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THE DAY ONE COMPLETE ISSUE

Waxman introduces gun legislation

BY AMEERA BUTT
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL During a forum on gun violence and mental health in response to last month's shooting by John Zawahri that left five dead and several injured, Rep. Henry A. Waxman, D-Santa Monica, announced Monday he would introduce the Gun Violence and Prevention Act of 2013 to Congress.

The bill would address gun safety, mental health and gun violence research.

Waxman also released a report that found a loophole in gun laws, which allowed Zawahri to purchase different parts of an assault rifle off the Internet, which he was then able to assemble himself. The final product was illegal to own in California.

On June 7, gunman Zawahri, 23, shot his brother and father, Christopher and Samir, and made his way to Santa Monica College

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PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT

Paul Alvarez Jr. *editor@smdp.com*

(L-R) Santa Monica Fire Department personnel Jon Sly, Mat Wesner and Robert Erdmann attempt a mock rescue of Bryan Crosby while practicing a technical rope maneuver on Saturday afternoon in a city-operated parking lot near Santa Monica State Beach.

SM PAL raises money for injured man

ILEANA NAJARRO
Special to the Daily Press

SM BEACH The Santa Monica Police Activities League is spear-heading fundraising efforts for the family of Jesus Torres, former president of the nonprofit's Youth Leadership Council and corporal in the Santa Monica Police Explorer Post who currently resides in intensive care.

TORRES

On June 20, Torres, a 21-year-old recent graduate of the University of California Santa Cruz, went swimming in the ocean with a group of friends when he was believed to be caught up in a riptide that drowned him, said Lt. Richard Lewis of the Santa Monica Police Department.

With the help of various emergency and health professionals and unidentified citizens, Torres was revived, but his prognosis remains unknown, Lewis added.

Mike McIlroy, captain at the Lifeguard Headquarters on Santa Monica Beach, said that riptides are by far the biggest cause of rescues in the area, even when it comes to experienced swimmers like Torres.

He explained that riptides forming near

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State Supreme Court declines to stop gay marriages

LISA LEFF
Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO The California Supreme Court refused Monday to order the state to immediately stop issuing marriage licenses to same-sex couples.

However, the court still plans to consider whether the governor and attorney general correctly instructed county clerks that a voter-approved ban on gay marriages had become legally invalid statewide.

Without comment, the court denied a request made Friday by backers of the ban for an emergency order that would have required the state to keep enforcing Proposition 8 while they pursue a last-ditch legal effort to preserve it.

"Although we would have preferred for

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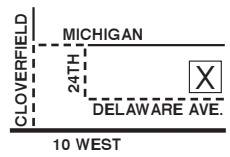

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What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Tuesday, July 16, 2013

Stories for little ones
Fairview Library
2101 Ocean Park Blvd.,
11 a.m. — 11:20 a.m.
Story series for babies ages 0-17 months accompanied by an adult. Call (310) 458-8681 for more information.

Find your (tai) chi
Annenberg Community Beach House
415 PCH, 5:30 p.m.
For both beginning and continuing students, this tai chi class teaches the 24 movements of the Yang style simplified form. For more information, visit beachhouse.smgov.net.

Movie night
Montana Library
1704 Montana Ave., 6:30 p.m.
The latest installment in the In Case You Missed It Film Series features "Look Back in Anger." Based on the 1956 John Osborne play of the same name, this early entry in the British new wave of filmmaking was very groundbreaking for its time. "Angry young man" Richard Burton spews venom at everyone around him, particularly his upper-crust wife. For more information call (310) 458-8682.

Family in perspective
Annenberg Community Beach House
415 PCH, 6:30 p.m. — 8 p.m.
Blas Falconer, Atsuro Riley and Tess Taylor will be reading some of their latest works published by Red Hen Press on the topic of family and all the complexities about it. Alice Quinn will moderate. Aspects of family covered include ancestral history and the bonds formed when a gay couple adopts their first child. For more information, call (310) 458-4904.

Wednesday, July 17, 2013

Planning Commission meets
City Hall
1685 Main St., 6 p.m.
Items on the agenda for the next Planning Commission meeting include public hearings of development agreements and environmental impact reports for a Hampton Inn & Suites hotel on Colorado Avenue and a Marriott hotel on Fifth Street. For more information, call (310) 458-8341.

Arts center fundraiser
Library Alehouse
2911 Main St., 6 p.m. — 10 p.m.
Join staff and residents of the 18th Street Arts Center for a night of conversation, good cheer and fine craft beer. Ten percent of the proceeds during the event and anytime during the day will support the center. For more information, call (310) 453-3711.

Politics on screen
Main Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd., 7 p.m.
Santa Monica Public Library presents The Political is Personal Film Series, a summer series of monthly documentary screenings. This month's selection is the 2012 "We're Not Broke" film on how U.S. corporations have been able to hide over a trillion dollars from the government, and how seven fed-up Americans from across the country take their frustration to the streets, and vow to make the corporations pay their fair share. Admission is free. Call (310) 458-8600 for more information.

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CHOICE: Santa Monica voters cast ballots in the most recent election last year. A new bill would allow counties to allow voting on Saturdays.

Bill would require Saturday voting option

ASSOCIATED PRESS

SACRAMENTO, Calif. A California lawmaker wants to help boost election turnout by giving voters the chance to cast ballots on Saturdays.

Legislation by state Sen. Leland Yee, D-San Francisco, would require counties to have a polling place open for early voting for four hours on at least one Saturday in the 29 days before Election Day.

The Sacramento Bee reports that 25 of California's 58 counties already allow Saturday voting. Nationwide, 32 states and the District of Columbia allow early voting in addition to mail voting.

Yee, who is running for California secretary of state in 2014, said he hopes Saturday voting will increase voter participation rates, especially in local elections.

"In these times, when you have moms and dads who are working two jobs, coming home late and taking care of the kids, it is extremely difficult for many individuals to cast their vote on Tuesday night," Yee said. "We ought to find every which way to get every voter into the polling place."

But some believe requiring polls to open Saturday isn't necessary because voters already have the option of voting by mail.

Sen. Joel Anderson, R-Alpine, who voted against the bill in committee last week, said counties are already allowed to open polling places on Saturdays.

"I will continue to trust the secretary of state and the county registrars to do their job," Anderson said.

Anything that makes it easier for voters to cast ballots is worth trying, said Dan Schnur, director of the Unruh Institute of Politics at the University of Southern California.

"The state ought to do everything it possibly can to encourage voting without compromising ballot security, and this is another example of a reform that accomplishes both of those goals," Schnur said.

Obama, GOP offer differing visions on immigration

JOSH LEDERMAN
Associated Press

WASHINGTON President Barack Obama is using his presidential pulpit to press the Republican-controlled House to embrace a path to citizenship for all 11 million people living illegally in the U.S., while a top Republican says those brought to America as children should be given the highest priority for legalization.

With prospects shaky for passing an immigration overhaul in the House, the White House insisted Monday that to garner Obama's signature, any bill must satisfy the president's principles — the path to citizenship chief among them. But Obama is leaving the particulars of how Congress gets there up to lawmakers, wary of strong-arming the process and handling Republicans an excuse to vote no.

"I cannot even begin to count the number of possibilities that could emerge through the House process. So I'm not going to," said White House spokesman Jay Carney. "What I'm saying is that the end result has to meet the president's principles if he's going to sign it into law."

He said Obama would voice those principles and the benefits of fixing immigration Tuesday in interviews with Spanish-language TV stations.

If the White House had its way, the House would simply and swiftly take up a sweeping Senate bill that passed with bipartisan support. But House Speaker John Boehner has already rejected that notion, preferring to tackle the nation's immigration laws in "bite-sized chunks."

Boehner's approach reflects the intense skepticism of the GOP rank-and-file, who say they don't trust Obama will fulfill border-security requirements in the Senate-passed bill. Although Republicans generally acknowledge they must broaden their appeal to Hispanic voters whose influence in elections is rapidly growing, many say they fear primary challenges from the right if they support a new path to citizenship.

One exception that could gain traction among Republicans would be to offer a citizenship path only to those brought here as children. Allowing only those individuals to obtain citizenship could shield Republicans from attacks by conservatives that they're giving a free pass to those who voluntarily broke the law.

"I think that group of people — some call DREAMers — is a group that deserves perhaps the highest priority attention," Rep. Bob Goodlatte, who chairs the House Judiciary Committee, said at an immigration-related conference in California. "They know no other country."

Goodlatte and House Majority Leader Eric Cantor, both Virginia Republicans, are working on a bill to address the status of those immigrants, although the timing is uncertain. And Goodlatte cautioned that any such measure should hinge on completion of enforcement measures to prevent parents from smuggling their children into the U.S. in the future.

Obama has kept his distance from the back-and-forth in Congress, knowing that the political imperative for Republicans will

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Development by lawsuit

Editor:

Marc Luzzatto's Village Trailer Park development was approved Thursday night for fear of a lawsuit ("Mournful Rent Control Board votes against trailer park," July 13-14). Without the required affordable housing, what are the grounds for a lawsuit? Clearly there are one or more major issues with the current development agreement that require immediate attention.

Does the contract with the developer protect the city? Apparently not. Does the City Council give adequate direction to the planning staff? Not always. Are there one or more people in the city manager's office and/or Planning Department encouraging the developer to think big, knowing that if enough time and money has been put into a plan that it will tie the hands of objectors, including apparently the City Council and Rent Control Board, on threat of a lawsuit? Should development agreement projects be publicly reviewed every six months or less for interim guidance, to avoid grounds for lawsuits? Should developers who threaten lawsuits to get their project approved be permanently barred from doing business with the city and having all other pending development agreement's canceled? Why was this development approved in the first place, ahead of the area plan and with inadequate affordable housing, in a density that looks like a tenement?

All possible steps need to be put into place now to prevent development by lawsuit in the future.

Jim Gerstley
Santa Monica

Some people aren't satisfied

Editor:

This city of Santa Monica should be embarrassed at the "fireworks" at Santa Monica College [last month]. I don't think it lasted 10 minutes and the quality was pathetic. Did they go to Home Depot for supplies? This city has the money to do a decent show, especially since it is very Santa Monica residents oriented.

With a performance like this, why bother?

Mark Eichelberger
Santa Monica

Cut it down

Editor:

I'm extremely glad to see the point of view adopted in Urban Sense's latest column ("Santa Monica's sustainable, smart, healthy development," Room for a View, July 10). The authors use Vancouver as an example demonstrating the advantages of increased density. This is really a wonderful point they're making. Vancouver's population density is 13,590 per square mile. According to the city of Santa Monica's Office of Sustainability and the Environment, our city's daytime population is a quarter-million people. This makes the city's daytime density over 30,000 people per mile, or more than twice Vancouver's density.

I gather that the column's authors would like Santa Monica's density to match Vancouver's. The column didn't explain how the authors, all with years of experience in matters of urban planning, intended to cut Santa Monica's density in half, but no matter – If that's the case, count me in!

Dan Jansenson
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Taking from the poor, giving it to the rich

ENTICING RICH TOURISTS TO SANTA Monica by building towering hotels with ocean views and then collecting a 14 percent bed tax to pay for the city bureaucracy is the inner game plan for a city that has the second highest ratio of citizens to city staff in the state, 31 to 1, according to a report by the State Controller's Office. While much has been made of attempts to get the City Council to take seriously what residents think about just how tall the hotels should be, many of us who have been participants have come to the conclusion that the fix is in. It has been for a long time.

I confess that I have gotten caught up in the planning language, trying to figure out what is meant by "TDM" and "FAR" and telling fellow residents that knowing all of this is important to our ability to be effective in the process of shaping our city. I wanted to believe this was true, that informed residents really could make a difference. More and more it appears to me that the people who run Santa Monica do not care what residents want, be they renters or homeowners. Public meetings and workshops are, in my view, a method used to keep people distracted from the hidden agenda of a group of politicos and developers who are working together to overbuild Santa Monica in a way that profits them while destroying the quality of life for residents.

While there used to be two opposing political forces in our city — Santa Monicans for Renters' Rights (SMRR) and the Chamber of Commerce — they are now united. SMRR originally developed its base by supporting and protecting renters and demonizing the Chamber of Commerce. Today they are in alliance on development.

Renters are under the belief that SMRR will protect their rights. But last Thursday night the Rent Control Board announced that — as much as they hated to do it — they were going to have to give the developer the permit he wanted to shut down Village Trailer Park and evict the fragile population of elderly renters that has been fighting for years to hang onto their homes.

It was a defining moment.

Members of the public begged the Rent Control Board to, in the words of one, "Make a difference and correct the mistake made by Santa Monica City Council (in approving the development agreement)."

"These are the people you are supposed to protect," said one speaker.

"Take a stand. The residents of Village Trailer Park are worth the fight," said another.

Rent Control Board commissioners said they had been told they had no choice but to allow the park to be closed. Commissioner Todd Flora was in tears and visibly shaken as he read a prepared statement: "There is no one on this dais that wants to vote to approve a removal permit," said Flora. "I didn't think I would vote to remove people from their homes. I know you see a 'yes' vote as abandoning our principles. If we walk this legal tightrope we could lose it all."

After the meeting, when asked by a group of disappointed residents what "lose it all" meant, Flora said the developer's threat of a lawsuit would have been "for $50 million" and this could have wiped out Rent Control. "I have a responsibility for 25 people (Rent Control Board employees) and their retirements."

"Why should the staff be of greater concern than protecting renters?" asked a resident. "Aren't members of the Rent Control Board elected to protect renters?"

Flora, who was endorsed by SMRR for Rent Control Board, said the day-to-day operations of protecting renters could have been defunded by the Village Trailer Park developer's threatened suit. "Our people are scared of his lawyers."

Where, residents are asking, is the SMRR leadership on this final loss by the residents of the trailer park? Its closure underscores for many just how far from its original values SMRR has wandered as it uses its political clout to forward the interests of the wealthy while leaving the neediest of Santa Monica further and further behind.

After voting against the residents he was elected to serve, Commissioner Flora asked for understanding, saying "We want to survive and keep serving you. I ask you to be faithful."

Faith was the operative word. Blind faith.

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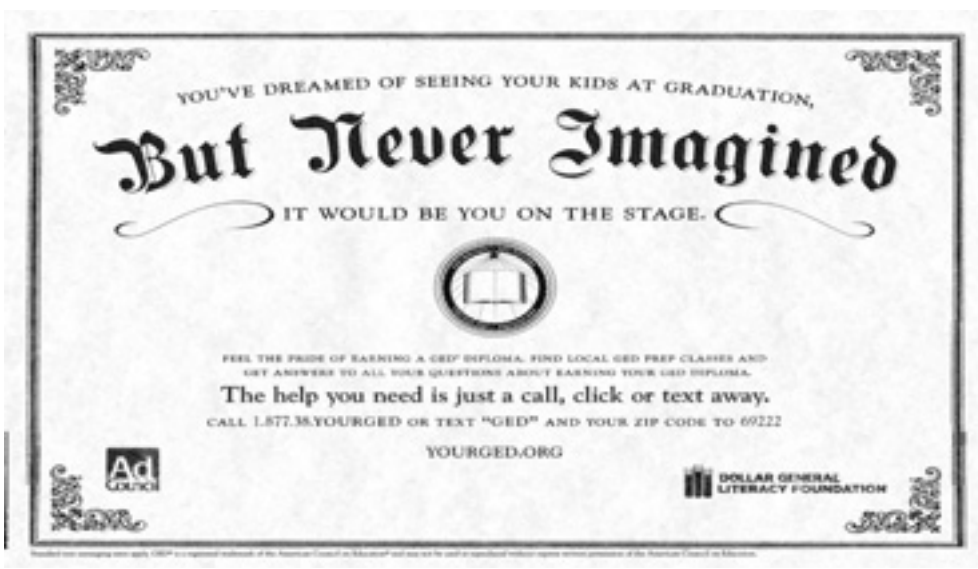

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What's the Point?

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Learning to live without fear

LAST MONTH, THE U.S. SUPREME COURT gutted affirmative action, essentially saying that racism and discrimination based on race were no longer major factors in America. Saturday a "white Hispanic" man was acquitted of murdering a "black man."

In 1995 a "black man" was acquitted of murdering a "white woman" — remember that one? I know why we put so much emphasis on race. It's to create "other" so that we can figure out where we are in the pecking order of life. It's about jockeying for position in society.

We are visual creatures and use beauty — however it is determined — as an equivalency to value. I agree that a beautifully done sculpture should be valued more than a piece of poorly constructed metal put together in a slapdash manner with no thought.

I can see the point in valuing animals with particular genetic markers and traits over others. I provide for a purebred dachshund and it was a deliberate choice on my part in that I wanted a good genetic structure to avoid hip and back problems.

The question becomes should that apply to humans? Clearly the answer is no. After all, we fought World War II specifically to stop a eugenics program. The deeper question, I think, is why? Why do we say it's OK to prefer one animal over another, but say that all humans are equally valuable and we should not devalue any subset? My answer is free will. Humans have free will and a consciousness that can seek something better for themselves and their society.

Animals have no free will. They have desires and instincts — their "nature" as it were. They do not act in opposition to their nature. My dog will always seek food, it is his primary focus in life. Humans can act opposite their desires and instincts. Often when we do we are at our best.

There are anthropologists who say we naturally distrust the "other," that which is different from ourselves. It is the root of our racism, our misogyny, our homophobia and it all boils down to one simple thing: fear. When fear is the motivating force in our lives we shut ourselves off and we react without taking the time to think it through. Reacting is based on impulsive behavior and is almost always a binary decision of "I live/you die or vice versa." When we are in a crisis and we react based on our instincts, the results are generally not good.

I know almost nothing about the most recent racially charged criminal trial — the Zimmerman case — but it appears to me that Mr. Zimmerman was a fear-based man who was reacting without thinking. His actions seem to be those of a man who was afraid of the world and that is why he acted with such false bravado. The result of this individual case has sparked yet another round of protests with all the angry assertions about how hard it is to be black, how the justice system is faulty and how a "white" man can get away with murder.

Certainly those are all true feelings and the statistics do bear out that a black defendant has a much smaller chance of a fair trial than a white person. The system is faulty, and if you only look at one case it will always look like the system is defective. That's because there is always a loser in any individual case. But to survey the system as a whole, one must look at the larger trends. In general, does the system work? Yes it does. Is it imperfect? Yes. Do mistakes happen? Sadly they do and with tragic consequences. Innocent people do get convicted.

We may desire retribution. It may be our instinct to want to convict George Zimmerman, but we are humans, and we strive to act better than our desires and instincts. This case is testing us in our aspirations to live beyond our desires and instincts.

I'm sure this is cold comfort to the family of Trayvon Martin. They suffered a devastating loss. But maybe the only positive that can be taken from the Zimmerman trial is that it stands as a true testament to the ideals of our society; that it is better for a guilty man to go free than for an innocent man to be convicted.

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The Q Line

Ride safely

A local attorney is giving bicycle helmets away in an effort to raise awareness of bike safety.

So, this week's Q-Line question asks:
Do you think a law should be enacted to make wearing bike helmets mandatory for adults?

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Governments seek $1B in lead paint cleanup lawsuit

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SAN JOSE, Calif. In a trial that began Monday, 10 California cities and counties are seeking nearly $1 billion from paint manufacturers to remove lead paint from millions of older homes, arguing that they sold the product despite being aware of its potential health effects.

The industry argues that it never deliberately sold a harmful product to consumers and that the old paint is no longer a significant public health risk. The lawsuit, filed in 2000, named five paint manufacturers, including Atlantic Richfield, NL Industries and Sherwin-Williams.

Santa Clara County Superior Court Judge James Kleinberg will decide whether the manufacturers are responsible for the use of lead-based paint in homes throughout the state decades ago.

Lead paint has been banned in California for decades but remains in homes built before 1978, including an estimated 5 million in the cities and counties that brought the lawsuit. Los Angeles County, San Francisco and Oakland are among the parties in the suit.

Exposure to lead is linked to learning disabilities and other health problems, especially in children.

The case has taken 13 years to reach trial because of objections from the industry, but appeals courts have allowed it to proceed. It alleges the manufacturers knew of lead-paint dangers starting in the 1890s but still sold it to consumers without health warnings.

Former Iowa Attorney General Bonnie Campbell, who is working with the industry, said the lawsuit is puzzling given the fact that lead paint has been banned for so long and so much of it already has been dealt with.

But those who work in local public health say the problem is far from resolved.

"We've had a lot of success," Julie Twichell, an official with Alameda County's lead poison prevention program, told the San Jose Mercury News (http://bit.ly/15fT82t). "But there is still a lot of work to do."

Expert: Jackson would have earned $1B on comeback

ANTHONY MCCARTNEY
AP Entertainment Writer

LOS ANGELES Michael Jackson could have earned $1.1 billion or more if he had performed a worldwide concert tour and created a Las Vegas show before his death, an accounting expert familiar with the singer's earning potential told jurors Monday.

Arthur Erk, a certified public accountant who conducts royalty audits for musicians, told jurors that Jackson may have earned $1.5 billion for the shows if he had charged higher ticket prices during later shows on the "This Is It" tour.

Erk said he was using conservative estimates to figure Jackson's earning potential if he had lived for several more years, completed a worldwide tour and created a Las Vegas show based on his music. The estimates took into account endorsements and royalties that Jackson could have earned and are heavily dependent on the idea that Jackson would have performed a 37-month, 260-concert world tour.

AEG Live defense attorney Sabrina Strong questioned Erk's assumption during cross-examination because Jackson had never completed a tour that long and hadn't performed a tour in more than a decade.

His testimony was meant to show jurors the superstar's earning potential in the case brought by Jackson's mother against concert promoter AEG Live LLC.

Katherine Jackson claims AEG Live is liable for her son's death because it failed to properly investigate the doctor convicted of giving the singer an anesthetic overdose.

AEG denies it hired the doctor or bears any responsibility for Jackson's June 2009 death at age 50.

Erk's figures also account for an estimated $134 million the singer would have likely spent before retiring from show business at age 65, Erk said. He said he did not consider the fact that Jackson was an estimated $400 million in debt when he died as a factor in his future earning potential.

Strong contested Erk's expertise, noting he wasn't well-versed in merchandise and had limited information about musicians' endorsement deals.

Jackson had signed on for only 50 shows in London, although contracts for the shows indicated a longer tour was a possibility.

Jurors will have to determine the amount of any damages in the case if they find AEG Live is liable for Jackson's death.

Erk said Jackson contemplated doing a Las Vegas show based on his music and archival footage that would have generated new royalties for the singer. Plaintiff's attorney Kevin Boyle said the estimates anticipated the Vegas show would run 10 years.

Jackson also contemplated a film career, according to testimony from his nephew Taj Jackson and the singer's longtime creative collaborator, Kenny Ortega. Erk will not offer any estimates on how much Jackson may have earned if he had a successful film career.

Erk is testifying as an expert witness. The accountant also performed royalty audits on companies that released Jackson's music.

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Marijuana Policy Project
www.mpp.org

L.A. mayor calls for peace in Zimmerman protests

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LOS ANGELES Mayor Eric Garcetti called for peace and cut short an East Coast visit to return to Los Angeles on Monday following police confrontations with protesters angry over the acquittal of George Zimmerman in the shooting death of Trayvon Martin.

Police shot beanbag rounds and arrested six people — including one on suspicion of assaulting an officer — while breaking up relatively small demonstrations Sunday and before dawn Monday.

No injuries were reported to either demonstrators or officers but Garcetti decided to return "out of an abundance of caution."

"He encourages people to exercise their First Amendment rights but does believe in keeping the peace on the streets of Los Angeles and believes non-violence is a very potent tool," mayoral spokesman Yusef Robb said.

Garcetti doesn't want the message to be "overshadowed by violence," Robb said.

The new mayor was supposed to visit Maryland on Monday and then move on to Washington, D.C., later in the week to meet with the transportation secretary and California congressional delegation.

It was not immediately clear whether he would be able to resume the trip, Robb said.

Protesters in Los Angeles and Oakland blocked traffic and clashed with police Sunday in protests over a Florida jury's acquittal of neighborhood watch volunteer George Zimmerman in the shooting death of the unarmed black teenager.

However, most demonstrations around the state were peaceful.

Members of California's congressional delegation weighed in on the controversy.

Democratic Rep. Karen Bass called the verdict outrageous but urged demonstrators to remain peaceful.

"Violence does nothing to help Trayvon and the Martin family get the justice they deserve and only distracts from the thousands of Americans who have signed petitions urging that the Justice Department pursue federal charges," Bass said in a statement.

Democratic Sen. Barbara Boxer sent a letter Monday to U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder supporting the Justice Department decision to review the case to determine whether Martin's civil rights were violated.

"I respect the fact that the jury has spoken ... but I don't think this should be the last word," Boxer wrote in the letter.

"Trayvon Martin's death was a tragedy and has raised many sensitive and important issues," she wrote. "We should explore every avenue in an effort to ensure that something like this never happens again."

In Los Angeles on Sunday, several hundred protesters demonstrated in the Mid-City area and some marched onto Interstate 10 in Los Angeles and blocked traffic for close to a half-hour before police moved them away.

That night, a smaller group of demonstrators entered the lobby of the W luxury hotel in Hollywood and then trooped to Sunset Boulevard to chant "no justice, no peace" in front of the CNN building, authorities said.

Dozens of police in helmets and face shields declared an unlawful assembly after midnight Monday and moved in.

Some non-lethal beanbag ammunition was fired during that confrontation, Officer Gregory Baek said.

In Oakland, police confronted members of a crowd who began breaking windows and spray-painting graffiti at a downtown intersection Sunday night, the Oakland Tribune reported.

Protesters marched about five miles before sitting at a major intersection and blocking traffic. The Tribune said the crowd was largely peaceful, but by 10 p.m. a smaller group of protesters began vandalizing businesses.

KGO-TV reported that rocks and bottles were thrown toward police.

It was not immediately clear whether any arrests were made.

Yahoo accepting requests for inactive e-mail accounts

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SAN FRANCISCO Yahoo is allowing people to place claims on inactive email addresses that are being given a second life.

The opportunity to request the identifications began Monday and will extend through Aug. 7. Up to five different names can be submitted at http://wishlist.yahoo.com .

Yahoo Inc. says a substantial number of old email IDs are being made available, but isn't providing specifics. All the deactivated accounts haven't been used in at least a year.

The dormant email IDs are being released a month after the Sunnyvale, Calif., company notified users that they would have 30 days to log into an inactive account if they wanted to keep it.

People awarded the rights to the recycled email addresses will have a 48-hour period to activate the accounts beginning Aug. 15.

Yahoo is hoping the inactive IDs will be claimed by people who will use them to log into its website and discover a series of changes to its email, home page and other services that have been made since Marissa Mayer became the company's CEO a year ago.

The resurrection of inactive email addresses, however, could be exploited by computer hackers hoping to use the IDs to pry into sensitive information about the former accountholders. There's a risk because many people use their email accounts as logins at a different password-protected websites, including Facebook, Twitter and Amazon.com. That raises the specter of some people trying to use the recycled email IDs to request the passwords of former accountholders.

Yahoo says it has taken a series of security measures to minimize the chances of any mischief. Among other things, Yahoo says emails are now being bounced back from the inactive email accounts. The company says it has also developed a system that will help other websites identify email addresses that have been transferred to new accountholders after the recycling is completed.

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SHOCKING DISPLAY: Weapons, ammunition and ammo clips found in a black bag carried by John Zawahri during a shooting rampage were put on display for reporters by the Santa Monica Police Department during a June press conference outside the Public Safety Facility.

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where he killed Marcela Franco, her father Carlos Franco and Margarita Gomez before being shot by law enforcement from the Santa Monica and Santa Monica College police departments.

The shooting re-ignited statewide efforts to focus on tighter gun laws, mental health issues and treatment. The panelists at the forum included Pamela Hyde, the administrator of the federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Awareness Administration; Santa Monica Police Chief Jacqueline Seabrooks; Nancy Greenstein, chair of the Board of Trustees of Santa Monica College; and Suzanne Verge of the Los Angeles Chapter of the Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence. The panel was joined by Mayor Pam O'Connor, State Sen. Ted W. Lieu, D-Santa Monica, and L.A. County Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky, Third District.

Waxman said he would work with leaders from both parties to pass the bill into law.

"[The] bill will prohibit the sales of certain homemade gun kits and parts, but it will also target research on serious mental illness, improve access to mental services for all and reinforce existing government agencies to carry out public health research on gun violence," Waxman said.

California has some of the strictest gun laws in the nation, but the panelists agreed the loophole needed to be addressed.

"In California and around the country what our staff found is there is a huge loophole if you don't buy an assault weapon, you can construct your own and build your own and buy the parts over the Internet either from a seller here or somewhere else in the country, [and] circumvent federal serial numbers for firearms, circumvent the California law for having these kinds of weapons," Waxman said.

Verge said the state keeps passing new laws because the gun industry is constantly coming up with ways to circumvent them.

All the panelists agreed mental health issues needed to be addressed in youth and adolescent adults to prevent situations like the Santa Monica shooting to reoccur.

"For those who have lost a loved one, you just don't get over it," Verge said. "There is mental illness everywhere in this world but what makes our … situation lethal is the easy access to guns. So what can we do? Education, prevention, legislation, litigation — all of those things will help,"

Lieu said Zawahri revealed a "road map" to anyone in the United States on how to bypass state background checks.

Seabrooks said in the five weeks since the tragedy unfolded, law enforcement found out the shooter was "extremely troubled and seemingly socially isolated" and had an "obsessive fascination" with firearms.

In response to the Virginia Tech shootings that killed 32, Greenstein, who is also director of Police Community Services at the UCLA Police Department, said schools across the country realized they needed to be more prepared for shooting situations. She said a few weeks before the SMC shooting, the library staff received active shooting training, which includes preparation for sheltering in place, evacuation and taking the offensive when all else fails.

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> Los Angeles Chapter of the Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence

O'Connor said part of the recovery process is continuing working with federal and state elected officials on a wide range of violence prevention measures.

Lilita Dzirkals, who has lived in the Sunset Park area since 1962, attended the forum because she said she lives in the neighborhood where the college is located.

"I wanted to hear from the authorities involved in either implementing or devising the policies," she said.

Waxman said there needs to be stronger laws to make sure people can't get around them.

"That needs to be fixed," he said. "But we also need to look at this from a mental health and community and school safety point of view."

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large structures like the Santa Monica Pier or jetties are particularly dangerous traps.

"It doesn't matter if you're an experienced swimmer. If you get banged around in there you're going to get injured, or worse," McIlroy said.

McIlory added that swimmers should always check with a lifeguard to identify potential areas where riptides can occur. Should a swimmer get caught in one, he recommends they not panic, not let go of any floatation device if they had one and to swim parallel to the shore until they can escape the pull.

As family and friends pray for his recovery, Eula Fritz, director of the Santa Monica Police Activities League, said that setting up a fund to cover Torres' medical expenses and support his family was an easy decision to make.

"This is the least we can do for the young man," Fritz said.

Fritz added that Torres was always a dependable role model who accomplished whatever he set his mind to, including becoming the first of his family to graduate from college.

Virgil Torres, Jesus' older brother who also served in the Explorer Program, said that his brother is a fighter and has hopes for his recovery.

He explained that his parents instilled a sense of community service throughout their childhood. When he heard of the fundraising effort he said he was shocked and broke down in tears.

"I'm really happy because it shows how all our hard work pays off. The community we give to is now giving back to us," Virgil Torres said.

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Community members interested in helping the Torres family can send monetary donations to the Jesus Torres Fund at 1401 Olympic Blvd., Santa Monica, Calif., 90404.

In addition to collecting funds themselves, the California Pizza Kitchen located at 210 Wilshire Blvd. is partnering with the league to donate 20 percent from every check on Wednesday, July 17 to the fund.

Visit the Santa Monica Police Department's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/santamonicapd to download the promotional flyer needed to participate in the fundraiser at the restaurant.

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likely be more persuasive than any pressure he applies — and that aligning himself too closely to any legislation could actually make it harder to attract GOP support.

Still, with a major component of his legacy on the line, Obama is ratcheting up his efforts to make clear to Republicans that without meaningful action on immigration, Republicans will be hard-pressed in future elections to peel Hispanic support away from Democrats. More than 70 percent of Hispanics backed Obama in his re-election last year.

From the grounds of the White House, Obama will take to the airwaves Tuesday of Spanish-language TV stations in Dallas, Denver, Los Angeles and New York. The White House said Obama will argue that immigration reform is in line with the nation's values and in the country's economic interests.

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the California Supreme Court to issue a stay so that the state's marriage amendment would be respected sooner rather than later ... we remain hopeful that the court will recognize that Proposition 8 remains the law of the land in California and that county clerks must continue to enforce it," said Austin Nimocks, a lawyer for the coalition of religious conservative groups that qualified Proposition 8 for the November 2008 ballot.

Human Rights Campaign President Chad Griffin, who spearheaded the lawsuit that resulted in gay marriage returning to the nation's most populous state after 4 1/2 years, cheered the state court's decision allowing the weddings to continue without interruption.

"Our opponents have failed in a desperate attempt to deny happiness and protections to lesbian and gay couples and their children and no amount of legal wrangling is going to undo that joy," Griffin said.

The U.S. Supreme Court cleared the way for gay marriages to resume in the nation's most populous state on June 28 by dismissing the backers' appeal of a lower court ruling that found the ban unconstitutional. The high court decided the backers lacked authority to defend Proposition 8 after the governor and attorney general refused to do so.

The California Supreme Court still plans to separately consider whether the lower court ruling that invalidated the ban and a companion mandate prohibiting the state from enforcing it applied statewide or only in Los Angeles and Alameda counties. The two couples who sued to strike down Proposition 8 live in those counties.

Lawyers for Proposition 8 sponsors also have argued that because the U.S. Supreme Court did not rule directly on Proposition 8's constitutionality, state officials are bound by state law to abide by the measure.

The state high court has asked for additional written arguments on those issues by Aug. 1.

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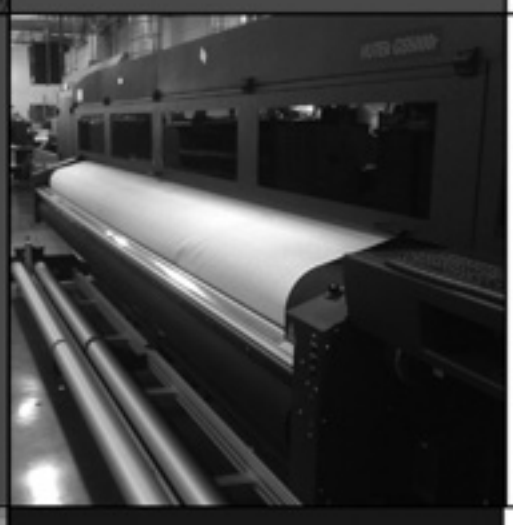

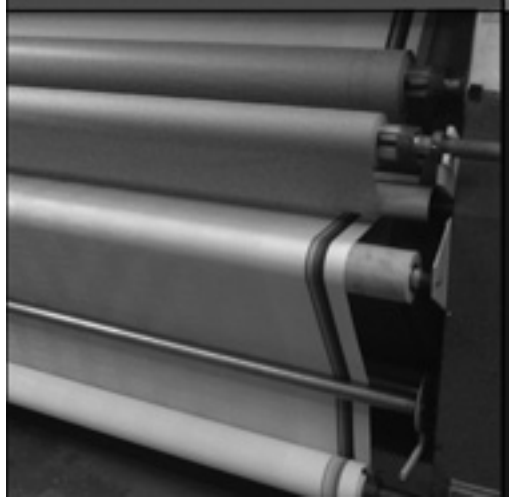

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RARE SUNNY DAY: A wet summer has put a damper on the tourism industry in Vermont.

In spite of wet weather, Vermont open to tourism

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BURLINGTON, Vt. You know it's been a rainy summer in Vermont if the governor holds a news conference to announce the sun is out.

Gov. Peter Shumlin joined state and private tourism officials under a broiling sun and high humidity, with temperatures climbing to the mid-90s on Monday, at the downhill end of Burlington's Church Street Marketplace to boost spirits dampened by record early-summer rains.

"We've had a wet start to the summer season and that's been tough on weather-dependent businesses," the governor said. "But the sun is shining, and Vermonters and out of state visitors alike are ready to get out and enjoy the state."

At the National Weather Service in Burlington, forecaster Brooke Taber said 2013 had seen the wettest May and June on record. Both approached three times the normal rainfall, with the first two weeks of July easing off to not quite twice the normal rain.

Shumlin was joined for Monday's event by the heads of the Vermont and Lake Champlain Regional Chambers of Commerce, leaders in the mountain resort and bicycling industries, the Frog Hollow Vermont State Craft Center and others.

Betsey Bishop of the state Chamber of Commerce talked up the long list of summer festivals in Vermont celebrating everything from music to local craft beers to barbecue.

"From festivals to outdoor dining, every part of the Vermont experience engages travelers on a variety of levels and boosts our economy," she said.

Shumlin said it was too early to tell what impact the wet weather has had on tourism-dependent state revenue streams like taxes on sales, rooms and meals; the new fiscal year just began July 1. But he said it was likely to be felt.

Tourism-related tax and fee revenue totaled nearly $275 million in 2011, equal to about a fifth of the state's $1.3 billion general fund budget. Tourism spending also supports nearly 40,000 jobs, with more than 13 percent job growth in the hospitality and recreation sector since 2009, officials said.

Craig Whipple, director of the Vermont State Parks, said combined visits by campers and day users hit a record 920,000 last year and appeared to be off 20 to 25 percent so far this year.

Tom Stuessy, executive director of the Vermont Mountain Bike Association, said nearly 100 percent of trails overseen by the group's affiliates had been closed for some part of May and June due to wet conditions; nearly 100 percent are open now, he added.

Although the Church Street Marketplace, with its brick-lined pedestrian walkway and outdoor restaurant and pub tables lining the thoroughfare, is a key tourist destination, Bishop said she hoped visitors to Burlington also would venture out to other parts of Vermont.

A few yards up Church Street, Daniel and Melissa Nathan and their three young boys, visiting from Columbus, Ohio, said they were planning on doing just that, beating the heat in the Lake Champlain valley by heading up to camp in the Green Mountains.

"We got into Burlington yesterday, but we're heading up to go camping at Smugglers Notch," Melissa Nathan said.

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PROPOSED BERGAMOT AREA PLAN

Subject: **Recommendation to adopt the Bergamot Area Plan, and the Plan's Findings of Consistency under CEQA with the LUCE FEIR for the Plan**

A public hearing will be held by the City Council to consider adoption of the Final Bergamot Area Plan with modifications, and the Findings of Consistency with the LUCE FEIR for the Bergamot Area Plan. On July 10, the Planning Commission recommended that the City Council adopt the Final Bergamot Area Plan with modifications and the Findings of Consistency with the LUCE FEIR.

The Bergamot Area Plan contains the goals, policies and regulations that are proposed to guide all future development within the Plan area boundaries in order to transition to a mixed-use, pedestrian-oriented neighborhood focused on connectivity with the future Exposition Light Rail station and the Bergamot Art Center. The Draft Bergamot Area Plan has been available for public comment since June 2013.

Pursuant to CEQA, an Environmental Consistency Checklist with the LUCE EIR was prepared to analyze potential environmental impacts of the Final Bergamot Area Plan. The Environmental Consistency Checklist was based on examination of the Plan's potential impacts in light of the LUCE EIR undertaken pursuant to CEQA Guideline §15162 and §15168 and which concluded that no new environmental document is required since no new effects could occur or new mitigations would be required. Accordingly, the City can approve the Bergamot Area Plan as being within the scope of the LUCE covered by the LUCE EIR.

DATE/TIME: **TUESDAY, July 23, 2013, at 6:45 p.m.**

LOCATION: City Council Chambers, Second Floor, Santa Monica City Hall
1685 Main Street, Santa Monica, California

HOW TO COMMENT
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Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Solstice Canyon at Dan Blocker County Beach.	B	ns
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth.	A	ns
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd..	A+	ns
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A	ns
Surfrider Beach (breach location)- daily.	D	ns
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	A+	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.	ns	ns
Tuna Canyon.	A	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	A+	ns
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	ns	ns
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	A+	ns

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence.	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain.	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain.	A	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua).	A+	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain.	A+	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain.	C	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.	A+	ns
Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south.	A+	ns
Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St..	A	ns
Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- lifeguard tower.	C	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth.	A	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain.	A+	ns
North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach.	A+	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of DBW 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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NFL

Broncos execs suspended for DUI arrests

ARNIE STAPLETON
AP Pro Football Writer

ENGLEWOOD, Colo. The Denver Broncos came down hard on their two executives facing drunken driving charges, suspending them without pay and making it clear they must straighten out their lives if they want to work in the NFL again.

Director of player personnel Matt Russell was suspended indefinitely, and director of pro personnel Tom Heckert was suspended for a month.

Team president Joe Ellis said both men expressed remorse. But "this in no way excuses their conduct," Ellis said.

Russell and Heckert will be provided with confidential treatment, rehabilitation and counseling services and must comply with these programs before they're allowed to return to work, Ellis said.

While the two "will be punished and held accountable, our first priority is their health and well-being. We must ensure they receive any care they need and support them however possible," Ellis said.

While some critics were calling for the executives' ouster, Ellis emphasized, "We're not inclined to tear down lives even further. We're inclined to help people rebuild themselves."

The Broncos issued the penalties Monday after consulting with the NFL commissioner's office, which informed them it has no plans to impose additional discipline.

However, both men still face legal ramifications for their actions that could affect their future employment with the Broncos, who said they "will give careful consideration to the legal proceedings in determining their future standing with the organization."

Executive vice president John Elway's top two advisers were arrested and jailed on suspicion of drunken driving in separate incidents within a month of each other this summer, resulting in the biggest black eye for the organization since a videotape scandal cost former coach Josh McDaniels his job in 2010.

Elway was brought on board after McDaniels' firing, and the Hall of Fame quarterback who led Denver to five Super Bowls and two championships quickly restored its reputation — until the trouble for his top two lieutenants this offseason.

"When I was named to this position two years ago, I spoke of the role this organization has in the community. We all have an individual responsibility to represent this team in the appropriate manner at all times," Elway said. "It's particularly disappointing that two members of my staff acted so irresponsibly. Simply put, it's unacceptable and inexcusable."

"I was extremely concerned when Tom Heckert notified me of his arrest in June. We talked about it as a staff, reinforced the intolerable nature of his actions and notified the league as we began the disciplinary process. To hear of Matt Russell's incident last week was especially disturbing considering the timing and severity of those allegations," Elway added.

"While Matt and Tom have apologized and taken accountability, it's most important they take advantage of whatever help they need. We will learn from this and take the necessary action as we move forward in a positive way."

The punishment reflected a mixture of team owner Pat Bowlen's indignation and compassion.

"We handed down what we believe is significant discipline and at the same time, the two gentlemen have not been fired," Ellis said. "They can get the proper help and counseling and education that's necessary and the hope is they can improve their lives and rebuild their lives."

The team's top brass informed Heckert and Russell of their suspensions Monday morning.

"They embraced it and understand the need for it and we are moving forward to take the right steps to correct the situation," Ellis said.

The fallout from the executives' DUI arrests could very well affect the Broncos on the field as this summer's trendy Super Bowl pick will be without its top two personnel men at a time when player evaluations are paramount with training camp just around the corner.

Elway said other key members of the personnel department such as Lenny McGill, the team's assistant college scouting director, and assistant pro personnel director Anthony "Champ" Kelly will divvy up the workload at Dove Valley and "we'll look at adding possibly somebody else from outside to pick up the slack" during the suspensions.

Ellis said he suspects the Broncos' fortunes on the field won't be affected by their front office troubles, however.

"What this does to the football team other than serving as an unpleasant reminder of not drinking and driving, I really don't anticipate these situations will affect our coaches and players," Ellis said. "I think they'll come out ready to go a week from Thursday."

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TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ Your expectations of a project will be more than reasonable, especially following a very upbeat conversation. A partner or an associate will be on the same page as you, which will add extra pizazz and energy. Tonight: Go where there is music.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Understand that the power you wield is a result of having competence, knowledge and financial backing. Ask someone to join your team in order to make a project better and easier on you. Tonight: Buy a card on the way home.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ You might not be aware of how responsive others are at the moment. You are like a locomotive, with the enthusiasm and energy. Others are like the rest of the train, with the expertise and knowledge. Together, you are a winning team. Tonight: Lighten up the moment.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★ You could be taken aback by someone's stubbornness. The less said the better. You might be quite amused by this person's attitude at first, but by evening, it could get old rather quickly. Tonight: Don't hold back. Share your feelings.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ You have a keen sense of direction, and you know what needs to happen. Use your strong support system to create more of what you desire. Someone is quite responsive to your ideas, and he or she will take a lot of the burden off your shoulders. Tonight: Have a long-overdue talk.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ You might want to take a good look at the basics before you move in a new direction and try to foster a seemingly good idea. If you can be honest with yourself, you might see a weakness in your finances. Tonight: Time for a talk.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ What might have seemed difficult now seems much easier. Listen to news from someone at a distance. Evaluate what is happening, then decide if you want to take action. Tonight: Others are delighted to see you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Deal directly with someone who holds the purse strings. This person is in this position because he or she has a good sense of what is needed. You might not agree, and you could feel put off. Tonight: Spend time with a loved one.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ You could be exhausted and looking for a solution. You might discover how willing others are to be your support system and/or to pitch in. Pick the people with the most determination and endurance. Meetings keep dotting your calendar. Tonight: Choose what makes you happy.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Pressure builds, as you could be stressed out by a boss's requests. You will go out of your way to deliver what this person wants. Even if he or she appears to be stern, it does not mean that is the case, nor does it mean that he or she is not pleased. Tonight: Burn the midnight oil.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★★ You know how to read beyond what someone says. You will look at the person in question, and you'll carefully assess his or her demeanor. Note what he or she does not say as well. You will be able to tell whether a fact or two are missing. Tonight: Where you can relax.

Tuesday, July 16, 2013

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

This year, opportunity after opportunity seems to head your way. You will feel like a kid in a candy store. Come winter 2013 into 2014, luck might play an even bigger role in your life. You will have the ability to merge good, solid sense with the luck from an invisible rabbit's foot in your back pocket! If you are single, you could be attracted to someone older or more serious. Use care with commitments, because once you make one, it will be nearly impossible to get out of it. If you are attached, the two of you are likely to add a concrete manifestation of your caring. A fellow CANCER is a soul mate.

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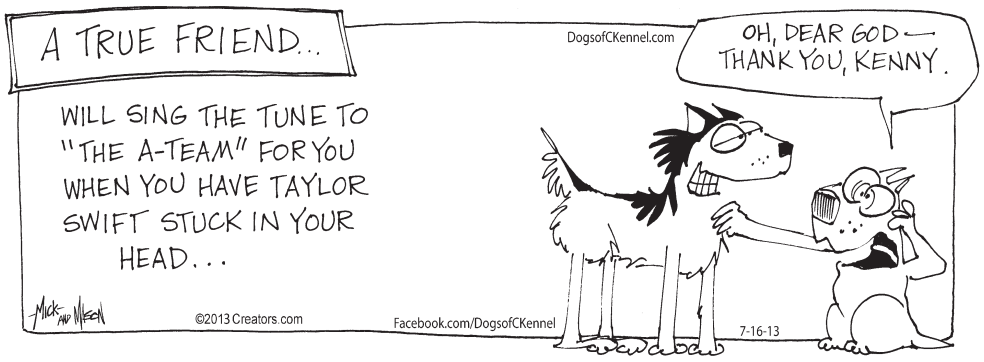

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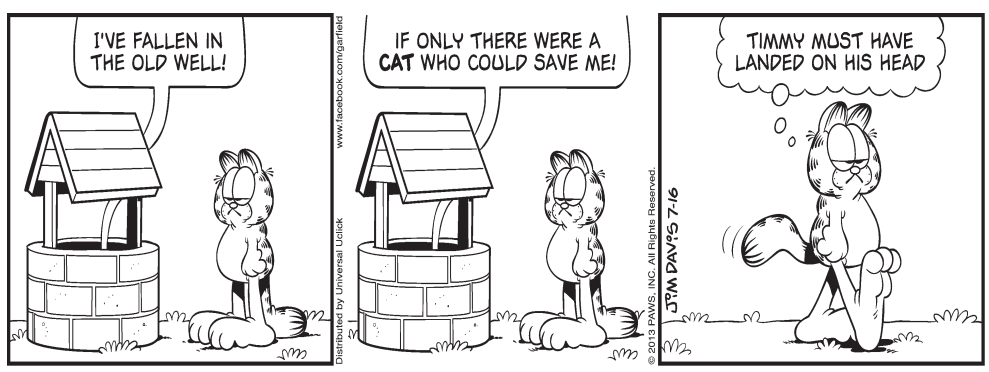

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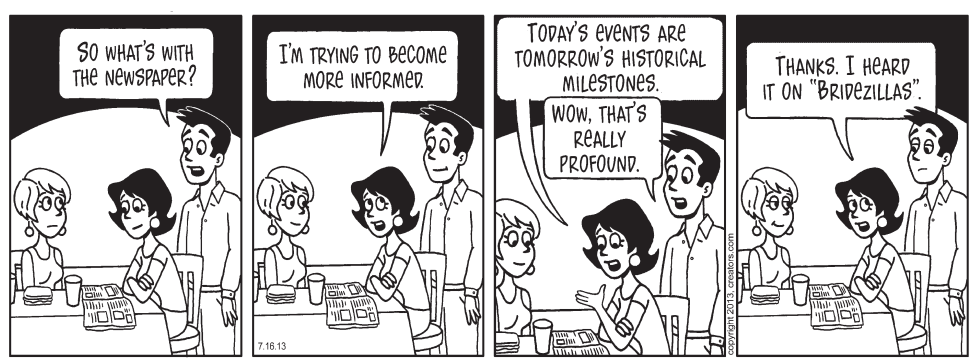

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Fill in the blank cells using numbers 1 to 9. Each number can appear only once in each row, column, and 3x3 block. Use logic and process of elimination to solve the puzzle. The difficulty level ranges from ★ (easiest) to ★★★★★ (hardest).

Difficulty Level ★★

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

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS
1 High points
6 Cardiff's land
11 Ten Commandments verb
12 Stay away from
13 "Tell It to My Heart" singer
15 Bustle
16 Gunpowder holder
17 Melancholy
18 Puzzled
20 Stupefied
23 Eddy
27 Reply from the pews
28 Pennsylvania port
29 Devilfish
31 Olympics symbol
32 Slow mover
34 Filming site
37 Father's Day gift
38 Used to be
41 "I Knew You Were Trouble" singer
44 Rockies resort
45 Aquarium fish
46 Destitute
47 Despise

DOWN
1 Nick and Nora's dog
2 Sudan neighbor
3 Deli spread
4 Pipe bend
5 Excited
6 Doorstops, often
7 Gardner of "Mogambo"
8 Puts down
9 Writer Ferber
10 Canary snack
14 King's title
18 Lets off steam
19 Reside
20 River stopper
21 "I — Rock"
22 Buddhism branch
24 Lyricist Gershwin
25 Brink
26 Rebel general
30 Cleopatra's love
31 Spanish feast
33 Ventilate
34 Baseball's Musial
35 Move slowly
36 Use a keyboard
38 Accompanying
39 Bushy hairdo
40 Walk of Fame symbol
42 Went first
43 Fly catcher

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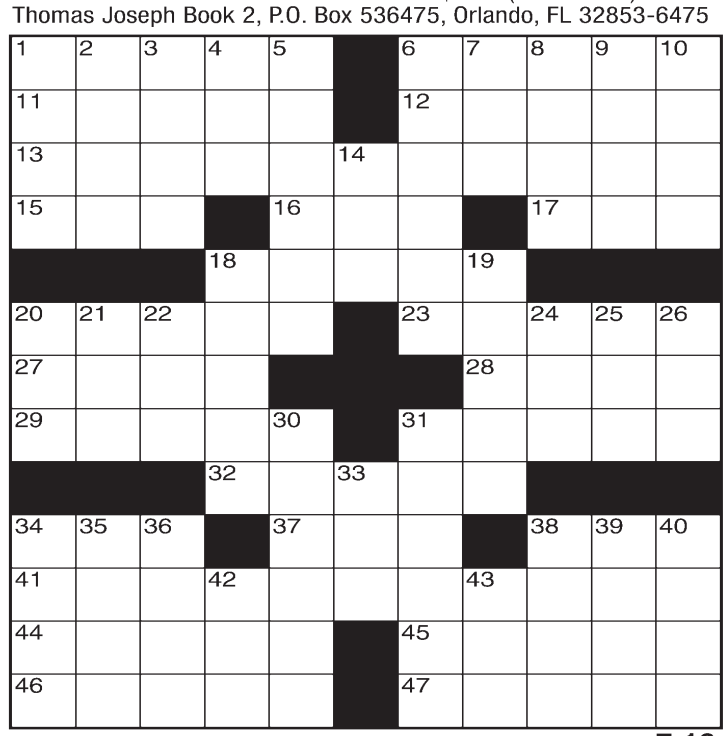

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AdChoices

NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Scotland's Parliament was revealed in May to be considering, as part of its Children and Young People Bill, guaranteeing that specific, named persons would be appointed for every Scottish child at birth, charged with overseeing that child's welfare until adulthood. A Daily Telegraph story acknowledged that the bill is "remarkably vague" about the duties and powers of the designated persons and thus it is unclear how the law might affect typical parent-child relationships.

■ Update: "(Supermodels) is the one exception (to U.S. immigration policy) that we all scratch our heads about," said a Brookings Institution policy analyst, speaking to Bloomberg Businessweek in May. Foreign-born sports stars and entertainers are fast-tracked with American work permits under one system, but supermodels were excluded from that and must thus compete (successfully, it turns out) with physicists and nuclear engineers to earn visas among the 65,000 slots available only to "skilled workers with college degrees." As such, around 250 beauties are admitted every year. (The most recent attempt to get supermodels their own visa category was championed in 2005 and 2007 by, appropriately, then-U.S.-Rep. Anthony Weiner of New York.)

TODAY IN HISTORY

1950 - Chaplain-Medic massacre: American POWs were massacred by North Korean Army.

1951 - King Leopold III of Belgium abdicates in favor of his son, Baudouin I of Belgium.

1951 - The Catcher in the Rye by J. D. Salinger is published for the first time by Little, Brown and Company.

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