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THE BUILDING UP ISSUE



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ARTISTIC VIEW: **Santa Monica city officials are trying to decide what the Exposition Light Rail stations should look like, with discussions about a mixed-use development at the Downtown station a possibility. The station will be at the corner of Colorado Avenue and Fourth Street.**

Looking into the future

City officials weigh in on Exposition Light Rail stations

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Editor in Chief

DOWNTOWN When riders of the long-awaited Exposition Light Rail hit the end of the line and descend on the corner of Fourth Street and Colorado Avenue, what should they see?

Should the final station by the sea feature a mixed-use development with ground-floor commercial and apartments on top, or would a more minimalist design better accentuate the beach lifestyle Santa Monica is known for and better prepare visitors for a bustling Downtown?

Those were some of the questions city officials asked themselves this week during their first opportunity to weigh in on the design of the three major light rail stations to be built in Santa Monica: Bergamot Station, Mid-City/Memorial Park and Downtown.

"I don't feel [the Downtown station] needs to be a grand statement," Councilman Richard Bloom said, agreeing with Mayor Bobby Shriver, who advocated for fewer articulated canopies and more open space. "When people are getting off … they are going to be in an environment that features this incredible mall directly across the street, the [Santa Monica] Pier right down the street and Palisades Garden walk will be within a few steps of this station. I wouldn't want the station to overshadow its surroundings.

"When people are arriving in Downtown Santa Monica, they will be thinking, 'Where am I going?' Not, 'What does this station look like?'"

Council members expressed a desire for stations that were easily accessible to those who disabilities, the elderly as well as bike riders who need secure spaces to lock up their bikes. Stations, particularly the one at Memorial Park, should also have space for park-and-ride and shuttle drop-off and pick-up, council members said, as the city's two major hospitals and Santa Monica College have expressed a desire to run shut-

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City Hall grants extension to Village developer

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Editor in Chief

CIVIC CENTER City Hall will receive more of the profits generated by the sale of condos built as part of the Village project here after elected officials earlier this week agreed to give the developer another two years to secure financing and begin construction.

The modified development agreement with mega-developer Related Companies and the Redevelopment Agency, which is comprised of members of the City Council, lowers the threshold when City Hall begins sharing in the profits from condo sales and creates a second threshold where City Hall would receive greater proceeds.

The Civic Center Village comprises approximately 3.7 acres and will provide up to 324 residences, including 160 that will be affordable to low-income households, including families and artists, city officials said. A park will be built adjacent to the project, which will sit on the site of the former RAND Corp. property. The City Council and Redevelopment Agency approved the development agreement with Related in June of 2008.

Since that time Related has had difficulty obtaining financing from banks to close escrow and begin construction. Representatives from Related said banks are scared to lend money during the worst economic recession since the Great Depression.

"Banks just aren't lending at all right now," said Gino Canori, vice president of development for Related. "It's very hard to pontificate on what's going to happen. We do think the lending market will be back in 2011. That's why we are willing to proceed with the [Village] project at this time and we needed the city to extend our agreement for two years."

Related plans to sell roughly 60 condos at market rate to help pay for the construction of the affordable units.

As part of the new profit sharing agreement, City Hall will receive 30 percent of the revenue generated when condo sales fall between $1,220 and $1,390 a square foot on one parcel, and 50 percent if the sales generate over $1,391 a square foot. On a second

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OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA AND SURROUNDS

Saturday, July 17, 2010

Healthy Living
Third Street Promenade
11 a.m. — 4 p.m.
This event allows Santa Monica residents and visitors to 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 exposition. Admission is free.
For more information, call (310) 393-9825.

Comical Justice
Santa Monica Playhouse Main Stage
1211 4th Street, 8 p.m.
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. For more information or to purchase tickets, call (310) 394-9779.

Bicycle, bicycle
Annenberg Community Beach House
415 Pacific Coast Highway, 10 a.m. — 4 p.m.
Gil Garcetti spent about four years photographing women riding bicycles in Paris. The women of all ages rode bicycles in all weather conditions to get to all occasions: to work, to friends, to shops, to the movies, to funerals, etc. Garcetti is also working with the Los Angeles Bicycle Coalition to promote more bicycle use in urban areas of Southern California.
For more information, call (310) 458-4904.

Sunday, July 18, 2010

Sing a song
Santa Monica Playhouse Main Stage
1211 Fourth St., 12:30 p.m. and 3 p.m.
Fun for all ages, the interactive musical revue "A Fairytale Sing-a-Long Afternoon" features songs and scenes from popular Rudie-DeCarlo Family Theatre productions like "Cinderella," "Alice and the Wonderful Tea Party," and "Beauty and the Beast" that audience members can sing and dance along to. There will also be opportunities to win prizes and get on stage. Tickets cost $10.50 for children 12 and under, and $12.50 for adults. For more information, call (310) 394-9779 ext. 2.

Who cut the cheese?
Morgan-Wixson Theatre
2627 Pico Blvd., 11 a.m.
Morgan-Wixson Theater Group presents a musical adaptation of Jon Scieszka's book, "The Stinky Cheese Man." This unique take on classic fairy tales is fun for all ages and is performed by a cast of children, complete with musical numbers, plenty of dancing and a man made of cheese. For more information call (310) 828-7519.

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Authorities investigate fatal crash in Malibu

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MALIBU Authorities were investigating whether a driver deliberately caused a head-on crash Friday that killed himself and another driver while injuring a third person on Pacific Coast Highway.

A Saturn sedan smashed into a westbound Mustang in the celebrity enclave between Paradise Cove and Zuma Beach. Both cars burst into flames.

Two women motorists reported that minutes before the crash, a Saturn made a U-turn and deliberately drove toward them.

"They had to take evasive action to avoid a collision," Los Angeles County sheriff's Sgt. Philip Brooks said.

The women turned around to try to find the car and minutes later discovered the crash.

A passenger in the Mustang was in stable condition at a hospital with a broken left arm and leg and a concussion.

The identities of the victims were not immediately released, but Brooks said the people in the Mustang were from the Port Hueneme Navy base.

The crash closed down the heavily traveled coast highway for about nine hours.

The driver of the Saturn was believed to be from Minnesota.

"We did contact Minnesota, some friends of the driver of the Saturn," Brooks said. "They tell us if it is him who is driving ... he has a drinking problem and his brother died about a week-and-a-half ago."

The man's mother said he was in California trying to get into the entertainment business, Brooks said.

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The band Brother performs during the second week of the Santa Monica Pier's Twilight Dance Series on Thursday night.

School district adds new faces

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

The school board has appointed three administrators to fill key positions throughout the district.

Debra Washington was selected as the new assistant superintendent of human resources, replacing Mike Matthews, who left this spring to become superintendent of Manhattan Beach schools.

Steven Richardson was appointed the new principal at Will Rogers Learning Community, assuming a position once held by Irma Lyons, a 17-year veteran of the school district who died last year after a long battle with cancer.

The school board also appointed Victoria Hurst to serve as a special education coordinator after the previous coordinator left to the special education program at a neighboring district. There are four special ed coordinators in the district.

"I would like to welcome all three to our management team and know that they will help take their respective departments/schools to the next level," Superintendent Tim Cuneo said.

Washington comes to SMMUSD from the Sequoia Union High School District, where she has been serving as the assistant superintendent for human resources and teacher induction for the past 11 years. Prior to that, Washington served as Sequoia's director of instruction and assessment and as the director/principal of summer session. She has also taught math, English, and social studies. As assistant superintendent for H.R., she initiated the in-house teacher induction program, bringing both veteran and new teachers together in collaborative groups, district officials said.

Washington is well-versed in board policy and the education code, labor group negotiations, employee orientation and training, teacher induction, budget development, and administrative training, district officials said.

Washington will be in charge of hiring and training teachers and other district staff.

Richards comes to the district from the Lawndale Elementary School District, where he has served as director of Extended Day Programs (Realizing Amazing Potential — R.A.P.) for nearly two years.

Collaboration comes naturally to Richardson, who, as the director of the before and after school programs, works directly with the middle and high school principals to align curriculum, builds partnerships with outside organizations, and

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Calling for transparency

Editor:

The release of rankings taxi cab companies received in their bid for franchises in Santa Monica raises more questions than answers ("City releases taxi cab franchise rankings," July 9).

Contrary to the claim of one city official quoted in the article, there is certainly a great deal of discontent and outcry among those of us who have been operating taxis in Santa Monica for years and are now being forced out of our livelihood without any explanation.

The so-called report is a little more than two-page memo that reveals little more than what place each of the 13 companies seeking to have franchises came in. It does not explain the reasoning behind why each company received these rankings nor does it provide the score sheets for how each company did in the categories they were evaluated on.

The surprisingly high status given to certain companies over others only reinforces previous suspicions that the process was unfair and highly subjective. Several reputable and experienced companies that have been operating locally in Santa Monica for decades were ranked unusually low, raising even further questions as to how exactly City Hall officials arrived at their conclusions.

Those of us who work as taxi drivers in the city recognize the need for regulation. However, the process in which this is done must be fully open and transparent. After all, what we are talking about here is determining, with the stroke of a pen, the jobs and earnings of hundreds of families. The least City Hall can do is give a legitimate explanation to the companies it is putting out of business.

In order to resolve this issue and erase all doubt, the city should, once and for all, reveal the reasoning behind its rankings, as well as the actual scores companies received in each of the 10 categories identified in the evaluation.

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Keep applying the pressure

Editor:

I live in the Rose Avenue-Venice corridor area of the departing aircraft from SMO. It amazes me when someone from Santa Monica writes in complaining about all the noise they have to endure as a result of the recent FAA "test pattern." As a result, the residents in Santa Monica have been exposed to a greater degree of aircraft activity over their homes.

Well welcome to my world!

I put up with the constant noise of these low-flying aircraft over my house every day! And now those in Santa Monica want to revert back to the pre-test pattern of having all the aircraft fly over only Venice residents? Believe me, I sympathize with you. No one should have to put up with all this noise and air pollution. But it's Santa Monica's airport; how about having all aircraft fly over Santa Monica only?

The July 8, 2010, comments in the editorial page by Erin Foley King ("Federal hubris") states that, "There is a reason that the planes fly straight out to the shoreline – safety!" Excuse me? Have you looked on a map recently? Do you not see the thousands of residential homes directly under the path of this "directly to the ocean" path? If the plane that recently crashed on the golf course had gone just a little further, it would have crashed into someone's house.

Like I said, I feel your pain. But your solution is Venice's problem. I have a better suggestion, a solution for all residents. Let's get this airport shut down so we can have a healthier, quieter quality of life! Keep writing your state and local officials expressing how you feel about this!

Kevin Dunham
Venice

On the Beat

NRO Scott Pace — Send comments to editor@smdp.com

What to do when cars collide

Q: HOW CAN I PREPARE MYSELF ON what to do if I get into a traffic accident?

A: First, try to avoid an accident. Some tips to do this are:

1. Always keep a safe distance from the car in front of you. Increase this distance even more during rainy or foggy conditions.

2. Allow rude or impatient drivers to pass. Stay clear of weaving or reckless drivers and avoid passing them if possible.

3. Do not react to a driver who has become hostile. Avoid making eye contact or gesturing.

I'm in an accident, now what:

1. If possible, pull over to the side of the road or somewhere safe (service station or well-lit parking lot). For your safety, you don't want to be in a traffic lane or in the middle of an intersection. Leaving your vehicles in traffic may cause another collision. It's not necessary in minor non-injury traffic collisions for the police to see the exact positions of the vehicles.

2. If the vehicles can't be moved and you're able to, exit your vehicle carefully and proceed to a safe location (sidewalk, parking lot, etc.). You should not walk around the vehicles and examine the damage while they are in traffic. Some people get confused/curious when they are driving by a traffic accident and don't pay attention to the road like they should. Checking out the damage to your car could result in you getting hit by a driver not paying attention.

3. If you're injured, then stay in your vehicle and call 911. If you don't have a phone, then have the other driver or a witness/passerby call 911 for you. Police and fire services will be there as soon as possible.

4. You should obtain the following information at the scene of an accident: Driver's license information, the vehicle's registered owner's information, vehicle license plate, phone number for the driver, insurance company name and policy number and witnesses' names and phone numbers. Keep a small notebook and pen or pencil in your car with the information you need to obtain on it. After the collision, you may not remember all the information you need.

5. If you have a camera or cell phone with a camera then take photographs of the damage to both vehicles and the collision scene.

6. Reporting a traffic accident to the police is only mandated when there is an injury involved. However, we recommend the collision be reported when one of the drivers may be intoxicated, the other driver refuses to exchange information (or flees the scene), or he/she does not have insurance or a driver's license.

Q: A friend of mine just bought a mini-motorcycle, and I was thinking about buying one too. What are the laws about riding them on the street?

A: Mini-motorcycles, or "pocket bikes," are becoming increasingly popular. You may have recently seen someone riding one down your street, but are they legal to ride? These bikes are classified as motorcycles. However, most are not manufactured to comply with the laws that allow them to be used safely on public roadways. They also cannot be registered as a legal motor vehicle. Accordingly, the locations where they may be legally ridden are very limited. Most retailers don't share this information with you, but that's no excuse for being uninformed.

Vehicle Code Section 473 defines a pocket bike as follows:

"A pocket bike is a two-wheeled motorized device that has a seat or saddle for the use of the rider and that is not designed or manufactured for highway use. Pocket bike does not include an off-highway motorcycle, as defined in Section 436."

Additionally, section 21720 has been added to the Vehicle Code that now makes operating a pocket bike illegal on the following:

"A pocket bike shall not be operated on a sidewalk, roadway or any other part of a highway or on a bikeway, bicycle path or trail, equestrian trail, hiking or recreational trail or on public lands open to off-highway motor vehicle use."

These rules pertain to both electric and gasoline powered mini-motorcycles:

• Mini-motorcycles may be ridden on private property, but only with the owner's permission.

• Anyone riding a mini-motorcycle on a public street or other public place may be issued a citation, and the mini-motorcycle may be impounded.

Two other popular transportation devices are motorized skateboards and motorized scooters. Here are some rules people may be concerned about when operating them:

MOTORIZED SCOOTER

• Driver must be at least 16 years old.

• A Class C driver's license or driver's permit is required.

• A motorized scooter shall at all times be equipped with a muffler.

• Speed limit is 15 mph.

• Driver must wear a bicycle helmet.

• Operation permitted on a bicycle path, trail or bikeway, unless there is a local ordinance prohibiting it.

• Motorized scooters may be ridden on private property, but only with the owner's permission.

• On the roadway with a posted speed limit of greater than 25 mph, driver must operate in Class II bicycle lane.

• On roads with a posted speed limit of 25 mph or less, riding in a bicycle lane is not required.

• Operator shall ride as close to the right curb as possible, except to pass or turn left

MOTORIZED SKATEBOARD

• Operation permitted on private property only, with the permission of the owner.

• Illegal on highways, sidewalks, bikeways and hiking or recreational trails.

For additional information on regulations for mini-motorcycles, please contact the Traffic Division at (310)458-8993.

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The Q Line

Who's in?

This past week, Q-line asked:
The City Council this week decided to place a measure on the November ballot that would increase the sales tax rate to 10.25 percent for an increase of one-half of a percent. Will you vote for such a tax?
Here are your responses:

"VOTE IN ANOTHER TAX INCREASE? Definitely not. I don't shop in Santa Monica now because everything is overpriced. This is the most moronic idea the City Council has come up with yet, and that takes some doing."

"INCREASING THE SALES TAX BY HALF A cent is a terrible idea. The sales tax is already too high and raising it again will not solve the budget problem. The only solution is to cut costs, and our elected officials have shown they do not know how or don't want to do that. If they get more revenue, which they will have complete control over, they will just find more pet projects to spend the money on. Also, this sales tax increase will certainly hurt our local restaurants and businesses, as many people would just decide to shop and eat out in West L.A. We should all vote no, and we should also vote against all of the incumbents who are running for re-election to the City Council."

"I WOULD STRONGLY SUPPORT THE half-cent sales tax if the money was going to the school district. I think that is an incredible idea, and I would strongly support it."

"THE PROBLEM IS THAT OUR MONEY IS being mismanaged. I'm against taxes because if the taxes go through, I will be moving to Europe. You know what happened to those who wanted a tax increase in Paris. I suggest that the people in City Hall who proposed that have the same fate as the ones who did in France."

"MOST PEOPLE THAT I KNOW APPRECIATE it when paramedics show up when they dial 911, they appreciate having water that you can drink without making you sick, and they appreciate teachers teaching children. A Supreme Court justice once said, 'Taxes are the price you pay to live in a civilized society.' Anyone who continues to insist that cutting is the solution, I tell you to look to the Gulf of Mexico to see what happens when you cut and cut and cut, and there's no government there to protect the rest of us. We have tremendous services in our city, and we're really lucky for them. And the people who complain really don't know what they're talking about. I'm tired of teachers and cops and firefighters being laid off. It's time we stepped up to the plate and took care of our society, each other and our children."

"NO. IT WILL KILL BUSINESS IN SANTA Monica."

"NO, I WON'T VOTE FOR THE TAX INCREASE, and I won't vote for any incumbents running for any office in Santa Monica. If the tax increase goes into effect, I will do my shopping outside of Santa Monica."

"IF THEY PASS THIS INCREASE IN THE sales tax, I will no longer shop for anything in Santa Monica, even if it is an inconvenience. We have to take a stand at some point. This city is, and has been for a long time, a center of mismanagement. I think they have gall even proposing such a thing.

"NO, I WOULDN'T VOTE FOR SUCH A TAX. These public officials and school district officials keep coming like zombies. Every time we turn them down, they just keep coming back, and they combine vampire genes also, so they are a combination of blood sucking zombies."

"NO, OF COURSE NOT. NO MORE LIVING beyond our means. The only solution is to make necessary cuts in the budget."

"NO, I WILL NOT VOTE FOR THIS TAX. IT IS going to kill business in Santa Monica. Why shop in Santa Monica when you can get it cheaper elsewhere? Even though it's only a penny on $2, you would have to be an idiot to vote for it."

"I HAVE A SIMPLE MESSAGE THAT EVEN the boneheads on the City Council can understand: No new taxes."

"I WOULD NOT VOTE FOR THIS TAX INCREASE or any other kind of parcel tax. As a company owner in Santa Monica, I am definitely opposed to paying any increase, as I am already paying taxes that are too high."

"MY ANSWER IS NO, I WOULD DEFINITELY not vote for an increase in sales tax. I think the city ought to, instead of doling out taxes to overburdened people, let those 500 people surveyed pay."

"WHAT? ANOTHER TAX? HOW MANY DOES that make, 27? The political elite in this town must really hate us. To them, we are just sheep to be constantly clipped. Only the rich with their deception or the low income housing poor with their free lunch-eating kids escape this tax. Have you ever noticed how this town has become a endless confiscation of capital? That is why we are a very ugly town. Everything is geared towards taxing the sheep to support a darker lifestyle. We are becoming a dead town, you just don't see it. Support less spending and less taxes and let people decide what to spend their money on."

"WE ALREADY PAY ENOUGH TAXES. WE pay a lot to the city of Santa Monica through our utilities including phone and cell phone bills. How about instituting a luxury tax on luxury items that are not necessary to living? Do you really need that fur coat? Do you need that diamond? Put a luxury tax on luxury items and leave the rest of us alone."

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28 killed in hotel fire in Iraq's Kurdish region

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BAGHDAD A fierce blaze at a hotel without fire escapes sent some desperate guests plunging to their deaths in a northern Iraqi oil boomtown, killing 28 people.

Half of those killed were foreigners, a reflection of the thousands of migrants who have flooded the Kurdish region in northern Iraq in recent years in search of economic opportunities. Kurdistan, which has been spared the brunt of violence in Iraq, has prospered even as the rest of the country remains mired in sectarian bloodshed and political woes that have slowed investment.

The fire began late Thursday night in the city of Sulaimaniyah and lasted well into Friday morning as firefighters battled the deadly blaze in the five-story Soma Hotel for nearly five hours.

Witnesses described a chaotic scene in which smoke filled the hallways and billowed out of the windows, forcing some hotel guests to jump from the upper floors in a desperate attempt to avoid the flames.

One man who was visiting friends at the hotel, Mariwan Asaad, described seeing flames and smoke filling the corridors on the third floor, forcing him to stumble blindly in search of a way out. Through the open doorway of one room he saw a man lying on the floor, dead from smoke inhalation.

"I entered the room and threw myself from the window. I broke my legs. The pain was so great that I lost consciousness. I found myself in the hospital," he said, speaking just before going into the operating room for surgery.

The owner of another hotel next door said the fire reached his building but his hotel workers managed to douse the flames.

"Thick smoke was going out from all the hotel windows. I saw at least three people jumping from the fifth story," Hawri Hassan said.

Most of the victims died from smoke inhalation, and the lack of fire escapes contributed to the high death toll, said the head of the city's fire department, Brig. Yadgar Mohammed Mustafa.

Kurdish Prime Minister Barham Saleh said 28 people died and 22 were injured, in a statement released by the Kurdistan Regional Government. Fourteen of the dead were foreigners, the statement said.

He said the government was working with embassies to notify the next of kin. The prime minister said he had ordered a review of all fire safety measures in public buildings in the city and the region.

"I have ordered an immediate investigation into the accident to establish the causes of the fire and assess the emergency procedures that followed. We will spare no effort in making sure such tragedies do not occur in the future," he said.

The dead included people from Cambodia, Bangladesh, Canada, Australia, Ecuador, South Africa, Britain, Lebanon, Venezuela, Sri Lanka and one person who was believed to be a foreigner but did not have identification, the Kurdish government said.

The chief of police, Brig. Gen. Najim-al-Din Qadir, said the blaze was sparked by an electrical short. The top health official in Sulaimaniyah, Rekwt Mohammed, said one of the dead was a pregnant woman.

Some of those killed were working for foreign oil companies, according to the police chief.

A number of such oil companies operate in the Kurdish north, which sits atop about 40 percent of Iraq's total 115 billion barrels of proven crude oil reserves.

A Dubai-based company, Terraseis, which conducts geological surveys for the oil industry, said in a statement late Friday that eight of its employees were killed in the fire.

"This is a tragic situation and our hearts go out to all those who are impacted," said the company.

Despite Iraq's instability and struggling economy, the country — especially the three provinces that make up the Kurdish region — is still a destination for migrant workers, mostly from Asia and Africa, said Jean-Philippe Chauzy, a spokesman for the Geneva-based International Organization for Migration.

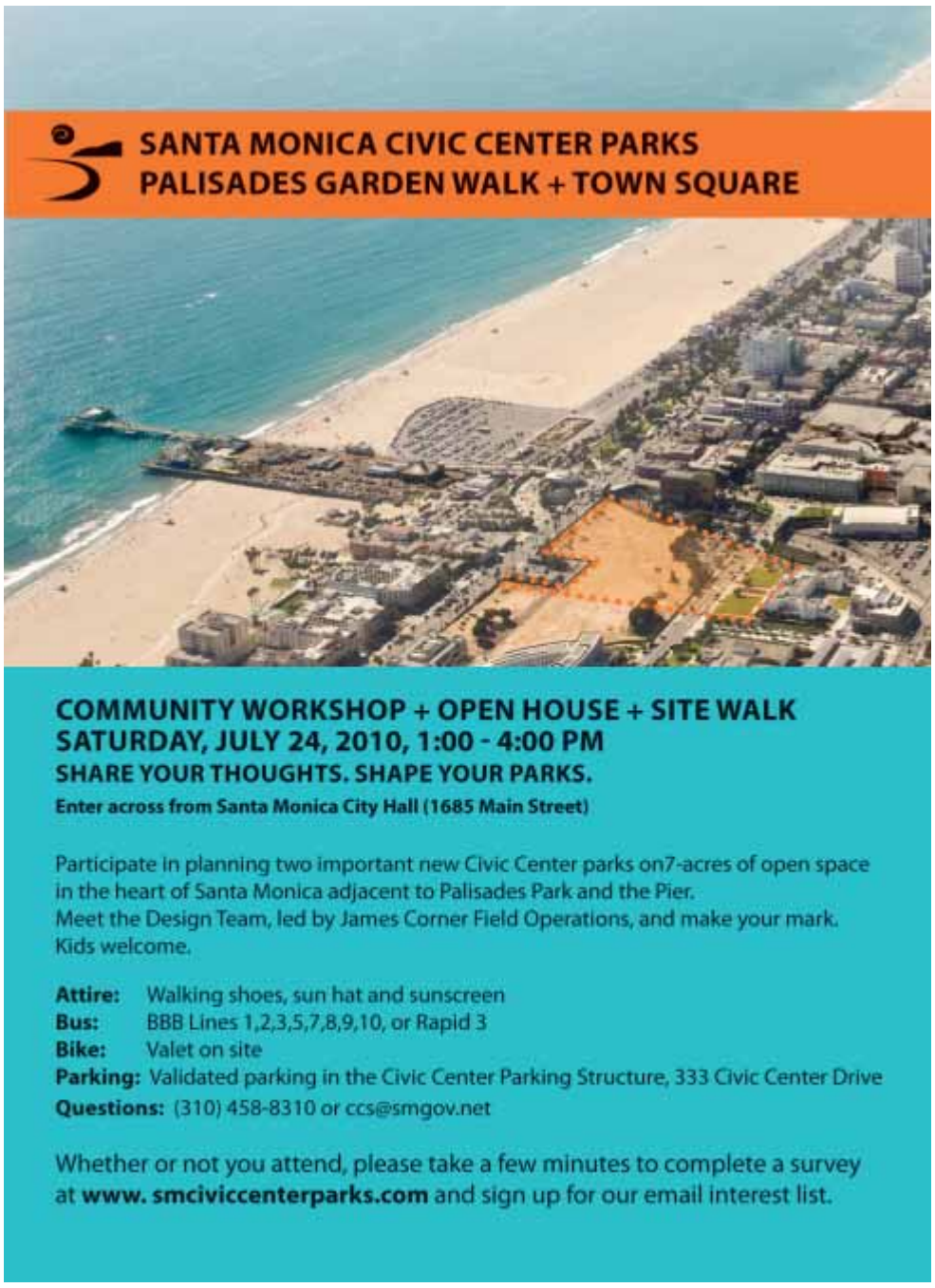
While the rest of Iraq has been plagued by violence since the 2003 U.S.-led invasion, the Kurdish region has enjoyed relative stability, benefitting from a construction boom that has seen investors throw up houses, hotels and office buildings.

The growth and stability in the region have also spurred a growing number of airlines to fly into the Kurdish region, some from as far away as Austria.

Waleed Mohammed, marketing manager in Sulamaniyah for Lafarge SA, the world's largest cement maker, said some Kurdish businessmen who had worked in Europe or the Gulf states were bringing in workers from countries such as India or Bangladesh, in part because they were better trained than Kurdish workers.

However, the lack of fire escapes at the building raises questions about the Kurdish building boom and whether corners are being cut in pursuit of economic growth.

"There is too much building going on in Sulamaniyah without enough government oversight," said one builder in the city, Arass Karim Wali. "Most of them have no safety regulations, especially in the hotels and the markets."







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tles to the station for employees who chose not to drive into work, helping reduce traffic on Santa Monica streets.

Phase 1 of the Expo Line between Downtown Los Angeles and Culver City is under construction. Phase 2 covers approximately 7 miles through West Los Angeles and Santa Monica along Colorado Avenue to reach the end of the line in Downtown. When Phase 2 is completed in 2015, it will take approximately 46 minutes to travel from Downtown Los Angeles to Downtown Santa Monica on the light rail, Expo officials said.

The Expo line is projected to be one of the busiest light rail lines in the country, with a projected ridership of 64,000 boardings per weekday along the entire alignment. The estimated cost for the entire Phase 2 project is $1.5 billion. Measure R, passed by the voters in November of 2008, will provide full funding necessary to complete the line. The projects to construct a bicycle path and a maintenance facility near Stewart Street Park will be designed and constructed by Expo through separate contracts.

City staff is currently negotiating with the Exposition Metro Line Construction Authority on design changes to the stations to create what is called a "baseline." Design features in the baseline will be covered by the authority, however, any enhancements the council advocates for will have to be paid for by City Hall. Council members made it clear that they don't want stations that are so ugly that they would make a train take a dirty road. They would like to see stations that are unique and reflect Santa Monica's vibe.

"I want someone who is leaving or arriving to know they are in Santa Monica," Councilman Bob Holbrook said.

The council did vote unanimously July 13 to move forward with negotiations with Expo, incorporating several design elements into the baseline. For Bergamot, the council would like to see separate station platforms for east and west bound trains (side-loaded) with pedestrian track crossings at both ends of the station, and entrances in the center of the platforms to integrate the station with the adjacent Bergamot Art Center and the large ridership pool north of Olympic Boulevard.

For Memorial Park, the council wants incorporated into the baseline entrances at both ends of the station platform to facilitate circulation, capacity and customer service, and an off-street transfer area to accommodate surges in ridership and connections to bus, bike, and "kiss-and-ride" in place of a dedicated long-term parking lot.

At the Downtown station, the council would like to see an entry at the south end of the platforms to serve the Civic Center and Santa Monica High School, entry at the north end of the station platforms through a city controlled plaza, pedestrian circulation through the station from Fourth to Fifth Street, and enough room left over for possible development opportunities on city-owned land. The council is also concerned about the height of elevated tracks coming into the station.

It seems City Hall believes the authority should include more features in the baseline given that the Downtown station will mark the end of the line and is deserving of a design that marks that distinction, and that the Colorado Avenue alignment the council advocated for will cost approximately $65 million less than the Olympic alignment largely due to the reduced need for elevated track construction, according to city staff.

Councilman Kevin McKeown was particularly concerned about the authority allegedly cutting costs because of budget constraints. He additionally was not pleased with a proposed design for the Bergamot Station, which has riders walking farther distances to get off and on the station platform, diverting them away from Bergamot Station while creating "a blockade to the Pico Neighborhood."

"We in Santa Monica have worked for years to make this possible … and we have deliberately put these stations in the middle of things and the entrances and exits are crucial to the functionality of these stations, and I'm hearing some rumors about a desire to cut costs and a number of the entrances are put in places that are thrifty and short sighted," McKeown said.

Mayor Pro Tem Pam O'Connor emphasized the importance of creating multimodal stations that cater to all types of travelers, with the baseline design featuring sensible entrances and exits. If the stations are not built right, that could turn off thousands of future riders, she said.

"We don't want to discourage people because it's difficult when it shouldn't have been. If that happens we will have failed," O'Connor said. 'We need to build it right the first time."

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works directly with school communities, Cuneo said.

Richardson is well-versed in implementing best practices to close the achievement gap, having served as an administrator of a Title I school that also housed a special needs program.

Hurst has served as the assistant principal at Roosevelt Elementary School for the past three years. Prior to that, she served as the family literacy specialist, a summer school intensive intervention teacher, and a second and third grade teacher — all at Roosevelt. She has also taught first and fifth grade in the Los Angeles Unified School District.

As assistant principal, she led IEP meetings, managed student discipline, implemented a positive behavior program, and developed and monitored language arts and math intervention programs.

Hurst is well-versed in special education law, best practices regarding special education instruction and programs, and the district's Parent Resource Training program.

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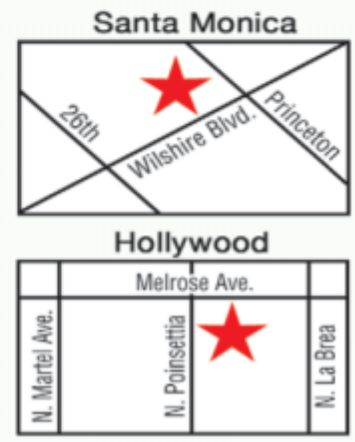


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parcel that sits on Ocean Avenue near the Viceroy Hotel, City Hall will receive 30 percent of the profits when the condos sell for $1,241 to $1,403 per square foot, and 50 percent when they hit $1,404 a square foot.

Andy Agle, City Hall's director of housing and economic development, said the lower threshold for when profits would be shared was sought after because of the change in costs shouldered by Related.

"We think prices [for the condos] will be lower because of the health of the real estate market, but we also think their construction costs will be lower because pricing is more competitive than when we originally executed the agreement," Agle said.

Agle said two years felt like an appropriate extension to give seeing as other projects similar to the Village are also having a difficult time securing loans.



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NOT FOR LONG: **This Civic Center parking lot is the future site of the Village.**

The extension gives Related, which is also trying to build housing in Downtown Los Angeles as part of the Grand Avenue project, up until August, 2012 to break ground on the Village.

Councilman Kevin McKeown, an advocate for affordable housing, said the council remains committed to the project but realized the challenges Related is facing in the financial world.

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On **TUESDAY, JULY 27, 2010, at 5:45 p.m.** the Santa Monica City Council will hold a public hearing regarding the approval of the Stormwater Parcel Reports, describing each parcel within the City and the amount of each parcel's Stormwater Management Fee and Clean Beaches Special Tax for the 2010-11 fiscal year. Stormwater Management Fees are a funding source for watershed management activities, including periodic upgrades and construction of drainage facilities, maintenance of the storm drain system, catch basin cleaning, public education, runoff pollution control enforcement and other programs that protect the economic, recreational and biological resources of Santa Monica Bay from urban runoff pollution. Each Fee is billed through the L.A. County Tax Assessor on one's 2010-11 property tax bill. The hearing will be held at the COUNCIL CHAMBER, ROOM 213, CITY HALL, 1685 MAIN STREET, SANTA MONICA, at which time the City Council will hear and consider all objections or protests, if any, to the Reports. A copy of the Reports has been filed with the City Clerk's Office and is available for review. Further information may be obtained by calling the Watershed Management Program Coordinator, (310) 458-8223.



NOTICE OF ELECTION

AND ARGUMENT AND REBUTTAL DEADLINES

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT a Special Municipal Election will be held in the City of Santa Monica on Tuesday, November 2, 2010, and setting the deadline for submittal of arguments, and rebuttals in favor and in opposition of the following measures:

PROPOSITION " " : Shall an ordinance be adopted to offset severe state budget cuts, protect and stabilize City finances, and maintain essential services including: police, fire, paramedic and emergency 911 response, school, educational and afterschool programs, public transit, services for the disabled, gang and drug prevention programs, environmental, library and other general fund services, by enacting a City of Santa Monica? percent transactions and use tax, subject to independent annual audits, and no money going to Sacramento?	Yes _____ No
PROPOSITION " ": ADVISORY VOTE ONLY: If a local transactions and use tax is enacted in the City of Santa Monica, should half of its revenue be used to support school, educational and afterschool programs, with half of its revenue being used for general City services such as: police, fire, paramedic and emergency 911 response, public transit, services for the disabled, gang and drug prevention programs, environmental, library and other general fund services?	Yes _____ No

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that pursuant to Article 4, Chapter 3, Division 9 of the Elections Code of the State of California, the legislative body of the City, or any member or members thereof authorized by the body, or any individual voter or bona fide association of citizens, or any combination of voters and associations, may file a written argument, not to exceed 300 words in length, accompanied by the printed name(s) and signature(s) of the author(s) submitting it, or if submitted on behalf of an organization, the name of the organization, and the printed name and signature of at least one of its principal officers who is the author of the argument, for or against the City measures. No more than five signatures of authors shall be accepted with any argument submitted.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that, based upon the time reasonably necessary to prepare and print the arguments and sample ballots for the election, the City Clerk has fixed **Tuesday, July 27, 2010, 5:30 p.m.**, during normal office hours, as posted, as **the date** after which no arguments for or against the City measures may be submitted to the Clerk for printing and distribution to the voters as provided in the Article 4. Arguments shall be submitted to the City Clerk, accompanied by the printed name(s) and signatures(s) of the author(s) submitting it, or if submitted on behalf of the organization, the name of the organization, and the printed name and signature of at least one of its principal officers who is the author of the argument, at City Hall, Santa Monica, California. Arguments may be changed or withdrawn until and including the date fixed by the City Clerk.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN THAT pursuant to Santa Monica Municipal Code Section 11.04.125 rebuttal arguments not exceeding 250 words, as submitted by the authors of the opposing direct arguments, may be filed with the Clerk, and shall be signed by any one of the persons filing the original argument, any combination of the persons signing the original argument or by all of the persons filing the original argument. The rebuttal shall not be signed by any person who did not sign the original argument nor shall it contain more than five signatures. The deadline for filing rebuttals with the City Clerk may be not more than ten days after the final date for filing original arguments, the date being **Friday, August 6, 2010, 5:00 p.m.**

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN THAT pursuant to Santa Monica Municipal Code Section 11.04.190, the City Clerk shall make any ordinance, impartial analysis, or direct arguments and rebuttals filed under the authority of the elections code available for public inspection in the City Clerk's office for a period of ten calendar days immediately following the filing deadline of such materials. Any person seeking a writ of mandate or an injunction requiring any or all of the materials to be amended or deleted shall comply with the time requirements in Elections Code Sections 9295 and 13313 for filing such actions. Please call (310) 458-8211 for any additional information.

Judge rejects Schwarzenegger minimum wage request

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SACRAMENTO A judge on Friday declined to make the state controller comply with an order by Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger to pay state workers minimum wage while the state remains without a budget.

Sacramento County Superior Court Judge Patrick Marlette denied the administration's request for a temporary restraining order that would have forced the controller to pay the federal minimum wage immediately to about 200,000 state workers.

Marlette ruled it would cause too much harm to employees.

Deputy Controller Hallye Jordan said the decision means state workers will continue to receive their full wages in July and August.

"We were very pleased that the judge took into consideration our arguments and the impact it would have on hundreds of thousands of state employees who have worked for their checks and expect the full amount," Jordan said after the ruling.

The judge did say he will allow the administration's lawsuit to proceed so the courts can sort out whether the controller must pay minimum wage in the future. The judge indicated he would like to set a full hearing for late August.

Lynelle Jolley, a spokeswoman for Schwarzenegger's Department of Personnel Administration, said the administration is confident it will ultimately prevail in the courts.

"We also hope that the Legislature is going to pass a budget in the meantime so we aren't forced to pay our employees minimum wage," Jolley said.

Earlier this month, a state appeals court in Sacramento ruled in favor of Schwarzenegger. It said the Republican governor has the authority to order minimum wage for civil service workers because the state has not passed a budget for the current fiscal year, which started July 1.

Schwarzenegger's order would cover about 200,000 of the state's work force of 237,000, who would be paid the federal minimum of $7.25 an hour if the courts ultimately find in his favor. Salaried managers who are not paid on an hourly basis would see their pay cut to $455 a week.

If wages are cut, employees would be reimbursed after a state budget is passed and signed.

Patricia Velez, an environmental scientist at the state Department of Fish and Game, said she was relieved by the judge's ruling Friday.

"It would do a lot of harm to state scientists and to all state employees not to get paid on time," said Velez, who also is president of the California Association of Professional Scientists. "I mean we all have the same bills to pay."

The Schwarzenegger administration filed its original lawsuit in Superior Court two years ago after the governor first attempted to impose the minimum wage during a previous budget deadlock. The controller, who cuts state paychecks, has refused to comply.

State Controller John Chiang has filed a counter lawsuit, arguing he cannot make the changes. He said California's decades-old computerized payroll system is incapable of handling the pay reduction.

The system was designed more than 60 years ago and was last revamped in 1970. The latest effort to update it is expected to be implemented in 2012.

During Friday's hearing, administration attorney Chris Thomas argued the interests of taxpayers aren't being represented because the controller has refused to comply with the wage law.

"We think an injunction is critical," Thomas told the judge. "This is our only recourse for preventing what we believe will be an inevitable violation of the law."

Marlette said the harm that would be done to state workers by cutting wages outweighs the conduct of the controller.

"That's pretty dramatic, don't you think?" the judge said.

Chiang, a Democrat who has received $190,000 in union campaign contributions this year, also warned that paying the minimum wage would violate the Federal Fair Labor Standards Act. That could lead to costly fines for the state.

In a second ruling Friday, the judge denied a request by several unions to join the lawsuit on Chiang's side. They included the Service Employees International Union Local 1000 and the California Correctional Peace Officers Association.

A possible pay cut would not apply to employees covered by unions that recently reached tentative labor agreements with the Schwarzenegger administration.

State doctors and lawyers would not receive any paycheck because minimum wage laws do not apply to those professions.

San Francisco continues to see drop in crime

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SAN FRANCISCO San Francisco officials say the city's crime rate continues to drop.

Mayor Gavin Newsom and Police Chief George Gascon announced Friday that violent crime, a category that includes rapes and aggravated assaults, is down 10 percent compared to the first six months in 2009 and 20 percent less from 2008.

There have also been fewer homicides in San Francisco, with 26 so far this year. That's down slightly from the 28 reported at this time a year ago. But with 45 homicides for all of last year, that was the fewest since 1961.

Gascon says property crimes are also down, dropping 12 percent from the same period last year

Gascon credits deploying officers and other resources to neighborhood hot spots and implementing a computerized program that tracks crime trends.

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Feds: Test results from well not as positive as expected

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NEW ORLEANS Pressure readings have been less than ideal from the new cap shutting oil into BP's busted well, but the crude will remain locked in while engineers look for evidence of whether there is an undiscovered leak, the federal point man for the disaster said Friday.

Retired Coast Guard Adm. Thad Allen said on a conference call that pressure readings from the cap have not reached the level that would show there are no new leaks in the well.

Allen said BP's test of the cap, which started 24 hours previously by shutting three valves and stopping the flow of oil into the water, would continue for at least 6 hours. It was scheduled to last up to 48 hours.

He said the developments were "generally good news" but needed close monitoring.

Allen said there are two possible reasons being debated by scientists on the project for why the pressure hasn't risen as high as desired: The reservoir that is the source of the oil could be depleting after a three-month spill, or there could be an undiscovered leak somewhere down in the well.

"We don't know because we don't know the exact condition of the well bore," Allen said.

He said the test will go ahead for another 6-hour period before being reassessed to see if BP needs to reopen the cap and go back to piping some of the oil to ships on the surface.

If it were reopened, Allen said, "There's no doubt there would be some discharge into the environment."

Pressure readings after 24 hours were about 6,700 pounds per square inch and rising slowly, Allen said, below the 7,500 psi that would clearly show the well was not leaking. He said pressure continued to rise between 2 and 10 psi per hour.

He said a seismic probe of the surrounding sea floor found no sign of a leak in the ground, one of the major concerns because oil erupting into the surroundings would be harder to contain and could weaken the well before it is plugged for good.

The cap is a temporary measure. Even if it holds, BP needs to plug the gusher with cement and mud deep underground, where the seal will hold more permanently than any cap from above could.

Kent Wells, BP PLC vice president, earlier said readings after the first 17 hours showed no signs that oil was escaping through unknown breaches farther down in the well piping that leads deep under the sea floor to the oil reservoir.

Wells also said work would resume on a relief well, the oil giant's more permanent solution meant to plug the leak for good underground to end one of the nation's worst environmental catastrophes.

That's also a sign that things were going well. Engineers had stopped drilling one of the wells Thursday in case that bore hole deep underground could be affected by the oil cap effort.

BP finally stopped oil from spewing into the sea Thursday for the first time since an April 20 explosion on the BP-leased Deepwater Horizon oil rig killed 11 workers and unleashed the spill 5,000 feet beneath the water's surface.

It came after repeated attempts to stop the oil — everything from robotics to different capping techniques to stuffing the hole with mud and golf balls. The week leading up to the moment where the oil cloud ended was a fitful series of starts and setbacks.

President Barack Obama said Friday the progress was good news, but cautioned an anxious public not to "get too far ahead of ourselves." Obama said the cap was still being tested and there was still an "enormous clean up job" and ensuring quick compensation for Gulf residents and business in the offing.

The accomplishment was greeted with hope, high expectations — and, in many cases along the beleaguered coastline, disbelief. BP Chief Operating Officer Doug Suttles late Thursday urged caution and warned the flow could resume, saying it wasn't a time for celebration.

There was no end in sight to cleaning up somewhere between 94 million and 184 million gallons that the government estimates spilled into the Gulf.

Long strands of white absorbent boom strung along the beach were stained chocolate brown at Orange Beach, Ala., early Friday after a fresh wave of pea-sized tar balls washed ashore. Charter boat captains who can't fish because of the oil spill patrolled the shore looking for more oil slicks.

A few miles away, an oily sheen swirled around a $4.6 million steel oil barrier erected at the pass into Perdido Bay, located near the Alabama-Florida border.

Orange Beach Mayor Tony Kennon said shutting the well was a hopeful sign, but the damage is done.

"The other side is they're not paying claims and I'm watching people moving away, people losing their jobs, everything they've got. How can I be that happy when that's happening to my neighbor?"

Kennon said BP has only paid $50,000 of his city's claim of $1.9 million for damages and response.

Claims czar Ken Feinberg will administer a BP-paid $20 billion fund for losses from the spill. For some businesses, the process has been difficult enough already.

"They told us that they're cutting us a check for $14,000, which is pretty much a slap in the face" said Dea Baxter, office manager for Griffin Fishing, a recreational charter fishing service in Lafitte. "We've sent more than that out in refunds and cancellations."

BP said Friday it has paid out $201 million so far to individuals and businesses. It said more than 32,000 claimants got one or more payments in the past 10 weeks.

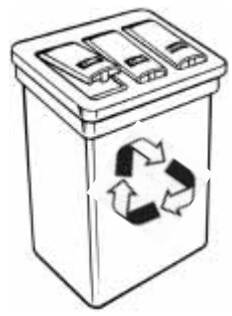
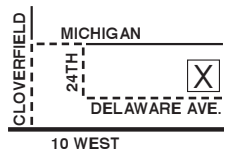
More than 114,000 claims have been submitted so far, but nearly half didn't have enough information for BP to make payment, the oil giant said.

The Gulf Coast has been shaken economically, environmentally and psychologically by the hardships of the past three months. That feeling of being swatted around — by BP, by the government, even by fate — was evident in the wide spectrum of reactions to news of the capping.

The fishing industry in particular has been buffeted by fallout from the spill as fishing waters and oyster grounds were shut up and down the coast.

The saga has also devastated BP, costing it billions in everything from cleanup to repair efforts to plunging stock prices. BP shares, which have lost nearly half their value since the disaster started, jumped in the last hour of Thursday trading on Wall Street after the oil stopped. But they were down again more than 3 percent Friday.


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SURF REPORT

Surf Conditions **Water Temp:** 64°

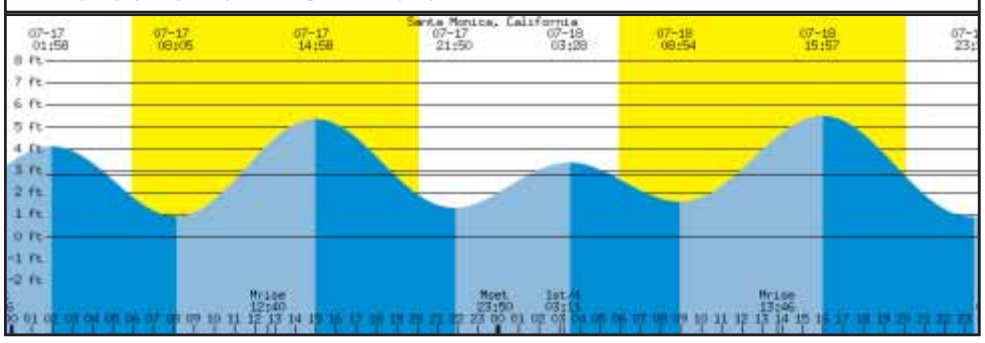
Swell Forecast

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

Long Range Synopsis

The SW should back down to waist high max. West facing breaks are looking smaller.

Tide Forecast for Today in Santa Monica



BEACH REPORT CARD

NORTH LOS ANGELES COUNTY

Grades for this report are based on monitoring data from the previous 30 days up to the ending date of **July 15, 2010**

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

QUICK STATS (for the last 30 days)

- Number of sewage spills -- 0
- Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0
- Number of wet days -- 0
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 38 / ns
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 3 / ns

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

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

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	B	ns
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechusa and Los Alisos creeks.	A+	ns
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	A+	ns
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	A+	ns
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth.	C	ns
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	A+	ns
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Solstice Canyon at Don Blocker County Beach.	D	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.	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.	A+	ns
Tuna Canyon.	A+	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	B	ns
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	ns
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at 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 fences.	F	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain.	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain.	B	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua).	A+	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain.	B	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.	B	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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LEGAL NEWS

Change of venue denied in Adenhart death trial

GREG RISLING
Associated Press Writer

SANTA ANA A judge said Friday the trial of the suspected drunken driver accused of killing a Los Angeles Angels pitcher and two others should remain in Orange County.

Orange County Superior Court Judge Richard Toohey said in his ruling denying a defense motion for change of venue that an impartial jury can be found among the county's more than 3 million residents.

"The court has great confidence in the jury system," Toohey said.

Andrew Thomas Gallo, 23, has pleaded not guilty to three counts of second-degree murder in the deaths of Angels pitcher Nick Adenhart and friends Henry Pearson and Courtney Stewart, whose car was struck at a Fullerton intersection in April 2009 by Gallo's minivan. Another passenger in Stewart's car was seriously injured.

Authorities said Gallo's blood-alcohol level was almost three times the legal limit at the time of the crash. Adenhart, 22, was out with friends after pitching six scoreless innings against the Oakland Athletics in nearby Anaheim.

Gallo's attorney, Jacqueline Rubio, said while she thinks it's conceivable to get a fair panel of jurors, the incident has received plenty of media attention and has become interwoven into the county's fabric.

"The nature and gravity of this case is that it is uniquely tied to the geography of this county," Rubio said. "It's definitely possible" to get an impartial jury, she added, but "all we are saying is we can't be certain."

She said a survey done by a defense expert earlier this year of Orange County residents showed that 86 percent knew about the case, with 76 percent of those people saying Gallo should be convicted of murder.

Prosecutor Susan Price said the survey lacked scientific merit. In her opposition to the change of venue, Price added there have been more highly publicized cases than Gallo's and that Adenhart wasn't really known outside the baseball community.

"He was largely unknown at the time of the case and his status today is largely as a result of this" incident, Price said of Adenhart.





MOVIE TIMES

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

Saturday, July 17

Eric Rohmer Double Feature
La Collectionneuse (NR) 1hr 29min
Chloe in the Afternoon (NR) 1hr 37min
7:30pm

Sunday, July 18

The 5,000 Fingers of Dr. T (NR) 1hr 29min
5:30pm

Call theater for information.

AMC Loews Broadway 4
1441 Third Street Promenade

Get Him to the Greek (Digital Presentation) (R) 1hr 49min
11:30am, 2:20pm, 5:00pm, 7:40pm, 10:20pm

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

AMC 7 Santa Monica
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
10:15am, 1:15pm, 4:15pm, 7:15pm, 10:15pm

Laemmle's Monica Fourplex
1332 Second St.
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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
11:40am, 9:40pm

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

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

City Island (PG-13) 1hr 55min
11:00am

Nature of Existence (NR) 1hr 34min
11:00am

Mann's Criterion Theatre
1313 Third St.
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Grown Ups (PG-13) 1hr 42min
12:00pm, 2:35pm, 5:10pm, 7:45pm, 10:30pm

Inception (PG-13) 2hrs 28min
11:00am, 2:30pm, 6:00pm, 9:30pm

Knight and Day (PG-13) 1hr 50min
10:55am, 1:40pm, 4:25pm, 7:10pm, 9:50pm

The Last Airbender 3D (RealD 3D) (PG) 1hr 43min
10:50am, 1:30pm, 4:15pm, 7:00pm, 9:35pm

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

Your treat, Virgo

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★★ Conversations and decisions made in the morning are people-oriented and will have good results. People are feeling tense in general, so adding to the comfort of others can only help. Tonight: Meet friends close to home.

TAURUS (April 20-May 21)

★★★ Your ability to understand and get past a problem only can add to your life. Be willing to talk with a roommate or family member. He or she could be overly nervous or touchy. Successful communication occurs when you are nonjudgmental. Tonight: Don't add any pressure; just relax.

GEMINI (May 22-June 20)

★★★★★ Wit, flirtation and creativity add to your ability to relate. Certainly, right now a child, sweetie or potential new friend wants to share more of him- or herself. Are you ready to reveal more? Tonight: Put on your dancing shoes.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★ Family and home remain basics. You might want to design your plans around your domestic life. You could overworry, or you could be more open. Your ability to relate emerges within your immediate circle. Tonight: Entertain at home.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★★ Reach out for others, especially those in your daily life. You might be surprised by everything that you hear, and equally surprised by your openness. A discussion with a neighbor or sibling reveals much that you were not aware of. Tonight: Hanging out is fun.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★ Be aware of expenses that impact your lifestyle. Understand how much you have to offer, and don't feel that you must do any more. Have a conversation to help clear your mind. You have a tendency to overwork things. Tonight: Treat a loved one or a friend.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★★ Stop. Feel the energy pumping through your body and mind. The world could be your oyster if you proceed with that thought. Empowered, decide where you want to be and what you want. Create more of what you want. Tonight: Where you are, the party is.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★ Maintain a low profile and indulge a whim, if you desire. What would you really like to do? What would make you happy? Make plans in this frame of mind. Relating might be one of the more difficult areas. Tonight: In the limelight.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★★ Join friends and go off and forget demands and responsibilities, at least for a day. Getting away from the here and now can and will make all the difference. Take a day trip. Meet an out-of-town friend at a halfway point. Tonight: Just don't be alone.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ A parent or older friend probably needs more attention. You discover that you need to juggle your schedule, and that you want to. Ultimately, you will feel good about yourself and gain a new perspective. Tonight: Call it an early night if you want to.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★★ If you imagine yourself in another person's position, you might be able to grasp the logic behind his or her decisions and actions. No one is asking you to agree. You only perhaps need to understand this personality better. Tonight: Break a pattern.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★★ One-on-one relating is probably most rewarding right now. Keep this factor in your mind when making plans, and avoid inviting too many people over or to join you at a baseball game. Tonight: For the romantic at heart, you could create a special moment.

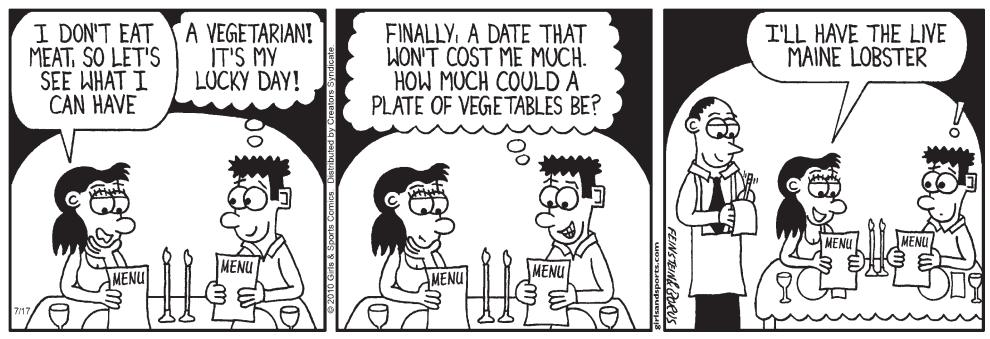
Happy birthday

This year, you grow in a new direction. At times though, you will pull back and go for the tried-and-true. Your domestic and personal lives increase in importance. Some of you will be buying your first homes. Others will move. Many will remodel. Money carefully spent on your home will pay off. If you are single, you will dream of a home life with a significant other. Don't hook up just because of this reason. Make sure the bond is of the caliber you want. If you are attached, the two of you nestle in more than ever. LIBRA can be an anchor.

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

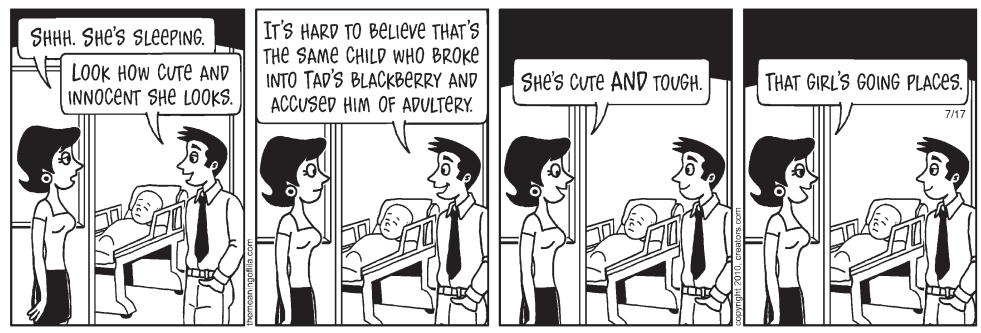
Girls and Sports

By Justin Borus and Andrew Feinstein



The Meaning of Lila

By John Forgetta & L.A. Rose



Garfield

By Jim Davis



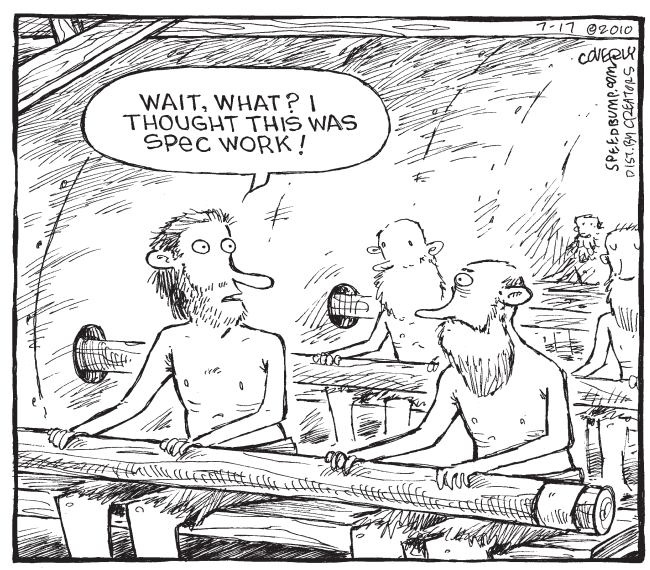
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Sudoku

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Difficulty Level ★★★★

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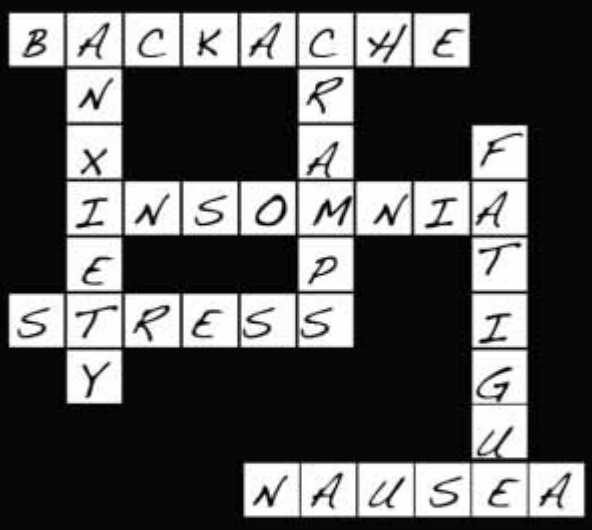
There are many strategies to solving Sudoku. One way to begin is to examine each 3x3 grid and figure out which numbers are missing. Then, based on the other numbers in the row and column of each blank cell, find which of the missing numbers will work. Eliminating numbers will eventually lead you to the answer.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

2	5	7	1	3	9	4	6	8
1	4	9	6	7	8	5	3	2
6	8	3	2	5	4	7	9	1
5	1	8	3	9	2	6	4	7
9	6	4	5	8	7	1	2	3
3	7	2	4	1	6	9	8	5
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By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Ship sight
5 Wont
10 Having a good vantage point
12 Bowl
13 Replay feature
14 Kick back
15 Hauler's unit
16 Sturdy wood
18 Apply
19 Odors
21 Gets on
22 Curios
24 More certain
25 Ali's boxing style
29 Marshes
30 "Honest!"
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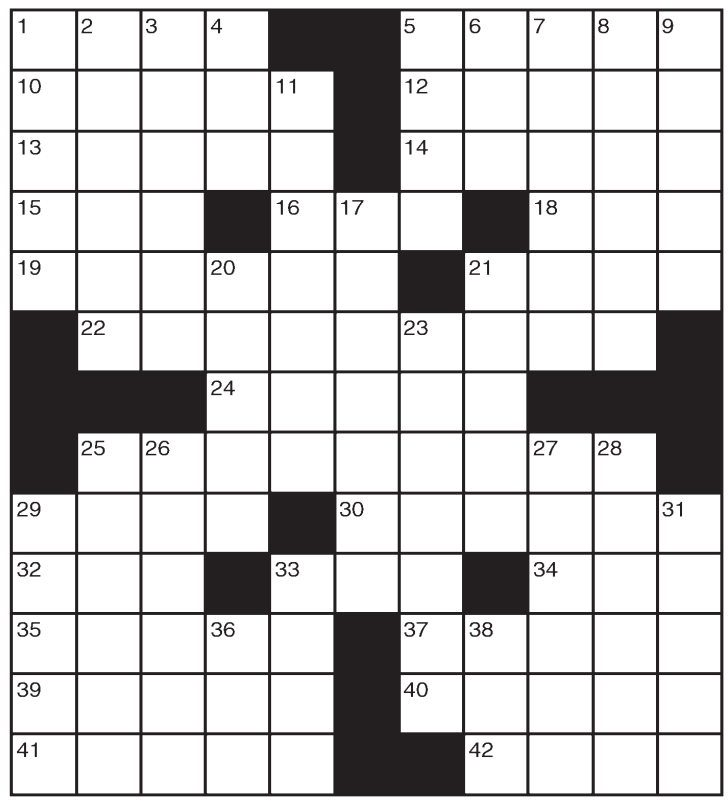
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1 Requirements
2 Poise
3 Rock hurler
4 Male turkey
5 "Listen!"
6 Verb for you
7 Choice caviar
8 Shortly
9 Government income
11 Shark's need
17 Thin —
20 Speech problems
21 Quiver item
23 Lamp spot
25 "— and weep"
26 Prompt
27 Singer Clark
28 Took home
29 Emergency light
31 Hear again
33 Spot
36 Crew need
38 Greedy desire

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Yesterday's answer

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Meganumber: 14
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Meganumber: 11
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Fantasy 5: 1 16 20 22 29

DAILY 3: MIDDAY: 2 2 5
EVENING: 5 8 0

DAILY DERBY:
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2nd: 06 Whirl Win
3rd: 07 Eureka
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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Florida: (1) While still chairman of the Florida Republican Party, Jim Greer was revealed to have ordered the continuous shuttling of emergency "notes" to him during a Republican National Committee meeting, and according to an April Orlando Sentinel profile, the "notes" were all blank. A Florida RNC official concluded that Greer was simply trying to make himself appear important to his colleagues. (In June, Greer was indicted on six felony counts related to raiding the state party's treasury.) (2) At a forum in May for county school board aspirants in Orlando, candidate John Mark Coney took the floor to read passages from the Bible and then to emphasize his suitability for office by announcing that he, at age 53, is a virgin.

■ In 2007, News of the Weird reported what looked like the bizarre dreams of an attention-seeking Muslim cleric: that contrary to popular belief, strict, Wahhabi Islam allows unrelated people of the opposite sex to meet, unchaperoned, provided that they were both breastfed by the same woman (thus symbolically making them "siblings"). In June 2010, two more-prominent Muslim clerics in Saudi Arabia reintroduced the debate, according to an AOL News report, by agreeing that the workaround could be used by a boyfriend and his girlfriend's mother. However, they disagreed on whether the Quran requires the boy to take the milk directly from her breast or allows him to feed from her stored milk.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1933 After successfully crossing the Atlantic Ocean, the Lithuanian research aircraft Lituanica crashes in Europe under mysterious circumstances.

1936 Spanish Civil War: An Armed Forces rebellion against the recently-elected leftist Popular Front government of Spain starts the civil war.

1938 Douglas Corrigan takes off from Brooklyn to fly the "wrong way" to Ireland and becomes known as "Wrong Way" Corrigan.

1942 World War II: The Battle of Stalingrad commences in modern-day Volgograd.

1948 The South Korean constitution is proclaimed.

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This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 6/10/2010. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 7/10/2010, 7/17/2010, 7/24/2010, 7/31/2010

Obituaries

GEORGE DAVID SOMERTON
March 4, 1948-July 1, 2010



Early on the morning of July 1st, 2010 George Somerton 62, passed away comfortably in Seattle, Washington.

George was born in British Columbia, Canada and moved to Southern California at the age of four. He became a citizen of the United States at 16, and graduated from Santa Monica High School in Santa Monica, California. He then attended the University of Southern California, as a Journalism Major. He was also employed as a mail carrier in the Beverly Hills area, and was an avid Basketball player in the intramural post office league.

George and his family moved to Pacific Grove in 1978, where he worked as a mail carrier for the Marina Post Office until he retired after 46 years of service in 2008.

Always a lover of sports, George also worked part time for the Monterey Herald as a stringer in the sports department from 1981-1999. He was a Boston Red sox fanatic and never missed a game on television, most often joined by his son, Lyle. In 2004 when the BoSox won the World Series, he cried.

George is survived by his daughter Dena Somerton, son Lyle Somerton, granddaughter Brynn Somerton-Schmidt, sisters Wendy Falivena, Catherine Redekop, brother in law Don Redekop, sisters, Norma Somerton, and Heather Somerton, as well as 7 nieces and nephews, 4 grand-nieces and a grand-nephew. George found the most joy in the last years from the children in his family.

He is preceded in death by his wife of 25 years Susan Packard, his brother Jeffery; his mother Jewel and father Harold.

A private memorial will be held at the Somerton Family lake house, in British Colombia.

He will be missed by all who knew him.

Condolences should be made to 1702 Goodwin Street, Seaside, California. You may also share your memories or express your condolences by going to Legacy.com for George Somerton, and signing the guest book.

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