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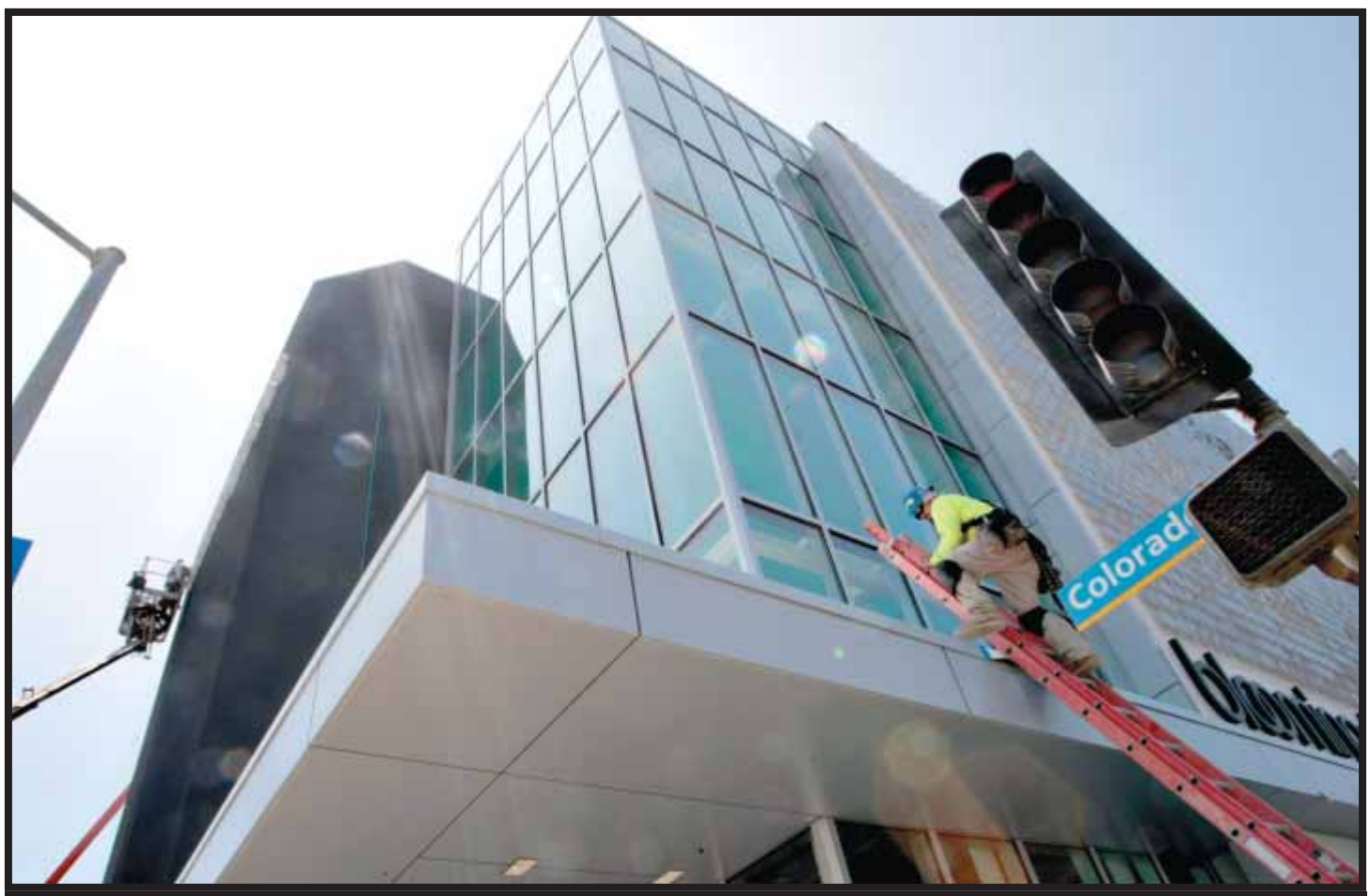


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THE EARLY DEADLINE ISSUE



COMING ALONG

Brandon Wise *brandonw@smdp.com*

Construction workers put the finishing touches on the exterior of the Bloomingdale's at Santa Monica Place on Monday afternoon.

Winterer seeks endorsement for full-term council seat

BY NICK TABOREK
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL Opting to avoid a showdown at this Sunday's Santa Monicans for Renters' Rights convention, City Council hopeful Ted Winterer has decided he will seek an endorsement for a four-year council term, not a two-year term.

The decision means the two council members who were appointed to fill vacancies on the seven-member panel, Gleam Davis and Terry O'Day, will be unopposed in their bids for SMRR endorsements. Both are running for the two available two-year terms on the council.

There's also little drama when it comes to the SMRR endorsement scenario for the three available four-year council terms.

Besides Winterer, just two other candidates are seeking SMRR endorsements for the four-year seats: incumbents Pam O'Connor and Kevin McKeown.

Had Winterer opted to go for an endorsement in the two-year race, at least one candidate would have been forced to run in November without the benefit of a SMRR endorsement — considered a powerful advantage because of the party's reach in local politics and the boost that can come from



WINTERER

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Day of bicycles could be in works

BY REBECCA KHEEL
Special to the Daily Press

CITYWIDE Richard McKinnon often rides his bicycle across Santa Monica during holidays. He said it allows him to experience the city in a different way than usual — much more serenely.

"It's quite a unique experience," he said.

Now he's trying to give more people the opportunity to ride their bikes through the city as he plans Santa Monica's first cyclovia, which for a day, would shut down Main Street to cars and open it up for cyclists, pedestrians, skate boarders, people in wheel chairs and any number of alternate modes of transportation.

Tentatively planned for Oct. 10, or 10/10/10, the cyclovia has already been endorsed by the Parks & Recreation Commission and is going to be presented for approval by the City Council during tonight's meeting.

Cyclovias originated in Bogota, Colombia, in the 1980s as a way to encourage the citizens to be more active. Today, the Bogota cyclovia sees 70 miles of major streets closed to cars every Sunday and holiday.

Cyclovias are fast becoming popular in the United States, as well, with New York City, Tuscon, San Francisco and others each holding their own versions of the event.

The route for Santa Monica's first cyclovia would extend 1.3 miles from Colorado Avenue to Santa Monica's border with Los Angeles and would last from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

"People in the Omelet Parlor could just ride through the street to Jadis," McKinnon said. "People will be able to hopscotch on the road."

Though there are logistical issues with shutting down Main Street, McKinnon said these have already been addressed with the annual Fourth of July Parade, which uses the same route. At 8 a.m. on a Sunday, there is not much traffic to contend with, but the cyclovia would need barricades to keep out cars, find a way to reroute buses and make sure there are enough police and volunteers for the event to run smoothly, he said.

To those concerned closing Main Street off to cars would mean difficulties navigating the city, McKinnon pointed out that

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Sculpting church
First Presbyterian
1220 Second St.
The works of painter/sculptor Laddie John Dill are on a display outside at First Presbyterian. Dill's work is influenced by neo-dadaist Robert Rauschenberg, minimalist Keith Sonnier and environmental artists Robert Smithson, Dennis Oppenhein and Robert Irwin. Admission is free. For more information, call (310) 451-1303.

Cuban rose
Typhoon Restaurant
3221 Donald Douglas Loop South, 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m.
Illiana Rose, a Cuban American dancer, performs two shows of jazz-salsa with a band made up of world-class musicians. There is no cover and no drink minimum.
For more information, call (310) 390-6565.

Wednesday, July 28, 2010

Freshen up
Downtown Santa Monica
Arizona Avenue & Second Street, 8:30 a.m. — 1:30 p.m.
Get the freshest fruit and produce available at this weekly Farmers' Market. There are also a variety of prepared foods available.

'Venice' in Santa Monica
Annenberg Community Beach House
415 Pacific Coast Highway, 4:30 p.m. — 6 p.m.
Beach=Culture and Shakespeare Santa Monica present "The Merchant of Venice," Shakespeare's classic comedy about the relationship between love, revenge and money. The play will be performed outside the Marion Davies Guest House and run 100 minutes without intermission. It stars Apollo Dukakis as Shylock and Jennifer Landon as Portia and is directed by John Farmanesh-Bocca. Tickets are free, but reservations are required and can be made at http://www.eventbrite.com/org/199463539.
For more information, call (310) 458-4904.

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Schwarzenegger could leave state without budget

JEFF WILSON
Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES Without a budget resolution in sight, Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger hinted Monday that he might not sign a budget before he leaves office next January unless he gets the reforms he wants.

California faces a $19 billion deficit for the fiscal year that began July 1, and Schwarzenegger is demanding pension, tax and spending reforms in the new budget. He said that if the Legislature doesn't give him a budget that meets his expectations, he won't act on it.

"If I don't get what I need, I will not sign it and it could drag on to the next governor," Schwarzenegger told reporters after meeting with the Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce on Monday.

Schwarzenegger also told the chamber that he opposes a ballot initiative in November to pass a budget with a simple majority vote of the state Legislature, rather than the current two-thirds majority.

Earlier this month, the Field Poll found that 65 percent of voters favor Proposition 25, which backers say would make it easier for lawmakers to pass a budget.

According to the National Conference of State Legislatures, only California and Rhode Island have a two-thirds vote requirement for passing a budget, while nearly all other states require a majority budget vote. Arkansas has the toughest requirement with a three-quarters budget vote.

The governor, a moderate Republican, said allowing passage of a budget by simple majority vote would give too much power to the dominant party in the Legislature.

"One party will make all the decisions," Schwarzenegger said.

California isn't facing a cash crisis as severe in the past, but without a budget the state will start to have trouble meeting its obligations.

According to the state controller's office, California will have enough cash for the month of August. After that, the state has to delay payments to schools and local governments and possibly issue IOUs again.

The governor on Monday tried to stress the severity of the state's financial problems as California entered its fourth week of the new fiscal year without a balanced budget.

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File photo

TOUCHING DOWN: **The Santa Monica City Council is slated to approve $1.16 million for improvements at Santa Monica Airport.**

Improvements abound

City Council expected to upgrade street lamps, fund SMO upgrades

BY NICK TABOREK
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL Planning to shed new light on Santa Monica's streets and parks, the City Council at its meeting tonight is set to approve $1.57 million to upgrade street lamps and add new lighting fixtures around town.

The proposed contracts for the project are with Dynalectric, which would receive $1.4 million, and with TCM Group, which would get $174,000 for construction inspection services.

The street light project is part of a $6.2 million spending package included in the consent agenda for tonight's meeting.

The council is also being asked to approve $1.16 million to repave the runway and make other improvements to the grounds at Santa Monica Airport.

The proposed project contracts for the planned work at SMO are with Valley Slurry Seal, Inc. for $1.06 million and with Mead & Hunt Inc., for $96,000.

The council is also set to approve $825,000 to buy three new "sewer jetter trucks" used to clean and maintain sewer lines. The proposed contract for the replacement trucks is with Hawthorne-based Plumbers Depot.

Also on the agenda is a one-year deal with Irvine-based EcoMotion for project development and implementation services for City Hall's Solar Santa Monica program, which aims to facilitate construction of renewable energy installations on existing and new buildings.

The proposed contract is worth $150,000 and has a renewal option for an additional two years.

The council is also being asked to approve $133,000 for repairs to timber supports at the Santa Monica Pier. The proposed contract to fix the supports is with the John S. Meek Co.

City Hall also says it needs a new garbage truck to empty trash receptacles at public beaches. The council is being asked to sign off on a $316,000 contract with Boerner Truck Center for a fully automated 4x4 refuse packer.

The maintenance department is also asking for three replacement street sweepers at a cost of $893,000. The proposed contract for the trucks is with Mar-Co Equipment Co., which is based in Pomona.

In a bid to modernize the city's water treatment system, the council is also being asked to approve $806,000 to upgrade and maintain the automated computer control system that allows remote operation and control of water and wastewater system equipment and facilities. The system is called the Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) system for water and wastewater facilities. The proposed contract for the improvements to the system and employee training is with Beavens Systems Inc.

The council is also set to approve a construction contract for the embalming room at the City Hall-owned Woodlawn Cemetery. The proposed contract with 1st California Construction is for $205,000. The plan is to convert an existing maintenance room into an embalming facility as part of the cemetery's recently approved business plan.

Also on the agenda is approval of $100,000 worth of "personal protective equipment" for the police department. The purchases will be made using money received under the Urban Area Security Initiative, which is aimed at implementing the U.S Department of Homeland Security's anti-terrorism security goals.

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Tax would chase shoppers

Editor:

For many decades, there have been no more consistent supporters of the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District than our Santa Monica Appliance Business or us personally. Both of my daughters and I attended Santa Monica schools and are [Samohi] grads. For both my wife, Carla, and myself there is no more important cause than doing our share to support programs that both nurture and educate the kids in our community.

Now we have been put squarely between the figurative "rock and a hard place," by whomever within the Save Our Schools campaign decided to tie their hopes for potential future funding to the initiative to increase our city's sales tax. I am afraid that not supporting the sales tax increase could be interpreted by some as not supporting our school system. We ardently and historically have supported the school district with both financial and in-kind contributions, but supporting a sales tax increase is something I cannot do.

Like most other businesses, we have been affected by the economy and for our current, and potential future customers, to know that we are located in the city that could soon have the reputation of having the highest sales tax in the state would have the effect of driving our customers right out of town to shop. This would also reduce the revenue the city already receives through the business license tax for every dollar spent by our clientele. Our customers, already pressured by the same economic downturn that has affected the city's income, complain daily even now about the current sales tax.

Pat Barrett
Santa Monica





Back to Nature

Reese Halter

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The astounding baobab

BAOBAB'S ARE TRULY REMARKABLE TREES and are often referred to by many names: upside down trees, milk bottles, bottle-brushes, chamber pots, wine coolers, water buckets, teapots, giant scent-bottles, Grecian urns, and some even resemble misshapen carrots or radishes.

But make no mistake these exquisitely evolved beauties thrive in climates where people and other plants have a very hard time just making a living.

Essentially, baobab's are massive canteens, storing enough water to tolerate many months of drought. Asbestos-like bark protects them from the heat of surface fires. And they sprout new shoots from their roots, and new roots from their trunk, too.

In fact, apart from a single specimen of the Montezuma cypress at Tule in southern Mexico, baobab's have the largest circumference of any of the 80,000 different kinds of trees on the planet. Some big "bottle-brushes" can even attain a height equivalent of a 10-story building.

There are eight species of baobab: six in Madagascar, one in Australia and one in Africa. Baobabs are found in 31 countries in Africa including four specimens in South Africa known for their girths that exceed 99 feet.

In the absence of an annual tree ring it is difficult to exactly age these magnificent survivors. It is believed that they can reach almost 1,000 years.

Michel Adanson a French explorer and naturalist discovered the first baobab in August of 1749 on the island of Sor in Senegal. He was amazed at the incredible properties of these awesome trees.

All eight species have different shaped seedpods ranging from long and curved in African to apple-shaped and egg-shaped ones in Madagascar.

The seedpods contain small black bean-like seeds that are delicious and nutritious raw or roasted. They are an alternative for coffee beans.

The white pulp, which protects the seeds, makes a sherbet-like or lemonade drink rich in vitamin C. The pulp can also be used in baking as a substitute for cream of tartar and it is also a potent medicine as a replacement for quinine, the antimalarial drug.

Empty seedpods are made into cups, snuff boxes and used as fishing floats. When the seedpods are burnt, the ashes are used as an efficacious soap. In addition, the seedpods are an important food source for critters including half of the world's species of lemur in Madagascar and native species of squirrels.

The white flowers and pale-green foliage are edible.

The bark can be harvested, without killing the tree, similar to Portuguese cork oak. Baobab bark can be pounded to make rope and bark clothing or flattened to make excellent roof tiles.

The flowers of African and Australian baobabs are white. The Madagascar species are scarlet. Three species of long-tubed hawk moths pollinate the pungent flowers. The other three baobab species have rancid smelling flowers mimicking rotting carrion to attract bats as their pollinators. Flowering and hence pollinating only occurs at night in all eight species.

Baobabs evolved about 15 million years ago, probably first on Madagascar. Thick-shelled, waterproofed seedpods floated west to Africa and east to Asia and finally to northwest Australia.

In the absence of lemurs in Australia, baobabs evolved a self-opening seedpod; a soft, thin shell that breaks when a two pound seedpod hits the ground.

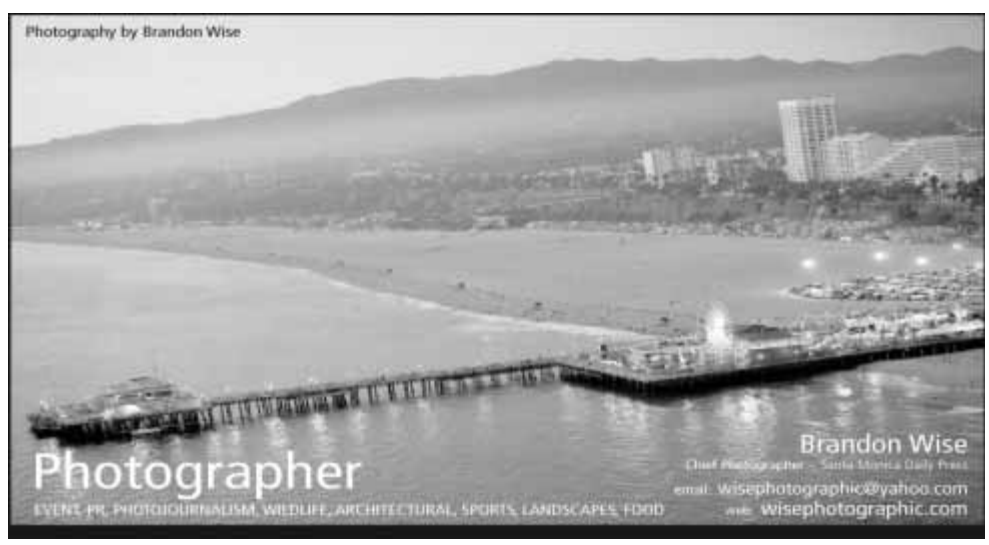
African slaves brought baobab seeds to the Caribbean island of St. Croix in the 17th century. Today there are over 100 splendid baobab spread across the island. There is also a large, young specimen in the Fairchild Tropical Garden in Miami.

A World Bank dam at Kariba, Zimbabwe drowned thousands of baobabs recently. And tens of thousands of Baobabs were massacred in west Africa because they were host to insect pests which plagued the cocoa and cotton plantations. (The insects found new host plants and the absurd slaughter of baobabs were deemed senseless).

Indigenous peoples, fruit bats, baboons, hawk moths, honeybees, squirrels and elephants all need the baobab. Elephants and baboons dump seeds in their dung, which acts as a fertilizer pack. In return baobabs provide food, vitamins, medicine, water, shade and habitat for a host of animals and insects.

Nature has a flawless blueprint and these wonderful trees and the ecosystems that depend upon them are very worthy of conservation efforts.

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What's the Point?

David Pisarra
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An easy ride on the bus

LAST WEEK, I WROTE ABOUT THE HORRIFIC parking situation near the Third Street Promenade. Being a California boy, I'm not big on public transportation, we don't have much of it, and what we do have is generally poorly thought out, and not very useful in a large sprawling city like Los Angeles.

But the city of Santa Monica is trying to get more people to use public transportation — and bikes — in an effort to reduce our environmental footprint and to alleviate the traffic problems.

I promised to try the bus last week in three different scenarios, a weekday trip to the promenade, a trip to the Westside Pavilion and a Friday night excursion. Here are my experiences on each of those three adventures:

First off was navigating the Big Blue Bus website to determine what line I needed to take. The website is www.bigbluebus.com and at first, there's a lot of overwhelming information that is organized by routes, and if you don't know what route you want, it can seem confusing. Luckily, there are both written route descriptions and maps to show you.

I needed to go from my house to the promenade and then back to my office on Pico Boulevard. Come to find that's the 7 bus. Standing at the bus stop, my anxiety rising because I haven't ridden the bus in ages, I was pleasantly surprised to have a wait of only three minutes for the next bus to arrive. Hopping on, and depositing my three quarters I spied a seat behind the driver and slid in just as the bus lurched away from the curb. There were about 20 people on the bus, half of whom were students about to get off at Santa Monica College.

The 10-minute trip to Downtown put me at Ocean Avenue and Broadway, where it was a short walk to lunch at Johnnie's. Not bad, total time on the trip was 14 minutes, no parking lot angst and anger, and I was ready to enjoy my meal.

Walking down Broadway to catch a ride to my office, I looked up and noticed that the Big Blue Bus Transit Store is on the north side. I stepped in to buy a pass, since I was going to be on the bus at least five more times. The passes are free, just load them up with the fare and use them like a debit card which avoids having to dig for change.

The ride back was a breeze, and it stops right across from my office. So, the first trip was a grand success.

Next up was a trip outside the Golden Kingdom of Santa Monica to West L.A. I jumped on the bus Tuesday mid-day, and 15 minutes later and I'm at Pico and Westwood boulevards. Finding the entrance was the hardest part of that trip since the mall is undergoing a facelift. Coming back was a bit of an adventure. As I saw a bus pulling up I raced across the street and was able to catch the driver's eye who let me on.

The adventure continued when I tried to get off the bus. The driver kept going past stops, and I couldn't figure out what was happening. Then I realized I had taken a Rapid Bus and it doesn't stop everywhere. I had to get off at Lincoln Boulevard and walk back to my office. The Rapid buses and the regular busses are different colors, but they're very similar — too close in my opinion, so it was an easy mistake to make.

Now for Friday night: I'm familiar with the system and getting Downtown is a breeze. The bus drops me off on Ocean Avenue, a short walk to the promenade.

Later in the day, and much colder, I wasn't thrilled with having to wait for a bus, but the wait was only about five minutes.

All in all, I have to say that I was impressed with the system and will be using it more. There are changes afoot in the rates, with an increase to $1 for cash paying customers, but you can pre-pay and realize some savings with the Baker's Dozen pass that allows 13 rides for the price of 12, hardly the greatest deal in town, but better than nothing in these hard times. The monthly pass allows unlimited regular riding for $60 a month, more for the express.

I have to give City Hall and the Big Blue Bus operators some well-deserved credit, my skepticism was unwarranted. Nice job, guys.

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The Q Line

Greening Santa Monica

City officials are seeking public input on a pair of new parks planned for the Civic Center,

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What features would you like to see at the two forthcoming parks?

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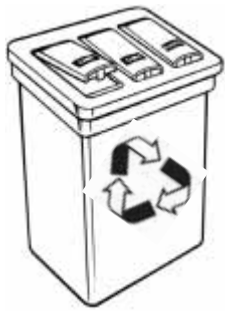
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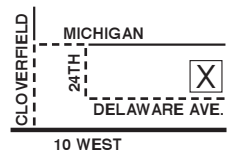


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Housing crisis has legs

ALAN ZIBEL
AP Real Estate Writer

WASHINGTON Thought the housing crisis was over? Not quite.

Despite four years of falling prices and recent signs that they were finally bottoming out, homes are expected to lose still more value in many metro areas over the next year.

Parts of the country already pummeled by the housing crisis, like Las Vegas, Phoenix and Miami, will be hit hardest. But even some places that have rebounded or held up relatively well — including New York, Los Angeles and Washington, D.C. — will suffer, too.

That's the conclusion of economists who have been reducing their estimates for home prices as the outlook for the economic recovery has darkened. The number of homes for sale or headed for foreclosure is so high that they think prices will be even lower by next July.

Because housing is such an important engine of the economy, lower prices could dim the recovery. When home values fall and people have less equity, they tend to cut back on spending. And as prices decline, potential homebuyers stay on the sidelines, slowing sales even more.

Earlier this year, analysts said they thought home prices had finally reached their low point and were ready to start rising slowly in most areas of the country. Now, they think the actual bottom could be nearly a year away.

The average home price in the Standard & Poor's Case-Shiller index of 20 big U.S. cities is forecast to drop nearly 2 percent this year from a year earlier, according to the average estimate of more than 100 economists polled this month by MacroMarkets LLC.

That's more pessimistic than in May, when the consensus was for prices to be nearly flat. Other, more bearish analysts think prices will sink 10 percent or more.

Price drops of more than 10 percent are expected in the Phoenix, Miami and Las Vegas areas over the next year, according to Moody's Analytics. Those areas have already been scorched by 50 percent declines in home values.

Moody's predicts that other areas — New York, Los Angeles, San Diego, San Francisco, Denver, Detroit, Cleveland, Minneapolis, Tampa, Fla.; and Washington D.C. — will see declines of 2 to 8 percent by next July.

Many analysts expect home prices to rise for a few months because a tax credit offered to homebuyers through April increased demand. But the gains probably won't last. By this time next year, Moody's expects prices in 17 of the 20 cities to have fallen.

Why further price drops for already hard-hit areas, as well as in healthier markets like New York and Los Angeles?

There's already a glut of homes left in each area by the real estate bust, and more foreclosures are expected as Americans fall behind on mortgage payments. Foreclosures add to the supply of homes on the market, bringing down prices.

In Miami, nearly a quarter of mortgage borrowers have missed at least three months of mortgage payments or are already in foreclosure, according to Moody's. That's the highest level in the country. In four other Florida cities — Fort Lauderdale, Cape Coral, West Palm Beach and Naples — the proportion exceeds 15 percent. The same is true for Las Vegas.

On top of that, so-called short sales, which happen when lenders let homeowners sell their houses for less than what they owe on their mortgages, are rising. They can drive down the value of neighboring homes, too. In Sacramento., Calif., short sales made up about 26 percent of homes sold in June, up from about 17 percent a year earlier.

Contributing to the problem is an economy grappling with high unemployment, relatively flat pay and tightened credit, all working to limit the number of people buying homes.

It could be a decade before the average price nationally reaches the peak it hit four summers ago, says Celia Chen, chief housing economist at Moody's. Even when they do resume rising, prices may not outpace inflation.

The median price peaked at $230,300 in July 2006 before tumbling 28 percent to a low of $164,700 in January 2009, according to the National Association of Realtors. The median has since risen to $183,700.

Nationally, about 7.1 million homeowners — more than 13 percent of households with a mortgage — have either missed at least one payment or are in foreclosure, according to data provider Lender Processing Services Inc.

In some Sun Belt cities, investors armed with cash are gorging on deep discounts for some homes, yet the foreclosures keep coming. The local areas remain stuck with depressed economies and a glut of vacant and soon-to-be-vacant homes.

"Even when demand picks up, prices aren't likely to budge all that much," said Mark Vitner, senior economist with Wells Fargo Securities.

Moody's forecasts flat or only slightly lower prices over the next year in Atlanta, Chicago, Boston, Dallas and Portland, Ore. And Seattle and Charlotte, N.C., are expected to enjoy slight price increases. In those areas, the supply of foreclosed homes is smaller, and the local economies are faring better.

Sales of new homes jumped last month, but it still was the second-weakest month in the 47 years records have been kept, the Commerce Department said Monday. Sales for April and March were also revised downward.

Michael Gao, 31, a software engineer in Mountain View, Calif., is watching home listings but feels renting is the wiser option for now. He fears the economy will worsen and thinks the home market will suffer.

"It's really not looking good," Gao said. "If the housing market will dip, then why would you buy now?"



Khmer Rouge jailer faces 19 years for 16,000 dead

ROBIN MCDOWELL
Associated Press Writer

PHNOM PENH, Cambodia A U.N.-backed tribunal sentenced the Khmer Rouge's chief jailer to 35 years for overseeing the deaths of up to 16,000 people — the first verdict involving a senior member of the "killing fields" regime that devastated a generation of Cambodians.

Victims and their relatives burst into tears after learning that Kaing Guek Eav — also known as Duch — will actually serve only 19 years after being convicted of war crimes and crimes against humanity after taking into account time already served and other factors.

That means the 67-year-old could one day walk free, a prospect that infuriated many who have been demanding justice for victims of the regime that killed an estimated 1.7 million people between 1975-79.

"I can't accept this," said Saodi Ouch, 46, shaking so hard she could hardly talk. "My family died ... my older sister, my older brother. I'm the only one left."

More than three decades after the ultra-communist Khmer Rouge killed a quarter of Cambodia's population while trying to turn the country into a vast agrarian collective, Duch is so far the only person to face justice. The group's top leader, Pol Pot, died in 1998 and four other senior Khmer Rouge leaders are awaiting trial for their part in the deaths from execution, starvation, medical neglect and slave-like working conditions.

The U.N.-backed tribunal — 10 years and $100 million in the making — said it took into consideration the historical context of the atrocities: The regime was the product of the troubled Cold War times.

It also recognized that Duch, who headed Tuol Sleng, a secret detention center for the worst "enemies" of the state, was not a member of the Khmer Rouge's inner clique and that he had cooperated with the court, admitted responsibility and showed "limited" expressions of remorse.

During the 77-day proceedings, Duch admitted to overseeing the deaths of up to 16,000 people who passed through the prison's gates. Torture used to extract confessions included pulling out prisoners' toenails, administering electric shocks and waterboarding.

At least 100 people bled to death in medieval-style medical experiments.

One of the tribunal's international judges, Silvia Cartwright, said she understood that those who lived through the Khmer Rouge's reign of terror may be upset at the sentence.

"That's one of the reasons that we have an objective tribunal ... fixing as balanced a sentence as we can," she said. "If left to the victims to decide how to punish a person, then it would be, possibly, mob rule."

"You have to bear in mind that victims are very deeply hurt and traumatized," she added. "We can never give them what they lost ... so a sentence can only ever be symbolic in a way."

The prosecution and defense have one month to appeal.

Unlike the other defendants, Duch (pronounced DOIK) has several times asked for forgiveness, even offering at one point to face a public stoning. But his surprise request on the final day of the trial to be acquitted and freed left many wondering if his contrition was sincere.

"He tricked everybody," said Chum Mey, 79, one of just a few people sent to Tuol Sleng prison — code-named S-21 — who survived. The key witness wiped his eyes. "See ... my tears drop down again. I feel like I was victim during the Khmer Rouge, and now I'm a victim once again."

Duch, sitting rigidly in a crisp light purple shirt and starring into the distance, showed no emotion as he listened Monday to the judge talk about the court's findings.

Judges noted that the jailer was often present during interrogations at Tuol Sleng and signed off on all the tortures and executions, sometimes taking part himself. He said the court had rejected arguments that he was acting on orders from the top because he was under duress or feared for his own life.

"In carrying out his functions, he showed a high degree of efficiency and zeal," the judges wrote. "He worked tirelessly to ensure that S-21 ran as efficiently as possible and did so out of unquestioning loyalty to his superiors."

A former math teacher, Duch joined Pol Pot's movement in 1967, three years before the U.S. started carpet-bombing Cambodia to try to wipe out Northern Vietnamese troops and Viet Cong inside the border. By 1976, he was the trusted head of its ultimate killing machine, S-21.

After a Vietnamese invasion forced the Khmer Rouge from power in 1979, Duch disappeared for almost two decades, living under various aliases in northwestern Cambodia, where he had converted to Christianity. His chance discovery by a British journalist led to his arrest just over a decade ago.

Though the tribunal has been credited with helping the traumatized nation speak out publicly for the first time about atrocities committed three decades ago, it has been criticized as well.

The government insisted Cambodians be on the panel of judges, opening the door for political interference. It also sought to limit the number of suspects being tried — fearing, some say, it would implicate its own ranks. The prime minister and other current leaders were once low-level members of the Khmer Rouge.

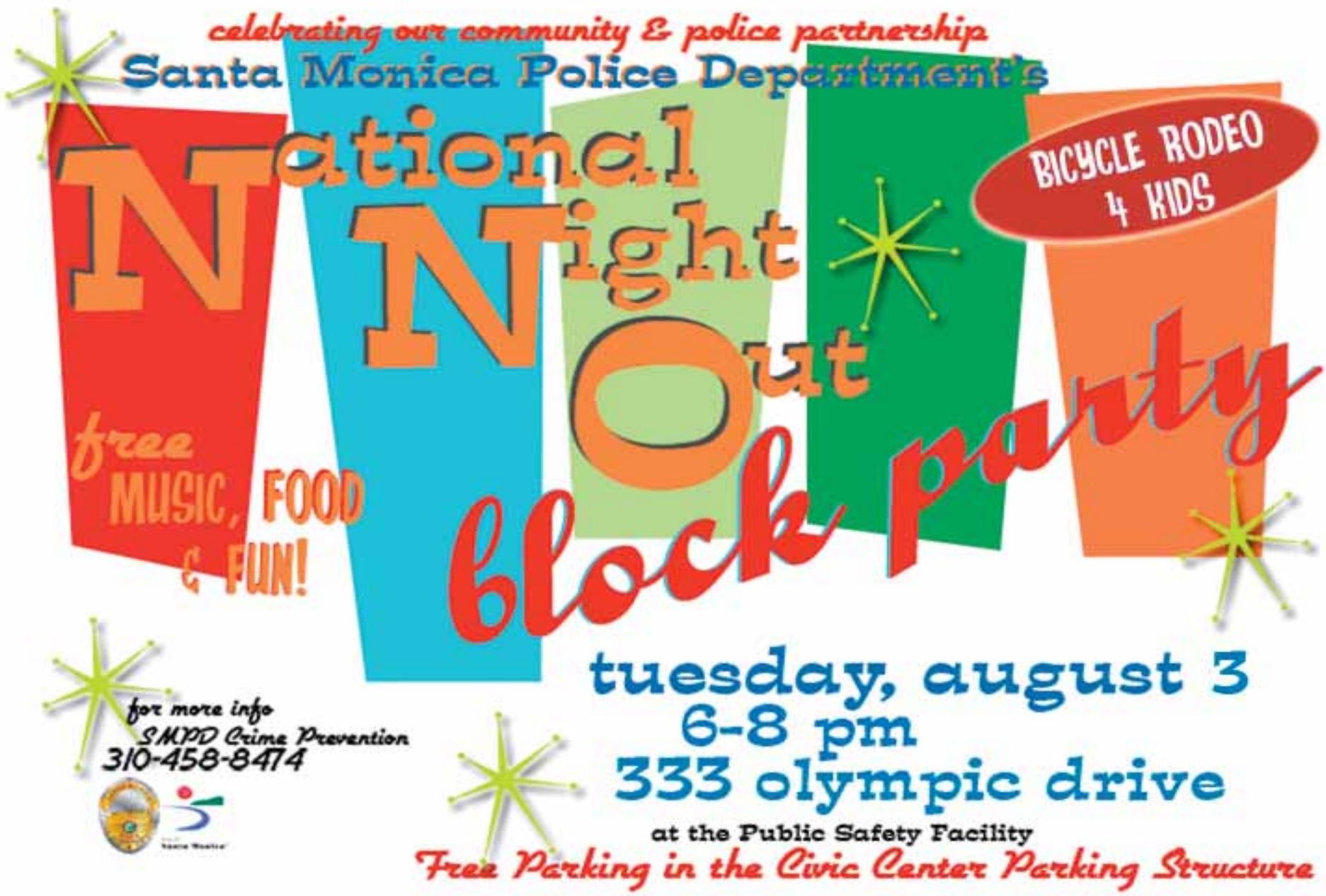
Though most people doubted Duch would get the maximum life imprisonment, few expected he'd get less than 35 years in jail. The decision to shave 16 years for time already served and illegal detention in a military prison means he has 18 years and 10 months left.

That's less than half a day in prison for every one person who died under his watch.

More than 1,000 villagers showed up for the verdict, some traveling more than 180 miles (300 kilometers) by bus.

"It's just unacceptable to have a man who killed thousands of people serving just 19 years," said Theary Seng, a human rights lawyer who lost both of her parents and has been working with others to find justice.

An international civil rights lawyer and associate fellow of the Singapore Institute of International Affairs also criticized the court's "unimaginative" reparation order, which was limited to simply publishing the judgment. Mahdev Mohan said the U.N.-backed tribunal could have ordered Duch to build a memorial to the victims and to do other work to deter future crimes against humanity.



ELECTION
FROM PAGE 1

being included on the organization's direct mail literature.

As the election is shaping up, it's possible that all five candidates seeking a SMRR endorsement could be successful.

Still, in one respect, Winterer's decision was surprising. Traditionally incumbents have fared well in elections, so some observers had considered it likely Winterer would challenge Davis and O'Day for a SMRR endorsement, neither of whom has won election to the council before.

In the race to win a four-year seat, Winterer would have to knock off a City Council stalwart — either O'Connor, who has served four terms on the council, McKeown, who has served three terms, or Bob Holbrook, a non-SMRR member who has served five terms.

Winterer on Monday said the decision about which endorsement to seek was a difficult one.

"There were a lot of good reasons to run in either race and I weighed them for a long time and there was not a clear path," he said.

"Ultimately, my family encouraged me to go for the four-year seat. The thinking is that if you're going to work that hard you might as well go for the longer term rather than the shorter term."

It's still possible, however, that Winterer could shift course after the SMRR convention and opt to challenge Davis and O'Day for a two-year seat in November. His endorsement decision, though, is the strongest indicator yet of his intention to run for a four-year term.

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Planning Commissioner and council candidate

Although there are just five candidates seeking endorsements for five council seats, SMRR could endorse fewer than five candidates, said SMRR Co-chair Patricia Hoffman.

To win an endorsement, a candidate must receive at least 55 percent of the vote from party members in attendance at the convention.

"Democracy is sometimes a sloppy process and we never know," Hoffman said. "We have had times where we haven't filled the full slate."

Adding to the uncertainty this year, she said, is the fact that scores of new SMRR members are planning to attend the convention. Turnout could be as high as 400 members, she said.

SMRR's convention is scheduled for Aug. 1 at 1:15 p.m. at John Adams Middle School Cafeteria, located at 2425 16th St. Organizers encourage the public to sign in by 12:45 p.m.

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BIKES
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Neilson Street runs parallel and is only one block west of Main Street.

Kevin McKeown, a City Councilman who is a self-described bicycle advocate, will present the plan at tonight's meeting. With five council members expected to be present at the meeting, McKeown said he thinks there will be the required four votes needed to pass the plan.

While McKinnon prefers the date and route selected, McKeown is going to present it to council more generally. He said that he is open to a different date and route if necessary.

"The chosen date, 10/10/10 is great because it kind of looks like a three-wheeled bicycle," he said. "But if someone has a better idea, I'd love to hear it."

McKeown said he hopes the cyclovia will lead to a comprehensive plan to promote bike use in Santa Monica, such as a bike sharing program.

McKinnon's ultimate goal is for Santa Monica to hold four cyclovias a year, one during each season. He also said he hopes the route will eventually extend into Los Angeles.

"Santa Monica tends to set the pace," he said, "so I would hope Santa Monica continues pacesetting with the first cyclovia in Los Angeles."

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BUDGET
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For weeks, there have been no signs of progress.

"I don't want to hand this burden and this problem to the next governor, but there is serious work to do," said Schwarzenegger.

In recent years, the Democratic leaders who control the Assembly and Senate have agreed to one budget plan, which is then negotiated with Republicans and the governor. This year, however, the two leaders released separate plans and have agreed only in principle to protect funding for schools and social programs for the poor.

The two Democratic leaders — Assembly Speaker John Perez of Los Angeles and Senate President Pro Tem Darrell Steinberg of Sacramento — said Monday they won't accept a cuts-only budget as proposed by Schwarzenegger and backed by Republican lawmakers.

Instead, Democrats are calling for a delay in corporate tax breaks and adoption of a new oil tax.

"If the governor continues to insist on granting billions in corporate tax cuts financed by drastic cuts to public education and programs for working mothers and their children, I am prepared to grant his wish by waiting for the next governor," Steinberg said in a statement.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Joint Public Hearing will be held before the City Council of the City of Santa Monica ("Council") and the City of Santa Monica Redevelopment Agency ("Agency") on the following date:

Date of Hearing:	August 10, 2010 (Tuesday)
Time of Hearing:	6:45 p.m. (or as soon as possible thereafter)
Place of Hearing:	City Hall – Council Chambers 1685 Main Street, Santa Monica

City of Santa Monica

The purpose of the hearing is to fulfill the requirements of Section 33679 of the California Community Redevelopment Law ("CRL"), (Health and Safety Code Section 33000 et. seq.), which requires the legislative body hold a noticed, public hearing before a redevelopment agency commits to use tax increment funds for the purpose of paying the cost of installation and construction of any publicly owned buildings.

The Agency's adopted FY 2009/10 – FY 13/14 Five-Year Implementation Plan includes specific programs and goals for the Earthquake Recovery Redevelopment Project Area. To support the goals of community revitalization, disaster prevention and mitigation, and institutional revitalization, the Agency is proposing to fund, in part or in whole, construction of the following publicly owned buildings (the "Projects"):

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Dow continues winning streak

STEPHEN BERNARD
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK The Dow Jones industrial average gained more than 100 points for the third straight day Monday after investors got some unexpected good news about the economy.

A report on the housing market came in better than expected. And shipping giant FedEx Corp. released a forecast that was more upbeat than the prediction it made just six weeks ago.

The news pulled stocks out of an early slow start and sent the Dow up 100 points by the close for a three-day gain of 405. Investors who a week ago were selling on a pessimistic view of companies' earnings and the economy are now buying on the belief that the economic recovery, while slow, is proceeding.

The Dow has now risen in 12 of 17 trading days in July, and is up 6.2 percent for the month after falling 10 percent from March through June on a stream of bad economic news. With Monday's gain, the Dow is up 0.9 percent for the year. The broader Standard & Poor's 500 index is still in the negative for 2010, but barely. It's down less than 0.01 percent.

Trading volume was light Monday, a sign that investors might be a little cautious despite the advance. Many are likely waiting for hundreds of earnings reports to be released this week before they make any major investing decisions.

But FedEx gave investors reason to buy when it said its overnight and ground delivery businesses are doing better than expected, and that it expects a moderate global economic recovery. That was heartening news for investors because the shipping giant, which carries packages for businesses and consumers, is considered a barometer for how the economy is doing.

The shipping company raised its earnings forecast for the three months that will end Aug. 31. It said it expects to earn between $1.05 and $1.25 per share, up from its previous estimate of 85 cents to $1.05 per share.

Six weeks ago, investors were disappointed by FedEx's forecast.

"FedEx tells you a lot about overall manufacturing in the country," said Russ Koesterich a managing director at the money manager BlackRock Inc. "The positive release tells investors the recovery is bumpy but is still on pace."

Shortly after trading began, the Commerce Department said new home sales rebounded from a record low in May to an annual rate of 330,000 units, more than economists expected. The gain came after sales hit a record low annual rate of 267,000 in May. The report showed that the housing market might be weathering the severe slump that began with the expiration of a homebuyer's tax credit at the end of April.

Sales are still down 72 percent from their peak annual rate of 1.39 million in July 2005. Last year, sales plunged to a rate of 375,000 last year. So June's number was still weak, but investors were relieved that it wasn't worse.

"It tells investors that the housing market is not melting down again," Koesterich said. "One of the big fears is that as government stimulus is taken away there is going to be another housing meltdown — that doesn't appear to the case."

Homebuilders stocks rose on the news. D.R. Horton Inc., Lennar Corp. and Toll Bros. Inc. rose more than 2 percent after the report.

The Dow rose 100.81, or 1 percent, to 10,525.43. The Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 12.35, or 1.1 percent, to 1,115.01, while the Nasdaq composite index rose 26.96, or 1.2 percent, to 2,296.43.

About four stocks rose for every one that fell on the New York Stock Exchange, where volume came to 1 billion shares.

Bond prices were narrowly mixed. The yield on the 10-year note, which moves opposite its price, was unchanged at 3.00 percent compared with late Friday. That yield helps set interest rates on mortgages and other consumer loans.

Stocks have rallied in recent days as more companies reported strong second-quarter earnings and revenue and raised their outlooks for the coming quarters.

"There's been too much negativism priced in and we're coming off that," said Brian Gendreau, market strategist at Financial Network Investment Corp. "Earnings reports are definitely helping."



Released war documents create stir

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Associated Press Writers

WASHINGTON The monumental leak of classified Afghan war documents threatened Monday to create new conflict with Pakistan, whose spy agency was a focus of much of the material, and raised questions about Washington's own ability to protect military secrets. The White House called the disclosures "alarming" and scrambled to assess the damage.

The documents are described as battlefield reports compiled by various military units that provide an unvarnished look at combat in the past six years, including U.S. frustration over reports Pakistan secretly aided insurgents and civilian casualties at the hand of U.S. troops.

WikiLeaks.org, a self-described whistleblower organization, posted 76,000 of the reports to its website Sunday night. The group said it is vetting another 15,000 documents for future release.

Col. Dave Lapan, a Defense Department spokesman, said the military would probably need "days, if not weeks" to review all the documents and determine "the potential damage to the lives of our service members and coalition partners."

The White House says it didn't try to stop news organizations who had access to secret U.S. military documents from publishing reports about the leaks. However, White House spokesman Robert Gibbs said it did ask WikiLeaks — through reporters who were given advanced copies of the documents — to redact information in the documents that could harm U.S. military personnel.

It was not clear whether Wikileaks' decision to withhold 15,000 of its files was related.

The Pentagon declined to respond to specifics detailed in the documents, including reports of the Taliban's use of heat-seeking anti-aircraft missiles.

"Just because they are posted on the Internet, doesn't make them unclassified," Lapan said.

The Pentagon says it is still investigating the source of the documents. The military has detained Bradley Manning, a former Army intelligence analyst in Baghdad, for allegedly transmitting classified information. But the latest documents could have come from anyone with a secret-level clearance, Lapan said.

WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange promised on Monday that the release of documents — one of the largest unauthorized disclosures in military history — was just the beginning.

Assange told reporters in London that he believed that "thousands" of U.S. attacks in Afghanistan could be investigated for evidence of war crimes, although he acknowledged that such claims would have to be tested in court.

Assange pointed in particular to a deadly missile strike ordered by Taskforce 373, a unit allegedly charged with hunting down and killing senior Taliban targets. He said there was also evidence of cover-ups when civilians were killed, including what he called a suspiciously high number of casualties that U.S. forces attributed to ricochet wounds.

The Defense Department declined to respond to specifics contained in the documents, citing security reasons.

But Lapan said that coalition forces have made great strides in reducing the number of civilian deaths in Afghanistan.

White House national security adviser Gen. Jim Jones said the release of the documents "put the lives of Americans and our partners at risk," while Pakistan dismissed the documents as malicious and unsubstantiated.

Pakistan Ambassador Husain Haqqani said the documents "do not reflect the current on-ground realities." Islamabad's ministry of foreign affairs issued a similar statement, defending Pakistan's intelligence agency, the ISI, against allegations it has supported insurgent networks.

"The people of Pakistan and its security forces, including the ISI, have rendered enormous sacrifices against militancy and terrorism," the ministry wrote.

NATO refused to comment on the leak, but individual nations said they hoped it wouldn't harm current operations in Afghanistan.

British Foreign Secretary William Hague said there has been significant progress recently in building up the Afghan state "so I hope any such leaks will not poison that atmosphere."

German Foreign Minister Guido Westerwelle warned about possible "backlashes" and urged all sides in Afghanistan to work toward national reconciliation.

Rep. Ike Skelton, chairman of the House Armed Services Committee, said the documents reflect his view that U.S. war strategy was adrift last year, before President Barack Obama's decision to retool the war plan and add tens of thousands of U.S. forces.

Skelton, D-Mo., warned Monday that the documents are outdated and "should not be used as a measure of success or a determining factor in our continued mission there."

U.S. government agencies have been bracing for the deluge of classified documents since the leak of helicopter cockpit video of a 2007 fire fight in Baghdad. That was blamed on Manning, the 22-year-old Army intelligence analyst who was charged with releasing classified information earlier this month.

Manning had bragged online that he downloaded 260,000 classified U.S. cables and transmitted them to WikiLeaks.org.

Assange on Monday compared the impact of the released material to the opening of East Germany's secret police files. "This is the equivalent of opening the Stasi archives," he said.

He also said his group had many more documents on other subjects, including files on countries from across the globe.

"We have built up an enormous backlog of whistleblower disclosures," he said.

Assange said he believed more whistleblowing material will flood in after the publicity about the Afghan files.

"It is our experience that courage is contagious," he said.

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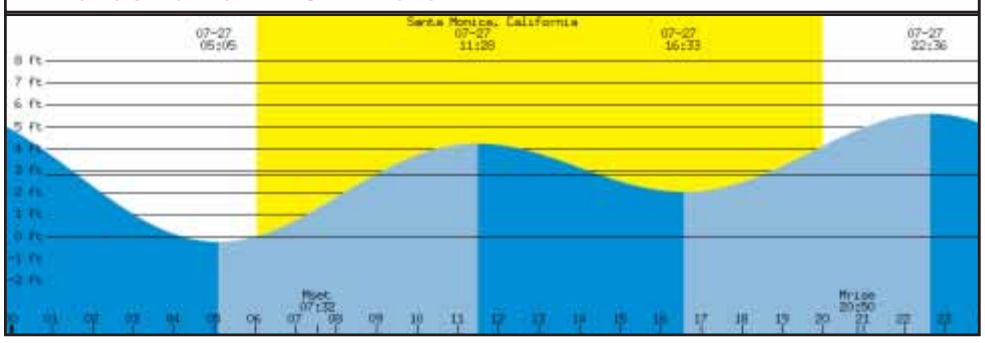
SURF REPORT

Surf Conditions **Water Temp:** 64°

Swell Forecast
Looks smaller, perhaps waist+.

Long Range Synopsis
Looks smaller yet, about waist high max.

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 21, 2010**

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QUICK STATS (for the last 30 days)

- Number of sewage spills -- 0
- Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0
- Number of wet days -- 0
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 44 / ns
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 2 / 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 Alina 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.	A	ns
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	A+	ns
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Solstice Canyon at Don Blocker County Beach.	C	ns
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth.	A	ns
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd..	A+	ns
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	ns
Surfrider Beach (breach location)- daily.	A	ns
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	A+	ns
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	A+	ns
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero).	A+	ns
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs.	A+	ns
Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach.	A+	ns
Tuna Canyon.	A+	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	B	ns
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	ns
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	A+	ns

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence.	F	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain.	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain.	A	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua).	A	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain.	A	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain.	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.	B	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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MLB

L.A. Angels boost rotation, acquire Haren from Arizona

Former Samohi star Skaggs rumored to be in deal

JOHN MARSHALL
AP Sports Writer

PHOENIX The Los Angeles Angels made a move to keep up with the Texas Rangers in the AL West by trading for infielder Alberto Callaspo last week.

The next step was to add a quality pitcher, one who could counter the Rangers acquiring former Cy Young winner Cliff Lee.

A three-time All-Star who's one of the most durable pitchers in baseball should do the trick.

The Angels bolstered their already-solid rotation by acquiring right-hander Dan Haren from the Diamondbacks on Sunday in a deal that sent left-hander Joe Saunders and three other players to Arizona.

The last-place Diamondbacks also get right-hander Rafael Rodriguez, left-hander Patrick Corbin and a player to be named in the deal. It is rumored that former Santa Monica High School star Tyler Skaggs is the player to be named later.

"We really felt good about our starting five moving forward with what we had but this is a huge opportunity for us to upgrade not only now but for the next several years," Angels manager Mike Scioscia said. "This guy still has his stuff and it gives us a deeper front end of our rotation, and that's what every championship-caliber team is really striving to do. We were able to do that with this move and we're excited about it."

One of the most prized pitchers available as the July 31 non-waiver trade deadline approaches, Haren was the type of pitcher the Angels had been after since Texas traded for Lee in a July 9 deal that sent rookie first baseman Justin Smoak and a package of prospects to Seattle.

Los Angeles has a rotation that's strong up front with Ervin Santana, Jered Weaver and Joel Piniero, but is missing injured left-hander Scott Kazmir.

A three-time All-Star, Haren has averaged 15 wins over the past five seasons and is 7-8 with a 4.60 ERA in 21 starts this year. In his sixth season, the 29-year-old was tied for the NL lead with 141 strikeouts through Saturday's games.

"A top-of-the-rotation guy that's going to help us not just this year but years down the road," Angels general manager Tony Reagins said in Texas before his team played the Rangers. "The addition of Dan gives us five guys that are really talented."

The trade ends a long ordeal for Haren.

In the second season of a four-year, $44.75 million contract, Haren had been rumored to be headed to three or four different teams. Now, he can relax, headed to a winning team and back to Los Angeles, where he grew up and still has family.

"At this point, being on the West Coast has a lot of value to me, being near my family and going to a ballclub that is dedicated to winning," Haren said after Arizona's game against San Francisco. "I am very excited for the opportunity. I am sad to go from here, all the guys and I had a good time here but I am really excited about going there and having a chance to win."

Haren might not make his Angels' debut right away, though. Scioscia was still evaluating the rotation and where to slip the right-hander in. After playing the Rangers, Los Angeles heads home to face the Boston Red Sox.

"I believe his turn would be tomorrow, but we're going to evaluate a couple of things and get a chance to talk to him and see where he is," the manager said. "We've got guys who are on regular turn now, so we do have the luxury of folding him in somewhere or putting him out there to pitch tomorrow."

Saunders was an All-Star in 2008 and had a 54-32 record and 4.29 ERA in 115 games over six seasons with the Angels. He was 6-10 with a 4.62 ERA in 20 starts for Los Angeles this year, his eighth in the organization.

"I've been in trade talks in the offseason and stuff like that but you never really think it's going to happen," said Saunders, who lives in Arizona. "They obviously think highly of me, so it will be a new challenge."

Rodriguez appeared in one game this season, allowing a run and a hit in two innings, and was 0-1 with a 5.58 ERA in 18 relief appearances over five stints with the big league club last year.

Corbin, a 21-year-old left-hander, has spent the season in the lower levels of Los Angeles' system.

With a starter and two solid prospects, the Diamondbacks found the right match for dealing Haren.

"(Saunders) brings an element to our club that I think we need," Arizona interim GM Jerry Dipoto said. "The prospects in the deal bring us talent that we need to build with. Therefore, I felt that this deal checked a lot of boxes for the Arizona Diamondbacks."

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The Last Airbender 3D (RealD 3D) (PG) 1hr 43min
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Ramona and Beezus (G) 1hr 44min
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Keep it easy, Virgo

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ A change in energy might take you off the hot seat for the moment. Look at greater efficiency and achievement. You will be able to undo a problem if you follow a more creative idea. Tonight: Follow a friend's idea.

TAURUS (April 20-May 21)
★★★★ Tap into your creativity as you seek out answers. You are taking a stronger position than you might have intended to. You will get answers if you relax and work with others. You might even surprise yourself with what pops up. Tonight: Leader of the gang.

GEMINI (May 22-June 20)
★★★★ Keep reaching out for others at a distance. You need and want different answers. Be honest about what is happening within your immediate circle. A vulnerability comes out. Don't worry so much about revealing yourself. Tonight: Choose something offbeat.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Be direct with partners. You finally might find out a lot more about someone. Don't worry about the awkwardness in expressing your thoughts and feelings. An encounter brings a closeness. Tonight: Let go of a disagreement.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★ Others still appear to be in control. Let it be. Go off and enjoy yourself in a unique, dynamic manner. Your imagination could be triggered through another person's idealism. Use caution with spending. Tonight: Follow another's lead.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ An easy turnaround becomes possible because of your energy, resourcefulness and caring. But you discover that those in your daily life might be reticent to follow your pace. Understanding grows. Tonight: Easy works.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Your inner voice might not be in sync with a creative idea. Understand what needs to happen in order to make a situation work. You cannot juggle both sides of an issue. Know that you must let go and trust more. Tonight: Go with whimsy.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ You might want to think through a situation more carefully than in the past. Understanding evolves to a new level. Keep your eye on the big picture. You are forced to maintain a low profile at the moment. Tonight: At home.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Keep talking "possibilities," especially around work. You'll see a situation in a different way. Listen to a creative type. You have a way to move a situation forward. Tonight: Make calls.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★ Watch what is happening within your immediate circle of friends. You'll remain secure, direct and more upbeat if you can stay tuned in to certain realities. Express a wonderful idea, at least one that you believe is wonderful. Tonight: Don't commit to risking.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ You might be feeling an easing of the tension and what is going on around you. Understanding what is happening within an immediate situation could be difficult. Your mind drifts from one conversation to another. Tonight: Do only what you want.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★ Continue to play the role of observer. You might be a little confused by everything that is going on around you. Others become more verbal. Listen more; speak less. You will gain a stronger perspective. Tonight: Play it low-key.

Happy birthday

This year, you will speak your mind more and more. Brainstorming sessions, especially about finances and options, prove to be unusually dynamic if you can open up to the possibilities. Often, you encounter surprising events that could fall either way. Your resilience could be tested, as well as your ability to see the big picture. Decisions need to be made quickly. If you are single, romance won't elude you, though you might opt to keep the heat down. You might back off from anyone who is overly controlling. You will want time to assess a bond, more so than in previous years. If you are attached, the two of you work better and better together, especially when handling life's problems. Understanding grows between you, stirring the embers of romance. AQUARIUS can be challenging.

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS
The stars show the kind of day you'll have:
★★★★★Dynamic ★★ So-So
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Girls and Sports

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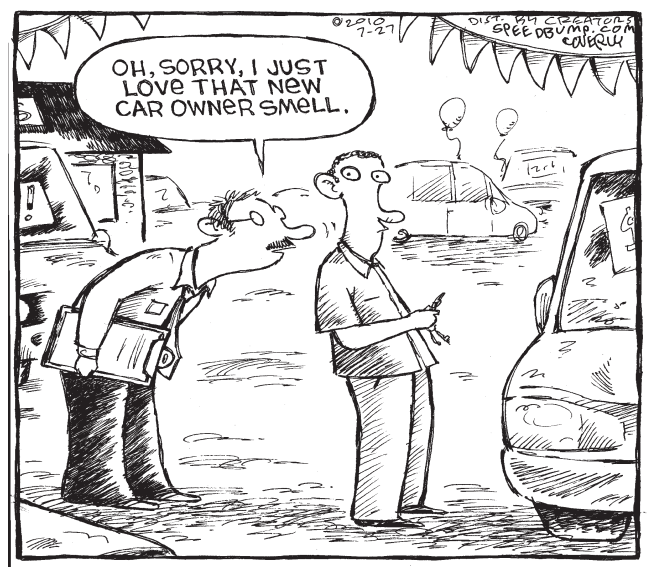
Strange Brew

By John Deering



Speed Bump

By Dave Coverly





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

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





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CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 British farewells
6 High points
11 Namely, in Latin
12 "Spider-Man" director Sam
13 A chef may stuff it
15 Building wing
16 Nest-egg acct.
17 Stylish
18 Over-zealous fan
20 Hearty brew
21 Twisty fish
22 Lewd look
23 Role for Heston
26 Grasps
27 "Clumsy me!"
28 Quarter-back Marino
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43 Computer layout choices

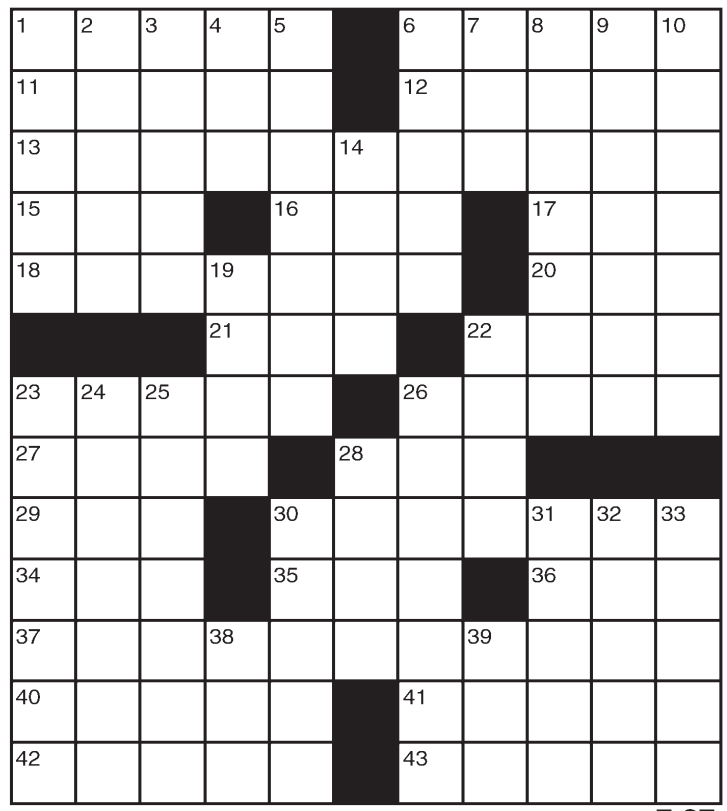
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2 Grown-up
3 Physicist Nikola
4 Volcano output
5 Part of a baseball count
6 Cheering loudly
7 Engine part
8 One of the arch-angels
9 Contacted online
10 Tea tasters
14 Pitcher Hershiser
19 Sediment
22 Drawn out
23 Drove
24 Wolfish comment
25 Limit ignorer
26 Backfield exchange
28 Losing plan
30 Mild oaths
31 Burger topper
32 — -garde
33 Spanish snacks
38 Bar cubes
39 — Grande

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EVENING: 5 9 3

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2nd: 09 Winning Spirit
3rd: 06 Whirl Win
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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ The video company EA Sports sells sports games based on real-life professional leagues, with its biggest money-maker "Madden NFL 11," which allows joystick-using "coaches" to compete with each other based on actual pro football players' abilities. In June, EA Sports announced a new touch of realism: Just as football teams "scout" opposing players, EA Sports will sell joystickers complex "scouting reports" on the talents and tendencies of their fellow joystickers.

■ Life Imitates a Drew Barrymore Movie: Michelle Philpotts of Spalding, England, and her husband, Ian, and their two children have adjusted, since a car crash 20 years ago, to her anterograde amnesia, which, every day, robs her of short-term memory, forcing her to constantly re-learn her life. According to a June profile in London's Daily Mail, that includes Ian's convincing her that the stranger in her bed every morning is her husband, which he does by showing her their wedding photographs.

■ An April National Geographic TV special tracked "Silvano," an Italian man for whom sleep is almost impossible. He has "fatal familial insomnia," making him constantly exhausted, and doctors believe he will eventually fall into a fatal dementia. Only 40 families in the world are believed to carry the FFI gene.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1981 British television: On Coronation Street, Ken Barlow marries Deirdre Langton, which proves to be a national event scoring massive viewer numbers for the show.

1983 Black July: 18 Tamil political prisoners at the Welikada high security prison in Colombo are massacred by the Sinhalese prisoners, the second such massacre in two days.

1987 RMS Titanic, Inc. begins the first expedited salvaging of wreckage of the RMS Titanic.

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Obituaries

JUDY ANN MACRAE



Judy, Macrea, a life long resident of Santa Monica died Thursday, July 22nd 2010 from a long and courageous battle with cancer. She was 53.
She was born march 6th 1957 to the late Alan and Margery Macrae. She is preceded in death by a sister Wendy and husband Micheal Fowler.. She is survived by her sister Sean, niece Ariana, nephew Joshua and 2 grand nephews, Mason and Cameren, all of the Sacramento area.
Judy was a lover of animals, especially dolphins. She loved reading books, being in the outdoors and around the beach life style. She treasured her friends and was very generous with her things. she was also a grateful friend of Bill W. She touched all out hearts and will be greatly missed.
A beachside memorial will be held in her honor Wednesday, July 28th@ Bay Street/ocean at 1:45pm
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In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Vitas Hospice@ www.vitas-charityfund.org

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