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THE **COME AND GET IT** ISSUE

Lieu calls for SMO pollution investigation

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Editor in Chief

SMO State Sen. Ted Lieu, D-Torrance, is calling on the state Department of Toxic Substances Control to investigate air pollution and blood-lead levels among residents living near Santa Monica Airport.

Lieu, chair of the Senate Select Committee on Air Quality whose 28th Senate District includes communities just east of SMO, sent a letter to the director of the department Monday in which he references a study by Duke University researchers released July 13 that found that children who live within 500 meters of airports in North Carolina have significantly higher levels of lead in their blood, a condition caused by piston aircraft using leaded aviation gasoline.

"At SMO children live far closer to the airport, within 500 feet, not 500 meters," Lieu wrote in his letter to Debbie Raphael, direc-

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Daniel Archuleta *daniela@smdp.com*

AT WORK: **Tel Trujillo cuts the hair of Joseph Esparza, 14, at Tel's Barber Shop on Tuesday. He said business was good while the 405 was closed.**

'Carmageddon' a mixed bag for businesses

Aggressive advertising campaigns, deals kept customers coming

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITYWIDE Despite dire predictions of hellfire, brimstone and bumper-to-bumper traffic, the much-feared (and much-hyped) "Carmageddon" that was expected to ravage all of Los Angeles last weekend was somewhat similar to the Rapture two months before — if it happened, most people didn't notice.

That's because, in large part, people seemed to stay home, which presented real opportunities for local businesses that could take advantage of the glut of trapped customers.

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Learning how to share the road on two wheels

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITYWIDE If you think the roads in Los Angeles are congested, you haven't seen sidewalks, beach paths and other alternative transportation byways in Santa Monica during summer.

The city has a medium-sized population hovering around 90,000, a number which jumps to 200,000 in the daytime with an influx of tourists and fellow Angelenos looking to enjoy the sun, surf and sand.

While those people slow road traffic down to a crawl with all those extra cars, many from outside of town come with nothing but their two feet and a desire to rent a bicycle to zip through traffic with ease.

Some new riders on the road are actually Santa Monicans, encouraged by policy, convenience or health to get out of their cars and onto the streets.

That might seem like a eco-friendly move in a city that prides itself on its green hue, but it also means that people unfamiliar with the rules of the road in Santa Monica pile onto sidewalks and bike paths, frustrating cars, pedestrians and bicyclists alike.

The result, said Sgt. Richard Lewis, spokesperson for the Santa Monica Police Department, has been 70 accidents between bicycles and cars alone since Jan. 1, 2011.

Of those, investigating officers determined that in 41 cases the bicyclist was at fault and in 27 cases the motorist was to blame.

The remaining two were special circumstances — in one, both the bicyclist and the

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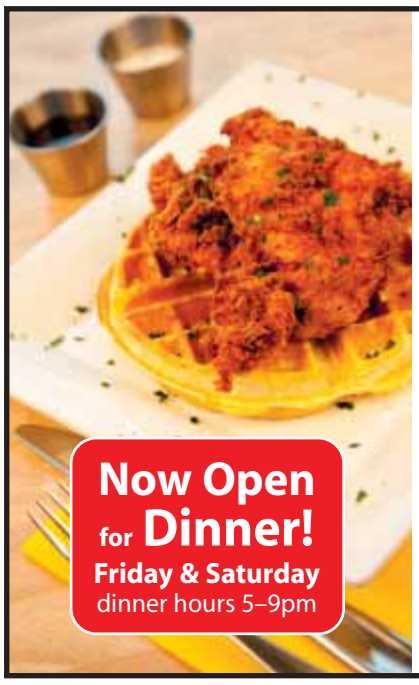

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What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Wednesday, July 20, 2011

Self healing
Senior Center
1450 Ocean Ave.,
12:30 p.m. — 1:30 p.m.
Join Maria Locsin, acupuncturist and Chinese herbalist with a master's in traditional Chinese medicine, as she teaches seniors how to stay healthy and how to heal themselves. How? Maria repeats and reiterates: Food is your medicine. Maria's lectures are fun! She involves her audience in helping them to learn how to ease pain and discomfort with pressing certain body points and working with areas of the body to increase blood flow. Each session covers a new and unique topic. Must be a Senior Center member to participate and membership is open to all ages 50 and up, and best of all membership is free! For more information, call (310) 458-8644.

Play ball
Memorial Park
1401 Olympic Blvd., 9 a.m. — 3 p.m.
Warriors Baseball Club presents its 2011 Summer Youth Camp. Warriors Camp offers a kid-friendly environment for local players aged 7 to 12 at local fields with local instructors. For details or to register, call or fax Warriors baseball at (310) 314-8872 or e-mail Warriorsbaseball@aol.com. Price: $275 per week or $80 for "Day Rate."

Sharing is caring
Civic Auditorium
1855 Main St., 6 p.m. — 8 p.m.
Is a shared bike system the next big thing for Santa Monica? Come ride one of the newest models of shared bikes, hear how this program would work, and give your feedback on whether or not this system is right for Santa Monica. Cost: Free. Open to all. For more information go to www.globalgreen.org or call (310) 581 2700 x 116.

Thursday, July 21, 2011

Benefit yourself
Senior Center
1450 Ocean Ave.,
11:30 a.m. — 12:30 p.m.
At this lunchtime lecture and panel, the Wise & Healthy Aging Benefits Enrollment Center will help seniors apply for benefits while navigating past the tangle of bureaucratic agencies. The center will focus on Medi-Cal, Medicare, Food Stamps and the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program. Cost: free for seniors. For more information, call (310) 458-8644.

Shakespearean preview
Main Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd.,
5 p.m. — 8 p.m.
The Santa Monica Rep theater company is presenting a staging of William Shakespeare's "The Tempest" in August, but you can catch a sneak peek as the company rehearses the play at the library, seeking audience feedback for the final performance. Stop by for a scene, or watch the entire production. Cost: free, open to all. For more information, call (310) 458-8600.

'Winter's Bone' screening
Montana Branch Library
1704 Montana Ave.,
6:30 p.m. — 8:30 p.m.
Watch this Oscar-nominated drama, in which Jennifer Lawrence stars as a teenager who must track down her missing father to save her rural home, challenging her country community. The film is rated R, so y'all might leave the young'uns at home. Cost: free. For more information, call (310) 458-8682.

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CORRECTION

In the article titled "Elderly women involved in fatal traffic accident," which appeared on page 1 of the July 19 edition of the Daily Press, it should have stated that the accident was the fifth to result in a fatality so far this year; three involved pedestrians.

Hahn sworn in as member of Congress

BY MAX ROSENBLUM
California News Service

WASHINGTON Democratic Rep. Janice Hahn was sworn in by Speaker John Boehner on Tuesday, exactly one week after she was elected by voters to fill the House seat vacated by Jane Harman.

Hahn said in an interview hours before her inauguration that jobs and the economy in the 36th Congressional District will be her top priorities.

"I hope to work on my green jobs plan and transition into a green economy," she said. "The goal of it is to create 25,000 green jobs in the district."

Hahn defeated Republican businessman Craig Huey by 9 percentage points in a special election to replace Harman, who left the

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One woman, many voices

Deavere Smith brings a uniquely diverse show to the Broad Stage

BY COLIN NEWTON
Special to the Daily Press

DOWNTOWN In his legendary play "Hamlet," William Shakespeare offered up some advice on acting: "Speak the speech, I pray you, as I pronounced it to you, trippingly on the tongue."

In actress and playwright Anna Deavere Smith's one-person show, "Let Me Down Easy," she single-handedly plays a host of characters, and taking Shakespeare's advice, it's all about the way she says it.

"What I've really been trying to do is become America, by putting myself in other people's words," Smith said. "I'm aspiring to say everything they did the way they say it. Some people believe that there's a Hamlet in all of us, there's an ax murderer in all of us. I don't believe that, and that's one reason why I developed the style of theater I did."

"Let Me Down Easy" is an attempt to make a portrait of America using American voices. Over the course of the play, Smith channels some of the hundreds of people she interviewed gathering material for this production.

"Let Me Down Easy" is the latest in her On The Road series of plays, which includes "Fires in the Mirror" and "Twilight: Los Angeles," in which Smith plays multiple

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Courtesy photo

ALL ALONE: **Anna Deavere Smith's 'Let Me Down Easy' opens at the Broad Stage this week.**

HIGH SCHOOL BOYS' BASKETBALL

St. Monica hosts Westside Summer Slam tourney

BY DANIEL ARCHULETA
Managing Editor

ST. MONICA In his first full summer as head coach at St. Monica, Khi-Min Jung has decided to open the doors to his gym to the Westside boys' basketball world.

He announced Tuesday that the Mariners will play host to the first annual Westside Summer Slam from July 28-31. The tournament will include 12 varsity squads from around the area, but the slate of teams has yet to be finalized. There will also be a number of junior varsity and freshman teams included, but in separate divisions.

For Jung, he sees it as an opportunity to help put his team on the map and to get a read on where the Mariners are at after losing 10 seniors from last year's squad.

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3,500 marijuana plants found in SM Mountains

ASSOCIATED PRESS

MALIBU Rangers who found more than 3,500 marijuana plants in Southern California national park land needed two weeks to haul away the plants and a ton of trash.

The National Parks Service said Tuesday that it's completed the cleanup in the heart of the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area.

Authorities found the plants in late June on several plots in a remote area near Malibu. Also found were pesticides, rodent fencing, fertilizer and two miles of plastic water hose that brought irrigation water from a creek.

No arrests have been made.

Park Superintendent Woody Smeck said pot cultivation in the Santa Monica Mountains is a serious problem because it damages the local environment and costs about $12,000 an acre to clean up.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

CITY HALL

Save a cookout spot at a local park

With more than enough time for a midsummer get-together or end of the season bash, the Santa Monica Community Recreation Division is now accepting reservations for the barbecue areas at Airport, Clover and Marine parks for gatherings of less than 150 people. The grills and picnic tables will be held for your use for a four-hour block from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Anyone with proof of Santa Monica residency can make a request for reservation, 21 to three days in advance. Requests can be made 14 to three for non-residents. The reservation fee is $50 for Santa Monica residents and $75 for non-residents.

Any tables and grills that are not reserved are available on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Groups of 150 people or more will require an event permit through the Community Recreation Office.

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Housing for all

Editor:

What a terrific story. I am so glad Barbara Rodriguez is home ("Affordable housing program brings a Santa Monican home," July 16). I, too, moved to Santa Monica in 1975 and lived for five years at 1007 20th St. when it was an apartment building. For professional reasons I left Santa Monica in 1980 for San Diego and then moved to Nashville, Tenn. in 1985.

While living in Santa Monica, I worked to get rent control on the ballot. My 20th Street apartment that rented for $550 a month in 1980, sold in 2006 for $750,000. I continue to keep up with what is going on in Santa Monica, and part of my heart is still there. It has always been a unique city and its diversity is to be applauded and valued.

Making sure there is housing for people of all income levels who want to live there and participate in keeping Santa Monica a great community should at all times be one of the top items on the city's agenda.

Anne Dagenais McCarthy
Nashville, Tenn.

Left-handed red heads are a minority, too?

Editor:

Re: "Schools to teach accomplishments of gays, lesbians," July 19, page 1.

Who cares if a political hack is "astonished" at public commentary. As to the "gay and transgender" community being marginalized? Are you kidding?

The entertainment industry, the arts and the politicians have done nothing but exploit this "marketplace" for the past 25 years or so. From "Glee" to political pros to half the characters, acts and judges on some of the most successful shows in television history, we have repeated messages that represent celebrations of the "gay community."

How about we teach the contributions of short left-handed people or red heads? Perhaps we need to spotlight the "contributions" of people who are over 690 pounds or who wear size 17 shoes.

This is America, the law says what is says. I believe it is a mistake to waste time dividing up all the categories. I do not care with whom or what any figure in history or current events, slept with. As long as there are no laws broken, I don't care if George Washington liked to fondle a cantaloupe dressed up to look like Marie Antoinette, nor should anyone else!

Steve Warren
West Hollywood, Calif.



Your column here



Dr. E. Kirsten Peters — Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Our daily bread in 2050

THESE ARE THE GOOD TIMES.

I was driving through the country last Saturday, looking at deer happily chowing down in wheat fields. Every place is a drive-through if you're a herbivore at this time of year.

It's a simple historical fact that wheat farming has been central to American agriculture since the country was young. And today wheat grown in the U.S. supplies American consumers and millions of other people around the world with large quantities of economical nutrition.

Even a geologist like myself knows that much about the king of grains.

But I was recently startled to learn that the temperatures experienced by American wheat farms back in 1839 were 6.6 degrees warmer than they are today. That's right, our wheat farmers are now working in temperatures substantially colder than they were earlier in the nation's history.

At first I thought I had misread the statistic. After all, we know that temperatures in our country from about 1850 onward have been on the uptick as North America has emerged from a cooler time. And, surely, if climate scientists are right, temperatures in just the past couple of decades are clearly up from what they used to be. So how could modern American wheat farmers be facing much colder climes than they were in 1839?

The answer is that wheat is now raised well to the west and north of where it was in the 1830s. Back then, the geographic center of wheat production was in eastern Ohio, not far from the Pennsylvania line. Now counties in central Montana, a corner of Wyoming, a strip of Colorado and Kansas account for much of the American wheat that's planted in the fall, while spring wheat comes largely from North Dakota.

Obviously, those are not balmy parts of the country.

The main reason modern farmers can grow wheat in places like Montana is that immigrants who came to the U.S. in the 1870s from the Russian steppes brought with them a winter-hardy strain of wheat called the Turkey variety. From that base, modern scientific breeding of wheat also helped make a wide range of cold-tolerant wheat varieties possible. Beyond that, modern "no-till" farming that leaves stubble in the field helps to prevent snow from blowing away, insulating tender wheat seedlings from bitter winter frosts.

Here's the bottom line: the temperatures under which American wheat has been grown since the 1830s have changed more than the climate change predicted by experts from here to 2050. That's a hopeful sign about natural plant resources — embedded in the many types of wheat — and about the agricultural technology we have at our disposal to adapt to what may come down the road at us in terms of climate.

And, actually, there are a number of things about warmer temperatures that may help wheat farmers if predictions about 2050 hold true. In general, warmer conditions accelerate growth, usually a good thing for farmers. A potential negative is the drying of soil. Experiments on wheat under different temperature regimes show a complex impact on yield, with much depending on when wheat is planted — happily one variable that's very much under the farmer's control.

HERE'S THE BOTTOM LINE: THE TEMPERATURES UNDER WHICH AMERICAN WHEAT HAS BEEN GROWN SINCE THE 1830S HAVE CHANGED MORE THAN THE CLIMATE CHANGE PREDICTED BY EXPERTS FROM HERE TO 2050.

According to what I've read and to the agricultural scientists I've spoken to, it's really not average temperatures that cause farmers headaches — it's variations. A truly cold or hot growing season is a greater problem than changes in average temperature over time.

"Although our average temperatures for the whole globe are increasing, temperature in some regions will decrease because of changes in weather patterns," wheat scientist Prof. Tim Murray of Washington State University reminded me recently.

"Unfortunately, more severe weather is part of what's predicted, and this year looks like it will be an example of conditions that depart noticeably from what's average," Murray said.

What is crucial is whether we can stay ahead of the weather curve.

"Climate change is one of the reasons breeding programs are never-ending," Murray told me. "Wheat has the genes to adapt to many conditions. The trick is finding those genes and incorporating them into new varieties at a pace that keeps yields high."

Our daily bread depends on it.

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Kathy Crandall Robinson

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Time for a comprehensive nuclear testing ban treaty

JULY 16 MARKED THE 66TH ANNIVERSARY of the first nuclear weapons test explosion. The United States' test, code-named "Trinity," was exploded in the desert of New Mexico and ignited the nuclear age. The bombing of Hiroshima on Aug. 6 and Nagasaki on Aug. 9 were followed by some 2,050 nuclear tests worldwide, with over half (1,030) conducted by the United States. Nuclear testing has fueled the arms race, enabling varied and ever more deadly nuclear arsenals to grow. Along the way, nuclear testing has harmed the environment and human health worldwide.

It has now been almost 20 years since the United States last conducted a nuclear weapons test. For most Americans, nuclear weapon testing is not on their radar of concern. In fact, dangers of nuclear weapons are mostly easy to ignore nowadays. When I tell people about work on policies to prevent the spread of nuclear weapons, they're only vaguely interested. When I try, "I'm working toward the ratification of the Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty (CTBT)," I get complete incomprehension -- eyes glaze over.

For me, this is not just another wonky issue. Nuclear nonproliferation and disarmament — specifically the CTBT — have been compelling work for me since the late 1980s. Then, as an intern, I attended a press conference about efforts to achieve a permanent ban on nuclear testing and there heard about Women Strike for Peace. Theirs is a story that began in 1961 when it wasn't possible to ignore dangers of nuclear weapons.

The Berlin crisis and threat of nuclear exchange with the Soviet Union frightened everyone. "Duck and cover" became a routine school drill. In 1961, nuclear tests were being conducted in the atmosphere, spewing radioactive poison worldwide. Parents were sending their children's baby teeth to be checked for Strontium-90 contamination. It was enough to drive women to take to the streets for a one-day strike to"End the Arms Race — not the Human Race" and for "Pure Milk, Not Poison."

These women kept going after the one-day strike, organizing actions and lobbying campaigns. In 1963, when the Limited Test Ban Treaty was ratified, the Kennedy administration credited Women Strike for Peace with helping move the president to push the treaty. Although it was an enormous stride forward in protecting health and the environment, banning tests in the atmosphere did not slow the arms race. Instead, testing underground accelerated and nuclear stockpiles grew.

A quarter of a century after I heard this story, Women Strike for Peace was joining with others to call for a CTBT to permanently end nuclear testing. Women who had participated in the initial 1961 strike called the CTBT "our unfinished business."

Yes, another 25 years have gone by, and this treaty remains unfinished business.

The United States stopped testing in 1992 and maintains the most sophisticated, sizeable and capable nuclear arsenal in the world. There is no military or scientific justification for testing, and there is certainly no political push for U.S. test explosions. But now, without U.S. Senate ratification of the CTBT, America is unable to realize the benefits of this tool to constrain other countries' nuclear weapons programs. That makes no security sense.

Fifteen years ago, the United States was the first country to sign the CTBT. U.S. leadership had galvanized multilateral negotiations that resulted in the verifiable treaty to detect, deter and confront countries that would test nuclear weapons. Victory had seemed so close, but then the Senate got tangled up in a rushed partisan political debate, failing to ratify the treaty. Now, the world awaits the United States to put its weight behind a push for a treaty we led the way in establishing. It's past time to reassert leadership for America's security. And it's past time to complete unfinished business. The Senate should consider the new evidence for this essential treaty and ratify the CTBT.

As for myself, I will continue pressing for the CTBT and then the next steps to end "the arms race not the human race." I draw on the courage and tenacious spirit of those women who sent baby teeth to check for contamination and then took to the streets to make the world safer and healthier, I certainly owe my own daughter the same commitment.

Kathy Crandall Robinson is the public policy director for Women's Action for New Directions (WAND), a national activist organization working to redirect excessive military spending to unmet human and environmental needs.

The Q Line

Are you afraid of cell phones, smart meters?

People concerned about the possible health impacts of microwaves emitted from cell phones and other wireless devices and transmission towers are leading a charge to have the City Council mandate warning labels be placed on such devices.

So, this week's Q-Line question asks:
Are you worried about wireless? Do you believe you will get sick from cell phones or are they and other wi-fi devices harmless?

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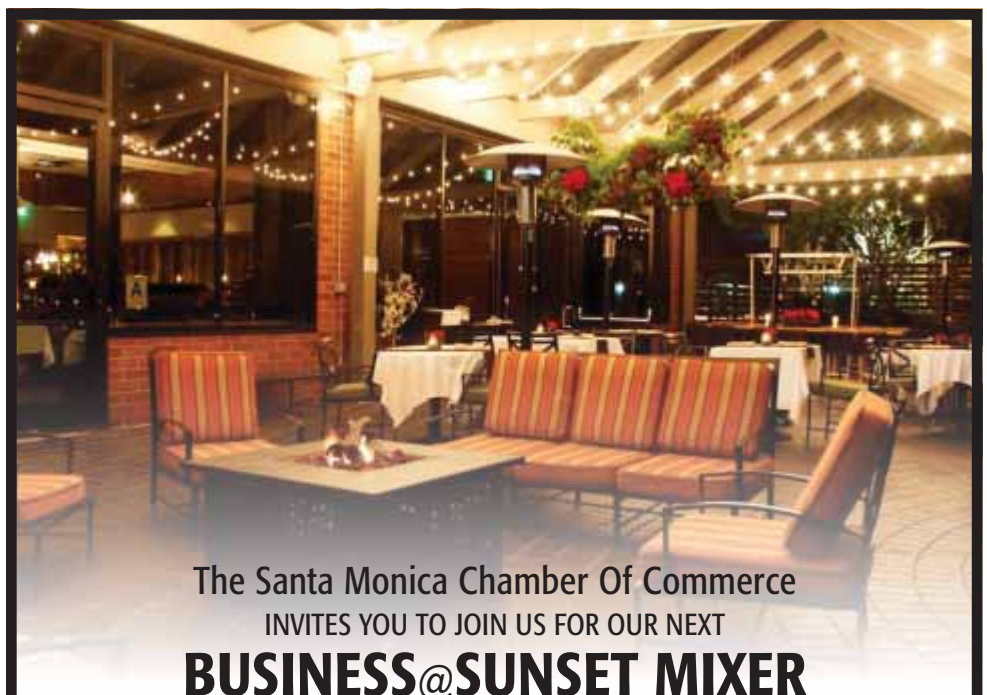
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LOS ANGELES

EPA sued over SoCal smog

A federal lawsuit says the Environmental Protection Agency failed to force officials to crack down on Los Angeles smog.

Clean air advocates, including Physicians for Social Responsibility and the Natural Resources Defense Council, say in Monday's suit that the EPA missed a May deadline to certify whether ozone levels are hazardous to public health.

Under the federal Clean Air Act, Congress established a one-hour standard for ozone pollution.

The Los Angeles Times says the South Coast Air Quality Management District would have a year to submit a clean up plan if the EPA rules the region doesn't meet national standards.

A similar suit filed in Fresno seeks to force the EPA into bringing air quality in the polluted San Joaquin Valley up to national standards.

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LOS ANGELES

Reward hiked for info on Giants fan's attackers

Los Angeles County leaders have increased the reward for information leading to arrests in the beating of San Francisco Giants fan Bryan Stow.

City News Service says the Board of Supervisors voted Tuesday to increase the county's reward from $10,000 to $25,000. Supervisors, the Los Angeles Dodgers and others have now offered $225,000 in rewards.

Stow was attacked by two men in the parking lot of Dodger Stadium after the March opening game. He's hospitalized with brain damage.

Police arrested Giovanni Ramirez as the prime suspect but he hasn't been charged in the case, although he was sent to prison on an unrelated parole violation.

His lawyers contend that he wasn't at the stadium.

AP

LOS ANGELES

Report: Spike in fraud by county deputies

A watchdog agency says there's a spike in allegations of serious fraud committed by Los Angeles County sheriff's deputies, and some may have been driven to crime by cuts in overtime.

The Office of Independent Review says two deputies face federal charges of mortgage fraud, one deputy with credit card debts burned his own car for an insurance payout and another faked a burglary.

The report, cited Tuesday in the Los Angeles Times, says most of the financial crime allegations against deputies over the past decade involved minor thefts but they've become more serious and frequent in the past year.

The report says deputies got used to easily available overtime and cutbacks last year by the Sheriff's Department may have left some living beyond their means.

AP

NEW YORK

FBI conducts raids in NY, California in hacking probe

The FBI has raided homes in New York and California during a probe into the hacker group Anonymous.

In New York, FBI spokesman Jim Margolin says agents searched residences and seized computers at one address in Brooklyn and three on Long Island. He declined further comment. The raids were first reported by FoxNews.com.

In Los Angeles, FBI spokeswoman Laura Eimiller says warrants were executed there also.

The targets of the searches were not named.

Anonymous is a loosely organized group of hackers sympathetic to WikiLeaks. It has claimed responsibility for numerous attacks against corporate and government websites around the world.

The group claims credit for disrupting the websites of Visa and MasterCard in December when the credit card companies stopped processing donations to WikiLeaks and its founder, Julian Assange.

AP

LOS ANGELES

Bicycle shooting victim is ID'd as teen

Authorities have identified a 17-year-old boy who was shot to death while riding a bicycle in northeastern Los Angeles.

City News Service says the coroner's office identified him Tuesday as Jesus Lopez of Los Angeles.

Police say the teen was riding on a street in the Montecito Heights area Saturday night when he was shot several times. He was pronounced dead at a hospital.

No arrests have been made. Police are asking anyone with information about the killing to contact authorities.

AP

PASADENA

Toads halt sediment dumping in basin

Breeding toads have halted dumping of Devil's Gate Dam sediment on an unused Pasadena groundwater restoration basin.

The Pasadena Star-News says the Los Angeles County Public Works Department is using Johnson Field to temporarily deposit 25,000 cubic yards of debris.

But heavy rains turned Johnson Field into an ideal breeding ground for Western toads, which have invaded the basin.

Until the land dries and the toads move on, Pasadena city engineer Dan Rix says no dam debris will be spread over Johnson Field. He says that will likely be in August or September.

The project is a stopgap measure to prevent valves from becoming clogged this winter while options are considered for eventual removal of 1.5 million cubic yards of debris, most of it from the 2009 Station Fire.

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CalTrans boasted to media outlets that its aggressive print, broadcast and social media campaigns kept two-thirds of drivers off of compromised roadways, making travel possible for that recalcitrant 30 percent.

In Santa Monica, locals and local businesses jumped at the chance to market Carmageddon-themed deals, like $4.05 menus at Angel's and the Daily Grill, or drinks with names like "Flat Tire" beers and "Road Rage."

And, in large part, it worked.

Businesses that could draw people in as gathering places reported that they had done well over the weekend, said Kim Koury, owner of Spin Public Relations.

To some degree, Koury and a team of friends, all young professionals in Santa Monica, are somewhat to blame for that.

She and three compatriots — Michael Kucera, Anastasia Roark and Derek Pruett — formed a team of entrepreneurs, social media and publicity experts that created www.car-mageddon.com, a clearinghouse for events across Los Angeles.

The team also produced videos, created T-shirts and merchandise and reached out to local businesses to encourage 405 specials to create a party atmosphere out of what was expected to be a car apocalypse.

Car-mageddon.com debuted three weeks before the actual event, complete with a calendar, maps and a countdown to the closure.

Each listing cost a business $50, according to the website.

A percentage of those proceeds and that of the T-shirts will go to Gocampaign.org, which builds infrastructure to benefit children in third world countries, Koury said.

The team organized a kick-off party at Wokcano on Fifth Street, complete with themed attire and prizes, and sat back to examine the fruits of their labor.

A follow-up with businesses showed positive reactions.

"It was fantastic," wrote Will O'Sullivan of O'Brien's Irish Pub on Wilshire Boulevard to Koury. "We were busy when other businesses were slow. People at the bar all week were Googling car-mageddon.com. You guys really got the word out."

At Locanda del LAGO, an Italian restaurant on the Third Street Promenade, manager Megan Sheehy said business was steady throughout the weekend despite losing some customers from the San Fernando Valley who may have visited Santa Monica to take advantage of the warm weather.

"Sales were what we were expecting," she said. "We're happy."

The restaurant offered discounts on appetizers and cocktails, trimming down prices by several dollars.

One business that kept its sales up was Tel's Barber Shop on Pico Boulevard near Virginia Avenue Park and the Saturday Farmer's Market.

Owner Tel Trujillo said his four barbers were steadily cutting heads all weekend long, something he attributes to his loyal customer base.

"Overall, it worked out quite well, just like any other busy weekend," he said. "Some of our customers said business was slow around town because nobody wanted to get in their cars. Farmers at the market across the street said it was slow, too."

Not so for the Downtown Farmers' Market, said Laura Avery, the supervisor for Santa Monica's markets.

Despite record numbers of cancellations, the vendors that did come did brisk business, and crowds were at normal capacity, she said.

"It was stress-free for the farmers and the customers," Avery said.

Sales were also steady at clothing boutique Twist on Ocean Park Boulevard, where shoppers received steep discounts on clothes and accessories. Manager Monica Koga said a lot of customers coming in over Carmageddon weekend were locals who happened to pass by while walking.

"We saw people we hadn't seen in awhile so it was a good chance to remind people we're still here," she said.

Twist used social networking sites like Facebook and Twitter to advertise specials, which included gift certificates. One was for $50 worth of merchandise for only $25.

Even businesses like Bark Pet Photography, which advertised a special called the 4-0-Fido Discount, saw an uptick in bookings, although mostly from outside of the area.

"They were taking advantage of the deal no matter where they were," said co-owner Kim Rodgers, talking about the 20 percent discount offered on bookings made before July 17.

Although she and co-owner Sarah Sypniewski were expecting to be hyperlocal, bookings came in for future weekends from Beverly Hills and Palos Verdes Estates, Rodgers said.

"We certainly didn't lose business, and it was good exposure, all the hype," she said.

But the Carmageddon tide did not float all boats.

Tourist-centered businesses, like the Pedal or Not Electric Bike Experience, a shop that both sells electric bicycles and offers tours on rented bikes, got hit by the hunker-down attitude, said Stephen Wittels, the general manager.

Despite a $405 discount on the electric bikes, of which they sold two, it was an overall-loser for the business.

It was the first weekend the business didn't sell out its bike tours. Two Sunday tours left half-full, and Saturday only one tour was filled up.

"It was disappointing," Wittels said. "It impacted our business negatively. We can sell a bike any day, but we can't get back those empty hours."

John Santos, floor manager at Santa Monica Car Wash and Detail on Pico Boulevard, said the weekends tend to be the busiest for his employees but during Carmageddon, there was a noticeable dip in the number of cars cleaned.

"I would say that business was down probably 30 percent," Santos said. "It hit us

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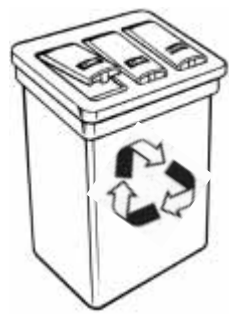
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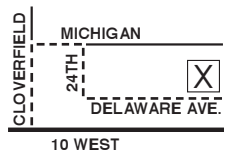
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motorist messed up, while in the other, the bicycle broke, causing the accident, Lewis said.

"Usually, they'll be riding their bicycle on the sidewalk, riding the wrong way in traffic or not stopping at red lights and stop signs," Lewis said. "Those are major violations."

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

Bicycle activists and authorities in Santa Monica share a common voice on one issue: bicyclists and motorists share a responsibility for knowing the rules of the road.

"Everybody needs to obey the law," Lewis said, and since California regards bicycles and motor vehicles in the same light, those laws apply to everyone equally.

Both parties are guilty of violations that add up to unsafe roadways.

Bicyclists have a tendency to blow through red lights and stop signs, while motorists fudge their speed rules, going even 5 mph over the speed limit.

When those two circumstances collide, it can mean devastating consequences to the bicyclist.

The increase in speed causes the severity of the corresponding injury to go up exponentially, said Gary Kavanagh, a local bike activist.

Obeying the rules and keeping a sharp eye out for oncoming traffic of all kinds is the best way to stay safe, Lewis said

"Motorists need to be more vigilant, and aware of surroundings. Bicycles are quick, and move faster than the traffic," he said. "You need to be careful of them coming in and out of traffic, and yield the right of way even if they're not lawfully in the roadway."



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ROLLING ALONG: **People ride their bicycles along the popular beach bike path.**

Motorists also need to keep an eye out for bicyclists breaking another Santa Monica rule of biking on sidewalks.

That attitude frustrates Roger Swanson, a dedicated bicyclist and pedestrian from the Ocean Park neighborhood.

Swanson, who puts only 3,500 miles each year on his car and walks or rides for the rest of his travels, noted that it's not just newbies that take to the sidewalks when it's convenient for them.

"You know, several times I've almost been run over as a pedestrian," Swanson said. "Sometimes you say to people you aren't supposed to ride on a sidewalk. You make a comment and get an expletive as a response, which just shows the arrogance of some people."

Problematically, the rules about biking on sidewalks are inconsistent throughout the county. In Downtown Los Angeles, for instance, it's perfectly permissible to ride on the sidewalks with pedestrians.

That's when new bicyclists, or experienced bicyclists that need a refresher, should take steps to educate themselves, said Cynthia Rose, of Santa Monica SPOKE, a local biking group.

"People think that when they ride a bike, you always know how to ride a bike, and to a degree that's true," she said. "But education becomes the next step, especially when you ride a bike as an adult."

Opportunities for education are plentiful, but only if you know where to look.

"If you're a new cyclist, unless you're thinking about it, you don't even think you need to go (to websites)," Rose said. "We need publicity and promotion that the information is out there, and easily accessible."

EMILY POST SAYS SHARE THE ROAD

Much like the dinner table, the road has rules that go beyond the law.

"It's about making people understand that nobody wants to add a bunch of rules, but it's simple etiquette," Rose said.

Some things don't occur to new bicyclists, who "get on a bike and feel free," Rose said.

That sense of freedom can result in unintentional rudeness, both to fellow cyclists and other denizens of the roadways.

"It's about paying attention to the situation that you're in," Rose said. "It's not appropriate to be lollygagging along, two or three abreast."

Much like cars, bikes should be riding one behind the other in the far right hand side of the lane, especially when they're going slower than the traffic around them, said Lucy Dyke, a transportation planning manager with City Hall, and the same is true for bike paths.

"The polite thing to do is ride as close to the right side as is practical, and pass safely when there's room to pass," Dyke said. "Sometimes people ride like they have an expectation, regardless of who's on the path with them."

Near the beach, bikes and pedestrians create a toxic combination on the beach bike path and the adjacent boardwalk.

Though bicyclists have particular right to the bike path, and pedestrians to the boardwalk, when quick-moving commuter bicyclists clash with packs of pedestrians on either roadway, there's a problem.

Part of it is signage, said Ana Giron.

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NICE AND CLEAN: **A worker wipes down a car at Santa Monica Car Wash & Detail on Tuesday.**

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pretty bad."

Santos said the media attention the closure received "scared the hell out of people," which made many deviate from their normal routines, which include getting their cars washed on Saturdays before going out on the town that night.

"I think it was too much," Santos said of the warnings about traffic nightmares.

That hype kept people off the roads and in their communities to enjoy the pleasures of home, Koury said.

"The funniest things is that it's Carmageddon in L.A. every day except Carmageddon weekend," she said. "I loved being able to walk around, be with neighbors and barbecue. It worked, worked very well."

Will the L.A. area get so lucky next year, when a similar shutdown is planned?

It's impossible to say, although some who got a taste for the free flow of traffic hope that it can be a more regular occurrence.

Koga, the manager at Twist who lives in Culver City, said she was concerned about traffic jams but her commute was about the same as during a normal weekend.

"It was really nice," she said of the open roads. "I think we should do this once a month."

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characters, all based on interviews she has conducted, and each with a different and distinct theme.

"It was something I became interested in, how people speak and how their speech tells us about who they are and where they live and what really matters to them," Smith said.

Smith allows each of these plays to evolve over time. "Let Me Down Easy" debuted in 2008, where it started as an exploration of the word "grace." But before Smith brought the show to New York, controversy over health care reform started churning across the nation.

Using the initial topic of grace as a springboard, Smith turned the play into an exploration of health care reform from the American people's point of view, both physically and emotionally. "It is about the vulnerability of each of us physically, and our physical power," Smith said. "The result of doing that version allowed me to find the hopefulness that this play has."

To prepare, Smith interviewed 320 people across three continents. Using tapes of the interviews, Smith worked with speech therapists and dancers to precisely duplicate the voices and actions of the interviewees, and re-create 20 different, unique people to illustrate the play's theme.

Smith began her career in ensemble theatre, and acknowledges that the feel of a one-person show is very different. "You lack the community of other actors," she said.

For Smith, creating the one-person shows is a very individualistic process. She conducts the interviews, and writes the play, by herself.

Acting the play out can also be physically challenging. "I am on the stage for an hour and 40 minutes without a break," Smith said.

But for her, the rewards are worth it. "It is something that I created," she says of the experience. "The study and the training for performance — it's extremely gratifying."

"Let Me Down Easy" will play at the Broad Stage in Santa Monica. A preview will run on July 20 and 21, and the official opening will be the 22nd. The play will run through July 31. For more information, contact the Broad Theater at (310) 434-3412.

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SMO
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tor of the Department of Toxic and Substance Control. "Moreover, SMO is a general aviation airport with many small aircraft with piston engines that use aviation gasoline rather than jet fuel. I believe an investigation by [the department] will reveal high levels of lead exposure and blood lead in children, as well as adults, living near SMO."

Exposure to lead has been shown to cause learning disabilities, behavior disorders and substandard academic performance in children. The Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has stated that there is no "safe" level for blood lead in children.

Approximately 250,000 U.S. children aged 1-5 years have blood lead levels greater than 10 micrograms of lead per deciliter of blood, the level at which CDC recommends public health actions be initiated.

Lieu believes further study is required to determine if mitigation measures need to be taken and whether or not SMO should continue operating as an airport past 2015, when a lease agreement between the federal government and the city of Santa Monica is set to expire.

The FAA has said that while the agreement will come to an end, City Hall's obligation to keep the airport open may not.

"In the FAA's view, the city is obligated to keep Santa Monica Airport open through 2023 under assurances it gave in exchange for federal Airport Improvement Program grants," said Ian Gregor, spokesman for the FAA. "The FAA also believes that the city is separately obligated to operate Santa Monica Airport beyond 2023 because it acquired the land on which the airport is located cost-free from the federal government in 1948 … ."

Gregor said the FAA has taken steps to reduce the amount of time aircraft idle before taking off, therefore limiting jet emissions. Jet pilots are instructed to not fire up their engines until just before they get clearance for takeoff.

Also, idling pilots are instructed to have their engines facing down the runway until they're ready to taxi into position for takeoff. This prevents exhaust from blowing directly into neighborhoods immediately north of the airport, Gregor said.

City Hall and the FAA have been at odds for years over operations at SMO, with residents living in Sunset Park complaining about noise and air pollution, demanding City Hall reduce flights or close the airport altogether.

City Hall tried to ban larger jets from landing at SMO out of concern that they may overshoot the runway and crash into homes sitting roughly 300 feet from both ends of the runway. The FAA challenged the ban and won. The FAA has offered to install runway safety areas at SMO, but so far City Hall has rejected it, saying it is substandard.

Lieu said the Duke University study builds upon earlier studies conducted at SMO that demonstrate the air, and likely the soil, is contaminated by lead and other particles such as black carbon. Those studies were conducted by the South Coast Air Quality Management District and researchers at UCLA and USC. Both found that there were elevated levels of ultra-fine particles at homes near SMO, raising concerns about adverse health impacts.

"The consistency of multiple studies conducted at SMO, as well as at other general aviation airports, show that resident living near SMO are living in a toxic atmosphere," Lieu wrote. "I believe these studies provide more than enough basis for [the Department of Toxic Substances Control] to conduct a formal investigation into the toxicity of the soil, vapor, and air surrounding SMO."

Lieu requested a formal investigation as well as the filing of a formal environmental complaint.

Charlotte Fadipe, chief of media and press relations for the state Department of Toxic Substances Control, said officials have just received Lieu's letter and are "looking into the situation and opportunities for us to investigate and provide assistance on this issue."

The latest study, "A Geospatial Analysis of the Effects of Aviation Gasoline on Childhood Blood Lead Levels," can be found online at www.ehponline.org.

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post to become CEO and president of the Woodrow Wilson Center.

The ceremony held mixed emotions for Hahn, whose mother, Ramona Hahn, passed away the day before last Tuesday's election.

"It was a wonderful victory and profound loss," Hahn said in her first comments from the House floor. "This is the first accomplishment I haven't been able to share with her."

Hahn was accompanied at the swearing-in by her son, Danny Baucum; daughter and son-in-law, Katy and John Yates; and three grandchildren McKenna, 8, Brooklyn, 6 and Josiah Yates, 5.

Hahn is no stranger to politics. She has represented the 15th district on the Los Angeles City Council since 2001 and was a member of the Los Angeles Charter Reform Commission from 1997 to 1999.

"I actually think experience is a good thing," Hahn said. "There is a new perception that an experienced politician is a bad thing, but I think experience serves you well."

The Hahn family name has also been a staple of Los Angeles politics for generations. Her father, Kenneth Hahn, was a 40-year Los Angeles County Supervisor who began his political career on City Council. Her uncle, Gordon Hahn, also served as a councilman and on the California State Assembly. Her brother, James Hahn, has held posts as city controller, city attorney and mayor.

"Our dad taught us that serving others is more than a calling, it's a cause," Hahn said.

The 36th Congressional District stretches from Marina del Rey to San Pedro and includes Torrance, El Segundo and much of the South Bay and Venice.

This was Hahn's second attempt at the same seat. She lost to former Republican Rep. Steven Kuykendall in 1998. She also ran unsuccessfully for the Democratic nomination for lieutenant governor in 2010.

"I think some of my losses over the years have helped me," Hahn said prior to being sworn in. "I have learned more in my losses than in my victories. Losing in 1998 was good for me because I was able to focus on local government. Local government teaches you about solving people's problems. That's my strength."

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"We're doing good," he said of the progress. "They look fine, but we're really young. We've been taking our lumps this summer."

The Mariners have played in a tournament at UC San Diego and are currently involved in a summer league based at Palisades High School. But, all the summer activity comes to an end on Aug. 1, when the dead period begins, prohibiting teams from conducting basketball activities. While there is no court time allowed, teams can focus on conditioning.

He considers it a building process, one that he began last year during his first year patrolling the sidelines.

The Mariners made a good showing of the coach's first season, reaching the quarter-finals of the CIF-Southern Section Division 5AA playoffs before losing to Mission Prep, 46-44, in a close contest.

Fortunately for Jung, he returns All-CIF-SS performer Troy Whiteto, a player he'll lean on to lead an inexperienced bunch that will include players from last year's JV and frosh teams.

Whiteto's strong play last season has helped the forward draw interest from a number of NCAA Division 1 teams, Jung said. So far, CSU Bakersfield, UC Santa Barbara and Western Illinois have come calling.

Jung expects more interest in Whiteto as the season approaches.

"He really has played with a lot of poise," Jung said.

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Giron works for Santa Monica Spokes and Stuff, a small beachside shop which rents out bicycles and skates to tourists.

Although she and other employees try to direct their customers to spaces they can use, there's no support from City Hall.

"We tell people to walk two minutes (south), but the city doesn't put up signs for people," Giron said.

THE FUTURE

City Hall, in conjunction with the bicyclist community, is trying to improve the roadways to make it easier for bicyclists to feel safe getting around, and hopefully cut down on some of the fear that pushes bicyclists onto sidewalks and other dangerous behaviors.

To that end, the Bicycle Action Plan, which should be up for review at the end of July, recommends that 75 percent of bikeways highlighted in a recently-adopted land use document get improvements, Dyke said.

"In many cases, it will provide extra space for bicycles where available in the roadway," Dyke said. "It also calls for way-finding signs to let people know they're on a bike path, and how to get to major destinations by bicycle."

Those kinds of improvements will help, Lewis said.

"When they establish a bike lane, it gives bicyclists more room to ride on the road," he said.

It also slows traffic down, so that slower-moving cyclists can feel more secure.

Those kinds of changes force motorists to remember that roads are there to be shared.

"One thing the city can do and is in the process of doing is get visible markers that tell you that bikes are acceptable," Swanson said.

Making those bike lanes bright and visible will help force motorists to look for bikes. That's the goal of a project under consideration to paint bicycle lanes green, although City Hall is waiting for a change in the California vehicle code before they move forward with the idea.

"It'll tell pedestrians as well as cars that there is a lane reserved for bikes. Not for motorcycles, and not another driving lane. It's for bikes," Swanson said.

Hopefully, these improvements will encourage people to experiment with bicycling as a replacement for cars, which can dovetail with educational efforts to make sure everyone is a responsible citizen of the road.

"Biking is a great choice for people to make in Santa Monica," Dyke said. "It's enjoyable for a lot of people when they try riding their bike … it's a quick alternative for a lot of people."

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Surf Conditions **Water Temp:** 61°

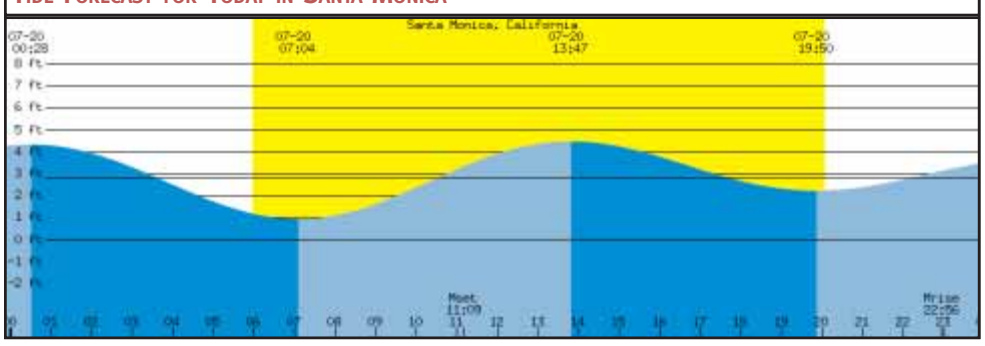
Swell Forecast

NW swell come ashore, hitting SB/VC early in the day, and finally SD mid to late morning. Size should run head high at most west facing breaks with pluses at standouts going about 2' overhead.

Long Range Synopsis

NW is expected to back off a bit, more along the lines of chest to at times head high for west facing breaks.

Tide Forecast for Today in Santa Monica



BEACH REPORT CARD

NORTH LOS ANGELES COUNTY

Grades for this report are based on monitoring data from the previous 30 days up to the ending date of **July 13, 2011**

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 -- 1
- Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0
- Number of wet days -- 0
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 31 / ns
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 0 / ns

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LOCATION	DRY	WET
Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	ns
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechasa and Las Alisa 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.	F	ns
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	A	ns
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Solstice Canyon at Don Blocker County Beach.	C	ns
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth.	A	ns
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd..	F	ns
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	ns
Surfrider Beach (breach location)- daily.	B	ns
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	C	ns
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	A	ns
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero).	A+	ns
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs.	A	ns
Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach.	A+	ns
Tuna Canyon.	A+	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	F	ns
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	ns
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence.	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain.	B	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.	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.	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.	A	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth.	C	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 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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NFL

Eller says retired players won't block labor deal

BARRY WILNER & HOWARD FENDRICH
AP Pro Football Writers

Hall of Fame defensive end Carl Eller thinks a deal to end the NFL lockout will be reached this week — and says retired players won't stand in the way of an agreement.

Eller and lawyers for retired NFL players joined labor talks for about seven hours Tuesday in New York as signs mounted the dispute might almost be over. After leaving the negotiations, Eller headed to a meeting with NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell.

"They want to get these games going, and they want to have a season. That's their focus," Eller said. "Our issues are very, very critical — very important — but they don't really have much to do with whether the game goes on or not."

He said "there's still a lot more to be done" when it comes to benefits for former players, but that could be resolved after the main dispute is settled.

The court-appointed mediator, U.S. Magistrate Judge Arthur Boylan, also was at the session, his second consecutive day overseeing negotiations. Owners and players were trying to close a deal to resolve the NFL's first work stoppage since 1987.

The NFL Players Association's executive committee met in Washington on Tuesday to prepare for possible votes on an agreement in principle. Representatives of all 32 teams were supposed to arrive by Wednesday.

"The grass is cut, but the hay is not in the barn yet. We've got a lot of work to do," NFLPA president Kevin Mawae said.

Owners, meanwhile, are set to hold a special meeting in Atlanta on Thursday, when they could ratify a new deal. Executives from all 32 teams then would be briefed there Thursday and Friday on how the terms would affect league business. Clubs were told topics would include the 2011 NFL calendar, rookie salary system and guidelines for player transactions.

Goodell and NFLPA head DeMaurice Smith planned to stay in regular contact.

Still unresolved is what it will take to get the 10 plaintiffs — including quarterbacks Peyton Manning and Drew Brees, Chargers receiver Vincent Jackson and Patriots guard Logan Mankins — to sign off on a settlement to their antitrust lawsuit against the NFL that is pending in federal court in Minnesota.

On Tuesday, lawyers for the NFL and the players suing the league submitted a joint filing to the court, asking for an extra week to file written arguments "to allow them to focus on the continuing mediation." Tuesday's request, which was granted in the afternoon, noted that "the parties have also been meeting regularly since April 11, 2011, in an effort to resolve their disputes."

Also pending is the TV networks case, in which players accused owners of setting up $4 billion in "lockout insurance."

Another issue said to be standing in the way of a resolution to the lockout: Players want owners to turn over $320 million in unpaid benefits from the 2010 season. Because there was no salary cap that season, the old collective bargaining agreement said NFL teams weren't required to pay those benefits.

On a separate matter, a proposal under consideration would set up nearly $1 billion over the next 10 years in additional benefits for retired players. That would include $620 million in pension increases, long-term care insurance and disability programs.

Retired players complained to the court recently that they had been excluded from negotiations, which is why Eller's presence was significant.

"We weren't happy, and we hope it doesn't go back to that. We hope we stay active in the talks and we hope we continue to have meaningful talks. This clearly lets us know there's more work to be done," Eller said. "It's certainly something we want to keep going and continue the dialogue, continue to work until we have some kind of a solution."

Owners locked out players on March 12, when the old collective bargaining agreement expired, leaving the country's most popular professional sports league in limbo. The sides are trying to forge a settlement in time to keep the preseason completely intact. The exhibition opener is supposed to be the Hall of Fame game between the St. Louis Rams and Chicago Bears on Aug. 7.

The regular-season opener is scheduled for Sept. 8, when the Super Bowl champion Green Bay Packers are to host the New Orleans Saints.

The four-month lockout has resulted in pay cuts for non-playing employees around the league, and economic hardship for cities, like Cortland, N.Y., that hosted training camps in the past but won't this year. On Tuesday, the lower-level UFL — which had been hoping to start its season in the void created by a lack of NFL preseason games — announced it is delaying its season start to mid-September, a blow for a league that has lost $100 million in only two years.

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10:00am, 1:00pm, 4:00pm, 7:00pm, 10:00pm

Super 8 (PG-13) 1hr 52min
10:35am, 1:30pm, 4:25pm, 7:15pm, 10:00pm

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2:00pm, 7:05pm

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2:05pm, 7:30pm

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Bridesmaids (R) 2hrs 05min
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Project Nim (PG-13) 1hr 39min
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Midnight in Paris (PG-13) 1hr 28min
1:00pm, 3:20pm, 5:40pm, 8:00pm, 10:15pm

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Monte Carlo (PG) 1hr 49min
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Don't let someone get to you, Libra

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Reach out for someone. Your fiery side emerges when dealing with ideas, children and a potential loved one. A quirky communication or event poses a problem. Don't push against an authority figure. It will be a no-go. Tonight: All smiles.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ Keep reaching out for others. You might not understand what is happening, especially as the unexpected plays a significant role. Read between the lines if you want to resolve a power play. You also can head for the hills, if you so choose. Tonight: Where your friends are is where you want to be.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ A meeting might expose a different perspective, which could shake you up. Listen to news. Consider alternative scenarios with care. At that point, you can make a strong decision. Don't let it go too long. Tonight: Togetherness.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★ Take a stand, and understand what is happening with someone you look up to. This person might not be revealing what really ails him or her. Your sensitivity counts. A power play gives you more information. Tonight: In the limelight.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Reach out for more information; the unexpected opens a new door, allowing greater give-and-take with someone you really care about. You might be working or pushing too hard. Take your time when on new turf. Tonight: Tap into your imagination.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Deal with others directly. Hold back and understand what is happening behind the scenes. The unexpected occurs when dealing with one person in particular. By now, hopefully you are used to this behavior. Follow-through counts. Tonight: You have a decision to make.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Defer to others once more. Their unanticipated behavior could be making you shaky. Pressure builds between you and a family member or roommate. Zero in on your priorities. Tonight: Don't let someone get to you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★ Communication fizzles, forcing an either/or situation, which you might not want to play into. Focus on what must be done, giving this situation less attention. You might be surprised by what happens if you let go. Tonight: Play it easy.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Learn to read between the lines. What you see happening could allow movement in a desired direction. The unexpected plays out with a child or loved one. A head-on collision might be inevitable. Avoid a power play. Tonight: Talk about taking a break for a few days.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Honor what is important. Trying to buck tradition or a domestic matter could cause more problems than you realize. Are you really ready for that? Be more sensitive to the factions around you. Tonight: Beam in what you want.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ You could be more fluid and easygoing than you have been in a long time. Therefore, an unanticipated jolt energizes you rather than causes a problem. Intellect and energy meet when facing this stimulus. Tonight: Brainstorm away.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Realize what is on the map for the present moment. Move in a new way as you attempt to understand a situation. Be ready for the unusual, especially financially. Remember, not all assets are financial. Be careful as to what you offer. Tonight: Your treat.

Happy birthday

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

This year, you advance a key interest. You have energy working for you. Express interest in your community, work and key family members. Though there could be surprises along the way, you will gain because of your diligence and strong insights. Once you are focused on a goal, it is as good as done. Network and expand your immediate circle. If you are single, if you would like a committed relationship, it is yours to have. You do need to know what you want in order to manifest it. If you are attached, the two of you will want to socialize and share even more together. ARIES pushes you to responsibility but also growth.



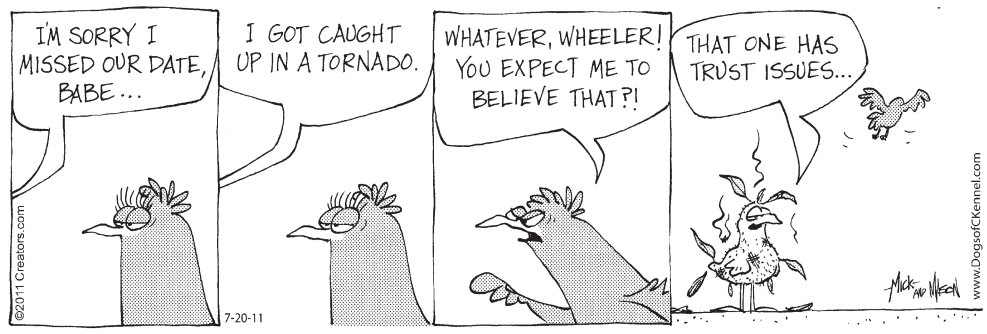
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By Mick and Mason Mastroianni



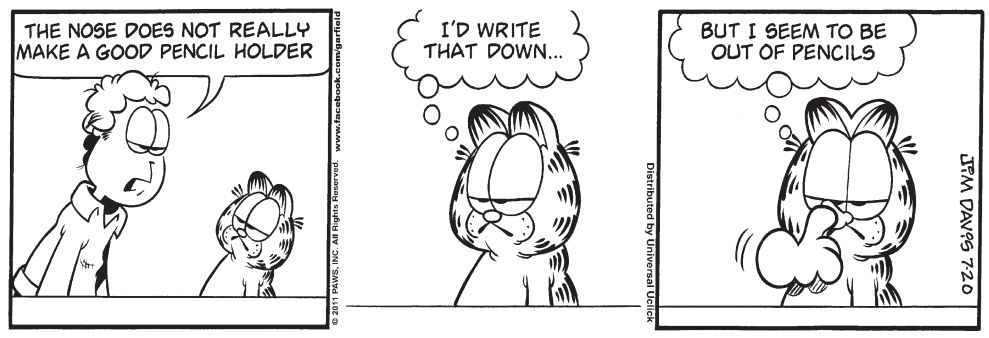
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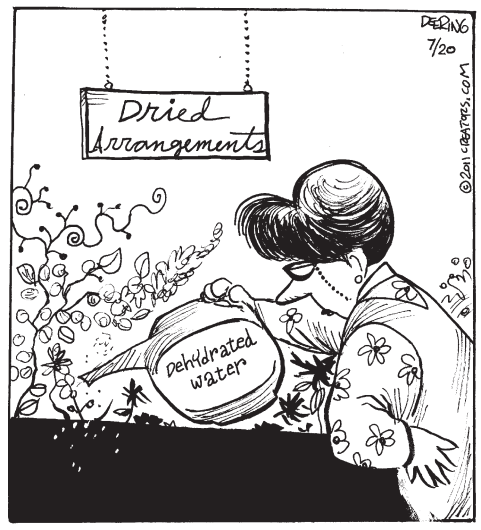
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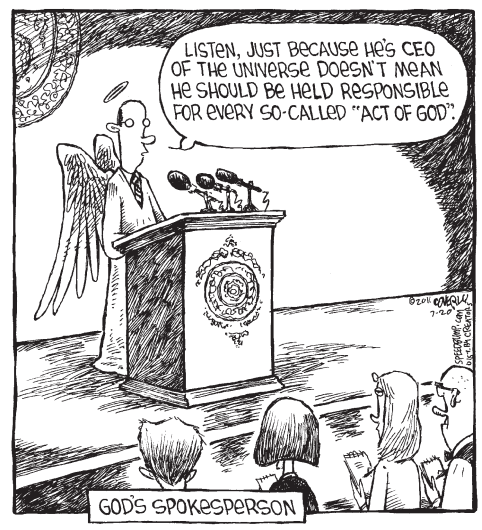
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Speed Bump

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Sudoku

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

Difficulty Level ★★★

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GETTING STARTED

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

8	9	1	2	3	6	5	4	7
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CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Friend of Porthos
7 Sandwich style
11 Mute
12 Courageous one
13 Athens rival
14 Peak
15 Western howler
17 Mayberry name
20 Used a sponge
23 Rival
24 Course peg
26 "Nightline" airer
27 Farm female
28 Nest-egg acct.
29 Mild
31 Gusher flow
32 Clerical errors
33 Wallet fill
34 "Ease On Down the Road" musical
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43 In — (lined up)
44 Swiss city
45 Vault setting
46 Plastered

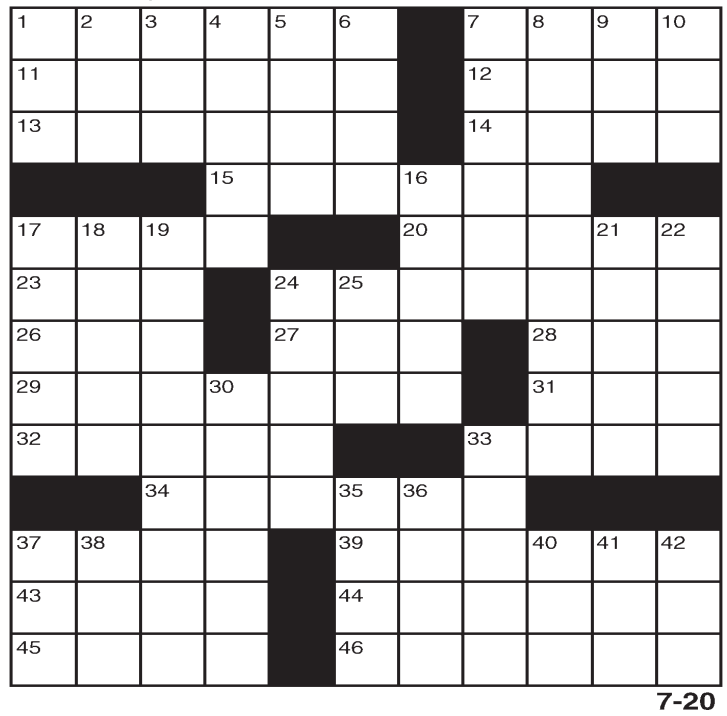
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1 Farm animal
2 Tear
3 Imitating
4 Compassion
5 Quite fond of
6 Don't budge
7 Speculative question
8 Post-wedding do
9 Tattoo setting
10 "Lenore" writer
16 Wee hooter
17 "Is that — ?" ("Oh, really?")
18 With dignity
19 Trickery
21 Spooky
22 Bargains
24 Gaggle members
25 Hold title to
30 Hudson Valley native
33 Oxygen variety
35 Funny fellows
36 "Yeah, right!"
37 Chemist's place
38 Memorable time
40 Frost relative
41 Preceding period
42 Blue

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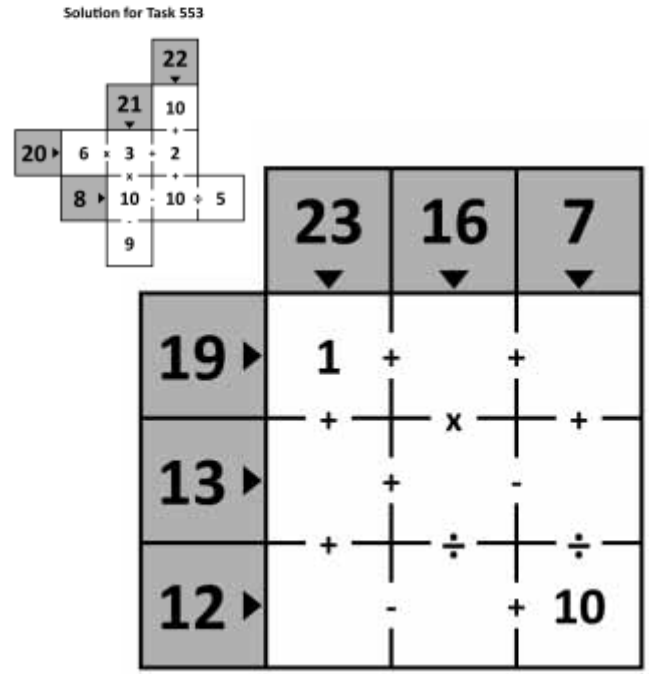
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Fantasy 5: 17 19 20 27 28

DAILY 3: MIDDAY: 5 8 6 EVENING: 3 7 1

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Title IX of the federal Civil Rights Act requires universities to offer "equal" intercollegiate athletic access to females, even though finding that many serious female athletes is difficult on some campuses. The easiest subterfuge, according to an April New York Times report, is to pad women's teams with whimsically enlisted females -- and in some cases, with males. Said former university president (and Health and Human Services Secretary) Donna Shalala, "Those of us in the business know that universities have been end-running Title IX for a long time, and they do it until they get caught." Sample dysfunctional result: When University of South Florida added football (100 male players) a few years ago, it was forced to populate more female teams, and thus "recruited" 71 women for its cross-country team, even though fewer than half ran races and several were surprised to know they were even on the team when a Times reporter inquired.

■ Britain's Ben Wilson is one artist with the entire field to himself -- the only painter who creates finely detailed masterpieces on flattened pieces of chewing gum found on London sidewalks. Frequently spotted lying nearly inert on the ground, working, Wilson estimates he has painted "many thousands" of such "canvases," ranging from portraits and landscapes to specialized messages (such as listing the names of all employees at a soon-to- be-closed Woolworth's store). According to a June New York Times dispatch, Wilson initially heats each piece with a blowtorch, applies lacquer and acrylic enamel before painting -- and sealing with more lacquer. And of course he works only with tiny, tiny brushes.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1998 Two hundred aid workers from CARE International, Doctors Without Borders and other aid groups leave Afghanistan on orders of the Taliban.

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Petition of MARTINO QUENTEZ BUFORD for Change of Name
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner or Attorney: MARTINO QUENTEZ BUFORD filed a petition with this court for a decree of changing names as follows: MARTINO QUENTEZ BUFORD to JOREY BLAKE. The court orders that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted.
Notice of Hearing:
Date: 08/26/2011 Time:8:30am, Dept. NC-B
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Date: JUL 06, 2011
MARY THORTON HOUSE, JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NUMBER: 2011050406 ORIGINAL FILING This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on 07/20/2011 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as BUBBLES SALON BOUTIQUE INDOOR PLAYGROUND, PLAYATBUBBLES.COM, HOT YOGA MAMA, HOT YOGA MOMMA, HOT YOGA MAMA.COM, HOT YOGA MAMMA.COM, HOT YOGA MOMMA.COM. The full name of registrant(s) is/are: Arthur B. Associates 4727 Wilshire Blvd. #601 Los Angeles, CA 90010. This Business is being conducted by: a Corporation. The registrant has not yet commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above. /s/:Arthur B. Associates. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 07/20/2011. 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

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