA for the rectal exam. It is an easy sell; not doing a rectal exam makes a doctor's visit much more pleasant for both the doctor and the patient. Everybody ends up being happy except of course the dejected and unchecked prostate. (One can have prostate cancer with a normal PSA.)

• Even when the prostate tries to exert itself with prostate cancer it get little attention both because of the prevailing belief that prostate cancer doesn't kill people and that it often occurs only in older men. Articles in newspapers and on the Internet daily state that most men die with prostate cancer and not of it, despite over 200,000 cases diagnosed and 25,000 deaths a year. Society perceives breast cancer much differently, and more seriously, than prostate cancer. This is reflected nationally by the emotional and financial support that advocates of breast cancer offer loved ones and resultant proceeds from breast cancer fundraisers.

• Many patients, but particularly men, will only go to the doctor if they perceive a problem with an organ or if a symptom presents itself. Unlike chest pain indicating a problem with the heart or blood in the urine indicating a problem with the kidneys, early prostate cancer has no symptoms until it is too late to do something. Prostate cancers often originate away from the tube men urinate through; as a result there will be no urinary symptoms until the prostate cancer has become fairly extensive. Men can have prostate cancer for years without any symptoms. Despite this men will almost always assume there can't be a problem with their prostate because, "I pee fine." Once again, for the wrong reasons, the prostate is left out and not invited to the party — it gets no respect.

• The final insult to the prostate is what happens to the male if you mess with it. Any treatment of the prostate for cancer is associated, in varying degrees, with how a male voids and his ability to get erections. If the hurdles in checking the cancer weren't enough of a deterrent to early detection of prostate cancer, the idea of what can happen to the male after treatment further complicates the prostate's life. It is almost as if it is mad about being ignored throughout its life. Now that something has to be done to treat the cancer; the angry prostate exacts its revenge in the form of leaking urine and sexual dysfunction. These two maladies strike right at the heart of the male ego.

A conversation between a urologist and a friend at a party make the above points nicely:

A urologist at a party was asked by a friend, who was 49, when he should have his prostate checked. The urologist said the blood work and exam could be done in less than five minutes, and he could come by anytime at the end of his work day through the urologist's office back door, and have the exam performed for free. The friend said that he was having no symptoms. The urologist said that having no symptoms is irrelevant. The friend then said he had had a colonoscopy and asked if that checked the prostate. The urologist said no, that was a different organ. The friend then said, like most people, "Isn't prostate cancer a disease of old men?" The urologist said, "No," and mentioned that Frank Zappa died in his 50s, three years after the diagnosis of prostate cancer, adding, "It can be a painful death." He was making the point that it would be prudent for his friend, at age 49, to be checked. The friend then said, "But Frank Zappa had a bad lifestyle." The urologist replied that lifestyle was irrelevant as a risk factor for prostate cancer. In the matter of this two-minute conversation, this college-educated friend had verbalized almost all the half-truths regarding prostate cancer. He confirmed yet again why prostate cancer is often diagnosed late, and revealed again why the prostate is the Rodney Dangerfield of organs: "It just don't get no respect."

When men acknowledge the respect which prostate cancer deserves, there will be a heightened awareness, early detection, and treatment in a more curable phase of prostate cancer.

DR. JOHN MCHUGH is the author of "The Decision: Your prostate biopsy shows cancer. Now what?" which offers medical insight, personal experience, and humor by a urologist who has been where you are now. Visit him online at theprostatedecision.com and Theprostatedecision.wordpress.com.

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Taxing our way to Utopia

LET'S HEAR IT FOR THE SALES TAX! I'M all for the tax increase. As a matter of fact, I think it should be larger! Let's fix the schools, and give them enough money to make some real changes. The question is, how much money do they need?

Councilwoman Gleam Davis already proposed giving half of the tax to the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District. Which only begs my original question, which as of yet no one has answered. Neither the angry e-mails from the PTA, nor any of the concerned parents have been able to tell me specifically how much money the schools need to get the kids to pass the University of California math and reading placement tests at college level. So, I'm going to work the math backwards and see how much we can give them.

We've just spent $123.7 million on 11,565 students. That is $10,696 per student. A half-percent sales tax is estimated to generate $13 million annually. So, twice that amount means a 1 percent tax will generate $26 million per year. If we raise taxes to 100 percent, we would have a maximum tax collection of $2.3 billion. Arthur Laffer won a Nobel Prize for proving that if you tax someone 100 percent they stop working, but the good news is, it doesn't apply to purchases in the same way.

Right now, one of the best schools in the area, Harvard-Westlake, charges about $35,000 per year. With that in mind, we'd have to come up with $24,674 per student to get the same education they have. If we raised the sales tax an additional 11 percent, we'd generate the $281 million SMMUSD needs. So by tripling the budget with $404 million, they should be able to get a majority of the graduates to pass the UC placement tests at college level, right? All we have to do is pass an additional 11 percent to reach our goal.

The math is almost magical. You see, an 11 percent increase would put our total sales tax at 20.25 percent for all purchases. People, this is for the children. They're our future, and you're short-changing them from getting the best education our city can produce. Just imagine for a moment a majority of the students being able to go to college! Their parents may not be able to afford it, though.

Now I know the rest of my Republican friends aren't going to be happy that I wrote this column. They might even toss me out of the party. They're going to tell me how stupid my idea is. The arguments will echo with the hollow old story of greedy business people who'll have to close up shop when shallow, selfish people drive over to Venice, Brentwood and Malibu to avoid the tax. They'll even complain that less tourists will come to our town as well. Those Republicans will try to scare us into believing that we'll all lose our jobs in the city due to the sales tax, and have to commute, which will destroy the planet.

But I say hogwash to them all. I know the people of Santa Monica will go out of their way to only purchase things in Santa Monica just to make sure they help our kids. Heck, I'll bet people from other cities will come and buy things from our local businesses just to help our children. Business will boom and thrive because our cause is just. Just look at the flood of $198-donations the district received from the 13,671 voters who said yes to measure A. The people are in a giving mood.

It's only an 11 percent increase, but I say let's make it an even 25 percent sales tax so we can take care of the city's future as well, and be less dependent on state and federal collections. For all the property owners, if we raised the tax by 15.75 percent, I'm almost certain no one will come to you in the future and ask you to pay your fair share, and increase your current property tax because the city will have more money than it would know what to do with.

Think of all of the new jobs this will create as well. Santa Monica can benefit in the same way as America benefited from the census workers, who stimulated the economy and turned this country around (or is that just what we were told would happen?). The increase in city jobs, as well as a three-fold increase in the number of people in the SMMUSD, will make Santa Monica boom. We could even step up to a 100 percent tax. That would allow us to pay everyone in Santa Monica $22,224 a year to do something green, or teach children how to glue macaroni to paper plates. Visualize the best schools in the United States, green jobs and no unemployment. We would have Utopia. A chicken in every pot and a car in every garage.

If we don't look at a sales tax then we could look at a resident tax. Every resident pays an equal amount of money toward our fine city. Equal vote, equal benefit, equal rights, equal resident tax. It is wrong to tax someone else for your benefit. After watching 13,671 Measure A voters arrogantly try to push their obligation onto someone else, personal responsibility would be refreshing.

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The Q Line

Who's in?

The Santa Monica City Council last week decided to draft a measure for the November ballot that would add a half-cent transaction and use tax to every purchase.

So, this week's Q-Line question asks:
Will you vote for such a tax?

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GOVERNMENT

Federal budget gap tops $1 trillion through June

MARTIN CRUTSINGER
AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON The federal deficit has topped $1 trillion with three months still to go in the budget year, showing the lasting impact of the recession on the government's finances.

In its monthly budget report, the Treasury Department said Tuesday that through the first nine months of this budget year, the deficit totals $1 trillion. That's down 7.6 percent from the $1.09 trillion deficit run up during the same period a year ago.

Worries about the size of the deficit have created political problems for the Obama administration. Congressional Republicans and moderate Democrats have blocked more spending on job creation and other efforts. Republicans also have held up legislation to extend unemployment benefits for the long-term jobless because of its effect on the deficit.

Another failed effort would have provided cash-starved states with money to help avoid layoff of public employees and finance the Medicaid program for the poor and disabled.

President Barack Obama also encountered resistance to further stimulus spending at a meeting of the Group of 20 major industrial nations last month in Toronto.

Obama expressed concerns about the risks to a fragile global recovery from withdrawing spending too soon. But the G-20 adopted targets to cut deficits in half as a percentage of their economies over three years.

The deficit in the federal budget in June totaled $68.4 billion, the second highest June deficit on record, but down from the all-time high of $94.3 billion in June 2009, a month when the government was spending heavily to stabilize the financial system and jump-start economic growth.

June is normally a surplus month as the government collects tax payments from corporations and individuals who make quarterly payments. Only seven years in the past 56 have seen deficits in June.

Many private economists are forecasting that the deficit for the entire budget year, which ends on Sept. 30, will come in around $1.3 trillion. That would be the second highest deficit on record, but it would be down slightly from last year's all-time high of $1.4 trillion.

The Obama administration is forecasting that the deficit for the 2011 budget year, which begins Oct. 1, will remain above $1 trillion for a third straight year, projecting an imbalance of $1.27 trillion. And the administration predicts the imbalances over the next decade will total $8.5 trillion.

The deficits have been driven higher by the lingering effects of the worst recession since the 1930s. About one-third of the higher deficits in this period are a result of a drop in government tax revenues.

The other two-thirds of the deficit increases reflect higher government spending to stabilize the financial system with the $700 billion bailout program and the $787 billion stimulus program that Congress passed in February 2009. The increased spending also reflected added demands for such programs as unemployment benefits and food stamps.

The tide of red ink has sparked a political backlash with surveys showing rising unhappiness among voters with the ballooning deficits.

GOVERNMENT

Banking overhaul bill faces final vote this week

JIM KUHNHENN
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON President Barack Obama on Tuesday secured the 60 votes he needs in the Senate to pass a sweeping overhaul of financial regulations, all but ensuring that he soon will sign into law one of the top initiatives of his presidency.

With the votes in hand to overcome Republican delaying tactics, Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid said Tuesday he hoped for final passage on Thursday. The House already has passed the bill.

"This reform is good for families, it is good for businesses, it's good for the entire economy," Obama said as he prodded the Senate to act quickly.

Passage would represent a signature achievement for the president just four months after he signed massive health care legislation into law. The final vote comes amid lingering public resentment of Wall Street, but the legislation's symbolic and political impact is likely to be diminished by anxiety across the country over jobs and the economy.

Reid as much as acknowledged that political reality Tuesday, blaming "greed on Wall Street" for the country's economic troubles.

"It triggered the recession," he said. "It's what suffocated the job market and robbed trillions of dollars of people's savings — trillions."

Support for the bill jelled Tuesday after conservative Democratic Sen. Ben Nelson of Nebraska announced he would vote for the bill after raising concerns the previous day.

Obama noted that the bill is getting backing from Republican Sens. Scott Brown of Massachusetts and Olympia Snowe and Susan Collins, both of Maine. Snowe and Brown announced their support on Monday.

"Three Republican senators have put politics and partisanship aside to support this reform, and I'm grateful for their decision," Obama said as he announced his nomination of Jacob Lew to be the new director of the White House budget office.

The 2,300-page bill aims to address regulatory weaknesses blamed for the 2008 financial crisis that fueled the worst recession since the 1930s.

It gives regulators broad authority to rein in banks, limit risk-taking by financial firms and supervise previously unregulated trading. It also makes it easier to liquidate large, financially interconnected institutions, and it creates a new consumer protection bureau to guard against lending abuses.

While Democrats are ready to cast the GOP as an ally of Wall Street, Republicans have portrayed the bill as government overreach that would make lending more expensive, increase costs for consumers and hurt U.S. businesses. Republicans repeatedly and fruitlessly tried to expand the bill to include changes to government-controlled mortgage finance giants Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac.

ECONOMY

Trade gap widens as imports and exports both trend up

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WASHINGTON The U.S. posted solid gains in exports in May, a positive sign for the economy. And while imports grew even faster, some economists saw that as a hopeful sign because it suggests companies are betting that consumers will spend more in coming months.

The surging value of imports caused the trade deficit to reach an 18-month peak. It rose 4.8 percent to $42.3 billion, the largest deficit since November 2008, the Commerce Department said Tuesday.

U.S. exports of goods and services rose 2.4 percent to $152.3 billion. It was the largest monthly total since September 2008, the month the financial crisis struck with force. Leading the strength in exports were heavy machinery, medical equipment, power generators and commercial planes.

Imports grew even faster. They rose 2.9 percent to $194.5 billion. That gain reflected higher demand for foreign-made cars and consumer goods such as clothing, furniture and electronic appliances. The surge came even though the value of oil imports sank 9.1 percent to $27.6 billion as both the price and the volume of oil shipments declined.

Economists said the widening trade deficit would likely reduce overall growth, as measured by the gross domestic product, in the April-June quarter. But in the long run, analysts hold out hope that the gains in both exports and imports point to higher business investment and consumer spending.

"This will certainly prove supportive to economic growth in the months to come," Martin Schwerdtfeger, an economist at TD Economics, wrote in a research note.

Through May, the U.S. trade deficit is running at an annual rate of about $475 billion, up more than 25 percent from a $374.9 billion deficit for all of 2009. That had been the lowest annual trade gap since 2001, another year when the country was in recession.

The wider May deficit was a surprise to analysts, who had expected the gap to decline slightly because of the fall in oil imports. The larger trade gap caused some economists to trim their forecasts for overall growth in the April-June quarter, though many said they expected less of a drag in coming quarters.

GDP is the value of all goods and services produced in the United States. U.S. exports add to GDP because the products are made in the United States and shipped abroad. By contrast, imports reduce GDP because the government considers imports a substitute for what could have been produced in the United States.

Mike England, an economist at Action Economics, said he believed a widening trade deficit would trim nearly 2 percentage points off GDP in the second quarter. He put second-quarter growth at around 2.2 percent and projected a GDP growth rate of around 2.8 percent in the current July-September quarter. Other private economists are forecasting a smaller reduction from the higher trade deficit: Around 1 percentage point off second quarter GDP.

But many economists saw the rise in imports as a sign of increased business optimism about the future. They said U.S. companies were importing more goods in anticipation of higher consumer spending later in the year.

"The strong increases in both export and import volumes are far more important as a sign of continued growth at home and abroad than the widening trade gap," economists at forecasting firm RDQ Economics wrote in a research note. "It seems to us that the expansion of world trade has a robust momentum."

American manufacturing has been a standout performer during the recovery, benefiting from a global rebound. Those gains risk being diminished by the European debt crisis, which has slowed growth in Europe and raised the value of the dollar 14 percent this year versus the euro. A stronger dollar against the euro makes U.S. goods costlier and less competitive in Europe.

The deficit with the European Union rose 7.5 percent to $6.2 billion as imports rose 3.2 percent, outpacing a 1.9 percent rise in U.S. exports to that region.

The deficit with China rose to $22.3 billion. It was the largest imbalance since last October and a 15.4 percent jump from the April deficit. So far this year, the U.S. deficit with China, the largest with any individual country, is up 10.2 percent from the same period a year ago. That deficit is putting pressure on the Obama administration and Congress to adopt a tougher stance in trade disputes with China.

"The widening trade deficit is not only an alarming trend, but also represents wealth and jobs heading overseas," said Scott Paul, executive director of the Alliance for American Manufacturing, who called on Congress to pass legislation to impose trade sanctions on China for its currency policies.

Last week, the Obama administration declined to cite China in a report to Congress as a country that was unfairly manipulating its currency to gain trade advantages. That disappointed American manufacturers who say the Chinese yuan is undervalued by as much as 40 percent.

On June 19, just before leaders of the Group of 20 major industrial countries met in Toronto, China announced it would allow more flexibility in its currency. But critics note that the yuan has risen in value only slightly since then.

Sen. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y., has vowed to push for an early Senate vote on legislation that would impose sanctions on Chinese imports to the United States if Beijing doesn't accelerate its currency reforms.

Some analysts warned that the widening trade deficit, and its impact on GDP, come at a bad time for the economy, which has been losing momentum.

"The widening trade gap is putting downward pressure on U.S. GDP when it is most vulnerable," said Stuart Hoffman, chief economist at PNC Financial.

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ELECTION

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race, which features four seats in play. The school board currently does not have a member from Malibu, nor any teachers.

"I just think we can do a better job of supporting students and teachers," Cady said. "I think we can do a better job of creating an equitable distribution of funds to educate our kids."

Cady said he wants to bridge the divide that some parents in Malibu feel exists between them and the district, which is headquartered in Santa Monica.

Prospective candidates have until Aug. 6 to submit their nomination papers, while incumbents running for re-election are eligible for an extension of the deadline to Aug. 11, Stewart said.

Last Saturday also marked an important deadline in the election cycle. Those interested in seeking the endorsement of the powerful political machine Santa Monicans for Renters' Rights had to notify the organization's leadership. With strict campaign contributions limits in Santa Monica, candidates have a better chance of winning when they are supported by independent groups like SMRR, which can collect more cash for mailers and advertising as well as mobilize volunteers to make cold calls and knock on doors.

Those seeking SMRR City Council endorsements are: incumbents Pam O'Connor, Kevin McKeown, Terry O'Day and Gleam Davis, along with challenger Ted Winterer, a planning commissioner and former council candidate who nearly won in 2008.

McKeown and O'Connor have been endorsed by SMRR in the past. Davis was a former co-chair of the organization. O'Day is a member of SMRR but has not run for the council with the group's backing.

For the school board, incumbents Ralph Mechur, Barry Snell and Oscar de la Torre are seeking a SMRR endorsement along with challengers Laurie Lieberman, a former rent control attorney, and certified public accountant Nimish Patel, a member of the district's Financial Oversight Committee.

Missing from that group is school board member Kelly Pye, who was elected in 2006. Pye told the Daily Press Monday that she will not run for re-election, choosing to spend more time with her two children, who attend Santa Monica High School.

"Time is so precious," Pye said. "I hate to leave the work. I care deeply about [the school district] and this has been a difficult decision for me, but I know it's the right one for my family."

There was some speculation that de la Torre, a graduate of Samohi who runs the Pico Youth and Family Center, was going to run for City Council, but he issued a statement Tuesday saying he could not leave the school board at a time when the district is facing severe budget cuts.

"I could not in good conscious abandon the school district during the largest fiscal crisis we have suffered in recent memory," de la Torre said. "I look forward to strengthening our partnership between school and city leaders for the benefit of the youth and families we serve."

For the Santa Monica College Board of Trustees, where there are four seats in play, incumbents Nancy Greenstein, Andrew Walzer, David Finkel and Louise Jaffe are seeking the SMRR endorsement.

Producer and former journalist Jake Wachtel is leaning toward the school board but has expressed interest in serving as an SMC trustee. Wachtel said he will bring his "international understanding of education" to the table in hopes of preventing teacher layoffs.

When it comes to the Rent Control Board, incumbents Marilyn Korade-Wilson and Chris Braun are seeking the SMRR endorsement. Both were supported by SMRR in past elections. Commissioner Robert Kronovet is running for a council seat, but if he fails he will still have two years remaining on the board.

Rent Control Commissioner Zelia Mollica has decided not to seek the SMRR endorsement and will not run for re-election, according to several sources. Mollica did not return phone calls seeking comment.

Patricia Hoffman, co-chair of SMRR, said the executive committee will be conducting interviews with the candidates who requested them in the coming weeks and will send each one a questionnaire that they must complete.

SMRR members will vote for the candidates they want to endorse at a convention at John Adams Middle School on Aug. 1, Hoffman said.

There is some concern about the lack of candidates for Rent Control Board who are seeking the SMRR endorsement, Hoffman said. There are some prospective candidates that the steering committee may consider before the convention.

"We realized we needed additional candidates and all of a sudden a bunch of people came forward," Hoffman said. "We have to see if they are ready for prime time."

One of those will most likely be Todd Flora, an active member of SMRR who is in charge of corporate citizenship and corporate affairs at IBM. Flora attended the city clerk's information session where he told the Daily Press that rent control is "one of the most important things that we need to really manage in this city."

There were 57,455 registered voters in November, 2006 and a 60 percent turnout.

A candidate for office must be a U.S. citizen and 18 years old on or before election day, and be a registered voter in living in Santa Monica at the time nomination papers are issued. A candidate may not be in prison or on parole for a felony conviction, according to the City Clerk's Office.

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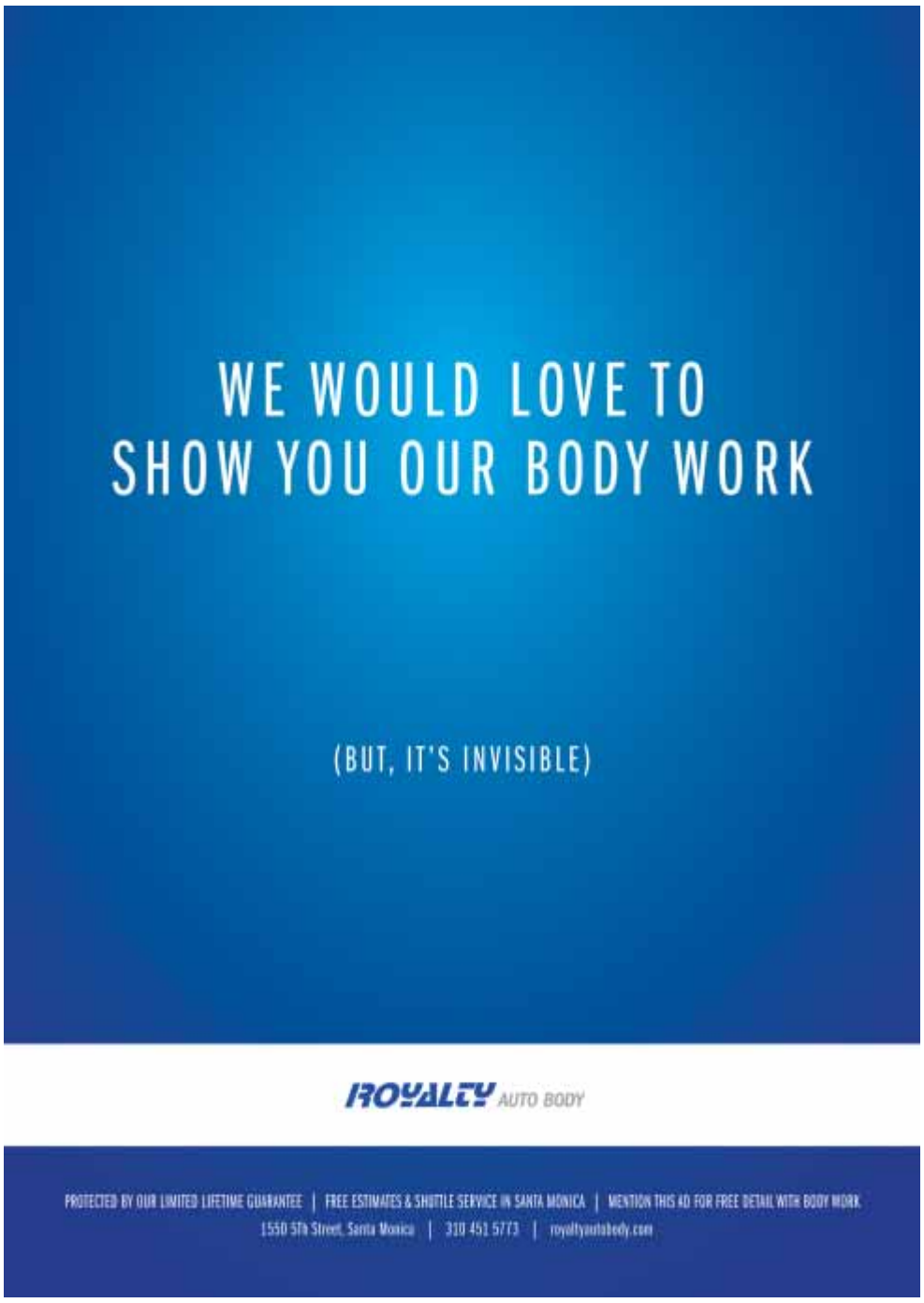
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LAPD to put video cameras in roughly 300 patrol cars

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES The Los Angeles Police Department said Tuesday it will install hundreds of video cameras in its patrol cars, a move that observers hope will hold officers more accountable while protecting them from false abuse allegations.

Police officials say about 300 digital video cameras will be in place by the end of the summer. While many law enforcement agencies have used video recording technology, LAPD has seen pilot programs go bust as city officials attempted to find funding for the efforts.

For a department that has tried to mend its image following the videotaped beating of Rodney King and a corruption scandal in its anti-gang unit, the cameras could go a long way in restoring trust with some residents still wary of potential abuse by officers.

"This has been a long journey," said Police Commission President John Mack. "This is and has been a very, very high priority for the commission."

The cameras will be installed in cars patrolling the department's south bureau, which encompasses many of the city's grittier neighborhoods.

Officials say it would cost about $25 million to put cameras in all 1,600 of the department's cars. That may be unlikely, at least in the near-term, because the city is coping with declining revenues that already have forced it to cut back city services and lay off hundreds of workers.

It's been nearly four years since the City Council approved $5 million for the first set of cameras that will be installed over the next few months.

The idea dates back to the 1990s when some police departments began using VHS tapes to record traffic stops and other incidents. However, shelving all those videos for legal purposes would have brought additional costs to one of the nation's largest police departments.

"The technology wouldn't accommodate the size of our department," said Sgt. Dan Gomez, part of the department's tactical technology unit.

MOVING
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location, its collection of top media and entertainment companies as well as its proximity to LAX and the Santa Monica Airport.

eHarmony is a company on the rise, adding 30 percent of its staff in 2010, officials with the company said.

The move is expected to be completed by the end of this year.

"If you have to leave Pasadena, about the only place you might want to consider would be Santa Monica," Little said. "We hate to see them go, but sometimes that's just how business works."

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Whooping cough: What every parent should know

BY DR. LAUREN FEDER
Special to the Daily Press

Last month, news reports confirmed that whooping cough is now an epidemic in California. Physicians have since been inundated with calls from concerned parents. As the disease spreads both in California and nationwide it is important that parents inform themselves about pertussis (whooping cough), both what it is and what their vaccine and treatment options are.

Having had whooping cough does not provide life-long immunity. Adolescents and adults who have previously had the infection in childhood may have milder forms of whooping cough which may go undetected and diagnosed as a bronchitis or a simple cough. From beginning to end, the stages of whooping cough can last 2-3 months earning the name the 100-day cough.

WHAT IS WHOOPING COUGH?

Pertussis (whooping cough) is a contagious illness caused by the Bordatella pertussis bacterium. In the United States it used to be a common childhood illness known as the 100-day cough named after the characteristic "whoop" sound heard during cough attacks. The bacteria spreads easily from contact with an infected child or adult in the first 2-3 weeks of the infection, usually before the illness is properly diagnosed.

The incubation period is commonly 7-10 days, with a range from 6-21 days. Like many illnesses, pertussis starts with a cold-like stage (the most contagious phase) that of familiar symptoms such as runny nose, sneezing, low-grade fever, and mild cough. Within one to two weeks, the child begins to experience worsening of the cough. These develop into attacks or coughing spells that come in fits of rapid coughs followed by the characteristic long inspiration with a crowing sound or high-pitched whoop, from which it earns its name. Choking, gagging or vomiting while coughing may be triggered from the thick mucus build up in the lungs. In more severe cases a child may turn blue in the face, also known as cyanosis. Although the child may be exhausted immediately following a coughing spell, he often appears and acts normal in between coughing fits.

COMPLICATIONS OF PERTUSSIS

The most common complication associated with whooping cough is pneumonia. Although the bacteria can lead to ear infections, dehydration, convulsions, and, in rare instances, brain damage or death. Pertussis poses a greatest risk to infants and small children due to the small size of their air passages. For this reason, they are at the highest risk for pertussis and its complications compared to older children and adults.

HOW COMMON IS WHOOPING COUGH?

The Center for Disease Control (CDC) reports that the incidence of whooping cough has decreased 98 percent since the inception of the vaccine. In the holistic medical community, it is generally felt that pertussis is less severe now than in the past due to improvements in sanitation, nutrition, and education, and because of more sophisticated medical treatments for complications. In the United States, approximately 10,000 cases were reported in 2003, with outbreaks occurring every three to four years. Approximately half of whooping cough cases occur in children less than five years old; thirteen children died of pertussis in the United States in 2003. Pertussis can account for nearly 7 percent of all adult coughs.

The rate of pertussis, however, has increased steadily since the 1980s. It is estimated that only one third of pertussis cases in the U.S. are actually reported. Overall, adolescents and adults have seen increases in whooping cough, most likely attributable to their immunity waning in the years following the vaccine.

WHOOPING COUGH VACCINE

The pertussis vaccine is given as a part of the DTaP (diphtheria, tetanus, and acellular pertussis) series beginning at two months of age.

There are five doses given at two months, four months, six months, fifteen to eighteen months, and four to six years old. The severe complications caused by the original whole-cell pertussis vaccine led to the development of acellular vaccines (acellular pertussis 'aP'), while the publicity surrounding the original pertussis vaccine complications is to a large extent responsible for the current public awareness about vaccine injuries.

VACCINE REACTIONS

Complications to the vaccine are well documented and include local swelling, fever, high-pitched screaming, convulsions, mental retardation, disabilities, and death. Reactions to acellular form of the pertussis vaccine are milder compared to the whole-cell vaccine; however, severe reactions to the acellular vaccine also occur, including encephalitis and death. The pertussis vaccine is only given to children less than seven years of age as it can cause severe reactions over the age of seven.

DTaP causes serious complications in less than 1 percent of injections. These complications include:

- fever greater than 105 degrees F (30 in 10,000 doses)
- non-stop crying (<1 in 100 doses)
- seizure (6 in 10,000 doses)
- an episode where the child becomes limp, pale, and less alert (6 in 10,000 doses)

Protection lasts approximately 5-10 years. Whooping cough is now more common in adults than in the past because they did not have whooping cough in childhood and did not develop permanent immunity.

The pertussis vaccine should not be given to children who have a history of convulsions, brain disorder, or abnormal development. Some of my families have refused the pertussis shot if there is a family history of seizures.

TREATMENT FOR WHOOPING COUGH

See your pediatrician if you suspect your child has whooping cough. It will usually last approximately six weeks no matter the treatment. Because Pertussis is contagious, avoid contact with others.

Standard treatment includes the general support of rest and liquids. Your doctor will prescribe an antibiotic such as erythromycin or zithromax as it is felt that the antibiotic renders your child less contagious.



Parents get creative with home-school options

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Janice Hedin's son was into model rockets, so she used that as a starting point for his home-school curriculum. Her daughter loved horses, and that became a focal point for her education.

"She owned it," said Hedin, of Maple Valley, Wash. "It was hers. I didn't have to force anything because she loved every minute of it."

Some home-school parents create their own curriculum for their kids. "There should never be a set curriculum," said Hedin. "Every child is so unique. Our goal as parents is to custom design the education that fits our children."

For those who find that daunting, there are many prepared curricula available for home schooling, as well as guides to what a child should know at each grade and age. Material is available online and in libraries, at bookstores and through home-school support groups.

The World Book, for example, provides a free online guide detailing typical courses of study for students from pre-kindergarten to 12th grade.

The National Center of Education Statistics reported last April that about 1.5 million American children were home-schooled in 2007, representing 2.9 percent of the school-age population. The number of home-school children increased by 74 percent since 1999. The upward trend is believed to be continuing.

As a first step, parents new to home schooling should check out their state's laws. Helen Hegener, director of the American Homeschool Association, noted that there is a wide variety in state requirements.

In Washington state, for example, parents must meet specific qualifications to home-school. Instruction must be given in math, science, history, reading, writing, spelling and other subjects — but parents have flexibility in determining how the subjects will be taught.

In Alaska, by comparison, there "are no requirements to notify, seek approval, test, file forms, or have any teacher qualifications. The burden is on the state to prove that parents are not teaching their children," according to the Home School Legal Defense Association.

That organization has information on its Web site about the laws in each of the 50 states. Local home-school support groups also are good resources on state statutes and regulations.

Parents also must decide how they want to teach their children. There are different styles of home schooling, from a traditional, structured, school-type setting to "unschooling," where the child sets the parameters for learning. "Unschooling is totally throwing out the curriculum," said Hegener, who said she never had a textbook in the house when she home-schooled her children in Alaska. "Life itself is a learning resource."

One popular form of home schooling is unit studies. "Basically, take something like trains, say, and it's amazing what you can learn," Hegener said.

Among the questions parents should ask in deciding how to home-school:

• Do I want to create my own curriculum or use a prepared one? Do I even need a curriculum?

• Do I want to use a textbook?

• How will I keep track of my child's progress?

The key is knowing your child, Hedin said.

She urges parents to discover their children's interests, what excites them and what they want to learn.

"Then, together you begin to seek out resources and curriculum. You do it as a team," she said.

Home-school associations provide a forum for families to share ideas, resources — even instruction. It's a way to find out what has worked for others and what hasn't, and what is available in the community to supplement home learning. Many associations hold conferences that include workshops and exhibits on curriculum. Some offer standardized testing, with certified proctors, for families that want it.

Hedin said she's not mathematically inclined, so when her son wanted to learn algebra she went to a local home-school support group to find other students who were interested, and placed an ad for an instructor.

She also formed a small cooperative with other families to take field trips, do crafts and plan other projects built around various themes. "We were really active with other home schoolers," she said.

"We support one another," said Shelly Nelson of the Crossroads Areas Home School Association of Bloomington, Ill.

When people inquire about curriculum, Nelson said, she asks about their teaching style and their child's learning style.

"There are different ways to educate your children," she said. "When you get to the junior high and high school level, I believe there is a great need for some books."

That doesn't necessarily mean going to one curriculum company for all subjects, she said. "You choose the best curricula for each subject level."

But buying curricula and textbooks can be costly, especially if it means purchasing several until you find one you like.

To help parents, the association's National Home-School Honor Society chapter created a curriculum closet filled with material collected from publishers and home-school families. Some of the 400 or so volumes are religion-based; others are secular.

One company offering home-school curricula is Time4Learning. Operations manager Jennifer Eaton said the computer-based material is "like your textbook laid out on your desk." Often used along with other materials, the programs also grade children's work and track their progress.

"Parents will need to be involved not to teach the things, but they should be there to support the child," Eaton said.

Some parents like a prepared curriculum because it gives them "confidence in knowing they are really providing their children with a comprehensive academic foundation," said Michelle Simpson-Siegel, director of the high school program at Oak Meadow Curriculum and School in Brattleboro, Vt.

"The parent is the primary teacher," she said.

Oak Meadow offers a distance-learning program where students are enrolled at the school and are assigned teachers. She said the arrangement provides the student with freedom and flexibility, as well as an academic record for college admissions officers.

While some home-school parents grade their children, Hedin said, she didn't. "What was key to me was progress — progress on their timetable."

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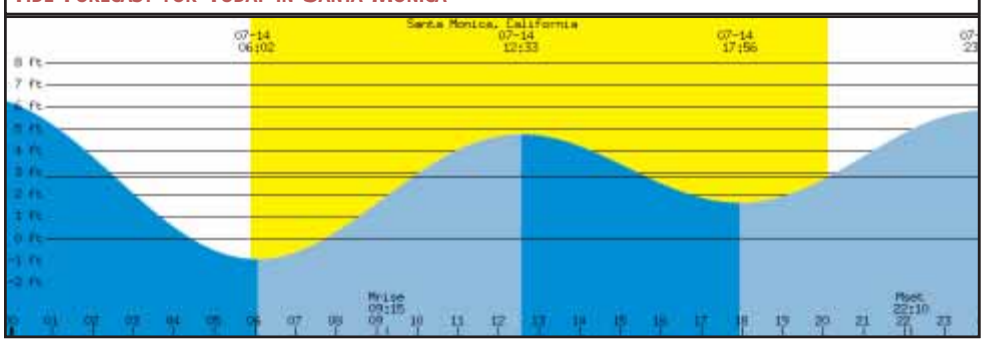
Swell Forecast

Should see some Gulf NW, and a light amount of southern hemi should remain. Waist high most everywhere is the call right now.

Long Range Synopsis

Looks similar, about waist high most everywhere.

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**

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

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

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

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

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

LEGEND

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

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

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BP to begin slowly choking off Gulf of Mexico oil geyser

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NEW ORLEANS In a potentially pivotal moment in the Gulf crisis, BP planned to begin closing valves Tuesday in a slow and methodical process that could finally choke off the geyser of crude at the bottom of the sea after three gloomy months and up to 180 million gallons spilled.

A new, tighter-fitting cap was lowered over the blown-out well Monday night. The next phase was to shut the openings in the 75-ton metal stack of pipes and valves gradually, one at a time, while watching pressure gauges to see if the cap would hold or any new leaks erupted.

The operation was expected to begin late Tuesday, and officials said it could last anywhere from six to 48 hours.

BP and the government's point man on the crisis — the biggest offshore oil spill in U.S. history and one of the nation's worst environmental disasters — stressed there were no guarantees, and they urged patience from Gulf residents.

"They ought to be interested and concerned, but if they hold their breath, they'll run out of oxygen," retired Coast Guard Adm. Thad Allen told The Associated Press.

If the cap works, it will enable BP to stop the oil from gushing into the sea, either by holding all the oil inside the well machinery like a stopper or, if the pressure is too great, channeling some though pipes to as many as four collection ships.

Along the Gulf Coast, where the spill has heavily damaged the region's vital tourism and fishing industries, people anxiously awaited the outcome of the painstakingly slow work.

"I don't know what's taking them so long. I just hope they take care of it," said Lanette Eder, a vacationing school nutritionist from Hoschton, Ga., who was walking on the white sand at Pensacola Beach, Fla.

The cap is just a stopgap measure. The best hope for stopping the leak altogether rests with a relief well being drilled through the seafloor. BP hopes to use it by mid-August to plug up the broken well permanently with heavy drilling mud and cement. After that, the Gulf Coast faces a long cleanup.

In Washington, White House spokesman Robert Gibbs said the effort to put the containment cap into operation "represents the best news that we've had in the preceding 85 days."

"We are approaching what we hope is the next phase in the Gulf — understanding that that next phase is likely to take many years," he added.

On Tuesday, engineers planned to shut off pipes that are already funneling some oil to two ships, to see how the cap handled the pressure of the crude coming up from the ground. Then they planned to close, one by one, three valves that let oil pass through the cap.

Experts said stopping the oil too quickly could blow the cap off or further damage the well.

Automakers tweak midsize cars to boost gas mileage

TOM KRISHER
AP Auto Writer

DETROIT To improve gas mileage, automakers are tweaking cars and trucks between model years, especially in the cost-conscious and popular market for sedans.

Honda Motor Co. recently announced changes in its Accord sedan that boosted highway mileage by almost 10 percent from the 2010 to 2011 model years. Most automakers change model years late in the summer.

With the Accord, engineers improved the car's aerodynamics, reduced engine friction and changed the top gear in the automatic transmission to boost highway mileage from 31 to 34 mpg and city mileage from 21 to 23 mpg, Honda said in a statement.

The Accord, the second-best selling car in the U.S., moved from near the bottom of the midsize pack to second place in gasoline-powered highway mileage. It was bested only by Hyundai's Sonata at 35 mpg.

The moves come as automakers increasingly use advanced technology to raise fuel economy with their internal combustion engines. Many have made four-cylinder engines as powerful as older six-cylinder motors. They're using transmissions with six or more speeds, direct fuel injection and tires with less resistance.

Honda changed the Accord's transmission so the motor works less at highway speeds. It used thinner oil to decrease friction in internal parts, and it changed the floor panels to make air flow more smoothly beneath the car, said spokesman Jon Fitzsimmons. It also reduced the rolling resistance on the tires.

At Hyundai Motor Co., executives decided early on not to offer the new 2011 Sonata with a six-cylinder engine, saving 50 to 100 pounds of weight that helped boost fuel economy, said John Krafcik, chief executive officer of Hyundai Motor America.

The company instead designed a new four-cylinder engine with technology that directly injects fuel into the cylinders surrounding the pistons. It uses less fuel and generates more horsepower than conventional engines. Other automakers also either are using the technology or are working on it.

Customers shopping for midsize cars generally have families and need space for children, yet they are budget-conscious, Krafcik said.

"For the folks who are staying in sedans, they tend to put a real premium on fuel efficiency," he said.

Chrysler Group LLC, which is at the bottom of the midsize pack in fuel economy with its Dodge Avenger and Chrysler Sebring models, is in the midst of improving them for the 2011 model year. It promises significant improvement in gas mileage, although the company will not give numbers yet.

The reworked Sebring and Avenger are due out in the fourth quarter of this year. They now get 21 miles per gallon in the city and 30 on the highway.

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Knight and Day (PG-13) 1hr 50min
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1:40pm, 7:10pm, 9:40pm

South of the Border (NR) 1hr 33min
1:00pm, 3:00pm, 7:30pm, 10:00pm

Anton Chekhov's "The Duel" (NR) 1hr 50min
5:00pm

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Just chill, Aries

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★ Suddenly you realize what must be done, and quite quickly at that. Prioritize and organize in order to achieve your goals by Friday. A caring gesture to a family member or friend opens a door wider. Tonight: Put your feet up.

TAURUS (April 20-May 21)
★★★★★ The ball is in your court. You might not want to do the obvious. Your imagination remains a great resource for finding solutions or moving past a hurdle. Be gentle with a child or potential sweetie. Tonight: Midweek break.

GEMINI (May 22-June 20)
★★★ Keep an important matter discreet. In fact, the wise move would be not to discuss this situation with anyone, except for perhaps a trusted loved one. How events unfold today might have very little to do with the real story. Stay tuned in. More is forthcoming. Tonight: Chill.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★★ Asking questions could irritate someone. Asking the right questions could be more important than you realize. The person you are dealing with is capable of sarcasm and exaggeration. Tonight: Catch up on a friend's news.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★ Sometimes a gesture says more than words. Such is the situation right now. Choosing a token of affection or going out to buy a card allows more creativity than usual. News is warped. More facts are needed. Tonight: Check your budget before deciding.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★★ It is prime time for you. If you knew that at the end of the day you would succeed, what would you choose to do or handle? Use that thought when approaching your plans. At the end of the day, you see the power of positive thinking. Tonight: Whatever knocks your socks off.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★ Take your time, knowing you might not be up to snuff or you might be dragging. Insulate yourself. Close the door. Screen your calls. You actually might enjoy the calmness if you do. Much is going on in your mind. Confront a fear. Tonight: Fly solo.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★★ Meetings and networking might prove to be more important than you originally thought. Others need your support, as you do theirs. An unexpected disruption in your work might not be bad. Tonight: Go off with friends.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★ Others eye you. They would like to take a page from your book. The unexpected doesn't throw you as much as it does others. A reorganization of or a hard look at your budget is appropriate. Tonight: A must appearance.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ The way you respond to challenges and others in general is in the midst of a major change. Your ability to transform negative traits starts to make a big difference. More information heads in from a distance. Tonight: Choose an escape.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ A partner has a certain set of skills that you don't have. As a result, when he or she wants to take the lead on a project, let him or her. Even you, the master of surprise, could be taken aback by news. Tonight: Listen to suggestions.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Defer to others, and let them understand what you are facing. Their attitude will change quickly. The unexpected could hit your finances. You'll see the positive opportunity that comes forward if you stay open. Tonight: Choose to be with a favorite person.

Happy birthday

This year, your community or professional image could change suddenly. The good news is that something better will come out of this situation, which might look like an unexpected job offer. At first you might not see the silver lining in the cloud, but it is there. An elder parent could become quirky yet indulgent. If you are single, you must make an effort to meet someone. Once you do, you could be surprised by the end result. If you are attached, the two of you enjoy more time just sharing together, without interference. Please note that your significant other is changing before your very eyes. VIRGO helps you get more organized.

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

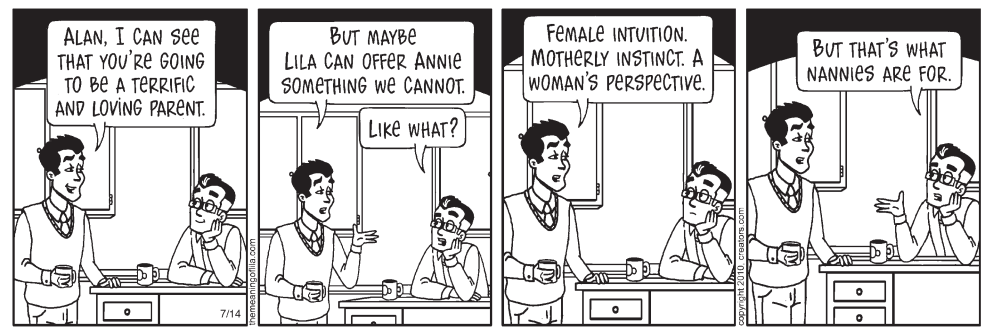
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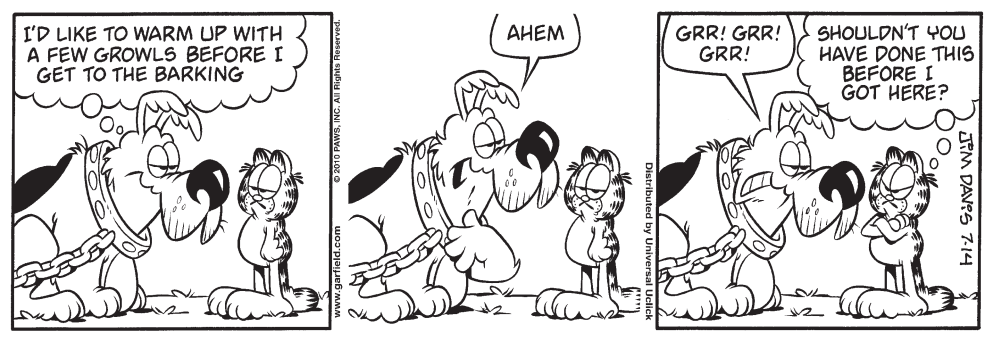
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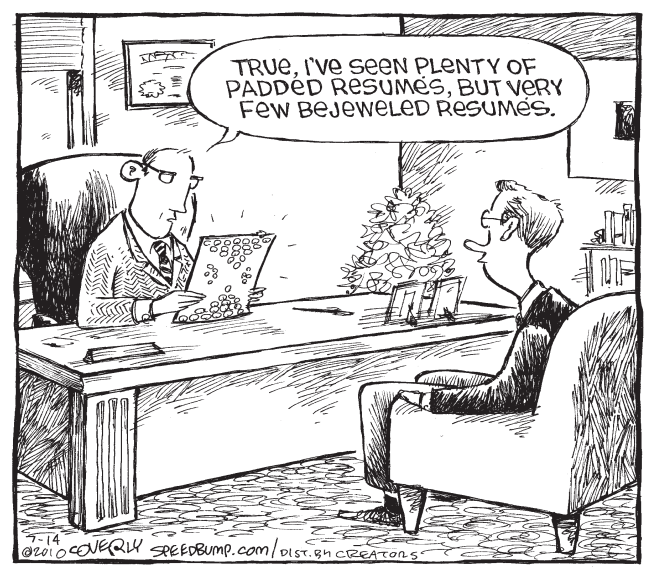
Strange Brew

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Speed Bump

By Dave Coverly



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

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

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

Make a plan.

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Sudoku

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

Difficulty Level ★★★

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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

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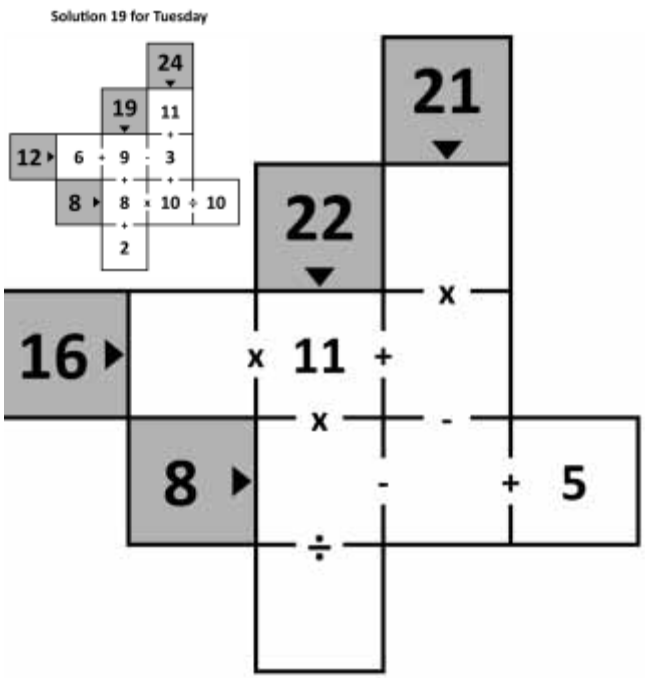
• Fill the grid with the set of given numbers (1 to 12) to satisfy the Equa demands (7 to 24) in the shaded boxes. The Equa demands represent the sum of the digits that you will insert into the empty squares.
• Each horizontal row has one Equa demand to satisfy; each vertical column also has one demand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

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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:

1, 5, 6, 6, 9, 12

Solution 19 for Tuesday





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ACROSS

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5 Effrontery
9 Blockhead
11 Roberts of TV news
12 Caruso, for one
13 Writer Loos
14 "Krazy —"
15 French city
17 French city
19 Chiding sound
20 Winter weather
21 Young one
22 Guiding principle
24 Stir-frying vessel
26 Glossy fabric
29 Fellow
30 French city
32 French city
34 Purpose
35 Pal
36 Delight
38 Flip call
39 Like notebook paper
40 Landers and Lee
41 Stationery buys

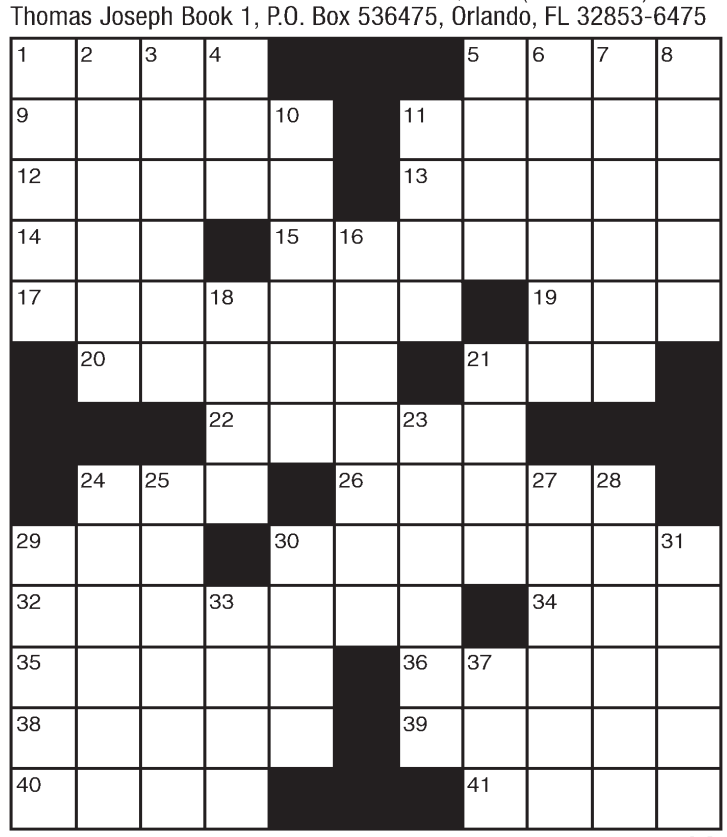
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1 Alaskan city
2 Worthy aims
3 Beam above a door
4 Overly
5 Dinner signal
6 Like
7 Left in a hurry
8 Inclined
10 Shipping inquiry
11 Abel's brother
16 Elects
18 Ostrich feature
21 Dorothy's dog
23 Maiden
24 Rabbits' home
25 Temporarily transferred
27 Big lizard
28 Like some boxes
29 Coffee-bar order
30 Puts down
31 Canary chow
33 Cuts off
37 Jar part

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Many jihadist recruiting pitches are dry and pious, but in May, the Somali activist Abu Mansoor al-Amriki, 26, who was born in Alabama, began streaming Internet rap "music" videos to encourage warrior sign-ups. (Sample verse: "It all started out in Afghanistan / When we wiped the oppressors off the land / The Union crumbled and tumbled / Humbled, left them mumbled / Made a power withdraw and cower.") Actually, there was no music but merely al-Amriki singing, presumably because in the version of Islam favored by Somali jihadists, "music" is not permitted.

■ West Virginia's Division of Culture and History announced in June it would hold a state-sponsored art exhibition, showcasing the state's arts talent. Until now, the state has refused such projects because the last one, in 1963, turned out badly. The grand prize that year, supposedly representing the character and tradition of the state, went to "West Virginia Moon," which was a collection of broken boards and a screen door.

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1948 Palmiro Togliatti, leader of the Italian Communist Party, is shot near the Italian Parliament.

1958 Iraqi Revolution: in Iraq the monarchy is overthrown by popular forces lead by Abdul Karim Kassem, who becomes the nation's new leader.

1965 The Mariner 4 flyby of Mars takes the first close-up photos of another planet.

1969 Football War: after Honduras loses a soccer match against El Salvador, rioting breaks out in Honduras against Salvadoran migrant workers.

1969 The United States $500, $1,000, $5,000 and $10,000 bills are officially withdrawn from circulation.

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