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THE MORE BAD LUCK ISSUE

Fate of schools tied to City Hall tax measure

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Editor in Chief

SMMUSD HDQTRS In the spirit of collaboration, not competition, the school board Wednesday decided to cease all discussions of placing another parcel tax measure on the ballot after the Santa Monica City Council earlier this week agreed to ask voters in November to approve a sales tax increase to help fund education and other essential services.

The school board had the opportunity Wednesday to hire a firm to poll Santa Monica and Malibu voters to see what level of support there was for a parcel tax to make up for significant funding cuts to education made at the state level. But school officials did not want to place two tax measures on the ballot at the same time and felt that City Hall's sales tax measure has a better chance of passing because it requires a simple majority, not the two-thirds vote a parcel tax would require.

"The polling would have cost a lot of money, as would putting another parcel tax on the ballot ourselves," said school board member Ben Allen, who called the collaboration between the education community and City Hall "historic."

"We just tried a parcel tax and while it came close to passing, it didn't quite make it. We are giving this option a try. The fiscal crisis hasn't gone away. If anything, it has gotten worse."

After the failure in May of Measure A, a $198-per-parcel tax that would have generated $5.7 million annually for local public schools, the Board of Education was left with very few options but to make $7 million in cuts and lay off 58 teachers, administrators and classified staff.

The district was able to bring back some teachers because of retirements or resignations, and community fundraising efforts will save more teaching positions and other jobs in the district, however, school officials said more funding is needed to prevent devastating cuts to music programs, libraries

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IN FOCUS

Brandon Wise *brandonw@smdp.com*

Professional photographer Christa Meola (right) teaches Anthea Munoz and other members of the Santa Monica Boys & Girls Club about portraits by taking a picture of Stanley Thompson (far right) during a scavenger hunt at the Santa Monica Pier on Thursday afternoon. The Lens and Learn class is a partnership with the Pictage photographic agency and the Boys & Girls Club. The class allows kids to have a hands-on experience taking photographs.

SM playing second fiddle?

Eli Broad sweetens deal with L.A. for new museum

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Editor in Chief

CITY HALL While all signs are pointing to billionaire philanthropist Eli Broad building a new museum in Downtown Los Angeles to house his expansive art collection, city officials remain confident that Santa Monica is still his best option.

Broad said this week that he is willing to pay the Los Angeles Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) $7.7 million for a 99-year lease on public land at the corner of Grand Avenue and Second Street, winning over a public opponent of his plan in Los Angeles County Supervisor Mike Antonovich.

Considering Santa Monica City Hall is willing to offer Broad prime real estate in the Civic Center for only $1 for the same 99-year term, it seems Broad has his mind made up that he'd rather be in L.A.

Broad, the philanthropist and art collector whose worth Forbes magazine estimates at $5.7 billion, already has promised both cities he will pay the museum's full construction cost of up to $100 million and provide a $200-million endowment that would yield an estimated $12 million a year to cover the museum's operating expenses.

The museum would feature a collection of more than 2,000 works by artists including Andy Warhol, Roy Lichtenstein, Jeff Koons and others that Broad and his wife, Edythe, have amassed.

City officials said they are not feeling pressure to sweeten their offer to Broad and

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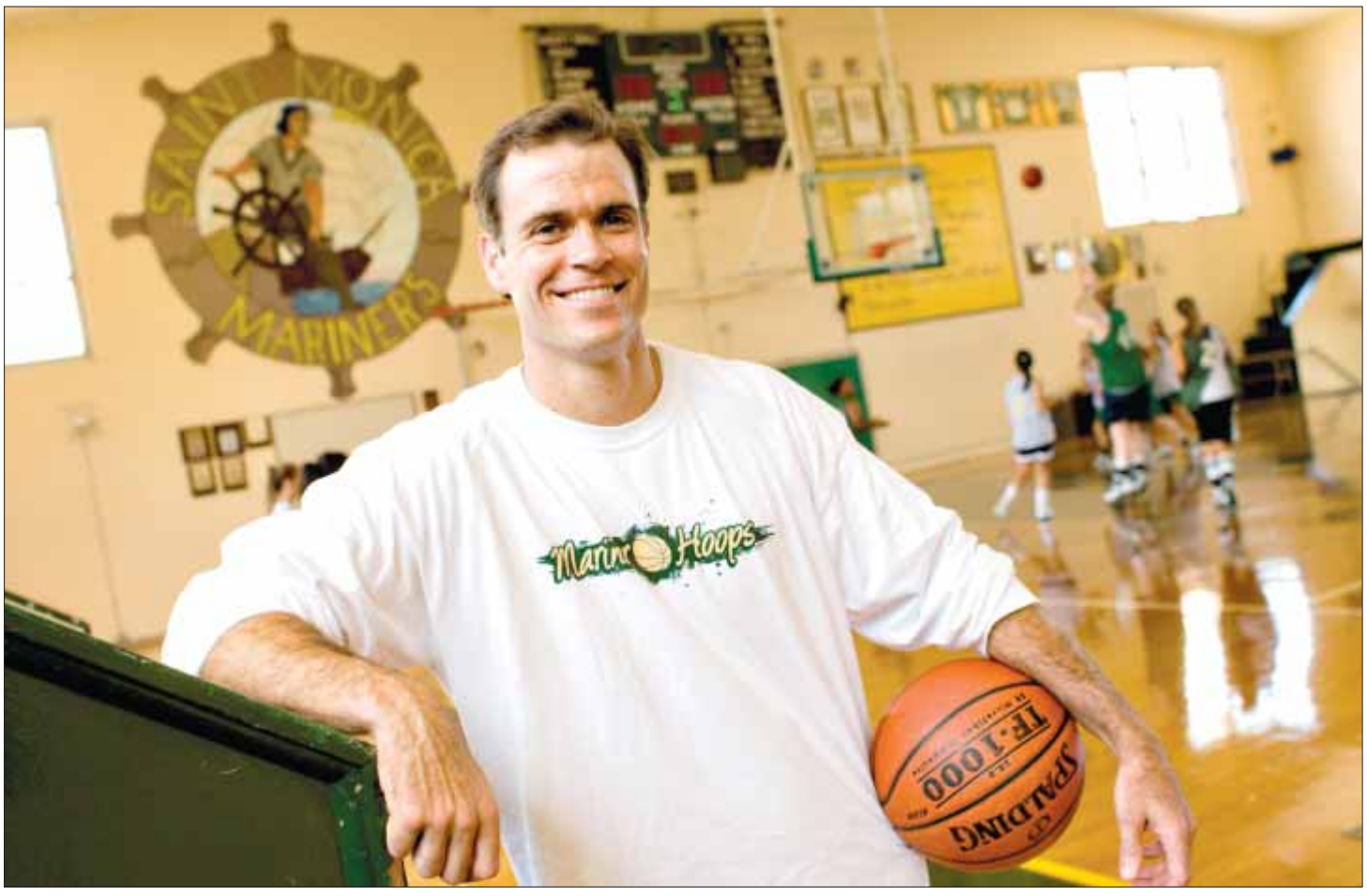
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This event allows Santa Monica residents and visitors learn more about healthy living, through demonstrations, screenings, and healthy information talks. The annual Santa Monica Cares: Wellness and Fitness Expo is an opportunity for the public to find out about how to stay healthy, and how to get involved. The Jean McNeil-Wyner Volunteer of the Year Award will also be presented during the expo. Admission is free.
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This event at the Santa Monica Playhouse explores the criminal justice system through comedy, in a one night only show written and performed by Murray Meyer. Admission is $16.
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NEW GUY: **John Skinner has been named the new head coach of the St. Monica girls' basketball squad.**

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

St. Monica names new basketball coach

BY DENNIS LIN
Special to the Daily Press

ST. MONICA Turning over an athletic program to a new coach can often be a difficult transition. Or, in some instances, it can be a relatively smooth one.

In the case of St. Monica girls' basketball, the latter appears to be true.

John Skinner, an assistant with the team last season, has been named the new head coach of the Mariners. The move was announced last week, St. Monica Athletic Director Rick Bruce said.

"I really like the environment at St. Monica, and I realized that I had a passion for this," Skinner said. "I'm excited to impact these kids in a positive manner both on and off the court."

Skinner, a lifelong resident of Santa Monica, takes over for Therese Charkut, who resigned in May after more than five years of leading the team. Last season, Charkut coached St. Monica to a 15-14 overall record and a second-round appearance in the California Interscholastic Federation Southern Section Division 5A playoffs, where the Mariners fell in a 40-39 loss to Campbell Hall.

Charkut, who was doing double duty as director of admissions for St. Monica, said she chose to step down in order to focus on her other responsibilities to the school.

"It was a tough decision because I wanted to do both," said Charkut, who also taught a geometry class this past school year. "I was doing a pretty good job at everything, but I wasn't doing a great job at everything."

She leaves the Mariners in the hands of Skinner, whom she brought on last season to help coach the team. Charkut said her successor will do a fine job.

"John's a fabulous coach. He knows basketball as well as anyone," Charkut said. "I felt incredibly comfortable leaving the program."

Skinner's background in the sport stretches back to his days as a student at Crossroads School, where he played on the high school basketball team with NBA star Baron Davis. He went on to play as a walk-on for the University of Southern California under Henry Bibby, currently an assistant coach with the Memphis Grizzlies.

Shortly after graduating from USC with degrees in American studies and business administration in 2000, Skinner went back to Crossroads, this time for a three-year stint as an assistant with the high school boys' basketball team. He would leave the post to concentrate on his career as a real estate agent, but, recognizing his passion for coaching, returned last year as a volunteer assistant for St. Monica.

Now that he's been christened the new leader of the Mariners, Skinner hopes to teach lessons that will extend beyond the court.

"I just want to help these kids see the big picture of life through basketball," he said. "Therese really cared about the kids, and she has a big heart. I hope to continue that within the program."

There should be plenty of basketball, too. As someone who's been around the

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Win $500 by helping a tourist

BY TAYLOR D'ANDREA
Special to the Daily Press

CITYWIDE A British socialite is visiting Santa Monica, and she's offering $500 to help her plan a trip around the city. The only thing is, she's a mannequin.

To celebrate the impending re-opening of the Santa Monica Place mall on Aug. 6, the Santa Monica Convention and Visitor's Bureau has created an online contest featuring a "traveling mannequin" with the persona of a London jet-setter named Sandy Monica, offering a chance to win a $500 shopping spree to the mall.

Sandy Monica will be making her way

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Homeless sex offender registers

PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITY Santa Monica police released a notice Thursday informing residents of the presence of a convicted sex offender in the community.



MORRISON

The public announcement is not a common practice, but because Scott Morrison, 36, has no listed address and considers himself homeless, Santa Monica Police Department officials decided to release the notice to the entire community.

Usually when a sex offender registers in a city, police canvas the area to make residents aware of his presence, but because of the fact that Morrison is a transient, they decided to take this extra precaution, SMPD's Jay Trisler said.

The criminal conviction that requires Morrison to register was from a case that took place in Santa Monica in 2001. Morrison was found guilty of molesting an 8-year-old student in a restroom at Roosevelt Elementary School.

Morrison is not wanted at this time, Trisler said. He added that Morrison is currently on parole for an unrelated conviction.

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Bright future for TDS

Editor:

I am writing to clarify a number of inaccuracies that appeared in the letter to the editor titled, "TDS on last leg?," July 11.

First, the Twilight Dance Series is of and for the community, as evidenced by the amazing outpouring of support from the community, City Council and sponsors, all of whom stepped forward to save the concerts.

This spring we did explore possible direct concert partnerships with CBS Radio and they were open to augmenting our modest budget to try and secure acts through their stations, however, while we did discuss cooperative ways to pursue sponsors, there was no discussion of a cash offer in the amount of $300,000.

In all of the discussions, including City Council meetings, Pier Restoration Corp. board meetings and with CBS Radio directly, concern was expressed about crafting a mutually agreeable program that would still preserve the tradition of the Twilight Dance Series showcasing an eclectic line-up with acts touching all genres from around the world.

Our very productive discussions with CBS Radio ultimately resulted in a wonderful summer-long partnership featuring the AMP 97.1 Surf Hut on the Santa Monica Pier.

Over the last few months, we have worked with dozens of different sponsors to craft mutually beneficial partnerships. The generosity of individuals and sponsors has ensured critical funding needed to make the concerts possible this summer and our media partners play a key role in supporting our promotion efforts.

Finally, I am not sure where the idea that attendance has been declining came from, but based on the crowds we have seen over the last few years and the amazing number of people that showed up last week despite the less then ideal weather, it is clear that popularity of the concerts remains strong. With the continuing support of our sponsors and the community, I see a bright future for concerts on the pier.

Ben Franz-Knight
Executive Director
Santa Monica Pier Restoration Corporation

Increased taxes not the answer

Editor:

Increasing taxes is a quick fix ("Sales tax increase goes to voters," July 15). It looks great on paper now because the income projected is based on current sales transactions, not future transactions (which will be negatively impacted).

Sales tax revenue is driven from consumer spending. As an independent store owner, I feel it and hear it daily how consumers are spending less and less. I don't believe a sales tax increase is going to encourage consumer spending.

Inevitably consumer spending in Santa Monica will continue to decline and the City Council will have to look elsewhere for revenue. Additionally, when consumer spending declines, local business closures and unemployment will rise.

I'm all for funding education and necessary community services; perhaps if we had less taxes, we would have more consumers in our Downtown businesses, which would create increased revenue for the City Council.

Eddie Guerboian
Santa Monica





That Rutherford Guy

John W. Whitehead — Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Time for a little 'Civil Disobedience'

DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENT IS BREAKING down, and we are reaching a crisis point in American society. Increasingly, America resembles a police state. Everywhere we go, we are watched as the government amasses massive data files on us. We are plagued by a faltering economy and a monstrous financial deficit that threatens to bankrupt the country.

Black oil continues to poison the Gulf, devastating the environment and those who depend on it for their livelihood. Overtaxed Americans are losing their jobs and homes. Small businesses are preparing to deal with the bureaucratic nightmare of red tape arising from Congress' health reform legislation. State governments are struggling to remain operational. Partisan politics has put a stranglehold on any real hope for governmental reform. The Supreme Court has adopted a pro-business, pro-government, pro-political correctness mindset that bodes ill for individual freedom.

This is more serious than a government that is simply malfunctioning. These are symptoms of a government that is out of control, and a government out of control is one that won't listen to its people.

There was a time when Americans would have been hard pressed to contain their outrage. They certainly wouldn't have tolerated such governmental corruption and abuse. But we are no longer the people we once were. From an early age, we have had lessons about conformity and acquiescence to the state drummed into our heads. We have allowed ourselves to be easily placated by technological distractions and entertainment spectacles — including political spectacles. And we have willingly handed over control over our government and our lives to faceless bureaucrats who view us as little more than ends to a means.

In this way, ignorant about our history and our rights, never having learned the lessons of citizenship effectively, we've failed to keep pace with our revolutionary forbears. But it's not too late. We still have an incredible heritage of independent thinkers and freedom fighters to pull from and make our own. In fact, a good person to start with is writer, thinker and naturalist Henry David Thoreau, who was born on July 12, 1817.

Here was a man who believed in living according to his principles. For instance, rather than pay taxes to support a foreign war that he believed to be unjust, Thoreau opted to go to jail. According to one account, the renowned author Ralph Waldo Emerson visited Thoreau in jail and asked, "Henry, what are you doing in there?" In response, Thoreau retorted, "Waldo, the question is what are you doing out there?"

Thoreau's writing teems with a love of freedom that cannot be contained by chains or prisons. His essay Civil Disobedience, written in 1849, is a must read for anyone who wants to exercise their right of responsible citizenship by speaking truth to power. It has inspired countless freedom-fighters over the years. Indeed, it was read by Leo Tolstoy, whose writings influenced Mahatma Gandhi. Likewise, Martin Luther King Jr. read Gandhi's writings, and in turn inspired millions to take action during the civil rights movement.

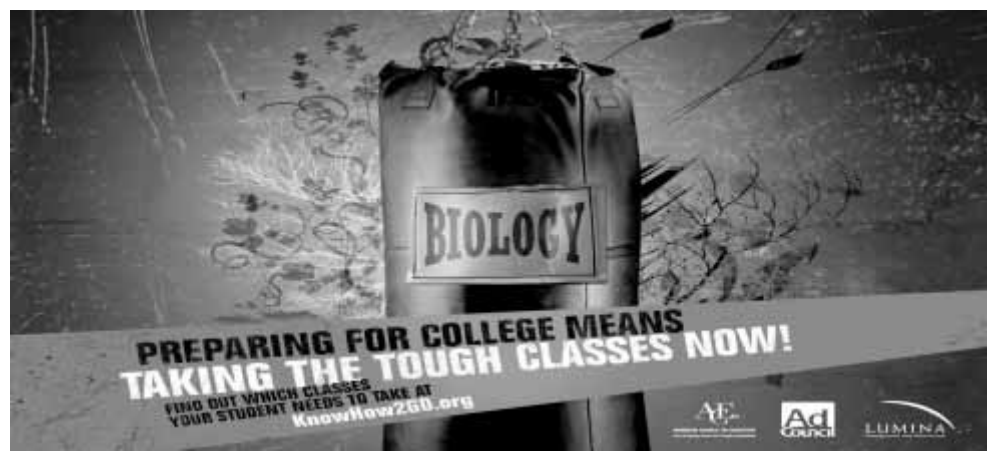
Thoreau could well be considered the father of modern civil disobedience, yet he was so much more than a political philosopher. He was an activist who embodied the revolutionary, freedom-loving, independent-minded spirit that was once the hallmark of every American. Indeed, he considered himself freer than those individuals who had never been inside a jail cell.

To Thoreau's way of thinking, government exists to serve him, the citizen, and not the other way around. "The only obligation which I have a right to assume is to do at any time what I think is right," he wrote. To this end, he was not willing to take any abuse from the government, whether it be the taxman, the policeman or the politician. And like all great dissidents, Thoreau believed that there were few, if any, political solutions. The answer to better government was not to be found at the ballot box.

Ultimately, according to Thoreau, it is up to each person to resist unjust government laws and actions — even when there is a price to be paid for doing so. If a law requires you to be an "agent of injustice," as Thoreau opined, "then, I say, break the law. Let your life be a counter friction to stop the machine." And how exactly does one go about doing so? Thoreau proposes a revolution — but a peaceable one, what Gandhi and King would later call nonviolent resistance:

If the tax-gatherer, or any other public officer, asks me, as one has done, "But what shall I do?" my answer is, "If you really wish to do anything, resign your office." When the subject has refused allegiance, and the officer has resigned his office, then the revolution is accomplished. But even suppose blood should flow. Is there not a sort of blood shed when the conscience is wounded? Through this wound a man's real manhood and immortality flow out, and he bleeds to an everlasting death. I see this blood flowing now.

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Laughing Matters

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Another summer from Mel

THIS WEEK, I DEBATED WHETHER TO WRITE about LeBron James or Mel Gibson, both of whom didn't exactly endear themselves with the public. (Unless, in Lebron's case, you live in Miami.)

I chose Gibson because I'd met him on numerous occasions. (Assuming your definition of "met" includes chatting in an elevator.) In 1987, Mel's apartment was on the same floor as mine at the Santa Monica Shores. (Now the "Shores." Shorter name, higher rents.)

Mel resided here while filming "Tequila Sunrise." That title was prophetic considering his tequila binge on July 28, 2006 when he was arrested for DUI and went on his infamous anti-Semitic tirade. In our elevator encounters, however, he couldn't have been nicer. Then again, he wasn't drunk nor did we discuss religion.

I have been a fan of Gibson since the 1981 movie, "Galipoli," a powerful anti-war film about the slaughter of Australian troops in WWI in which Mel, at 25, was brilliant. The next year he starred in "The Year of Living Dangerously," and, in 1995, in "Braveheart," which won Oscars for Best Picture and Best Director.

So, how did this handsome, two-time Oscar winner with charm, talent and enormous wealth (reportedly $1 billion pre-divorce) wind up seemingly hating Jews, blacks, Mexicans and women? (Other than Asians, who does that leave?)

Following Gibson's anti-Semitic rant, he went on an "apology tour" of Jewish community leaders. But I always sensed that he resented it. And, I still can't fathom how, from the backseat of a sheriff's car, he blamed the mess of his life on the Jews.

Now, four summers later, Mel's back in trouble. His obscenity-laced phone calls from January to Oksana Grigorivea, his former girlfriend and the mother of his 8-month-old daughter, are all over the Internet.

One can question Oksana's timing, i.e. during custody negotiations, but the violence in Gibson's words is nonetheless chilling. A self-proclaimed Christian, he sounds like a character from "The Sopranos." Frankly, the calls are more menacing than O.J.'s to Nicole. We all know how well that turned out.

In one, a hyperventilating Gibson admits to having hit Oksana. Moments later, he threatens to kill her and bury her in the rose garden. (At least we can't say he never promised her a rose garden?)

Then Gibson had the unbelievable gall to offer Oksana "one more chance." Gee, after all that "sweet-talk," I wonder why she didn't take him up on it?

Recently, I watched Mel's 2006 interview with Diane Sawyer. (Go to YouTube: "Gibson Jewish Question.") When Sawyer asked if he believed that "the Jews are responsible for all the wars," Gibson literally had to think it over.

Finally, Gibson answered, "Well, technically speaking, that's not true because it takes two to tango." Technically speaking? So, other than the technicality, the Jews are responsible for all the wars? Yikes!

This past year, in promoting the thriller "Edge of Darkness," his first on-screen movie since the DUI, Gibson did numerous TV interviews. On at least two occasions he got belligerent when reporters asked a seemingly legitimate question i.e., "How do you think fans will respond in light of the DUI and your rant?"

In one, Gibson aggressively challenged a perplexed Sam Rubin of KTLA, "Do you have a dog in this fight?" (Perhaps because Rubin is a Jewish-sounding last name?) The other was with Chicago entertainment reporter Dean Richards, whom, while still on the air, Gibson called "an a**hole."

Where does all this anger come from? At the risk of sounding like Lucy and her 5-cent psychiatry booth, all fingers point to Gibson's father, Hutton. Now 88, he still contends that the Holocaust was "mostly fiction," and manufactured to move Jews to the Middle East to fight the Arabs. Can you say "insane?"

Imagine being raised by someone with Hutton Gibson's beliefs. Talk about the "sins of the father." In fact, when Sawyer asked about his father's inflammatory remarks, Gibson was almost threatening, "Leave it alone, Diane. Just leave it alone." As Lucy might have said, "You've got issues, Mister."

Oddly enough, as I watched the Sawyer interview, I saw glimpses of the idealistic young actor in "Galipoli," with all that talent and promise. What happened to him?

Whatever the source of Mad Mel's rage, his movie career is probably over. He doesn't even have an agent anymore. (That makes two of us.) Compounding that, the L.A. County Sheriff's Department has opened an investigation concerning alleged domestic violence, including the use of a handgun in the process. (That makes one of us.)

Currently, Gibson's filming "How I Spent My Summer Vacation." Given the phone calls to Oksana, the kindest possible answer for how Mel spent his summer, would be, as it was four years ago, making a jackass out of himself.

On second thought, maybe I should have written about LeBron.

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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.

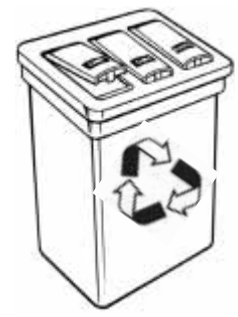
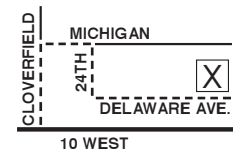
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Whooping cough outreach targets Latinos

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Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES A body-wracking cough plagued the end of Mariah Bianchi's 2005 pregnancy, with fits so violent that her contractions began two weeks early.

Seventeen days after her baby Dylan was born, he grew so lethargic that she couldn't wake him for a feeding. He died 12 hours later in an ambulance while being transferred from one hospital to another.

It wasn't until a coroner listed pertussis, or whooping cough, as Dylan's cause of death that she knew what had ailed her and killed her baby.

Bianchi is traveling the state with health officials to urge parents to get immunized against whooping cough, which has become a statewide epidemic in California.

"It doesn't do me any good to carry the sadness with me or watch other people get so sick that they lose their children," said Bianchi, a San Francisco nurse. "The only thing we can do is get out there and tell people what they should do."

State officials urge parents to get booster shots to slow the spread of the highly contagious illness that has been found in 1,337 Californians as of June 30, a fivefold increase over the same period last year.

Nationally, 6,408 cases of pertussis were reported to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention as of July 11, a number that's expected to rise because some states are slow to report. There were 7,440 cases in the same period in 2009.

At this point, there is no concern of a national outbreak, and epidemic levels of the disease have only been reported in California and South Carolina, said CDC epidemiologist Stacey Martin.

All five Californians who have died of whooping cough this year were Latino babies under 3 months of age. All the victims were too young to be immunized, so public officials are urging parents to get vaccines to avoid infecting their vulnerable babies.

To reach out to minority communities, the California Department of Public Health is teaming with New America Media, an ethnic media collaborative, to raise awareness through foreign language media about vaccinations for parents, caregivers and children.

"Every ethnic group is impacted by this," said Al Lundeen, a spokesman for the state department of public health. "We've done this type of outreach through ethnic newspapers and media outlets with (swine flu) in the past and they were extraordinarily successful."

The state has released Spanish-language public service announcements for television, and plans to create a new spot that will feature a San Francisco Giant baseball player.

Los Angeles County, where two deaths have occurred this year, is sending a message next week to all prenatal care providers and obstetricians to push the vaccine.

These providers are also "in a critical position to educate patients not to let the baby be around anyone who has an undiagnosed cough," said Dr. Alvin Nelson El Amin, county director of immunization.

One of the babies who died was treated at Childrens Hospital Los Angeles, where at least 34 whooping cough patients have been admitted since January.

To curb the spread of the disease, hospital staffers have been given booster vaccines, and parents are being aggressively approached to be vaccinated, said Dr. Wilbert Mason, the hospital's head of infectious disease care.



Lawmaker wants children's autopsies sealed

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SACRAMENTO A state Senate committee unanimously approved a bill Thursday that would seal the autopsy reports of murdered children.

The legislation by Senate Minority Leader Dennis Hollingsworth, R-Murrieta, was prompted by slayings in Northern California and San Diego County.

"Once the images are released, they are on the Internet forever," Angela Chavez, an aunt of 8-year-old murder victim Sandra Cantu, said in testimony before the Senate Judiciary Committee.

The body of the Tracy girl was found last year stuffed inside a suitcase pulled from an irrigation pond. The girl's family is waging a court fight to keep her autopsy report sealed.

"No one wants to remember their loved ones in an autopsy photo," Chavez said.

The Judiciary Committee sent the bill to the Appropriations Committee over the objections of media organizations that said it would restrict the public's right to know details of crimes.

The legislation would let family members request that autopsy reports and other evidence be sealed permanently if their child was killed during a crime. The reports would not be subject to disclosure under the California Public Records Act.

Media lawyers argued for disclosure of the records because the material is prepared by public employees at taxpayers' expense

Public access also is needed so the media can do its job in holding the justice system and criminals accountable, said Tom Newton, general counsel for the California Newspaper Publishers Association.

In some cases, child killers are family members, meaning the law could be used to keep investigative records secret as a way to protect relatives, he said.

Hollingsworth, however, said the media could do its job by examining other court and criminal records that would remain public.

"I believe the families' right of privacy should win out in cases like these," he said.

His bill would let judges seal the documents only after a killer is convicted and sentenced. Exceptions would be made for law enforcement use and civil lawsuits related to the death.

The records could not be kept secret if the victim was a ward of the juvenile justice or Child Protective Services systems.

Hollingsworth's bill has the backing of the California District Attorneys Association along with relatives in two San Diego County cases involving the rape and murder of teenage girls.

Maurice Dubois said his memory of his 14-year-old daughter Amber will be forever marred by an autopsy photograph of her battered body.

"Why do friends, family and the community need to see the dark, awful images of how her life ended?" Dubois asked committee members. "Why can't we just remember Amber for the beautiful girl that she is?"

The girl was killed last year by a convicted child molester who also admitted murdering 17-year-old Chelsea King. San Diego County District Attorney Bonnie Dumanis testified in favor of the bill on behalf of the King family.

CRIME WATCH
BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

Stop that car!

Crime Watch is a weekly series culled from reports provided by the Santa Monica Police Department. These are arrests only. All parties are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

MONDAY, JULY 5, AT 12:13 A.M.

Santa Monica officers were at the corner of Ocean and Bicknell avenues talking to a resident when they heard a vehicle coming toward them at a high rate of speed. As officers flagged down the vehicle it screeched to a stop past the limit line of a nearby stop sign. Officers approached the driver and asked to see her driver's license at which time she said she did not have one. Officers noted that the driver appeared to be agitated and unable to follow instructions. Due to her symptoms, officers believed she was under the influence of a controlled substance. The driver was arrested and during a subsequent search officers located a glass cylinder that contained a white substance which tested positive for cocaine. The driver was arrested for possession of a controlled substance, driving under the influence, driving without a license, a probation violation and a warrant. She was identified as Maia Campbell, 33, of Los Angeles. Her bail was set as $36,000.

SUNDAY, JULY 4, AT 9:35 P.M.

Officers responded to the corner of Fourth Street and Pico Boulevard regarding a traffic accident. Upon arrival, officers talked to one of the drivers, who appeared to be intoxicated. The driver was arrested for driving under the influence that resulted in injury to others. He was identified as Tyler Brunk, 24, of Marina del Rey. His bail was set at $10,000.

TUESDAY, JULY 6, AT 4:44 P.M.

Officers were making a periodic check at a location in the 1200 block of Lincoln Boulevard when they discovered a trespasser on the property. Officers determined that the suspect was on probation for narcotic use. Further investigation revealed that the suspect was in possession of syringes and other materials used for injecting drugs. The suspect was arrested for possession of narcotic paraphernalia and a probation violation. He was identified as Julien McGovern, 21, a transient. His bail was set at $10,000.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 7, AT 7:41 P.M.

Officers responded to the 2000 block of Pico Boulevard (Pizza Hut) regarding a person trying to assault a delivery driver. Upon arrival, officers were advised by the victim that she was driving her personal vehicle into the restaurant's parking lot when she stopped to allow the suspect to cross the street. As he walked in front of her car, he kicked the front and side of the vehicle. The suspect advised the victim if she called the police he would kill her. The victim drove into the lot and asked a co-worker to call the police. At that time, the suspect entered the business and struck the phones on the counter to prevent the employees from calling for help. The suspect then fled the location. Officers located the suspect a short distance away and placed him under arrest for damage to power lines (phones), vandalism and assault and battery. He was identified as Ronny Makabi, 28, of Encino. His bail was set at $20,000.

THURSDAY, JULY 8, AT 7:52 A.M.

Officers responded to the 700 block of Broadway (Vons) regarding a subject refusing to leave. Upon arrival, officers observed two employees holding a suspect on the ground. The employees stated that the suspect entered the business carrying a large suitcase and large bag. Employees advised the suspect that he could not enter the store with the items and would need to leave them outside. The suspect became confrontational and was asked to leave the business. The suspect then went outside and stood in front of the business, refusing to leave. He later returned to the store with an umbrella and threatened the employees. The suspect then struck the victim and kicked him several times before store employees detained him. The suspected was arrested for assault with a deadly weapon. He was identified as Benjamin Saunders, 24, a transient. His bail was set at $30,000.00.

FRIDAY, JULY 9, AT 4:06 A.M.

Officers were patrolling the area of 11th Street and California Avenue when they observed a subject riding a bicycle and pulling another bicycle. Officers stopped the suspect as he did not have a headlamp on either of the bicycles. The suspect was also carrying a large surfboard and carrying case. Further investigation revealed that the suspect was also in possession of a personal music device and a projector. Officers were able to determine that the suspect had just committed a burglary in the 800 block of 12th Street. Officers were able to return some of the property that the suspect had in his possession to the victim on 12th Street. The suspect was arrested for burglary, possession of stolen property and a probation violation. He was identified as Brock Frein, 23, of Los Angeles. He was not eligible for bail.

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Heat wave brings threat of storms

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES Southern California sweltered in triple-digit heat Thursday and monsoonal clouds building over the mountains and high desert brought a threat of thunderstorms and flash floods.

The high topped 100 degrees in Los Angeles' San Fernando Valley as a high-pressure ridge settled over the region. The weather system also drew moisture up from Mexico, resulting in higher humidity and an unstable airmass.

Excessive-heat watches were issued through Friday evening for areas of Los Angeles, Ventura, Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo counties. Flood watches were posted through 6 p.m. Thursday for most mountains and for the high-desert Antelope Valley in Los Angeles County.

People near areas burned by recent wildfires were urged to stay alert for flooding and debris flows.

This week's hot, sticky weather followed weeks of a prolonged "June gloom" pattern.

"A lot of people a week or two ago were complaining about the colder-than-normal temperatures. Well, they just got their wish," said National Weather Service forecaster David Sweet in Oxnard.

"The culprit, if you will, is a large upper-level ridge of high pressure that's over the desert southwest, and it's pushed into Southern California," Sweet said.

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and class-size reduction efforts.

The district, because of Proposition 13, is limited in what it can do to generate more revenue. A parcel tax is the preferred method but requires a two-thirds vote. Measure A just failed to secure that majority, with Malibu voters dragging the measure down.

It was believed that the board would move forward with another parcel tax following Measure A's defeat. That all changed Tuesday when the council approved two measures for the November ballot, one which would raise the transaction and use tax, commonly referred to as a sales tax, by a half cent. The other measure is strictly an advisory one, allowing voters to voice their opinion on whether or not 50 percent of the estimated $12 million generated by the tax increase should go to the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District.

Some feel that if both measures pass Nov. 2, the council with send roughly $6 million to the district, on top of the already roughly $7 million given annually as part of a joint-use agreement between the district and City Hall.

The advisory measure does not require the council to give any money to schools, creating some sense of uncertainty for the district.

Superintendent Tim Cuneo acknowledged the existence of that uncertainty, however, was confident that if the measures pass, the council will be committed to sending half to the district.

"It is advisory, but there is a strong interest on the part of the council in support of education and life-long learning, so we have to trust that both agencies have the interest of the community at heart," Cuneo said. "Not only does the city want to provide essential services, the school district wants to make sure we provide our community police, fire and education."

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game most of his life, Skinner intends to instill in the team the skills he's picked up over the years — starting with protecting the basket.

"The goal is to get better every day and become one of the best defensive teams in the division," he said.

While Skinner is hesitant to make any predictions as to how many games St. Monica will win this winter — he views such speculation as an unnecessary distraction — he acknowledges the potential he is inheriting.

"If this team comes together, they are very capable of being extremely competitive next season," he said.

The Mariners certainly look to pack a punch, as they will feature a trio of talented seniors in Cory Laguardia, Monique Boe and Kayla Mullins. Earlier this year, Laguardia was named to the All-CIF-SS Division 5A second team while Boe earned All-Camino Real League honors.

It doesn't hurt, either, that Skinner already has the support of the last person to guide the program.

"I'm sure I'll be at the games cheering louder than anyone else," Charkut said.

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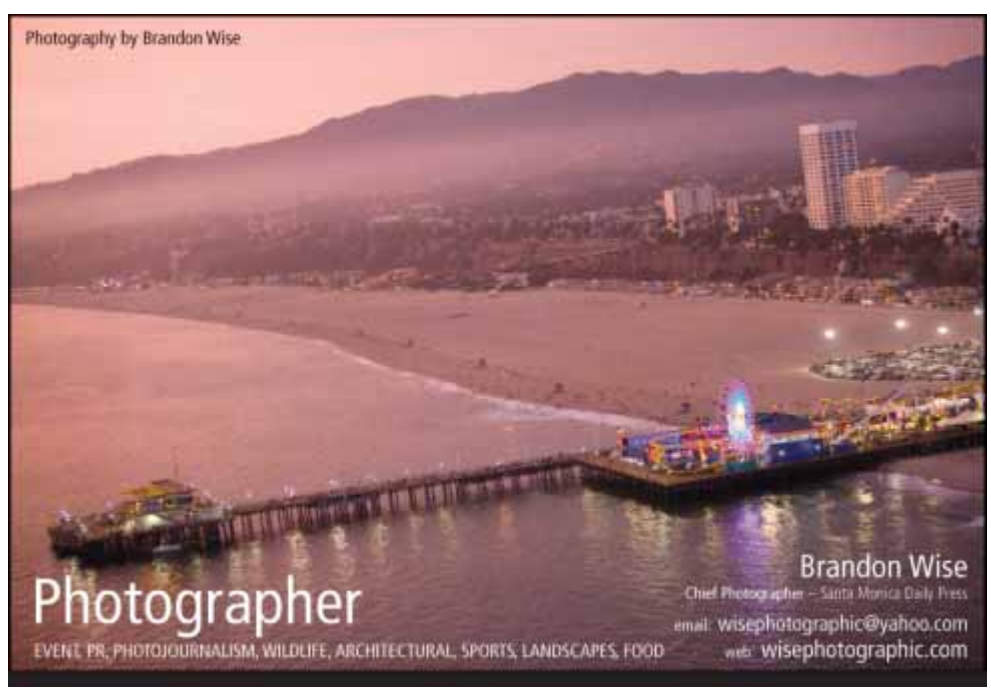
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have received other offers to create a cultural center. They feel Santa Monica's location is far superior than the Grand Avenue site and the deal is more financially beneficial to Broad.

"I don't think you sweeten a deal unless you are asked and I think our deal is still the superior of the two," said Santa Monica Councilman Richard Bloom. "I think it appears Mr. Broad is leaning toward the city of Los Angeles, but I think we are still in the running. It's not over."

City Manager Rod Gould said he is not oblivious to media reports in which Broad has expressed his preference to locate his museum in L.A., however, he's not ready to throw in the towel. Gould has had conversations with Broad's attorney, who told him that Broad's preference is to get clearance to build in L.A. and Santa Monica and then see what works best.

"What is less reported is that Santa Monica has offered him the most direct avenue to building a museum, with a parcel that is in far better shape, easier to build on and faster process in which to build," Gould said. "And it would probably be less expensive than what he would have to pay in L.A."

Broad must win approval from four agencies in L.A. before he could move forward; the City Council, Community Redevelopment Agency, the county Board of Supervisors and a special joint authority overseeing the project.

Broad cleared one hurdle Thursday, when the redevelopment agency agreed to invest $30 million into the museum and a parking facility.

Karen Denne, a spokeswoman for the Broad Art Foundation, said Santa Monica is still in play.

"There are four rounds of approvals in Los Angeles, so Santa Monica remains a viable option until we know that the project in Los Angeles is able to move forward."

City Hall has offered Broad eight acres of land in the Civic Center at a rent of $1 a year for 99 years, and has also offered to contribute $1 million toward construction costs.

In a letter to the Board of Supervisors, the Los Angeles City Council and the CRA, Broad said the $7.7 million he is willing to pay for the L.A. lease "is based on a recent valuation" done by the county.

The museum would include 30,000 to 35,000 square feet of gallery space, 45,000 to 50,000 square feet to store art not on display, and 14,000 square feet for offices, a conference space and a museum store, Denne said.

Mega-developer Related Companies, which is a major player on Grand Avenue, has relinquished a portion of its development rights without asking for compensation because it believes the museum will increase the value of the project, Denne said.

Broad has also offered to pay $15 million of the projected $23 million cost to build a 300-space parking garage at the Grand Avenue site.

Santa Monica Mayor Bobby Shriver, who has been critical of the project, said he would be "thrilled" if Broad offered City Hall $7.7 million for a lease.

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around the city, experiencing Santa Monica activities suggested by residents and fans of the city by the sea.

Experts and enthusiasts are encouraged to visit the contest's website, where they can help plan Sandy's trip by submitting their suggestions for fun Santa Monica activities until July 30. Each day, Sandy will travel to a selected destination, where her trips will be documented on the website. The most creative suggestion, chosen by the CVB on Aug. 3, will win the shopping spree.

After she has traveled around the city, Sandy will be on display in the mall as part of the Mannequin Collective art exhibit, presented in partnership with the Otis School of Design.

According to the CVB, the contest will help accent Santa Monica's many interesting destinations, and celebrate the opening of the newest one — the mall.

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Stocks end day on uptick

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AP Business Writer

NEW YORK Stocks had a late-day turnaround and closed mixed Thursday as traders awaited news that Goldman Sachs settled the government's civil fraud charges.

As word spread that the Securities and Exchange Commission had scheduled a late-afternoon announcement, investors began buying on the belief that the government and Goldman Sachs Group Inc. had settled the charges that grew out of the sale of securities based on risky mortgages.

The $550 million settlement was announced less than an hour after trading ended. Goldman agreed to pay fines of $300 million, the largest fine against a financial company in SEC history, and $250 million to compensate investors who lost money on the securities. The deal also requires Goldman to review how it sells complex financial mortgage investments.

Anticipation of the settlement, which removes uncertainty that has hovered around Goldman since the charges were announced April 16, was enough to make traders temporarily set aside concerns about the economy. A series of disappointing economic reports had sent the Dow Jones industrials down nearly 100 points in late trading. The Dow scrambled back to a loss of just 7 by the close. Broader indexes were narrowly mixed.

Goldman was trading at about $140 a share when word of the pending announcement came. The stock then soared to close at $145.22, up $6.16, and shot up to $151.26 in after-hours trading.

John Merrill, chief investment officer of Tanglewood Wealth Management in Houston, said before the announcement that a settlement would come as a relief. The case "hangs over the investment banks and the financial community in general," he said.

A little more uncertainty was lifted from the market late in the day, when the Senate passed and sent to President Barack Obama the financial regulation bill. However, because regulations that will implement the bill's provisions have yet to be written, traders were still wary. Analysts said that likely contributed to the market's dip right before word of an SEC announcement.

"Another step toward financial regulation may have sparked some fear" and selling, said Todd Salamone, senior vice president of research at Schaeffer's Investment Service.

Bill Strazzullo, partner and chief market strategist for Bell Curve Trading in Boston, noted that JPMorgan Chase & Co. CEO Jamie Dimon earlier in the day said it wasn't possible to estimate the impact of the bill on his company's profits.

"Maybe the reality of it is finally upon us," he said.

The Dow fell 7.41, or 0.07 percent, to 10,359.31. The Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 1.31, or 0.1 percent, to 1,096.48, while the Nasdaq composite index fell 0.76, or 0.03 percent, to 2,249.08.

Losing stocks were slightly ahead of gainers on the New York Stock Exchange, where volume came to 1.1 billion shares.

Bond prices rose as investors worried about the economy sought safety the safety of government securities. The yield on the benchmark 10-year Treasury note, which moves opposite its price, fell to 2.99 percent from 3.05 percent late Wednesday.

For much of the day, the market was down on pessimism about weak economic reports — a problem that will continue to dog the market. A day after the Federal Reserve issued a slightly more bleak outlook on the economy, steep drops reported in the Empire State and Philadelphia Fed Manufacturing indexes pointed to a slowing in manufacturing activity in the Northeast. Meanwhile, the Fed reported modest growth in industrial output nationwide. And the Labor Department said first-time claims for unemployment benefits fell last week, but that was largely due to seasonal factors.

"We've hit a soft spot," Howard Ward, chief investment officer at GAMCO Growth Fund, said of the economic recovery. "The question is, are we starting to already improve or are we still falling down."

The disappointing manufacturing reports, which followed a weeklong stock rally, made the market "susceptible to profit taking" after the market's week-long advance, Ward said.

There appeared to be a shift in investors' view of the economy. They had been upbeat over the past week on more positive economic signs, in particular forecasts from companies including Intel Corp. and Alcoa Inc. But the latest disappointing numbers now seem to be dictating investors' moves, and analysts questioned whether investors would start buying again if companies keep reporting strong earnings and outlooks.

JPMorgan Chase, the first big bank to report its second-quarter earnings, said it had set aside less money to cover losses on failed loans. That is a sign that mortgage and loan defaults may be moderating. But Dimon kept a cautious tone about future economic growth.

"Earnings are strong," said Sandy Mehta, principal and chief investment officer of Value Investment Principals. "But the underlying economy is not as strong."

JPMorgan Chase rose 11 cents to $40.46. Several other big banks fell. Bank of America Corp. dropped 28 cents to $15.39 and Citigroup Inc. fell 5 cents to $4.16. Both companies report earnings on Tuesday.

Caterpillar Inc. fell 19 cents to $66.51 on the downbeat manufacturing reports.

The euro climbed above $1.28 for the first time in more than two months Thursday as investors worried about the strength in the U.S.

Overseas, Britain's FTSE 100 fell 0.7 percent, Germany's DAX index fell 1 percent, and France's CAC-40 fell 1.4 percent. Japan's Nikkei stock average fell 1.1 percent.

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BP stems flow of oil into Gulf

COLLEEN LONG & HARRY R. WEBER
Associated Press Writers

NEW ORLEANS A tightly fitted cap was successfully keeping oil from gushing into the Gulf of Mexico for the first time in three months, BP said Thursday. The victory — long awaited by weary residents along the coast — is the most significant milestone yet in BP's effort to control one of the worst environmental disasters in U.S. history.

The news elicited joy mixed with skepticism from wary Gulf Coast residents following months of false starts, setbacks and failed attempts. Alabama Gov. Bob Riley's face lit up when he heard the oil flow had stopped.

"That's great. I think a lot of prayers were answered today," said Riley.

The stoppage came 85 days, 16 hours and 25 minutes after the first report April 20 of an explosion on the BP-leased Deepwater Horizon oil rig that killed 11 workers and triggered the spill.

"Finally!" said Renee Brown, a 35-year-old middle school guidance counselor visiting Pensacola Beach, Fla., from London, Ky."Honestly, I'm surprised that they haven't been able to do something sooner, though."

Kent Wells, a BP PLC vice president, said at a news briefing that oil stopped flowing into the water at 2:25 p.m. CDT after engineers gradually dialed down the amount of crude escaping through the last of three valves in the 75-ton cap.

"I am very pleased that there's no oil going into the Gulf of Mexico. In fact, I'm really excited there's no oil going into the Gulf of Mexico," Wells said.

Now begins a waiting period to see if the cap can hold the oil without blowing a new leak in the well. Engineers will monitor pressure readings incrementally for up to 48 hours before reopening the cap while they decide what to do.

"For the people living on the Gulf, I'm certainly not going to guess their emotions," Wells said. "I hope they're encouraged there's no oil going into the Gulf of Mexico. But we have to be careful. Depending on what the test shows us, we may need to open this well back up."

Though not a permanent fix, the solution has been the only one that has worked to stem the flow of oil since April. BP is drilling two relief wells so it can pump mud and cement into the leaking well in hopes of plugging it for good by mid-August.

BP has struggled to contain the spill and had so far been successful only in reducing the flow, not stopping it. The company removed an old, leaky cap and installed the new one Monday.

Between 93.5 million and 184.3 million have already spilled into the Gulf, according to federal estimates.

For some, it was hard to believe the flow had really stopped.

"Completely?" asked Michelle Blanchard, the wife of a shrimper in Chauvin, La., when she heard about the oil stopping from an AP reporter. "Come on," she said in disbelief.

"It's a good thing it stopped. I'm excited," she said.

Steve Shepard, Gulf Coast chair of the Mississippi Chapter of the Sierra Club, said he's still skeptical about the news.

"I think it's a little premature to say it's definitely over. They've gotten our hopes up so many times before that in my mind I don't think it's going to be over until Christmas."

Manufacturing cools in June as recovery slows

DANIEL WAGNER & MARTIN CRUTSINGER
AP Business Writers

WASHINGTON New evidence of a slowing economic rebound emerged Thursday in reports that manufacturing activity is slowing after helping drive the early stages of the recovery.

Factory output fell in June, according to a government report on industrial production. It was the sharpest monthly drop in a year. And two regional manufacturing indexes sank this month.

Production of automobiles, home-building materials and processed food all fell in June. The data sent stocks falling.

Federal Reserve officials took note of the weakening recovery when they met last month and lowered their forecast for economic growth, according to minutes released Wednesday.

Manufacturing helped boost the economy last year when the recession ended and has since been one of the strongest sectors in the recovery. June's decline in output was the first in four months. Overall industrial production ticked up for the month, but that was mainly the result of hot weather that increased demand for electricity from utilities.

"Today's report supports the view that the manufacturing recovery lost some momentum," said Peter Newland of Barclays Capital Research.

The decline in factory output came as new data offered a mixed picture of the recovery. Applications for unemployment benefits fell to 429,000, the lowest level since August 2008, the Labor Department said Thursday. But much of that was the result of seasonal factors. General Motors and other manufacturers skipped their usual summer shutdowns.

Separately, the Labor Department said wholesale prices fell for a third straight month. Prices were pulled down by a drop in energy costs and the biggest plunge in food costs in eight years. But excluding those two volatile commodities, inflation was nearly flat.

The Federal Reserve report on industrial production showed that overall output at the nation's factories, mines and utilities rose 0.1 percent in June. It was the fourth straight monthly gain. But factory output — the largest component of industrial production — dropped 0.4 percent.

Adding to concerns in the manufacturing sector were steep drops reported Thursday in the Empire State and Philadelphia Fed Manufacturing indexes.

Economists viewed the reduction in factory output as further evidence that the economy is weakening as it enters the second half of this year.

"It is pretty clear that a slowdown is in process," said Brian Bethune, chief U.S. financial economist for IHS Global Insight. "The healing process from a severe recession is still under way, but given the kind of trauma the economy was subjected to, it isn't going to bounce back on a sustained basis right away."

Bethune said the slowdown in factory production is following similar patterns in the recoveries from recessions in the early 1980s, 1990s and in 2001. The economy gets an initial boost as businesses switch from liquidating inventories to restocking. But the strength from that initial spurt wanes and leads to slower growth.

This week, the government reported that retail sales fell for the second straight month. Declining consumer spending keeps businesses from restocking their shelves. That slows factory production and overall economic growth.

Bethune said the overall economy, as measured by the gross domestic product, probably grew at an annual rate above 3 percent in the April-June quarter. But he thinks it will slow to growth of just 2.5 percent in the second half of this year.

Consumers are likely to hold back on spending until the employment picture improves.

The latest data on jobless claims looked promising on the surface, as initial claims fell by 29,000. But much of that was the result of temporary seasonal factors. A Labor Department analyst said manufacturing companies reported fewer temporary layoffs than usual this time of year. General Motors said last month that it would forgo its customary two-week summer factory closings, which it uses to retool plants for new car models.

That usually causes a spike in temporary layoffs and jobless claims in early July. Other manufacturers also reported fewer temporary layoffs than expected, the analyst added.

Last week's drop "is very encouraging," Jennifer Lee, an economist at BMO Capital Markets, said in a note to clients. "But it likely won't last" because much of it was due to seasonal factors.

Claims had been stuck above 450,000 all year, after dropping steadily last year from a peak of 651,000 in March 2009. In a healthy economic recovery with rapid hiring, claims usually fall below 400,000.

Before seasonal adjustment, the number of jobless claims rose last week. But since they didn't rise as much as they usually do this time of year, the seasonally adjusted number fell.

The seasonal-adjustment process is intended to cancel out the impact of recurring events that don't reflect the health of the economy. These include layoffs of temporary retail employees after the winter holidays.

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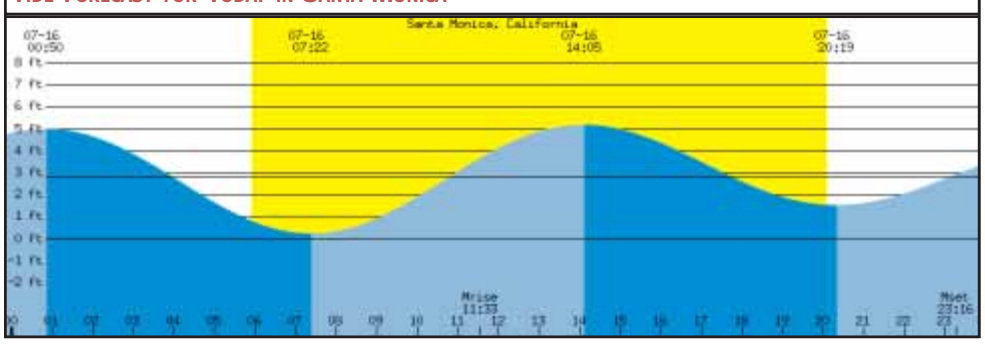
Swell Forecast

Should see a minor increase in SW swell, with south facing breaks waist high, possibly chest high on the better set waves at standouts. West facing breaks are looking to be only knee to waist.

Long Range Synopsis

The SW should peak at waist to chest for south facing breaks. West facing breaks, still knee to waist.

Tide Forecast for Today in Santa Monica



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

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LOCATION	DRY	WET
Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	ns
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechusa and Las Aline creeks.	A+	ns
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	A+	ns
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	A+	ns
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth.	C	ns
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	A	ns
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Solstice Canyon at Don Blocker County Beach.	C	ns
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth.	A+	ns
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd..	A+	ns
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fences.	A	ns
Surfrider Beach (breach location)- daily.	A	ns
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	C	ns
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	A+	ns
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero).	A+	ns
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs.	A+	ns
Pena Creek at Las Tunas 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
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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MLS

League has no intention of accepting Donovan offers

BY RONALD BLUM
AP Sports Writer

HARRISON, N.J. Major League Soccer plans to keep Landon Donovan.

MLS commissioner Don Garber said Thursday the league has no intention of accepting transfer offers for the Los Angeles Galaxy midfielder.

Donovan was the best U.S. player at the World Cup, scoring three goals to become the American career leader with five. He agreed in December to a four-year contract with MLS that pays him a base salary this year of more than $2 million.

MLS loaned Donovan to Everton for 10 weeks in January. Garber calls Donovan a "real a soccer hero" and says the league can't do without him.

NBA

Clippers to play in Mexico

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES The NBA is returning south of the border when the Los Angeles Clippers play the San Antonio Spurs in an Oct. 12 preseason game in Mexico City.

It will be the league's 17th visit to Mexico City and 19th game in the country, the most matchups in any country outside the United States and Canada.

The game will be played as part of the Olympic Sports Festival, which runs Oct. 9-17 as part of the bicentennial celebration of Mexican independence.

Other preseason games will be played in Barcelona, Spain, London, Milan, Italy and Paris.

LEGAL NEWS

DEA: Chargers doctor not suspected of using meds

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SAN DIEGO The Drug Enforcement Administration said Wednesday it doesn't believe Dr. David Chao of the San Diego Chargers medical staff was using medications himself even though he apparently had written at least 108 drug prescriptions to himself since 2008.

DEA spokeswoman Amy Roderick says the agency is continuing the investigation that started on June 29 when it searched the offices of the Chargers and San Diego Padres, their doctors and their pharmacies.

"Based on what we have reviewed, we have no reason to believe that he was using the medication himself," Roderick said.

In a statement Wednesday night, Chao denied the implication of self-use or self-prescribing of controlled substances and said he will continue to appropriately treat injuries.

DEA agents learned Chao apparently had written at least 108 drug prescriptions to himself since June 10, 2008, which would violate controlled-substance regulations, according to recently unsealed search warrant affidavits, the San Diego Union-Tribune reported on its website.

Doctors who write prescriptions to themselves sometimes do it to fill office supplies, even though it is illegal, Glen Crick, a Chicago attorney who has represented medical practitioners, told the newspaper.

The DEA investigation comes several weeks after the Chargers released safety Kevin Ellison, who was arrested in May in Redondo Beach on suspicion of possessing a controlled substance. Police said a search of Ellison's vehicle turned up 100 pills of Vicodin.

The Chargers said then, and Chao reiterated Wednesday, that Ellison did not receive the Vicodin from anyone associated with the team.

Chao said he is dedicated to the care of athletes and provides care "with the highest standards, consistent with that of all major sports leagues."

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The Karate Kid (PG) 2hr 20min
12:50pm, 4:05pm, 7:20pm, 10:30pm

The Kids Are All Right (Digital Presentation) (R) 1hr 44min
12:00pm, 2:40pm, 5:20pm, 8:00pm, 10:35pm

The Kids Are All Right (R) 1hr 44min
11:05am, 1:40pm, 4:20pm, 7:00pm, 9:40pm

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1310 Third St.
(310) 289-4262

Despicable Me (PG) 1hr 35min
11:00am, 1:40pm, 4:10pm, 6:45pm, 9:20pm

Despicable Me 3D (RealD 3D) (PG) 1hr 35min
9:40am, 12:10pm, 2:40pm, 5:10pm, 7:45pm, 10:20pm

Inception (PG-13) 2hrs 28min
9:30am, 12:00pm, 1:00pm, 3:30pm, 4:30pm, 7:00pm, 8:00pm, 10:30pm, 11:30pm

The Sorcerer's Apprentice (PG) 1hr 51min
9:35am, 12:15pm, 3:00pm, 5:45pm, 8:30pm, 11:10pm

Toy Story 3 in Disney Digital 3D (RealD 3D) (G) 1hr 49min
11:20am, 1:55pm, 4:35pm, 7:25pm, 10:05pm

The Twilight Saga: Eclipse (Digital Presentation) (PG-13) 2hrs 4min
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Laemmle's Monica Fourplex
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Winter's Bone (R) 1hr 55min
1:50pm, 4:20pm, 7:10pm,

The Girl Who Played with Fire (R) 2hrs 24min
1:00pm, 4:00pm, 7:00pm, 10:00pm

South of the Border (NR) 1hr 33min
9:40pm

Restrepo (R) 1hr 49min
1:40pm, 4:30pm, 7:20pm, 9:50pm

Cyrus (R) 1hr 46min
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The Last Airbender 3D (RealD 3D) (PG) 1hr 43min
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Predators (R) 1hr 47min
11:25pm, 2:05pm, 4:45pm, 7:30pm, 10:10pm

The Twilight Saga: Eclipse (PG-13) 2hrs 4min
11:05am, 2:00pm, 5:00pm, 8:00pm, 11:00pm

For more information, e-mail news@smdp.com

Free at last, Aries

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ You might be as serious as a judge as you start your day, but when all is said and done, there is a remarkable change of mood by noon. The weekend bug might have hit. Others find you curiously rebellious. Remember which side your bread is buttered on. Tonight: Free at last.

TAURUS (April 20- May 21
★★★ What you haven't completed becomes an issue. You might feel like you cannot finish all this work. You will. Organize, close the door and screen your calls. A last-minute problem or misunderstanding could slow you down. Tonight: Head home.

GEMINI (May 22-June 20)
★★★★★ Once you get going, you'll enjoy yourself even working. A meeting could be equally as distracting. Understand that you are ready for the weekend. Don't allow anyone to mar your happy mood. Tonight: Celebrate. TGIF.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★ If you want to, call in and take the day off, you might be happiest at home. As of late, a boss could be exasperating to deal with. You wonder when this person will stabilize again. A disagreement or control game should be avoided. Tonight: Lie low. You really are more stressed out than you realize.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ You might feel limited in some sense, but it would be foolish to let an insecurity or a problem stop you. Your style of communication makes such a difference. Exciting news might head your way. Tonight: Join a friend or two.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★ Lighten up a little, even if you feel happier being serious, or so you think. Creativity surrounds finances and sounds a yellow caution light. You know when you have gone too far or have pushed too hard. A partner or associate sheds light on this matter. Tonight: Be reasonable, and don't go overboard.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★★ How you feel when you open your big baby blues this a.m. could change radically in a few hours. You also might not have guessed that all this excitement was possible. One party might be very quirky yet delightful. Another demonstrates his or her support. Tonight: You are king- or queenpin ... go for it.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★ Finish rather than initiate. You really are out of sorts and not sure of yourself. You have an interesting way of letting someone know that he or she has pushed too far. An unexpected twist could set you back. Relax and go with the flow. Tonight: Vanish. Quickly. You need to clear.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★★ Zero in on what is important, and leave the rest for another day. A child, a potential sweetie or a heartfelt project might suddenly demand your attention. You will want to be there for this person. Tonight: Where the fun is.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Understanding evolves to a new level if you can express yourself and share some feelings. Someone reveals a very intriguing side to him- or herself. Avoid being controlling with others. You could experience a backfire. Tonight: Late. Very late.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ You have frequently experienced Friday like you do today. You have already mentally departed for the weekend, but you are still there at your desk. Try to look focused, at least. A phone call or a talk could have you shaking your head. Tonight: Opt for something very different.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ A partner makes it clear how very important you are to him or her. A business associate might do the same. Realize that you don't have to return the compliment, and simply say "thank you." Tonight: Happiest around one person rather than a crowd.

Happy birthday

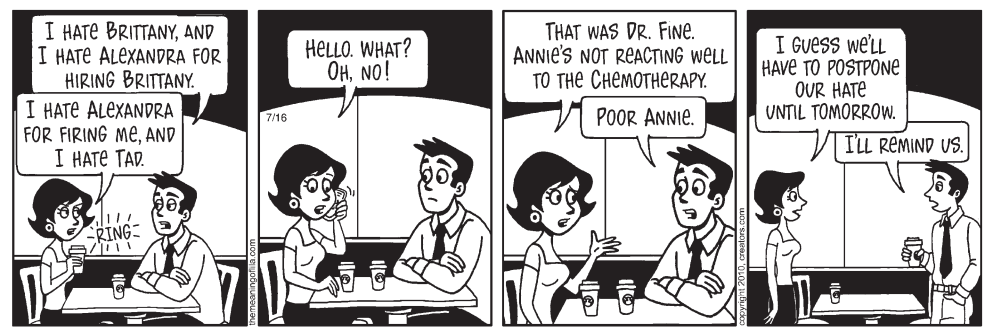
This year, open up to new possibilities and better friendships. You also might notice that your professional associations are slightly more quirky or eccentric than in the past. You are not going to change people; rather, enjoy their differences. If you are single, you yearn to share your life with someone. Although you will meet many new people, choosing the right person for you will take time. If you are attached, your personal and domestic life proves to be a tremendous solace. Invest more time with your loved one. LIBRA can test your patience.

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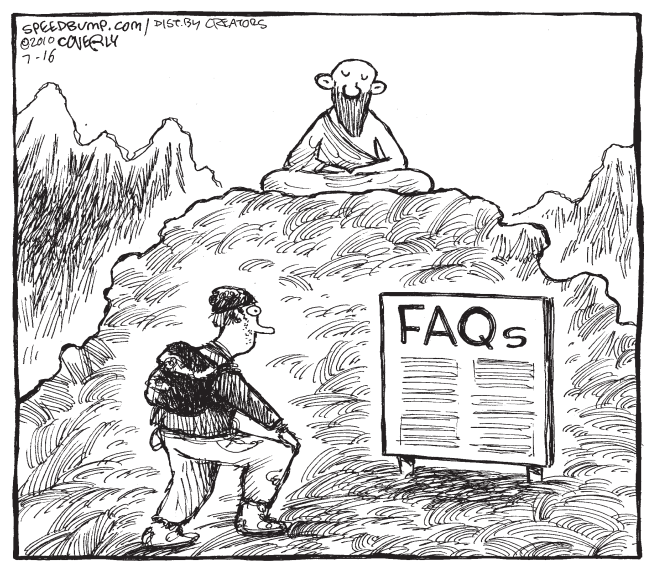
Garfield
By Jim Davis



Strange Brew
By John Deering



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.

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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

4	6	2	1	8	5	9	7	3
1	3	8	7	9	4	6	5	2
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CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

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6 Fizzy quaffs
11 Skirt
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15 Will Smith movie
16 Guaranteed winners
18 Atlantic catch
19 Orange tuber
20 Week part
21 Halts
23 Archeologist's finds
25 Egypt, once: Abbr.
27 "The Matrix" hero
28 Reporter's exclusive
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33 Contented sound
34 Cave resident
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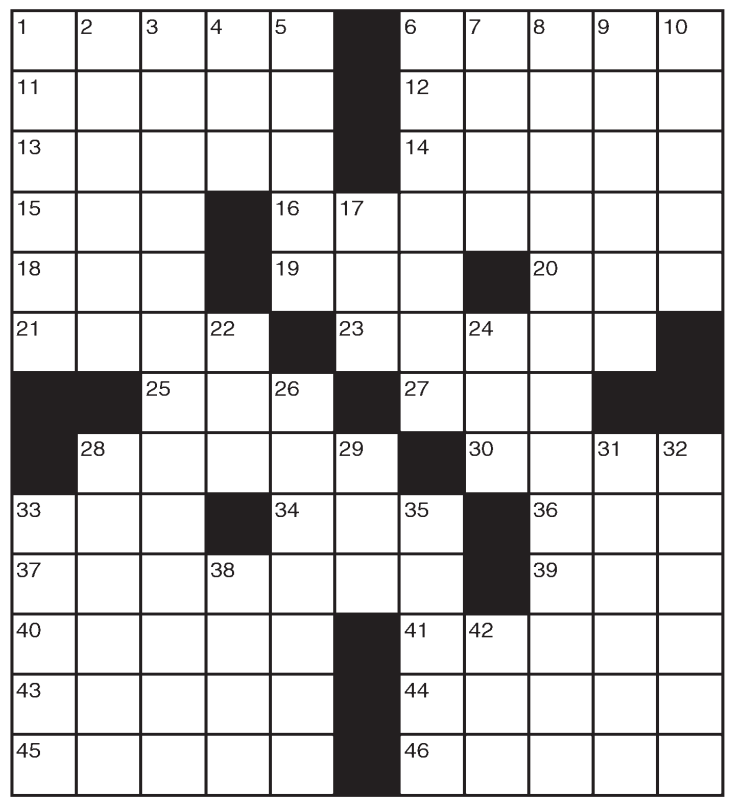
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6 David's son
7 Canton setting
8 "Bones" actor
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17 Bowler, for one
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24 Convened
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28 African expanse
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33 After, in Avignon
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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ In April, Prince Edward Island (Canada) judge John Douglas acquitted minor league hockey player Chris Doyle of assaulting his former girlfriend, though Doyle had arrived at her home uninvited, had annoyed and berated her, and would not leave. The girlfriend was injured when Doyle punched a door, causing it to smash against her face, but Judge Douglas accepted that Doyle honestly did not know she was behind the door. Said the judge, "If he was charged with being a colossal asshole, I would find him guilty. Of 'assault causing bodily harm,' I find him not guilty."

■ Russia: On television in May, the governor of the Russian republic of Kalmykia, Kirsan Ilyumzhinov, recounted that he had been abducted in a spaceship in 1997 and forced to communicate with aliens telepathically, and later entertained some in his apartment. One opponent seized the moment and called for an inquiry into whether Ilyumzhinov had telepathically spilled government secrets while under the aliens' spell. Then, former world chess champion Anatoly Karpov announced he would challenge Ilyumzhinov for the position of head of the World Chess Federation (which Ilyumzhinov has been since 1993), but yet another Russian chess icon, Arkady Dvorkovich (who is President Medvedev's chief economic adviser), said he still backed Ilyumzhinov because of the latter's superior managerial talent.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1769 Father Junipero Serra founds California's first mission, Mission San Diego de Alcalá. Over the following decades, it evolves into the city of San Diego.

1779 American Revolutionary War: Light infantry of the Continental Army seize a fortified British Army position in a midnight bayonet attack at the Battle of Stony Point.

1782 First performance of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's opera The Abduction from the Seraglio.

1790 The District of Columbia is established as the capital of the United States after the signing of the Residence Act.

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