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THE SUMMER ARRIVED ISSUE



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MEN AT WORK: Workers building a new science facility at Santa Monica High School shore up a ditch on the construction site on Thursday. The bond being considered by the Board of Education would pay for future construction at district campuses.

Community, Board of Ed split over bond measure

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

SMMUSD HDQTRS Deliberation over a \$385 million school bond measure that could appear on the November ballot revealed deep divisions within the Board of Education and community as each struggled to balance much-needed school repairs with a desperate shortage in funding.

The bond, as recommended by the district's Economic Feasibility Committee, would be used to gird schools against earthquakes, improve fire safety, buy new technology for students and repair old buildings like the 100-year-old Santa Monica High School campus.

It's expected to cost the average homeowner approximately \$185 per year, while renters would be charged roughly \$16.

Disagreement over whether or not to put the bond measure forward focused on

timing rather than need.

If approved, the measure would share the stage with two school funding measures — Proposition 30 by Gov. Jerry Brown and a Proposition 38 by activist Molly Munger.

Both would increase taxes to raise money that could be used for almost anything school-related, including teacher salaries and materials.

If the measures fail, the state has threatened even deeper cuts to all levels of education, including the University of California system, which announced Thursday that it would increase tuition by 20 percent if the governor's tax plan doesn't succeed.

A bond, on the other hand, can only be used for capital improvement projects like new buildings, fields and, in some cases, technology improvements.

Opponents of the bond, largely leaders of parent groups in the district, expressed fear that if either the Brown or Munger ballot measures failed, passing a bond in

November would hurt the district's ability to rally the community behind a parcel tax in 2013 to help cover what would then be a \$10 million per year operating deficit.

The district is already asking a lot of the community, which passed a \$268 million bond in 2006, a parcel tax in 2008, a half-cent sales tax in 2010 and recently got through a contentious battle over districtwide fundraising, said Sally Miller, president of the Will Rogers Learning Community's parent organization.

Running with a bond in November could squander the political capital needed to launch a winning campaign, and could cause significant voter-fatigue if the district came back to ask for money again just months after the bond measure passed.

They also felt that raising money to build new classrooms and improve existing ones would send the wrong message to

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KEYES

Homeless stabbing related to others in L.A.

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Editor in Chief

DOWNTOWN The stabbing Tuesday of a homeless man sleeping on a bus bench on Santa Monica Boulevard is linked to two other attacks in Los Angeles where "death warrants" were found at the scene, police said.

Santa Monica and Los Angeles police officers are working together to try and find the person responsible for the attacks, said SMPD Sgt. Richard Lewis.

The victims, two men and a woman, all in their 50s, survived the attacks, according to the Los Angeles Police Department. Only one victim remains hospitalized.

The first incident was reported on July 4 when a 56-year-old homeless man was found bleeding with a large "hunting-type" knife protruding from his back near the intersection of Third and Main streets in Los Angeles. The man crawled 100 yards looking for help while the weapon was lodged between his shoulder blades, according to L.A. Times.

Police said a "death warrant" had been typed and signed by the attacker and left behind, but did not elaborate on the exact

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2525 Michigan Ave., 5 p.m. — 9 p.m.

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CORRECTION

In the July 14-15 edition of the Daily Press, a photo caption on page 3 "Put 'em together," incorrectly said that The Mighty Diamonds performed at the Twilight Concert Series. The Mighty Diamonds did not perform, as they were unable to secure visas to enter the country.

A story in the July 19 edition ("Attorney who cheated clients sentenced to jail," pg. 1) should have stated that David Robinson did not resign from the state bar association. He was disbarred instead.

Expo Authority briefs locals on Phase 2

BY SEAN FITZ-GERALD
Special to the Daily Press

CIVIC CENTER The Exposition Construction Authority updated Santa Monica- and Los Angeles-area residents on developments for Phase 2 of the Expo Light Rail Line at a community meeting Wednesday.

Staff members from Expo, the design-build contractors Skanska/Rados and the landscaping contractors Marina Landscape, Inc. discussed how to make the project go

smoothly, with a 30-minute presentation, and facilitated community discussion with a one-hour, interactive open-house session.

Phase 2, which was approved in 2010, completes the second half of the Expo Line and adds stops spanning Culver City and Santa Monica. The first phase, already in operation, connects Downtown Los Angeles to Culver City.

"We're concluding the design phase — we're at about 85 percent — and we're starting to actually do some construction," said Robb Fonkalsrud, the Skanska/Rados segment manager for the Santa Monica extension. "We're very excited about [Phase 2] — it's a sign of what's coming, and it's really developing into a world-class project."

The combination of Phase 1 and Phase 2 will yield a 15.2-mile corridor, connecting Downtown and Santa Monica, and will include 19 stations — two shared with the Blue Line, said Expo spokeswoman Glenda Silva. Construction for both line segments will total approximately \$2.4 billion.

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L.A. officials reopen park trashed by Occupy protests

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LOS ANGELES Trampled during weeks of anti-Wall Street protests, City Hall Park reopened Thursday after a \$1 million makeover that left fences in place to block campers.

"We're going to ask Angelenos to respect this park, to respect the native plants, to make sure that when you're walking on the park, that you walk softly and enjoy it immensely," Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa said at a news conference christening the renovation.

Occupy L.A. demonstrators — part of the nationwide social justice protests — were allowed to take over City Hall lawns for nearly two months last fall, creating a tent city that sprawled over the 1.7-acre park. Some demonstrators built a makeshift tree-house, destroyed grass and sprayed graffiti on statues.

Homeless people joined the swelling numbers clustered around City Hall. City trash and toilet services were overwhelmed.

In November, police raided the encampment, arresting nearly 300 people in a mostly peaceful operation. Sanitation workers hauled away 25 tons of debris, including tents, food, shoes and bicycles.

Concrete barriers and chain-link fencing erected to keep campers from returning will remain for at least several more weeks. Gates will be locked after 10:30 p.m. until residents grow accustomed to the new curfew, officials said.

Police also planned to enforce a new ordinance that bans the use of tents in city parks. Signs warned that trespassers could face arrest.

The renovation included repairing a fountain and firefighters memorial, installing new pavement, energy-efficient lighting and irrigation system, and replanting about half the grassy areas with water-thrifty succulents, California holly and other native plants.

The cost was covered by various government funds, donations and insurance. Officials said none of the money from the city's general fund, the pot of money that pays for many day-to-day services.

Some Occupy L.A. protesters showed up at City Hall Thursday to demonstrate. They were kept outside the fence during the news conference. None tried to set up a tent on the lawns.

Protesters have continued sporadic protests in other areas of the city, including a recent demonstration at a downtown Art Walk event that ended in a clash with police.



Photo courtesy Dakota Lounge

UNITED FRONT: The Dakota Lounge team (L to R): Mark Erman, Tania Zikos, Alex Fieglein, Brittany Ramos and Jason Ryczek.

Rising from the ashes

After devastating fire, Dakota Lounge returns

BY ADRIANNA DINOLFO
Special to the Daily Press

WILSHIRE BLVD After a devastating fire in July of 2010, the Dakota Lounge is back in full swing as it prepares for its grand reopening this Saturday.

Despite the fact that the fire almost completely destroyed all of the space, the Dakota

team has been working diligently to reach this point, and is proud to present a new and improved venue for live music on the Westside.

Alex Fieglein originally purchased the space from the owners of Temple Bar in 2008.

"It was a live music venue for a very long time and we wanted to continue that legacy," Fieglein said. "Over the few years that we operated we focused on up-and-coming

acts; people that were on the verge of breaking through."

The Dakota Lounge has seen and supported artists such as Bruno Mars, Foster the People and Janelle Monáe through its early stages. While Fieglein does not focus on one specific genre of music, he searches for a cer-

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Food truck fumes

Editor:
Our stupid city has outlawed smoking in apartments (“Council OKs more restrictive ban,” July 12), yet if you live downwind from one of the food truck nights around town you are living in a poison gas chamber! My apartment reeks of butane and propane for hours during one of these food truck nights. Maybe they can cook with electric, then we will only get smoked out by burning food. Gasp, cough, wheeze ... help, please stop this!

Mark Simpson
Sunset Park

Protect pedestrians

Editor:
The city is planning to spend \$350,000 for consultants to tell them how to make the streets safer for pedestrians (“Woman killed in hit-and-run,” July 18). They could save the money, and perhaps a few lives, if the police would enforce traffic regulations and stop drivers who speed, run red lights and stop signs, and ignore pedestrians in crosswalks. The police would better serve the public by protecting pedestrians than looking after the homeless.

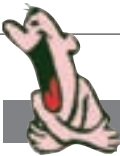
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Be courteous

Editor:
I fell asleep the other night with thoughts of the two young women recently killed in separate traffic accidents in Santa Monica. Road safety has been on my mind for quite some time. My work commute is relatively minimal to West Los Angeles and yet it feels like such a challenge. I am so grateful to safely arrive home each night.

Let us take these and other traffic injuries and fatalities to heart. Let us be more careful, more vigilant and more kind. Let us remember the other human beings on the road eager to live long and to enjoy their lives and loved ones. Let us be kind to other drivers, observe the crosswalks more carefully, make eye contact when appropriate, use our signals, not our horns. Kindness and consideration go a long way. Let us each do our part, and together work to make our city and our neighborhoods abundant with quality of life.

Cindy McQuade
Santa Monica



Laughing Matters

Jack Neworth

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When or if the smoke clears

SOME SAY THAT IT'S IMPOLITE TO DISCUSS politics and religion. (I'm not sure who originally coined that expression but I'm guessing it wasn't someone from the religious right.) Rest assured, I won't be discussing religion.

So, speaking of politics, it's also said that it makes strange bedfellows. I recall some 20 years ago where there was a political battle that did just that. The lines were drawn between developers, merchants and even city staff and Ocean Park residents, and was fought over a proposed parking garage on Main Street.

The debate was so heated that I remember for Mayor Judy Abdo speaking before the City Council, lamenting that she had lost long-term friends over the issue. Being opposed to the garage, I also spoke and remember the speaker after me, in favor of the structure, viciously excoriated an opponent. I thought to myself, "Wow, he sure dislikes someone." Moments later, I realized it was me!

Currently I sense that same political tension, only this time it's over second-hand smoke. But first, in the name of full disclosure, I live in a rent-controlled apartment. And frankly I panic when my neighbors move out for fear the new ones will be cigar, cigarette or marijuana smokers. (The least offensive being pot smoker, which at least might bring back memories of Jimi Hendrix.)

So, you can imagine my delight when Tuesday, July 10, the City Council passed a law to ban smoking in apartments and condominiums for all new tenants. The debate was should residents in their own apartments be subjected to dangerous second-hand smoke from their neighbors? The vote was 4-2 with Gleam Davis absent. But apparently it's not a done deal.

Through the political grapevine (OK, Starbucks gossip) it appears this Tuesday there will be a second reading of the ordinance and it's quite possible that one of the "yes" votes (I'm speculating Terry O'Day's) might morph into a "no." It's just a guess, but it's also possible that Gleam Davis will vote no, meaning the proposed law would die.

Leading the council's "clean-air" charge was Bobby Shriver, joined by Bob Holbrook, Mayor Richard Bloom and O'Day, who was originally appointed to the council and is up for re-election in November. It's only natural that O'Day will want SMRR's (Santa Monica's Renters' Rights) endorsement but they're against the law. Also against the law are Kevin McKeown and Pam O'Connor. These two don't always vote together but did that night, thus the "strange bedfellows" reference.

The clean air advocates cite incontrovertible data documenting that second-hand smoke is considered a dangerous carcinogen by the Environmental Protection Agency. Many of the 7,000 chemicals in cigarettes (how do they pack so many in one cigarette?) are not only toxic, but they stick to surfaces.

Thus, if you ever enter an empty room

that, weeks or even months later, still reeks of cigarettes, that's third-hand smoke, which is also highly dangerous. (And in the 1950s there were TV commercials actually promoting the health benefits of smoking!)

SMRR and others, however, worry about the part of the law which requires tenants to identify their apartment to landlords as either a smoking or non-smoking unit. This would be part of the disclosure to prospective tenants. As it happens, years ago, a friend asked the landlord if her soon-to-be neighbors smoked and was told he didn't think so. Days later she moved in only to discover her next-door neighbor was a heavy cigar smoker. Yikes!

LIVING IN AN APARTMENT, I CAN ATTEST THAT WHEN YOUR NEIGHBOR SMOKES YOU SMOKE, OR AT A MINIMUM, YOUR PLACE SMELLS LIKE AN ASH TRAY.

Living in an apartment, I can attest that when your neighbor smokes you smoke, or at a minimum, your place smells like an ash tray. It's uncanny how the insidious smoke sneaks through vents and electrical outlets and seeps through walls. (It all sounds like a cheap horror movie.)

And if your neighbor is a cigar smoker, it's like you've suddenly got Arnold Schwarzenegger for a roommate. Speaking of whom, with the success of the "Expendables," apparently Arnold's back. All I can say is hide your housekeepers.

Many fear that landlords might use the law as added incentive to harass rent-control tenants. But how? If a prospective new tenant discovers his rent-control neighbor is a smoker and decides against moving in, realistically what's a landlord doing to do? (Especially since "Whitey" Bulger's no longer in town.)

Selfishly, I hope the law passes because sooner or later some stogie-loving tenant is going to move next door to me and I'll be forced to write these columns from my balcony. (Actually, I can't do that because our building is currently undergoing facade repair which may generate falling asbestos dust. Doesn't that sound delightful?)

Will Santa Monica protect current tenants from the dangerous second-hand smoke of new tenants? They say the "art" of politics is compromise. During the next few weeks I guess we'll find out how many Van Gogh's we have on the City Council.

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Smoking law needs to go further

Those who choose to smoke tobacco are killing themselves slowly. And that's OK. Tobacco is still legal to purchase and consume if you are over the age of 18. Therefore adults have the right to ingest it.

What is not OK is those who choose to smoke and then pass their habit on to others in the form of second-hand smoke drifting through open windows, ventilation systems, pipes, electrical sockets — and even tiny cracks in plaster and drywall. Studies have shown this occurs and the results can be deadly.

That's why the Daily Press is supportive of the City Council's 4-2 vote last week to ban new tenants from smoking in their apartments and condos. The law, as currently written, would force those currently living in apartments and condos in Santa Monica to declare their units as "smoking" or lose the right to puff indoors. Once a smoker moves out, their unit would be converted to non-smoking so that eventually all apartments and condos will be smoke-free.

But the law doesn't go far enough. This newspaper feels that the council, when it gives final approval on Tuesday (that is unless those who voted in favor of it wimp out and change course), must put in a provision that makes all multi-unit dwellings smoke-free within three years. Setting a firm date is the best way to properly protect public health when it comes to second-hand smoke exposure in tight quarters.

Elected officials cannot let this law filter through organically by waiting for smokers to die or move out of their units. Second-hand smoke kills and therefore this community needs to move swiftly to protect the public. That means a three-year window that would allow smokers to save up and move to a city without a similar law, or take steps to quit. The three years would also give landlords time to send out proper notices to tenants and prepare for a possible exodus of smoking tenants, who will assuredly be replaced by those who prefer fresher air and Santa Monica's amenities.

Right now there is nothing in the law that says smoking within apartments and condos is against the law, that is if the tenant registers the unit as smoking. This is a significant omission. If second-hand smoke is serious enough to warrant action from the council, elected officials need to go one step further and set a date to ban it completely. If not, future generations will continue to be exposed and develop health problems, something which has been well documented. We cannot pass the buck.

Santa Monica has taken steps to combat the dangers of second-hand smoke by passing comprehensive bans on lighting up in public areas, such as the Third Street Promenade, parks, the beach and at bus stops. Now the council needs to keep the

momentum going and set a firm date as to when smoking in units, including those where smoking is currently allowed, is prohibited.

And to all those smokers out there who feel that their rights are being taken away, just think about the rights of those who have trouble sleeping at night because they cannot get a way from your puffs. What about their right to enjoy their property peacefully? After all, it is your nasty habit that is impacting them, just as if a neighbor constantly played loud music late at night preventing you from getting a good night sleep. While thumping bass may be annoying, it won't kill you. But cigarettes will.

This newspaper urges the council to move forward with an outright ban and put a plan in place to educate the public about the change. City Hall must also make sure that enough trash receptacles are in place so smokers can properly dispose of their butts, and police and community service officers need to be on the lookout for those who mindlessly toss their butts into our streets and eventually into Santa Monica Bay. We say issue tickets for littering every time a smoker carelessly disposes of their butts. It's disgusting, it harms the environment and it is against the law.

CITY HALL MUST GET INVOLVED

The embarrassing saga of the Wilshire-Montana Neighborhood Coalition struggle for power, which involves two factions and one absurd election, needs to be addressed by city officials as soon as possible before it further deteriorates and possibly becomes unruly.

Currently there are two groups claiming to represent the residents of Wilmont. Lawyers have been hired, threats have been made and city officials sit by while chaos ensues. Normally, we would not advocate for City Hall's involvement, but this case is different because Wilmont receives thousands of dollars in grant funding from taxpayers.

City Hall must step in and mediate. Representatives from the City Attorney's Office should be brought in to review all bylaws and financial documents to ensure the neighborhood group has been operating correctly and help administer a fair and proper election based on current bylaws, not unwritten rules and long-standing traditions.

The same goes for all others. It wouldn't be a bad idea for city officials to meet with representatives from all of the neighborhood groups to check in on where they stand, review their bylaws and ensure that those in charge are doing what they are supposed to do. This newspaper is not questioning the integrity of other groups. We just feel that a review couldn't hurt and may help groups better govern themselves so that they can play a greater role in the public process.

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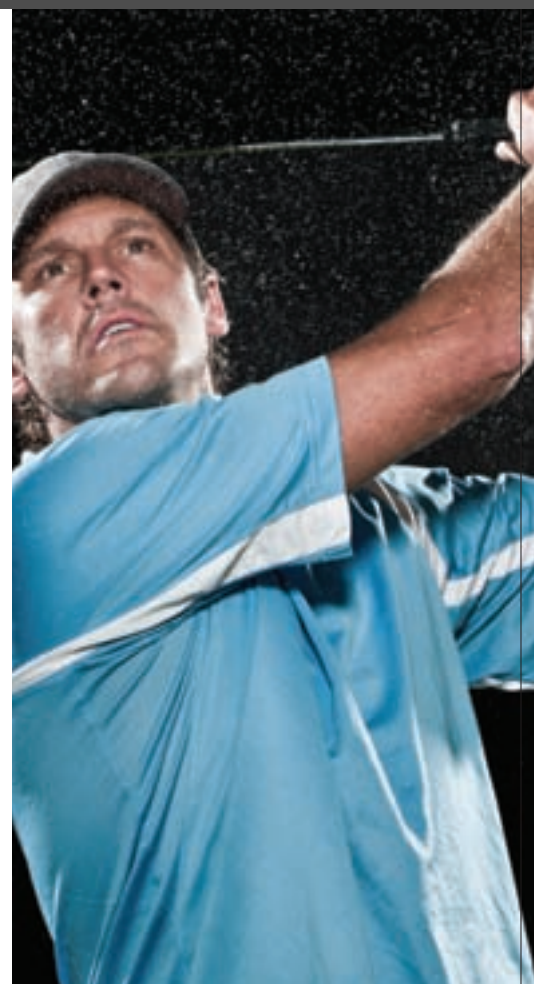
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Feds OK with equipment change at nuclear plant

MICHAEL R. BLOOD

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES Federal regulators Thursday concluded that the operator of the San Onofre nuclear power plant in California did not mislead the government about modifications to its troubled steam generators, where damage has been found on scores of tubes that carry radioactive water.

Environmental activists had accused Southern California Edison of duping the Nuclear Regulatory Commission about a series of changes to the massive machines before they began operating in 2010 and 2011, including boosting the number of tubes and redesigning internal supports that hold them in place.

The seaside plant between San Diego and Los Angeles has been idle since January, after a tube break in one of the generators released traces of radiation and set in motion a series of events that led to a federal probe.

The agency staff investigation concluded that Edison "provided the NRC with all the information required under existing regulations about proposed design changes to its steam generators," according to a statement.

But a key question remains under study: Does the agency need to change the process that was used to approve the replacement generators? At issue is whether tubing problems that eventually sidelined the reactors might have been identified by changing rules under which utilities swap equipment at nuclear power plants.

For example, the report concluded that there were "major design changes" between the original and replacement generators at San Onofre, yet they qualified as essentially identical replacements that did not require an exhaustive review by the NRC.

The rules, as written, do not require Edison "to presume deficiencies in the design or fabrication" of the generators, the report said.

Daniel Hirsch, a lecturer on nuclear policy at the University of California, Santa Cruz, who is a critic of the nuclear power industry, said the agency was attempting to exonerate itself from blame for the plant's ongoing troubles.

The "NRC said they did nothing wrong" even though the faulty generators caused unprecedented tube damage and raised the risk of a serious accident, Hirsch said in a statement.

The trouble began to unfold in January,

when the Unit 3 reactor was shut down as a precaution after a tube break. Traces of radiation escaped at the time, but officials said there was no danger to workers or neighbors. Unit 2 had been taken offline earlier that month for maintenance, but investigators later found unexpected wear on scores of tubes in both units.

After a three-month investigation, the NRC announced last month that a botched computer analysis resulted in design flaws that caused excessive vibration and resulted in unprecedented wear in tubes. Edison has been trying to determine how, or if, the problems can be fixed.

"We are committed to continuing to work with the NRC on the steam generator issues and will continue to use conservative decision-making as we work on repairs and planning for the future," said Edison Senior Vice President and Chief Nuclear Officer Pete Dietrich. "The number one priority is the safety of the public and our employees."

The problems have raised questions about the integrity and safety of replacement generators the company installed at the twin reactors in a multimillion-dollar makeover.

Earlier this year, a report issued by environmental group Friends of the Earth asserted that equipment and design changes to the generators "created a large risk of tube failure." The group, which is critical of the nuclear power industry, said the company never disclosed that such extensive changes were made, instead describing it as an exchange of similar equipment that allowed SCE "to avoid the requisite NRC oversight of a steam generator replacement."

A spokesman for the group, Damon Moglen, said in a statement that "the bottom line is that the NRC was asleep at the wheel then, and now we've left it up to the same people to justify their mistake."

The tubes are one of the barriers between the radioactive and non-radioactive sides of the plant. If a tube breaks, there is the potential that radioactivity could escape into the atmosphere. Serious leaks also can drain cooling water from a reactor.

The steam generators were manufactured by Japan-based Mitsubishi Heavy Industries, according to company officials.

The design of the generators also is under congressional scrutiny.

The plant is owned by SCE, San Diego Gas & Electric and the city of Riverside. The Unit 1 reactor operated from 1968 to 1992, when it was shut down and dismantled.

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DVD REVIEWS

BY RANDY O. WILLIAMS
Special to the Daily Press

‘ACT OF VALOR’

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‘SAFE HOUSE’

This intense thriller features Denzel Washington as Tobin Frost, one of the CIA's most dangerous traitors. After being caught, the safe house he's being held in is attacked by mercenaries for a rookie agent, Matt Weston (Ryan Reynolds) to take the infamous traitor on the run. The duo become unlikely allies fighting to stay alive long enough to uncover who wants them dead. Extensive features on the stunt work, locations and cast interviews are included. Combo Pack: Blu-ray + DVD + Digital Copy + UltraViolet. (Universal)

‘GOON’

Bringing some of that crudeness over from his turn as Stifler in the popular “American Pie” series, Seann William Scott combines a tough physicality as a bounced-turned-hockey-thug, but with a sort of Zen-like delivery. The outcast from a brainy family of doctors, Scott is compelling as a walking contradiction dishing out pain but with a rather detached sense of peace. In the vein of “Slap Shot,” the picture also stars Liekev Schreiber as veteran player-enforcer Ross Rhea who faces Scott in the “thug” showdown. (Magnolia Pictures)

‘DEMOTED’

From the filmmakers of the “American Pie” series comes this amusing working stiff comedy following the corporate shenanigans at the Tire Company. Sean Astin (“Lord of the Rings,” “Rudy”) and Michael Vartan (“Alias”) star in this what-goes-around-comes-around story as a pair of prank-playing tire salesmen who find themselves placed in secretarial jobs by their new put-upon boss (David Cross — “Arrested Development”). (Anchor Bay)

‘MEATBALLS’

In one of his first feature films (1979), Bill Murray plays Tripper, the goofy head counselor at the North Star summer camp whose unorthodox methods draw the kids in. Director Ivan Reitman would also team with

Murray for “Stripes” and “Ghostbusters.” The “making of” feature provides some insight into casting, the use of real campers because they didn't have enough money to pay for extras, and interviews with some of the cast members. Blu-ray (Lionsgate)

‘PASTIME’

Here's an engaging small film about a veteran minor league pitcher (William Russ) in 1957 tutoring young phenom flamethrower Tyrone DeBerry (Glenn Plummer) and an unlikely friendship develops across the boundaries of race and age. There are lots of cameos by baseball stars such as Ernie Banks, Bob Feller, Harmon Killebrew, Don Newcombe, Bill Mazeroski and Duke Snider. (Echo Bridge/Miramax)

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Katie Holmes heads to Broadway post-divorce

MARK KENNEDY
AP Drama Writer

NEW YORK Katie Holmes has decided what her first major acting project will be since announcing her divorce from Tom Cruise: Broadway.

The actress will star in Theresa Rebeck's "Dead Accounts," a five-character comedy that will be directed by three-time Tony Award winner Jack O'Brien, producers said Thursday.

All eyes were on Holmes' next step as a single woman. Was it to be a big film or a small one? Or more TV? Her decision to return to the physically strenuous eight-show-a-week life of a Broadway stage actress indicates a willingness to jump into the deep end.

Her last appearance on Broadway, which also marked her debut, was in the 2008 production of "All My Sons." The news that she will return to a Times Square stage is also a signal that she may intend to stay in New York City.

Holmes first came to stardom in the teen soap opera "Dawson's Creek," and had roles in such well-regarded films as "The Ice Storm," "Go" and "Wonder Boys."

After Holmes began dating Cruise, she took a three-year break from acting that concluded with the poorly received heist film "Mad Money." She followed that up with the wedding drama "The Romantics" and small roles in the comedies "The Extra Man" and Adam Sandler's "Jack and Jill," and the thrillers "Don't Be Afraid of the Dark"

and "The Son of No One." Though she starred in "Batman Begins" in 2005, she pulled out of "The Dark Knight."

Reviews for her work in Arthur Miller's classic 1947 "All My Sons" were mixed, with The Associated Press saying Holmes "has a striking physical presence, although not much vocal variety" and USA Today saying that "at best, she exhibits a glib Irish exuberance that could serve her well in certain stage roles."

The new Rebeck play, which had its world premiere at the Cincinnati Playhouse this winter, will open on Broadway this fall at the Music Box Theatre. Dates and other casting news will be announced later.

"Dead Accounts" centers on a son who returns to his family's home in Cincinnati flush with money, which raises red flags for his sister, who is living with their elderly parents. Holmes will play the sister role, a not-very-glamorous part for a woman who has lately landed on the cover of every tabloid.

Producers in a statement said the comedy "tackles the timely issues of corporate greed, small town values and whether or not your family will always welcome you back."

Holmes' announcement comes on the heels of word earlier this month that she and her soon-to-be-former husband had reached a divorce agreement. She and Cruise were married in Italy in 2006 and they have a 6-year-old daughter, Suri.

Rebeck, who was a director in the first season of NBC's "Smash," has written several plays, including the recent Broadway hits "Seminar" and "Mauritius."

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TUESDAY, JULY 10, AT 10:27 P.M.,

Santa Monica police officers responded to Pacific Coast Highway at the California Incline regarding a report of an assault that just occurred. When officers arrived, they made contact with a man who said he was driving south on PCH when he was cut off by another driver who suddenly pulled out of a driveway in the 500 block of PCH. The man honked his horn and had to stop suddenly to avoid hitting the other car. The alleged victim said the other driver continued to brake hard as if he was trying to get the other to ram into him. The driver who was cut off pulled ahead of the other and eventually stopped on the side of the road because he felt the suspect was driving too close behind him. The suspect allegedly followed, got out of his car and pulled out a machete and threatened the other with it. The victim told the suspect that he was going to call the police, at which point the suspect allegedly drove forward, striking the victim in the legs. The victim, who was not injured, moved to the side and the suspect left. Officers eventually located the suspect in one of the beach parking lots. He was positively identified and the machete was recovered. The suspect was placed under arrest for assault with a deadly weapon and exhibiting a deadly weapon. He was identified as Rolando Antonio Menendez, 71, of Santa Monica. His bail was set at \$30,000.

TUESDAY, JULY 10, AT 1:40 A.M.,

Officers were on patrol along the 900 block of 12th Street when they saw a vehicle towing a trailer with no tail lights, a violation of the vehicle code. Officers pulled the driver over on the 1300 block of Montana Avenue and made contact with those inside. Both the driver and passenger told officers that they were on probation and both consented to a search. Officers said the passenger was found to be in possession of a glass pipe commonly used to smoke methamphetamine. The suspect was placed under arrest and transported to the Santa Monica Jail where officers said two baggies of meth were found inside his wallet. The suspect was ultimately booked for possession of a controlled substance and drug paraphernalia and a probation violation. He was identified as David Alvarado, 27, of Corona, Calif. His bail was set at \$10,000.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 11, AT 3:49 P.M.,

Officers responded to the 700 block of Santa Monica Boulevard regarding a report of a sexual assault suspect who was being followed by the boyfriend of a victim. The suspect was detained on the 1200 block of Sixth Street by officers. After the suspect was identified, he allegedly tried to run from officers. He was taken to the ground and handcuffed. Officers then turned their attention to the boyfriend and his girlfriend, who told officers she was walking alone on the 700 block of Santa Monica Boulevard when she felt someone grab and squeeze her butt twice. The woman said she spun around and slapped the suspect on the left arm. She scolded him while the suspect just stood there and laughed. She then called her boyfriend, who responded within minutes and confronted the suspect, telling him he was calling the police. The suspect was booked for sexual battery, resisting arrest and a traffic warrant. He was identified as Keith Fleming, 24, of Santa Monica. His bail was set at \$20,565.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 23, AT 7:05 P.M.,

Officers working the front lobby of the Public Safety Facility were contacted by two Santa Monica High School students who said someone had brandished a firearm at them earlier in the day. They told officers that as they left the campus a group of Latino men were standing at the corner of Seventh Street and Pico Boulevard. The group began whistling at the students and yelling, "This is Santa Monica Gang." Fearing the group wanted to fight, the students kept walking toward their car, which was parked at the Civic Center. The students drove off and picked up a friend at L & L Hawaiian Barbecue. While there they were confronted by the same group of men, one of whom lifted up his shirt and displayed a large caliber handgun. The group began yelling profanities and racial slurs, stating that they "could finish this right now," police said. The students were able to drive away. Investigators as signed to the case were able to identify one of the suspects involved and on July 16 served a search warrant with the assistance of the SWAT team at the home of one of the suspects. A 24-year-old man was taken into custody and a handgun was recovered at the home, which is located on the 1500 block of Princeton Street. The suspect was booked for assault with a deadly weapon and participating in a criminal street gang. He was identified as Masoud Skamm Taniwal. His bail was set at \$90,000.

FRIDAY, JULY 13, AT 8:51 P.M.,

Officers responded to the 300 block of Colorado Avenue – Bloomingdale's – regarding a report of two shoplifters in custody. When officers arrived, they spoke with security who said the women walked into the store with several bags and placed two wallets and a cell phone case inside of them. They then left without offering to pay. Security detained them, recovered the stolen items and called police. Items belonging to other stores in the area were also found. The suspects were arrested and booked for burglary, conspiracy and petty theft with a prior. They were identified as Beranna Moody, 27, and Alicia Brown, 23; both from Los Angeles. Moody's bail was set at \$20,000. No bail was set for Brown.

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tain "level of talent" in regards to the artists he presents.

The fire began on July 6, 2010 between 4 a.m. and 4:30 a.m. Although the fire department officially declared the cause electrical of unknown origin, a six-inch gash was found in a pipe where the power came in. However, due to the extent of the damage, those at the Dakota Lounge will never know for sure what sparked the fire that decimated their beloved venue.

"It was one of the worst calls I've ever gotten," Fieglein recalls. "One of my bartenders called me at 5:15 in the morning, and I thought he was joking. I rushed down here, and it was completely devastating."

Although one may wallow in sadness after an event like that, Fieglein felt differently. Despite his anguish, Fieglein tried to look at the fire in a positive light, and instantly aimed at a better, brighter future for the Dakota Lounge. After tearing down the space to nothing but four walls, the team set to work preparing plans for new designs and taking a hands-on approach toward the process that would ultimately take two years.

"It took us around four or five months just to complete the phase of planning..." Fieglein said. "We wanted to give people an even better experience at Dakota than the way they had ever had before."

Aside from changes to design, color scheme and menu options, the Dakota Lounge is newly equipped with technological advancements intended to improve sound quality and accommodate the abilities of aspiring artists.

"Ultimately I want everyone to know Dakota is back and better than ever," said staff

supervisor Brittany Ramos. "Better food, better music, better atmosphere, just an overall great place to be on any given night of the week."

In addition to providing a space for live music, the Dakota Lounge now opens with a new studio capable of releasing multi-track recordings directly off the sound board. The Dakota team will also offer a live, multi-camera crew filming in high definition for every performance.

"We really want to align ourselves with new artists and offer whatever we can to beat the price on anyone else's studio offerings," Fieglein said. "Yeah, it's still a business and we still want to make money, but I want to give new artists the opportunity to do something that still fits their budget at this stage in the game."

Although Fieglein was involved in much of the process himself, he gives credit to his team.

"Everyone has highs and lows in their business. So when you hit your tough times you want to take care of your family," Fieglein said. "They [the team] are my family. I feel very blessed to have been able to find the team that I did, and I couldn't have done this without them."

As opposed to trying to book a big name act for the first night, the Dakota team thought it more important to re-establish the type of music that people can expect on a consistent basis. Following the past few weeks of a "soft-opening," Peanut Butter Wolf, a DJ with visual art, will close the grand opening on Saturday. Based on the fan support throughout this endeavor, Fieglein is delighted to restore this venue.

"There was a time where it seemed like there was never going to be a light at the end of the tunnel," Fieglein said. "Now we've come out of the tunnel and I feel that we have a great place. I'm excited to get it in motion."

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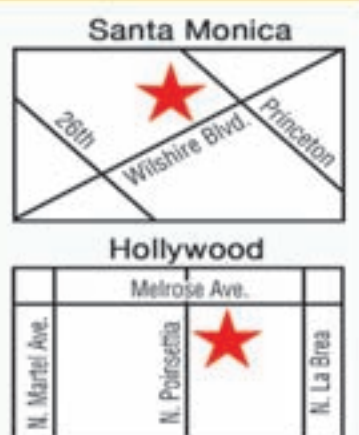


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teachers who face layoffs if the tax falls in November.

"If it's difficult to pass a parcel tax today, think how difficult it will be to pass a parcel tax after we ask for \$385 million to improve our facilities, which we need to do," said Harry Keiley, president of the Santa Monica-Malibu Classroom Teachers' Association. "The risk of going forward simply outweighs the risk of waiting."

Those in favor of the measure felt that not only was now the right time to ask for capital funds, it may well be the only time.

At the beginning of the year, the Board of Education reconstituted the Economic Feasibility Committee, a 20-member group of heavy-hitters in education advocacy, to look into the possibility of putting either a school bond measure or parcel tax on the November ballot.

Polling completed by Goodwin Simon Strategic Research on the committee's behalf revealed that there was effectively no hope of passing a parcel tax in November, particularly along side the two other school-related taxes.

A parcel tax requires a two-thirds majority to pass, and polling numbers showed approximately 62 percent of likely voters in favor.

A bond measure, on the other hand, only needs 55 percent, a much lower threshold. Polling showed that a solid 64 percent of likely voters would get behind the measure.

Waiting until 2014, the next year that it would be possible to get a bond before voters, would mean no bond at all, said Neil Carrey, chair of the Economic Feasibility Committee.

"If we wait until 2014, there's a strong possibility that we'll be competing with bond measures from (City Hall) and (Santa Monica College)," Carrey said.

City Hall lost its Redevelopment Agency in 2012, the entity responsible for providing most of the money used to improve dilapidated infrastructure in Santa Monica.

Without that funding source, everything else is on the table, including bonds, said Mayor Pro Tem Gleam Davis, who was at the meeting speaking as an individual and not for the City Council.

SMC has denied previously that it has a bond measure in the works.

Putting a bond measure on the ballot now would not preclude a parcel tax later, said Debbie Mulvaney, the outgoing president of the parent group at Samohi and member of the Economic Feasibility Committee.

People in Santa Monica step up when they feel "the sky is falling," as it most cer-

tainly will if the district gets slammed with another \$5 million in cuts on top of its current deficit.

"I think we can pass a parcel tax on the back of a bond. I do not believe it will work in reverse," Mulvaney said.

The six Board of Education members present reflected the divide within the community.

Vice Chair Laurie Lieberman came out in favor of moving forward with the bond measure. She described waiting for 2014 for a bond measure as a "pipe dream."

"I don't buy the arguments that we should wait because I don't think the right time will ever come," Lieberman said. "This is as right as it's going to get. It's not perfect, but I don't see it getting better."

Board members Nimish Patel and Jose Escarce both said that they were leaning against putting the bond forward. Anything that could either confuse voters and hurt a future parcel tax would be detrimental to the district, they said.

Polling numbers were silent on the success of a parcel tax after a bond measure passed, making the board's decision a gamble, Escarce said.

"Could I regret this? Absolutely," Escarce said. "If we don't put a bond on and a parcel tax doesn't pass, I'll really regret this."

Passing a bond measure and then coming up short on a parcel tax in the spring would be worse.

Board President Ben Allen resisted moving forward with the measure without a deeper level of consensus on the board, but ultimately the group directed staff to move forward with a resolution for its Aug. 1 meeting in Malibu.

The measure must pass at that meeting with a super majority of the board (five votes) in order to slip in under the Aug. 10 deadline to get the measure on the ballot.

The bond will likely receive a chilly reception in Malibu. Residents there feel that they were, once again, cut out of the decision-making process, something that members of the Economic Feasibility Committee deny.

In a letter to the Board of Education, Craig Foster, president of the Advocates for Malibu Public Schools, told board members that if they expect Malibu residents to pony up cash for the bond measure, they should ask nicely.

"Our strong suggestion is that this be a discussion item on (the Aug. 1) agenda as it is tonight in Santa Monica and that the advocates of this bond muster their best arguments as to why this bond, which we will pay over 31 percent of for the next 20 to 30 years is in the best interest of Malibu," Foster wrote.

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Silva said major construction is slated for August 2012 and pre-construction activities — including sewer relocation and encasement and pavement and soil removal — have already begun in Santa Monica, mostly along Colorado Avenue.

From August until December 2012, Fonkalsrud said major construction will involve removing existing track from the Bergamot Station area, constructing soundwalls along the planned corridor, erecting mechanically stabilized embankments for the Olympic and Centinela bridges, adjusting parking spaces along Colorado Avenue, relocating water lines, installing underdrains and demolishing buildings — specifically two small sheds near 14th Street and a building on the corner of Fifth Street and Colorado.

On a big-picture scale, construction projects for 2013 and 2014 will feature station construction, track installation, roadway improvements and electrical system and train controlling.

In 2015, trains will be tested and landscaping installation will begin. The line is expected to be ready for public use by 2016.

“[The Expo Line] is great,” said Frank Swanson, a Santa Monica resident. “We’ve been waiting the past five to 10 years to get this going.”

Swanson favors the project because he said it has the potential to relieve traffic and make venues such as Dodger Stadium, Staples Center and L.A. Live more accessible.

Though a portion of community members shared Swanson’s enthusiasm, others expressed concern over construction issues.

Barbara Filet, a member of the Expo Bicycle Advisory Committee and Santa Monica Spoke, said bicycle integration is severely at risk.

“The Expo Line Construction Authority is so set on delivering the rail under budget and on time that they’re disregarding the bike path,” Filet said. “The way that they’ve set up the rail gives [cyclists] a very small amount of space.”

Filet and a select few — including Gary Kavanagh, who was also present at the meeting — were appointed to the bicycle committee by the Santa Monica City Council to work with Expo.

Both Kavanagh and Filet said they’ve made attempts to set up meetings with Expo but haven’t received any sort of response.

Filet said the committee has problems regarding the installation of bike channels on the sides of staircases, the insufficiency of bike parking spaces and lockers, the safety of intersections and the security of parking spaces.

“We’ve been voicing our concerns, but it may be some time before we know where we’re headed with these issues,” Kavanagh added.

Another area of conflict is the landscaping aspect of Phase 2.



I'M NOT SURE WHY WE'RE SPENDING BILLIONS OF DOLLARS ON A PROJECT THAT WON'T ALLEVIATE THESE PROBLEMS."

Victor Davich,
Santa Monica resident

Charles Miller, the chair of the transportation and safety committee of the Palms Neighborhood Council and the co-founder of lanative.org, disapproved of Expo’s failure to consider native plant species for the landscaping of Phase 2.

Through his involvement with lanative.org and other community groups, Miller said he has been working to generate awareness and to encourage Expo to make the switch from non-native to native plant species.

“The [Expo Line Board of Directors] passed a motion on June 7 that told Expo Authority they needed to work with the community groups and go with an all-native palette for landscaping,” Miller said. “Thus far, [Expo Authority and Marina Landscape, Inc.] have completely resisted that.”

Projected for Phase 2 are the Chinese ginkgo, Mexican fan palm and African sumac — all exotic tree species.

Micah Postil, a representative from Marina Landscape, Inc., said the contractors are trying to incorporate as many natives as possible.

“The only problem is that the natives can grow quite large, and that can cause a security problem,” Postil said. “Natives also need full sun, and a lot of the areas that are being landscaped are shaded.”

Other community members seemed to be on the fence about the Expo Line.

Victor Davich, a Santa Monica resident, said he was a proponent of sensible projects but wasn’t sure if the new railway would obviate traffic congestion.

“Why would they stop building [at Colorado Avenue and Fourth Street]?” he said, pointing to a map. “The beach traffic is there, and it’s not going away. I’m not sure why we’re spending billions of dollars on a project that won’t alleviate these problems.”

Torri Hill, the Expo community relations manager, said the goal of the community meetings is to let people voice their concerns, ask questions and for Expo, Skanska/Rados and Marina to garner feedback for design modifications.

“These people come to these meetings with questions, and they get answers,” Hill said. “They might be a little apprehensive at first, but the more they learn, the more supportive they are. That’s actually what has made Santa Monica such a great city to work with.”

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contents of the note.

On Tuesday, another homeless man was stabbed in similar fashion as he slept on a bus bench at the corner of Santa Monica Boulevard and Sixth Street across from the Main Library. Lewis confirmed that a similar note was found by detectives but did not go into details.

On Thursday, a 54-year-old homeless woman was stabbed in the back as she slept near the intersection of La Brea and De Longpre avenues, blocks away from Hollywood High School. Police recovered a black kitchen knife and another “warrant,” also signed by the suspect.

Authorities said that they are looking for

a person of interest identified as David Ben Keyes, who has been missing for weeks from the Santa Barbara area. Police said Keyes’ name appeared on the notes but they are not sure if he was the perpetrator.

On various websites, Keyes describes himself as “a musician, and writer of original psalms, proverbs, love letters, poems and riddles for the Roman Catholic Church and Jewish Synagogue.” On his Facebook page, Keyes writes, “David current agenda: Restructure the Holy Roman Catholic Church into a military tribunal & drafting [sic] letters & press releases in Santa Barbara.”

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Strategist is central figure against same-sex marriage

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MINNEAPOLIS Four years ago, Frank Schubert was a well-paid political consultant for what he jokingly calls “the forces of evil” — tobacco, timber and pharmaceutical companies — when he agreed to lead the 2008 campaign to repeal gay marriage in California.

What started as a professional challenge has now become a personal crusade. And Schubert, a specialist in political messaging, has become the central figure in a major effort to stop gay marriage from becoming legal across the country.

Part Karl Rove and part Pat Robertson, Schubert is managing four statewide campaigns where the issue is on the ballot in the fall — in Maine, Maryland, Minnesota and Washington. He’s trying to preserve a winning streak in which conservatives have put anti-gay marriage laws on the books in 31 states since 1998.

But that achievement could be in danger as some national polls show public opinion gradually shifting toward accepting gay marriage. Six states plus the District of Columbia allow it. In Maryland and Washington, governors have signed laws to permit same-sex marriage, but those laws are on hold until the November referendums.

Schubert said his mission to make voters understand what’s at stake.

“Five thousand years have shown that marriage between a man and a woman serves us well,” he said, adding that it is “fundamental to our nature as people.” The alternative, he said, is a culture based on personal desires.

The initiatives this year will feature a collision of well-funded organizations and media efforts as sophisticated as any national political campaign. The National Organization for Marriage, a Washington-based nonprofit supported by conservative donors, is funding Schubert’s effort. Gay rights groups and backers are heavily invested on the other side. The opposing forces are expected to spend up to \$20 million in Minnesota alone.

The campaigns will provide a new test of the competing messages about the contentious issue: Do gays deserve the same right to marry as heterosexuals? Or should society allow children to grow up in an environment in which same-sex marriage is a viable life choice?

Schubert deftly targets the latter message at parents.

“That’s a major argument for us, that whenever people have gone to the polls, they’ve voted our way,” Schubert said last week during a two-day visit to Minnesota to check in on the campaign there.

In addition to the 31 states that forbid same-sex marriage, voters in a 32nd state, Maine, overturned a gay marriage law that had been approved by the Legislature.

Gay rights organizers begrudgingly admire Schubert’s ability as much as they detest what he’s doing.

“Whether we like it or not, he’s done a very good job of tapping into fears people have about homosexuality that are still very

real,” said Julie Davis, a San Francisco-based GLBT activist.

For Schubert, a stocky, white-bearded 56-year-old, the cause has been a perfect union of his professional background and personal values.

Earlier this year, Schubert gave up the 15-member consulting firm he co-founded in California, which he said billed \$2.5 million in a slow year, to become a one-man shop in a field that is “far less lucrative.” But he said his work “has deepened my own faith, deepened my own marriage.”

He said not everyone understands his choice, even in his own family. Schubert has a younger sister raising children with her lesbian partner.

“I love my sister very much, and I wanted her to know that my working on this issue was not a reflection of me seeing her as a less valuable person,” he said.

Anne Marie Schubert, a Sacramento County prosecutor, declined to be interviewed for this story.

Always a Republican, Schubert worked in the California state assembly and for Republican candidates before managing public initiative campaigns in Western states. In California and Oregon, he led campaigns to strike down tobacco tax increases by swaying public doubts about how the money would be spent.

Schubert has twice won a yearly MVP award bestowed by the bipartisan American Association of Political Consultants.

“Rove only won one!” he said, bantering with Minnesota campaign staff before a strategy session during his visit.

Schubert’s campaigns use TV ads to drive home a message about gay marriage’s “consequences.” A typical ad in California showed a young girl running up to her mother: “Mom, guess what I learned in school today? I learned how a prince can marry a prince, and I can marry a princess!” Then, cut to a conservative law professor: “Think it can’t happen? I’ve already had it.”

In 2009, Schubert led the campaign that overturned Maine’s gay marriage law and unseated three Iowa Supreme Court justices who ruled gay marriage legal in that state. Earlier this year, he engineered passage of North Carolina’s gay marriage ban.

The oldest of eight children, Schubert grew up in Sacramento and attended an all-male Jesuit high school. His first marriage ended after nine years and two children; he had it annulled. His deepening Roman Catholic convictions, he said, helped him make a better second marriage and support one of his daughters in overcoming addiction problems.

In addition to his work on gay marriage, Schubert says he also hopes to pursue state laws to make divorce more difficult.

Schubert spends his time leading staff strategy meetings and stopping at Christian radio stations, always leaving time to pray a daily rosary.

He says he’s confident about winning in all four campaigns this year but admits to not knowing where public attitudes on gay marriage will be in a decade or two.

“I think it’s very much an open question,” he said.



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Stocks creep up; IBM and other tech stocks on the rise

MATTHEW CRAFT
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK Strong earnings from IBM and other technology companies nudged the stock market higher Thursday, but a trio of weak economic reports kept the gains in check.

IBM surged 4 percent after it posted a jump in profits late Wednesday even as revenue fell. It marked the 38th consecutive quarter that IBM's net income rose over the previous year. IBM leapt \$7.09 to \$195.34.

The Dow Jones industrial average rose 34.66 points to close at 12,943.36 on Thursday, the third straight day of gains.

"One thing is dominating today and it's tech earnings," said Lawrence C. Reuter, portfolio manager at the mutual fund manager Federated Investors. "Earnings have been better than a lot of people expected. That could still change, but so far, so good."

Analysts forecast that earnings at S&P 500 companies shrank 1.5 percent in the April-through-June period versus a year ago,

according to researchers at S&P Capital IQ. If that turns out to be true, it will be the worst earnings season since the summer quarter of 2009.

In other trading, the Standard & Poor's 500 index gained 3.73 points to 1,376.51. The Nasdaq composite index rose 23.30 points to 2,965.90.

Despite the modest gains, utilities and consumer staples lagged behind the market, usually a sign that investors were willing to take on risk.

eBay jumped 9 percent after the company reported that its second-quarter net income doubled, thanks to higher revenue from its PayPal online payments business and its e-commerce websites. eBay rose \$3.73 to \$44.19.

The market wavered in early trading, flipping from gains to losses and back again, after a measure of manufacturing in the mid-Atlantic region came in much weaker than economists had expected. Two other economic reports also released at 10 a.m., homes sales and leading economic indicators, were also weak.

U.S. economic data add to signs of slowing recovery

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AP Economics Writers

WASHINGTON A raft of economic news Thursday sketched a picture of a weakening U.S. economy held back by sluggish home buying and factory production.

Americans bought fewer homes in June than in May. Manufacturing in the Federal Reserve's Philadelphia region contracted for a third straight month this month. And a gauge of future U.S. economic activity fell in June.

The number of Americans seeking unemployment benefits rose 34,000 last week. Normally, that would signal an increase in layoffs. But the figure was skewed higher by seasonal factors that made it hard to tell whether the job market might be worsening.

The government tries to adjust its unemployment benefits data to reflect temporary summertime layoffs in the auto industry. But this year, many automakers skipped those shutdowns to keep up with demand. That led to fewer layoffs, which the Labor Department didn't anticipate.

Once those statistical distortions fade, Joshua Shapiro, chief U.S. economist at MFR Inc., wrote in a note to clients, "we suspect that the data will point to a soggy labor market."

The economy is struggling to generate enough growth to boost hiring and consumer spending from subpar levels.

Job growth slowed to 75,000 a month from April through June, down from healthy 226,000 pace in the first three months of the year. Unemployment is stuck at 8.2 percent.

On Wednesday, a survey by the Fed said hiring was "tepid" in most of its districts in June and early July. And manufacturing weakened in most regions.

Retail sales fell in June for the third straight month, the government said this week. That led many economists to downgrade their estimates for growth in the April-June quarter. Many think it will be even slower than the first quarter's scant 1.9 per-

cent annual pace.

The few pieces of good economic news lately have been confined mainly to housing. On Wednesday, for example, the government said builders broke ground last month on the most homes in nearly four years. Single-family home building rose for a fourth straight month. And permits to build single-family homes hit their highest point since March 2010.

Builder confidence has also risen. And average rates on fixed mortgages fell this week to record lows, mortgage buyer Freddie Mac said Thursday. The average on the 30-year loan fell to 3.53 percent, the lowest since long-term mortgages began in the 1950s.

But the National Association of Realtors said Thursday that sales of previously occupied homes fell 5.4 percent from May to June to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 4.37 million homes. That was the fewest since October.

Compared with a year ago, sales are up 4.5 percent. But the annual sales pace is well below the 6 million that economists consider healthy.

"It is only one month, and the rest of the housing indicators have all continued to show improvement," said Jennifer Lee, senior economist at BMO Capital Markets. "Let's hope this June decline is a blip."

Measures of the overall economy, though, suggest the recovery may be in danger of stalling. The Conference Board's index of leading economic indicators slipped in June. The index fell 0.3 percent after a 0.4 percent increase in May. It had dropped 0.1 percent in April, its first decline in seven months.

Six of the 10 components of the board's index fell last month. The biggest driver was an index of new orders.

Average consumer expectations also declined. So did building permits, stock prices and orders for long-lasting factory goods excluding defense and aircraft — a measure of business investment. And average applications for unemployment benefits rose.

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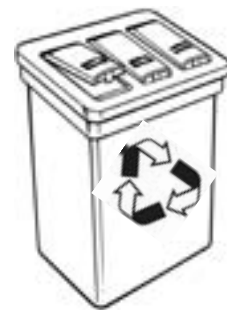


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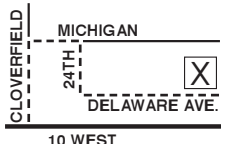


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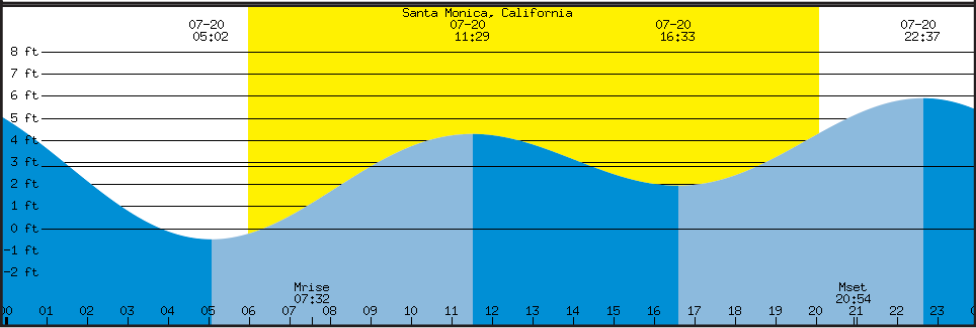


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El Pescador State Beach, between Lachasa and Los Alitos creeks.	no	no
Escalante Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	A+	no
Broad Beach at Torrance Creek mouth.	A+	no
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	A+	no
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	A+	no
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth.	F	no
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	A	no
Ladiga Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	no
Salvaje Canyon at San Buenaventura County Beach.	A	no
Pierce State Beach at creek mouth.	B	no
Marine Canyon storm drain at Pierce Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd.	A+	no
Serfider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A	no
Serfider Beach (beach location) - daily.	B	no
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	F	no
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	B	no
Los Flores State Beach at Los Flores Creek (point north).	A	no
Big Rock Beach at 10540 POH stairs.	A+	no
Pine Creek at Los Tunes County Beach.	A+	no
Tuna Canyon.	A+	no
Tapanga State Beach at creek mouth.	B	no
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	no
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	no
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OLYMPICS

Strikes and security trouble before UK games

JILL LAWLESS & RAPHAEL SATTER
Associated Press

LONDON There’s nearly a week to go before the Olympics kick off in London and British officials are stuck playing defense.

On Thursday, the country’s Olympics secretary said 1,200 extra troops were put on standby in case embarrassing manpower shortages get any worse, while U.K. border agents announced a strike for the day before the games begin.

The one-two punch of bad news comes with only eight days to go, unbalancing a government which might have hoped to bask in glow of pre-Olympic buildup. By far, the most embarrassing episode has been the inability of security contractor G4S PLC to deliver on its promise to supply about 10,400 guards to help keep the games safe — a last-minute admission which has forced the government to call in 3,500 soldiers to help meet the shortfall.

Speaking Thursday, Olympics Secretary Jeremy Hunt acknowledged that even that may not be enough, telling the BBC that the government put the extra 1,200 troops on standby “in the unlikely situation that G4S’s performance deteriorates from where it is today.”

“We want to ensure the public against every eventuality,” he told Sky News earlier. “We don’t expect to use them, but they will be there.”

Security has been a critical concern for the Olympics ever since 11 Israeli athletes and coaches died in a terrorist attack at the 1972 Munich Games. A huge international media presence makes the Olympics a prime target for any terror group intent on wreaking havoc on live events broadcast worldwide, and British authorities have pegged the threat level for the London Games as “severe,” meaning an attack is “highly likely.”

In that context, the inability of government officials to get a proper grip with staffing issues has become a major talking point, an issue which has been compounded by industrial disputes that threaten to spawn two Olympics strikes.

One, involving about 400 train workers, threatens to disrupt services in central England from Aug. 6 to 8. That could be a major games-related inconvenience — Olympic soccer matches are being held across the U.K., while workers and Olympic

tourists from outside London are relying on those routes to get into the capital.

Potentially more serious is a walk out by border guards at London’s Heathrow Airport timed for July 26 — the day before the London Olympics begin. Members of the Public and Commercial Services Union voted for the 24-hour strike in a dispute over pay and job losses on Thursday, saying its members would also take other forms of industrial action, such as a ban on overtime from July 27 to Aug. 20 — a period that’s expected to be one of the busiest periods ever for London’s airports.

Even without the strike, London’s Heathrow Airport has been beset for months by sporadic long lines at passport control, which the union blames on government spending cuts. The problem had eased in the last week as thousands of Olympic VIPs arrived for the games, but a walkout threatens a return of the endless waits at the worst possible moment for Britain’s international image.

Home Secretary Theresa May, Britain’s interior minister, called the decision to stage a strike on the eve of the games shameful. She said the government would “put contingency arrangements in place to ensure we can deal with people coming through the border as smoothly as possible.”

During previous border guard strikes in November and May, the government drafted in managers and civil servants — including Prime Minister David Cameron’s press secretary — to help staff immigration desks and minimize the disruption to incoming travelers.

With headlines dominated by bad news about strikes and security, some are wondering whether Cameron’s government might have done more, and sooner, to avoid the mess.

As Hunt made his announcement about more troops, May acknowledged that officials had been warned last month about Olympic security manpower issues — far earlier than she had previously admitted.

In a letter to an opposition lawmaker Keith Vaz, May wrote that she was told of a “possible temporary shortfall” in staffing numbers by G4S as long ago as June 27 and that she had already begun marshaling military resources as a contingency.

That’s far earlier than the July 11 date that May had previously mentioned to lawmakers in Britain’s House of Commons.

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Go solo tonight, Virgo

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★★ Everything about you radiates the fact that the weekend is near. Your intuition mixes with ingenuity and finally allows you to move a difficult person away from his or her position. Tonight: Let the good times roll.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ Your inclination to stay close to home might be the perfect plan if you can adapt your schedule accordingly. Listen to your instincts, and what you hoped would be the outcome of an effort very well could be. Tonight: In vite friends over for a special TGIF.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ Your words fall on deaf ears ... or so you think. Certain events indicate a greater receptivity from others than you were aware of. A child or loved one still might be difficult, but you now know that you can subtly influence this person. Tonight: Consider something calm and quiet.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★ Your tendency to overindulge, and perhaps be a little more carefree than usual, emerges. Others might be delighted by this personality revision. You, however, might not be, as you note a tendency to go overboard. Tonight: Tap into your imagination.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★★ You bloom in the present atmosphere. Others remain responsive, and even a touchy person allows his or her caring to peek through. Your intuition helps guide you if you decide to break tradition. Tonight: Invite a couple of friends over to christen the weekend with you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★ A lot is happening that you easily might choose to keep hush-hush. Whether you feel as if you will jinx yourself by spilling the beans or are just discreet makes no difference. Tonight: Count on going solo.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★★ Aim for exactly what you want. Do not hesitate, and you will hit a home run. In general, you naturally do well with people. In this case, you seem to be holding court; many people seek you out. Tonight: Where people are.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ You might be a little too aware of your image and the power you yield. Others sense that attitude and how it doesn't have much to do with your authentic self; therefore, allow greater give-and-take. You will be happier. Tonight: Join a family member for dinner.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★★ Attempt to find an unusual solution when all other ideas hit a brick wall. If you use your imagination in a brainstorming session or two, success is very likely. Getting away from your routine proves quite helpful. Tonight: Opt for something different.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★★ Someone has a way of reeling you in that you like, yet you pretend not to be aware of it. Know that you can't shake off a serious element tied to this situation. Are you ready to deal with that? You seem to avoid this person until you make a decision. Tonight: Deal with a problem first.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Understanding evolves, as a key person displays his or her true colors. Decide not to judge, and see what more could pop up. Your verbalized thoughts could result in shutting down this person who you are delighted to see finally open up. Tonight: Chat over dinner.

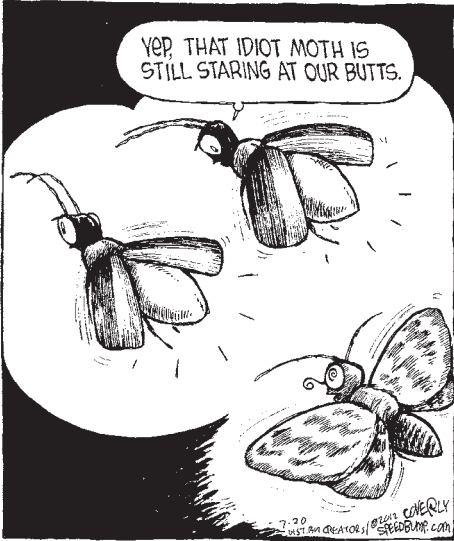
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Your efforts to contact a friend or loved one to open up a conversation appear to work. You could witness this person closing him- or herself off when you least expect this reaction. Tonight: Just hang in there.

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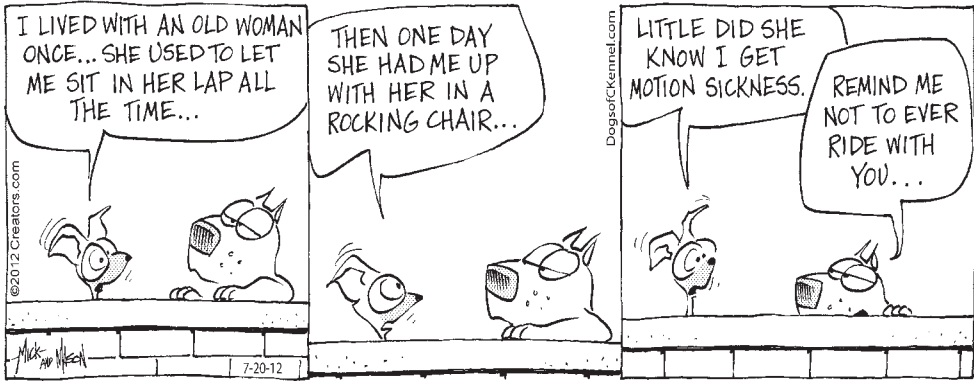
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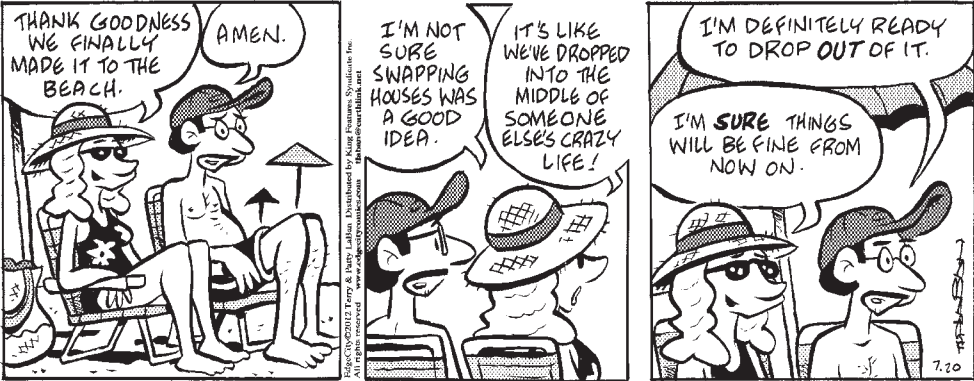
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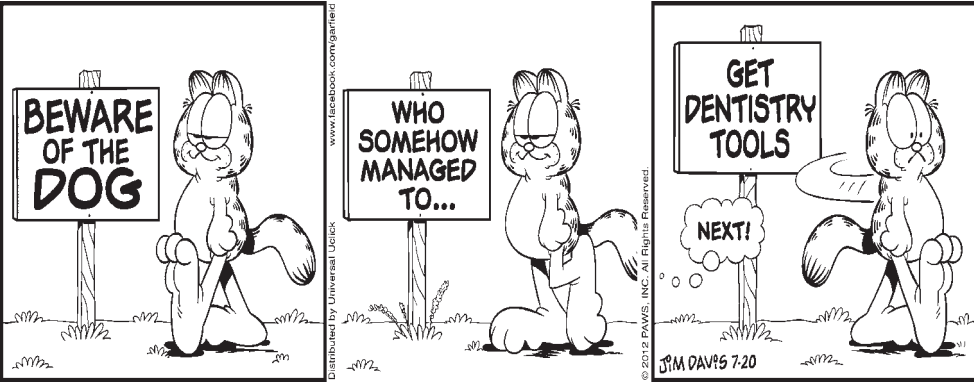
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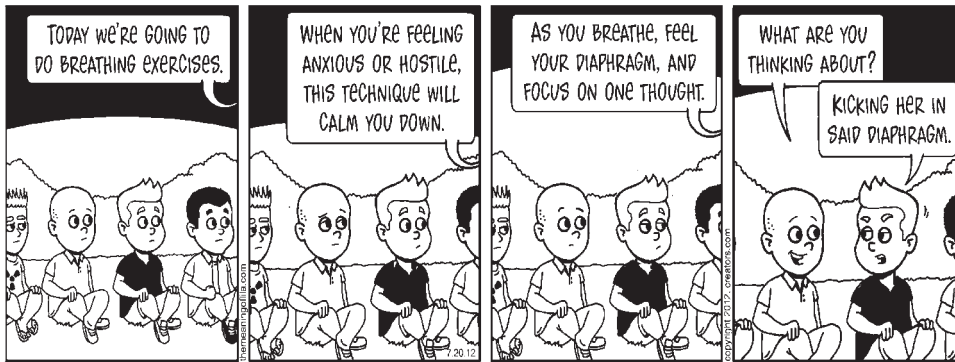
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Sudoku

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).

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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

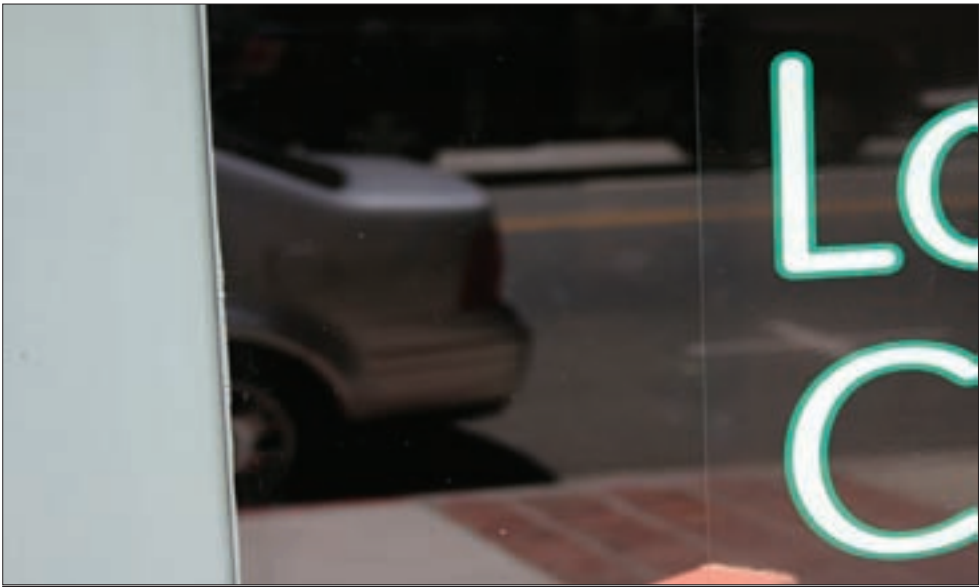
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CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

- 1 Foe of the Jedi
- 5 Skilled
- 9 Ryan of "Paper Moon"
- 11 Orchestra members
- 13 Deceitful
- 14 Masked hero
- 15 Cobbler's tool
- 16 Score evener
- 18 Fasting month
- 20 Jargon suffix
- 21 Oman neighbor
- 22 Flag feature
- 23 Vacuum lack
- 24 Hamm of soccer
- 25 Coming-out party girls
- 27 No-no on some diets
- 29 Sense of self
- 30 Wet season
- 32 Learned
- 34 One, for Juan
- 35 Rock genre
- 36 Slangy farewells

DOWN

- 38 Public outcry
- 39 Ill will
- 40 Order to Spot
- 41 Cockpit guesses

DOWN

- 1 Until now
- 2 Sort of
- 3 "Don't I know!"
- 4 Holds
- 5 Eggs buy
- 6 Black, to bards
- 7 "I don't think so!"
- 8 Opera's Stratas
- 10 Front-runner

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Yesterday's answer

- 12 More ticked off
- 17 Big truck
- 19 "Lucky Jim" author
- 22 Letter start
- 24 Some Louvre paintings
- 25 Considers
- 26 Wading birds
- 27 Army sack
- 28 Bach work
- 30 Like some opals
- 31 Plane parts
- 33 Comic Carvey
- 37 Big galoot

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Myron Cowher, who claims he was harassed by workers as a truck driver for Carson and Roberts Site Construction and Engineering of Lafayette, N. J., filed a lawsuit in 2010 against his supervisors for making anti-Semitic comments about him -- even though he is not Jewish. After the trial court tossed the case out, an appeals court reinstated it in April 2012, ruling that Cowher deserves the opportunity to show how he felt persecuted by the comments even though they did not apply to him.

■ When last we left America's most prolific litigant, Jonathan Leech Riches (in October 2010), he was serving 10 years in prison for stealing credit card numbers after achieving Guinness Book notoriety for having filed at least 3,800 fanciful lawsuits, mostly involving public figures. He was released on April 30, and apparently rehabilitation is out of the question. Within days, he had sued the Kardashian women for a variety of imagined ills including their forcing Riches to steal clothing for them from Saks Fifth Avenue and Target. Kim Kardashian was also sued for having spilled Riches' McFlurry drink on his head, and Khloe would have to answer for stealing Riches' Whopper sandwich and ramming Riches' Aston Martin car with her Volvo. Other post-release litigation initiated by Riches implicated Kanye West, Bruce Jenner, Charlie Sheen and an al-Qaeda training camp in West Virginia.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1917 - World War I: The Corfu Declaration, which leads to the creation of the post-war Kingdom of Yugoslavia, is signed by the Yugoslav Committee and Kingdom of Serbia.

1922 - The League of Nations awards mandates of Togoland to France and Tanganyika to the United Kingdom.

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FILE NUMBER: 2012117510 ORIGINAL FILING
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on 06/14/2012 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as **B REFERRALS**. The full name of registrant(s) is/are: Tina Carston 5235 Loma St. #D Torrance, CA 90501, Laurel Tevolitz 8505 Gulana Ave # 6107 Playa del Rey CA 90293. This Business is being conducted by: a Partnership. The registrant has not yet commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above. /s/ Laurel Tevolitz. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 06/14/2012. 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 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 07/13/2012, 07/20/2012, 07/27/2012, 08/03/2012.

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File No. 2012-128906 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: JACUV, 510 Montana Ave, Santa Monica, CA 90403. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) ELIZABETH ANNE HERVATIC, 510 Montana Ave, Santa Monica, CA 90403. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: ELIZABETH A. HERVATIC. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 06/26/2012. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 05/01/2012. NOTICE- This Fictitious 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 in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code) Pub. July 02, 09, 16, 23 2012 Publish: Santa Monica Daily Press

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