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THE ALMOST THERE ISSUE

Holbrook to seek full term

SMRR convention results spark debate

BY NICK TABOREK
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL Five-term City Council incumbent Bob Holbrook on Monday said he plans to seek re-election to a four-year term, ending speculation he might challenge council colleagues Gleam Davis and Terry O'Day for a two-year seat in November's election.

Holbrook's decision came after members of the influential political party Santa Monicans for Renters' Rights on Sunday voted to endorse both Davis and O'Day for the two available two-year terms but left

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Boesch impressing in rookie campaign

BY DENNIS LIN
Special to the Daily Press

DETROIT The way Brennan Boesch is going, he'll be playing next to the likes of Miguel Cabrera for a long, long time.

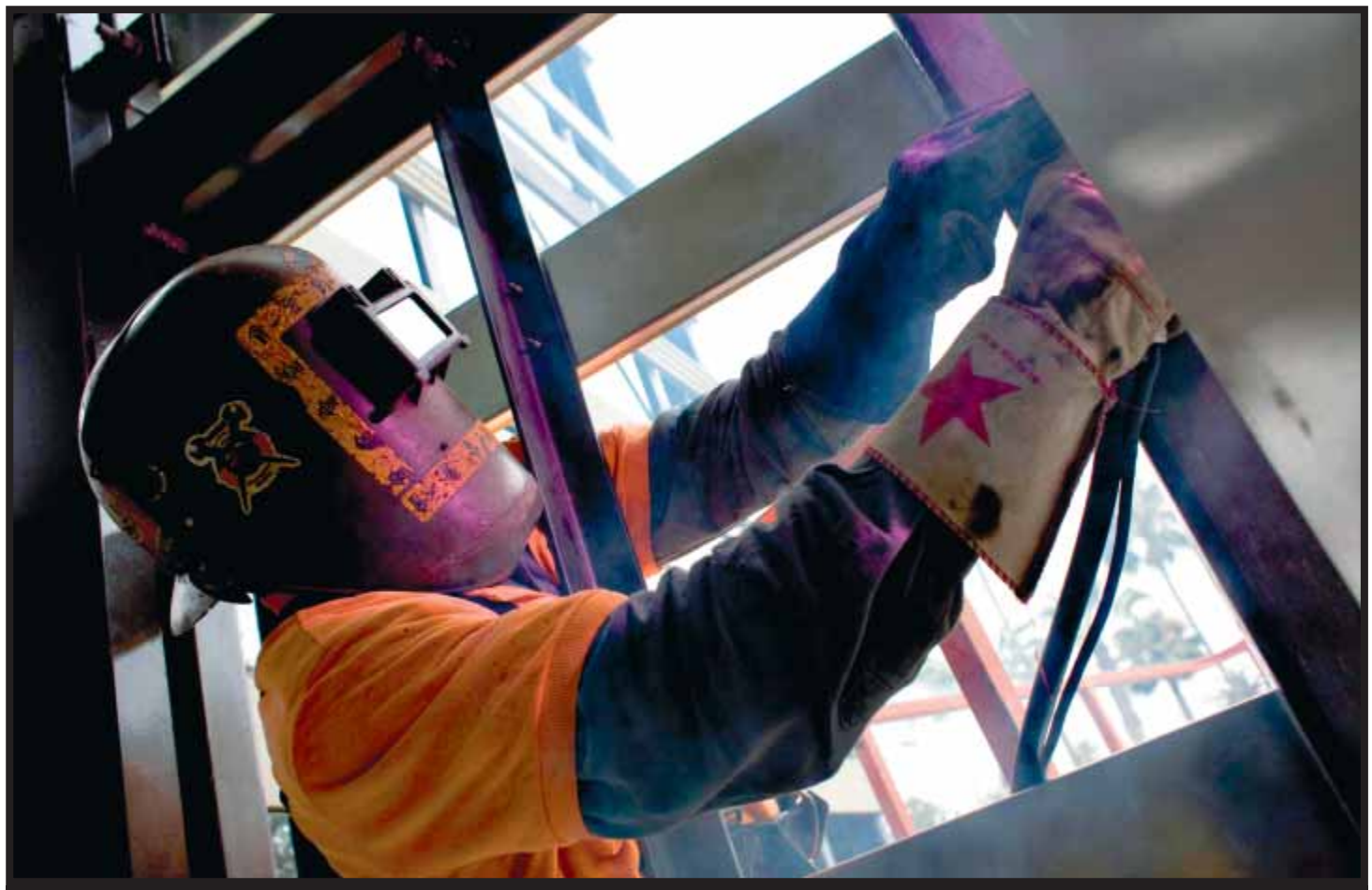
A rookie left fielder for the Detroit Tigers, the 25-year-old Santa Monica native made his move up to the big leagues in April. All he's ever done since — in spite of his recent struggles at the plate — is prove he belongs.

"I always had faith I'd be here," said Boesch, who has been regularly batting fifth in a lineup that also features stars like Cabrera, Johnny Damon and Magglio Ordoñez.

As of Monday, Boesch was batting .291 with 12 home runs and 51 RBI — all good for second among Major League Baseball rookies. Those numbers are even more impressive when you consider the tall lefty has been mired in a 6-for-63 slump since the All-Star break.

Boesch, who was named American League Rookie of the Month both in May

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HOT FINISH

Brandon Wise *brandonw@smdp.com*

Welder Armnulfo Alvarado works on the support beams Monday of a parking structure adjacent to Santa Monica Place, which is scheduled to reopen later this week. The mall has had an extensive makeover that includes an outdoor dining deck and new stores.

Stabbing called 'random attack'

BY NICK TABOREK
Daily Press Staff Writer

PICO BLVD Santa Monica police on Monday described the fatal stabbing of a 61-year-old woman who lived at The Manor — a home for the mentally ill and developmentally disabled — as a "random attack."

The woman, whose name has not been released pending the notification of her family, was sitting in a courtyard at the home Sunday about 7:45 a.m. when she was allegedly attacked by Rigoberto Ruiz — a resident of an affiliated semi-assisted living facility — following a confrontation, police said.

The victim was pronounced dead at the scene. Police took Ruiz, 55, into custody without incident.

Police said they have recovered the murder weapon but declined to provide further details about the stabbing. No other suspects are being sought in the attack.

The victim was a longtime resident of The Manor, located at 1905 Pico Blvd., who "never caused any problems" and "wasn't known to be involved in any type of confrontations," said Sgt. Robert Almada, who supervises the Santa Monica Police Department's robbery and homicide division.

Ruiz has "an extensive criminal history including crimes of violence," police said. He had moved into an assisted living facility on the 2000 block of Pico Boulevard in recent months, Almada added.

There's no evidence the suspect and victim had any prior relationship before the attack, he said.

Ruiz is expected to be charged with first degree murder and a parole violation at the Airport Courthouse today.

Police said the stabbing was a rare episode of violence at The Manor, a state-licensed facility that has provided room, board, care and supervision for people with mental illnesses and for those with developmental disabilities since the 1960s, accord-

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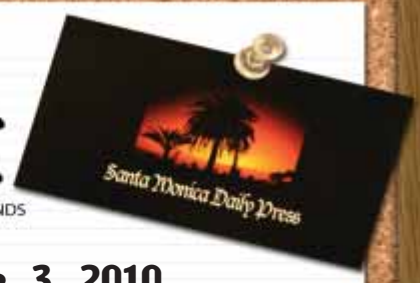
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OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA AND SURROUNDS



Tuesday, Aug. 3, 2010

Spoken word on the Promenade
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Mixing enlightened analysis with innovative authorship, join Bill Robertson of Santa Monica Emeritus College and strengthen your poetry dedication, appreciation and creation. Please visit www.greenpoets.com for more information.

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.

Party time
Civic Auditorium
6 p.m. — 8 p.m.
A part of National Night Out, the Santa Monica Police Department hosts a block party near the Public Safety Facility. There will be music, free hot dogs and other give-aways. Free parking will be available at the Civic Center Parking Structure across the street from the Public Safety Facility. The party was originally supposed to be held on Olympic Drive but a there was a water leak, flooding the street. Organizers moved the location to the Civic Auditorium Parking Lot. For more information, call (310) 458-8474.

Wednesday, Aug. 4, 2010

Fresh and clean
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.

Drink up
Pourtal Wine Tasting Bar
104 Santa Monica Blvd., 7 p.m. — 9 p.m.
Come to Pourtal for "Wine Woof Wednesdays" where a purchase of more than $25 earns a free dog walking service. While you're enjoying your drink, your dog will be taking a stroll along Palisades Park. For more information, call (310) 393-7693.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

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College gets millions to train garbage men

Santa Monica College has been awarded a $4.87 million grant for job training in the high-demand fields of recycling and resource management, officials with the college said Monday.

The Community-Based Job Training Grant comes through the U.S. Department of Labor.

Through this grant, SMC will collaborate with two Orange County community colleges — Irvine Valley and Golden West — to develop training curriculum that will yield a certificate degree in recycling and resource management. The curriculum will be used to create a national certification program.

The grants "will create opportunities for working Americans to train for high-demand occupations with the help of our nationwide community college system," said U.S. Labor Secretary Hilda L. Solis.

SMC is one of 41 community colleges and organizations nationwide to be selected for a total of $125 million in grants.

This is the second time SMC has received funds from the Community-Based Job Training Program. In 2006 the college was awarded a grant to increase access to training programs for careers in nursing.

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MONTANA AVENUE

Shop 'til you drop for schools

Businesses in this popular retail district plan to donate 8 percent of their gross sales this week (Aug. 2 through Aug. 6) to the Santa Monica-Malibu Education Foundation's Save our Schools campaign.

Dubbed "Lemon-8 Days" the participating businesses will display a lemon in their window letting shoppers know where they can go to help fund local public schools.

The Save our School's campaign, launched this spring following the failure of Measure A, an emergency parcel tax of $198 that would have generated roughly $5.7 million for schools, has raised nearly $900,000.

For more information, go to savesantamonicamalibuschools.org.

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DOWNTOWN

Line up early and win

Something special awaits the first 500 guests at the new Santa Monica Place on Friday, Aug. 6: Each of the first eligible 500 guests arriving at the Third Street entrance before the project's official opening will receive a free Santa Monica Place Gift Card, with dollar amounts ranging from $10 to $500.

The three-level, open-air Santa Monica Place will feature a new roster of retailers and restaurants, including Bloomingdale's, Nike, CB2, Louis Vuitton, Kitson, Juicy Couture and many more, plus the new dining deck with chef-driven restaurants and indoor-outdoor food court.

The grand opening celebration, which begins at 10 a.m., features KCRW's Jason Bentley and The Legion of Extraordinary Dancers, as seen on the Oscars and "So You Think You Can Dance." Stores and restaurants will open immediately following the 10 a.m. grand opening celebration.

The opening celebration kicks off a weekend-long set of special events, including the launch of The Mannequin Collective, an art exhibit featuring the works of 100-plus artists, designers, retailers and local cultural institutions; live bands; interactive art programs; and dance performances. One highlight is the first SunSets, where KCRW DJs will spin a live, happy hour soundtrack on the dining deck every Friday from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Full details about Santa Monica Place can be found at santamonicaplace.com.

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NEW LOOK

Photo courtesy Tara Crow

New tables and benches with an ocean conservation theme were installed last week at the eastern end of the Santa Monica Pier deck, just outside the Carousel building. The new seating is a result of collaboration between Heal the Bay's Santa Monica Pier Aquarium, the City of Santa Monica and the California Coastal Conservancy.

PROFESSIONAL BASEBALL

Skaggs in holding pattern

Former Samohi star waits for completion of trade

BY DANIEL ARCHULETA
Managing Editor

CEDAR RAPIDS, Iowa Tyler Skaggs' first year in professional baseball has certainly been eventful.

The former Santa Monica High School star has already won a minor league title, made an all-star team and now he's been a part of a major trade between his organization (the Los Angeles Angels) and the Arizona Diamondbacks.

The only problem is that he has yet to actually report to the Diamondbacks because Major League Baseball rules require an entire year to pass from the time Skaggs signed with the Angels before he can be traded. Skaggs was drafted with the 40th pick in the 2009 draft.

"I was very surprised," Skaggs said of the recent trade that dealt starting pitcher Dan Haren from the D-Backs to the Angels. "I actually heard about it over the Internet."

Skaggs, initially listed as a player to be named later, has stayed with the team since news of the trade broke. He even made a start last week for the Cedar Rapids Kernels. But, even though the situation is a bit awkward, he said that he's been following the same routine, but won't start again until he suits up for his new club. Despite being excited about playing for a new organization, he said he will miss his Kernels teammates once the trade is completed.

"I'm just trying to cherish my last days here," he said.

Skaggs is expected to officially become a member of the D-Backs organization on Aug. 8. He said that his probable destination would be Arizona's single-A affiliate in South Bend, Ind. Ironically, South Bend is in the same league as Cedar Rapids — the Midwest League, but the teams will not face each other again this season.

"This is going to be a good opportunity with this team," said Skaggs, who was considered one of the top 10 prospects in the Angels' system. "I'm feeling really good about it."

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Disappointed by the process

Editor:

I was appalled to discover at the recent convention that members of the Santa Monicans for Renters' Rights steering committee can "support," in the name of the organization, candidates that members have specifically rejected. Indeed these rejected candidates are, apparently, placed on the same mailers as the endorsed candidates. The innocent public, reading quickly, is more than likely to assume all the candidates listed are endorsed by SMRR.

In other words, no matter how the membership votes, the SMRR steering committee will "support" whom it chooses. This is disturbing and shows a lack of respect for the democratic process and the membership. Why waste our time sitting in a hot, noisy school cafeteria selecting candidates members would like to see endorsed when the SMRR steering committee is going to make its own selection no matter what the vote?

Don't ask me for election funds to support that! In fact, I'm seriously wondering whether my membership is worth buying in the face of this new knowledge.

Don't do it.

Kit Snedaker
Santa Monica

Shopping out of town won't save cash

Editor:

In all fairness, the half cent transaction and use tax that will be placed on the November ballot is an equitable and sensible means of assisting both our city general fund and the school district with much needed dollars. The financial reality of the proposed use tax needs to be better understood.

Per Wikipedia, according to a 2007 estimate, the median income for a household in Santa Monica is $71,796, and for a family is $100,657. The per capita income for the city is $42,874. If 25 percent of these income numbers is discretionary income (a high estimate), the discretionary numbers are $17,949, $25,164 and $10,718 respectively. Assuming 100 percent of the discretionary income is spent on taxable items in Santa Monica (which is unrealistic), the cost of the additional half-cent would be $89.75, $125.82 and $53.59 respectively.

On the high end, that amounts to a little over $2 per week, on the low end it's about $1 per week – a lot less than the cost of a cup of coffee at Starbucks. Realistically, are you really going to get in your car and drive an extra 10 to 15 miles round-trip once a week to save $1 at the expense of maintaining public services and quality education for our kids? After the cost of gas and wear and tear on your vehicle, it's a lot more than $1.

Michael Dubin
Santa Monica





Back to Nature

Reese Halter — Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Crazy about those loons

THE CALL OF THE LOON SYMBOLIZES the wild kingdom. At least once a year I recommend visiting the water-rich north and experience its magnificent serenity.

Loons are amongst the oldest birds in North America, dating back some 65 million years to the time of Tyrannosaurus Rex.

Loons are a remarkable cross between a submarine and a fighter jet.

There are five species: yellow-billed, common, Pacific, Arctic and the slimmest — the red-throated loon.

Loons are larger than ducks with longer bodies and thicker necks than grebes. Loons spend most of their life on water only coming ashore to mate and nest. Its body is perfectly designed for an aquatic ecosystem.

All adults have red eyes. The color of the eyes relays important information like breeding age and ability to attract a mate. Sleeping loons close outer eyelids upward over their eyes.

Loons are awesome divers. Most dives last for about one minute and reach a depth of 13 feet. The record, however, is more than five minutes under water to an astounding depth of about 320 feet or the equivalent of a 32-story building.

The next time you see a loon on a lake, notice how low in the water they sit (they are dense-boned whereas most other birds are hollow-boned) and they hold their dagger-like bill (which is made of keratin, the same substance in human fingernails) tilted upwards. Loons are low riders with attitude!

In order to dive, a loon squeezes air from its feathers by pressing its wings against its body, emptying internal air sacs along its backbone. Nose and throat values prevent water from entering the lungs. Head down, a kick of its webbed feet and the torpedo-shaped loon is launched without a splash.

During a dive the loon closes a clear nictitating membrane over each eye — just like Olympian swimmer goggles — to protect the eyes from freshwater dirt and saltwater irritations. Above the water the membranes blink to clear the eyes.

Loons have monocular vision from eyes on either side of their skull, enabling a wide vision underwater to hunt. After spotting its prey, it dives.

Like a powerful vacuum cleaner the loon sucks in small water insects, minnows, leeches, snails, frogs and salamanders. Larger fish are grasped crosswise in the bill, taken to the surface and swallowed whole. Like grouse, loons swallow small pebbles that aid in grinding bones and other hard bits of food into smaller pieces.

Males and females have the same coloration and grow a breeding plumage to attract mates in the spring and in the autumn they molt to a duller color of winter feathers.

The loons' checkerboard black and white feathers offer protection under water, their black and white spots mimic sunlight shimmering on the water, offering camouflage against bald and golden eagles. Winter plumage camouflages them from sharks and orcas.

All loons, except the red-throated, require about 500 feet of open water for a runway to take off. Like a floatplane, loons patter or run into the wind across the surface of the water, flapping their wings.

Loons fly in a hunchback position, head down, neck lower than back — resembling the lowered nose of a jet. A loon cannot soar like an eagle or swoop like a swallow but their swift, powerful wing beats enable them to fly as fast as a car moving at 70 mph.

Male and female loons winter apart. In the spring they return to their lake of birth. Elaborate courtships that include: bobbing, dipping and diving together lead to several days of mating on the shoreline. Two brown spotted eggs are laid in nests of raised grasses and reeds, used year after year by the same pair.

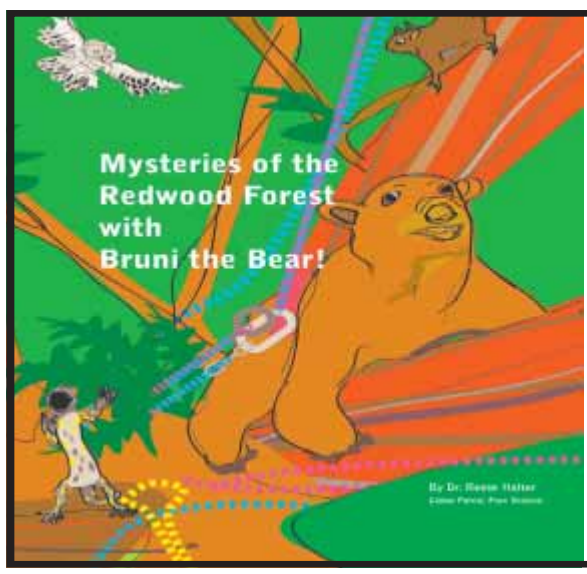
Four weeks later, chicks hatch and immediately take to the water and their feet may not touch land for another year. Parents' piggyback young for their first four weeks, protecting them from snapping turtles and fish. A family of four will devour about two tons of fish in one summer.

In the autumn, chicks along with adults migrate to the ocean. Juveniles stay on the coast for up to three years before returning to their birth lake. Loons can live for 30 years.

The loons' call is primeval; it carries for miles on the water. They have four different calls but it's most recognizable whoo-EEE-ooo followed by an insane asylum laugh — surely this led to the saying "crazy as a loon."

Native North Americans consider the loon sacred for worthy reasons. The loon is the state bird of Minnesota and the provincial bird — as selected by school children — of Ontario, Canada.

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What's the Point?

David Pisarra
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Fathers shouldn't leave home

SITTING BEFORE ME IS A MAN, A father, a provider of love to his children. He has soothed scraped knees, taught bike riding, and changed wet bed sheets at 3 a.m. He is fighting back tears because we are not close enough yet for him to let me see the hurt. I know he needs to let the pain out, I know how to say just the right thing to make him feel comfortable, and his defenses crumble. For the first time in two months, he allows himself to feel the loss of his family.

I'm a divorce attorney. I'm one of those people that helps others through an incredibly difficult period of their life. I have to deliver bad news regularly. Some days it feels like that's all I do. I specialize in helping men; fathers and husbands who are entering a minefield, financially and emotionally, through what is arguably one of the most difficult and treacherous periods of their life.

Frequently a man comes to my office having already left the family home and the first thing he says is, "I don't care about the house, I just want to see my kids." What he doesn't know, and what I have to tell him, is that he has already lost the war for custody.

He and his wife were not getting along, they were bickering and fighting in front of the kids, she kept telling him to "get out, just leave!" He thought it was best for the kids — that if he moved out the fighting would stop.

Big mistake. Huge. Tremendously bad move.

The only time that I tell a man to leave the home is if there is physical violence, or she's mean enough to lie about being abused to get a restraining order. Other than that, moving out is the single worst thing a man can do in a divorce, financially, emotionally, and strategically.

If he moves out, he has to get an apartment, which takes money. It increases the financial strain on the couple, who are already low on money, and now he has to buy furnishings, dishes, pots and pans, etc. for his apartment, plus anything the kids need is duplicated. As the money gets tighter, they are going to fight more, and if he's not living with the family, soon enough she'll be after him for child support, which will only put more strain on him.

When he moves out, the little communication that was happening between him and her usually gets worse. Frequently it stops altogether, and the reasons for the breakup never get talked about, or worse, he now gets blamed for "leaving." Which makes him feel guilty, trapped in a "Catch-22" situation and he just wants to give up and run away.

Lastly, and the worst part of this tragedy, is that moving out has created a "status quo" as far as the courts are concerned in regards to the children. Since dad left the kids with mom, the court thinks that they should be with her, and that's what is most likely going to happen. He will see them every other weekend and a weeknight dinner. This is the bad news I have to deliver to the man who sits in front of me in tears.

He didn't know that was going to happen. He didn't think he'd lose seeing his kids all the time. He doesn't care about the house, the furniture, the only thing he wants is to be a dad, and now he's a weekend dad. All it took was for her to push him out of the house.

Simply because he left, he's now a part-time parent. He did it to create peace, which didn't happen. He did it to make his relationship with his kids better — that certainly wont happen. He did it because he thought he'd get a 50/50 custody deal, which is a pipe dream, while her child support is tied to how much time she has the kids versus him.

Men are hugely uneducated about what happens in a divorce or a child custody battle. We don't talk about it with each other. We don't share how to plot, strategize and set up the situation to our advantage, which is our own undoing.

Fathers shouldn't leave until they have to. Fathers need to talk to each other to find out what to do. Men use coaches in sports, and mentors in business and they need to rely on each other to get through life's challenges, and to keep what is theirs: their children.

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The Q Line

Power of endorsement

Powerful political party Santa Monicans for Renters' Rights held its convention on Sunday. A number of candidates in this year's City Council and Board of Education races were seeking an ever-important SMRR endorsement.

So, this week's Q-Line question asks:
Do you think that a SMRR endorsement is crucial, or do you think it's overrated?

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Santa Monica From A to Z

Alisandra Rand and Melissa Rader Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Part 2: Santa Monica's parks are a stroll away

Park-sick after visiting relatives in Boston, Addison and I decided to check out some of the many varied parks Santa Monica has to offer. For the first article we didn't have to go far. Palisades, Reed and Dorothy Green are all in our regular rotation, but as we continued our tour further afield, trying to cover more ground, we enlisted Zora and Dash to weigh in as well. Here's what we found:

DOUGLAS PARK
2439 Wilshire Blvd.
4.5 acres

If you are looking to cool off, Douglas is a favorite in the summer when the sprinklers are on (in August). Zora and Dash love to feed the ducks and watch the turtles at the pond. The large park has playground equipment and picnic tables, but it is only fenced in on one side, which makes it difficult for moms with multiple children to keep track of their little ones and it's sometimes so crowded it's tough to make sure kids get a chance to use the equipment. When Dash was a toddler he used to go at 7 in the morning so he didn't have to suffer the drama of a big kid swiping his swing.

MEMORIAL PARK
1401 Olympic Blvd.
10.4 acres

This is a new favorite. The playground is small but less crowded than some of the others in town, which is a big perk during peak after-school hours. Plus, parking is usually available in the lot. And there's a skate park where Addison could spend hours watching the boarders do tricks.

JOSLYN PARK
633 Kensington Road
2.5 acres

This park is perched on a hill overlooking the ocean. It's fenced in. It has great kid-sized equipment with that great bouncy surface and picnic tables to snack at. You can take classes at the community center or take your dog to the dog park, which Zora absolutely loves. Even though she doesn't have a pet, she likes to chase dogs around and pet them. Both dogs and owners are usually most appreciative.

MARINE PARK
1406 Marine St.
7 acres

This is another great place to hang out before and after community classes. The playground surface could be more kid-friendly but there is a tire swing, a real old-fashioned teeter-totter and a slide that you run up a grass hill to get to. It also has a SMALL "Birthday Pavillion" with picnic tables and BBQs.

VIRGINIA AVENUE PARK
2200 Virginia Ave.
9.5 acres

This park is nice because it has two separate playgrounds for smaller and bigger kids. There's a lot of green space, fountains in the summer and lots of activities. It's a great place to hang out after the Farmers' Market on Saturdays. There's a Kidz Zone from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. (summer hours) with free crafts and games for kids under 12. There are also three camps and a daily free lunch program in the summer for kids 18 and under (a last vestige of Prop. A).

CLOVER PARK
2600 Ocean Park Blvd.
17.9 acres

Clover Park, located adjacent to the Santa Monica Airport, is enormous in size so it can be tough to keep track of kids but it has some unique features. There's a paved street where kids can practice biking or skateboarding, a huge rocket ship tower to climb that gives you a great bird's eye view of the place, and a full playground with an old school teeter-totter and tire swing. There is also plentiful parking in the lot as well as shady picnic tables. Some kids get a kick out of watching the planes take off at the airport.

OZONE PARK
Ozone and Seventh streets
.72 acres

This park is on the other end of the spectrum. It's a small, enclosed park with two playgrounds for kids. It's a great place to picnic and one of Addison's little friends has hosted a successful birthday party as well as other group outings there.

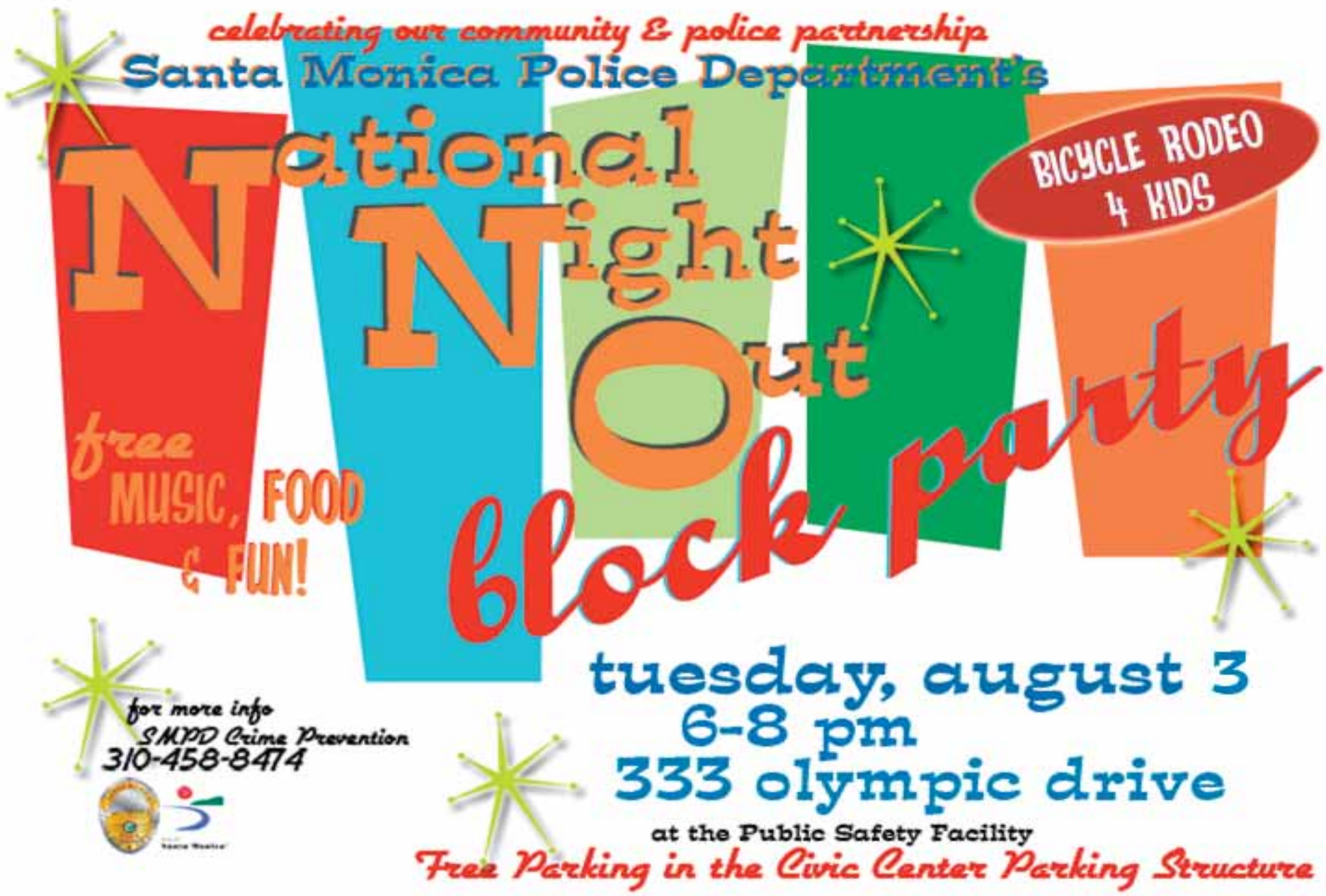
HOTCHKISS PARK
Fourth and Strand streets
2.1 acres

Even the smallest of parks can be fun. Addison had a grand time running up and down the hill one day in this picturesque park. There is one piece of public art and a restroom, plus some benches. It's really all about the view here though and the cool ocean breezes.

ALTERNATIVES

Parks aren't the only places to let your kids burn off energy. You can also use the playground facilities at many of the local schools after school (or camp) and on weekends. Check online at www.smgov.net for more info. And if that's not enough park for you, Santa Monica is in the process of building two new parks at the Civic Center: Palisades Garden Walk and City Hall Town Square.

Find a calendar with local events, helpful links, and more adventures of **ADDISON, ZORA, AND DASH** at smatoz.blogspot.com.





Mommie Brain

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Pleased to be a walking science experiment

I JUST FOUND MY OLD MATERNITY BRAS in our garage. I'd been down there before scouring for them, but between furniture, Benjamin's old clothes, toys and books and who knows what else, it seemed they were gone for good. Until, like a parting of the sea, Jay headed down to make a little space so we could maneuver through the chaos. And while bringing down my suitcase after our recent babymoon trip to Hawaii, there they were, resting in perfect view, as if they were asking, "Where ya been?"

This may not seem monumental, but when you are growing a human person in your body and that said body is growing in every sort of direction on a daily basis, the bosoms need a little extra care. It's not just the boobs that are growing, but they are one of the first indicators of when my body is getting uncomfortable. Well, actually, it's my back that's trying to hold them up that is feeling the pain.

I know they have an important job to do. They are growing so that they can eventually feed our child. I know this rationally and intellectually. In fact, I know this about the whole experience of being pregnant. I know that my body is growing and changing and getting bigger (even though I am eating relatively well) because it is not only housing our future child but growing and nurturing it.

It's beautiful.

But it is hard to feel beautiful when your back hurts or your breasts are falling out on all sides.

It's especially hard because — not to toot my horn or anything — I used to be rather adorable. It's been awhile since I have been incredibly adorable. But I have turned a few heads in my day. In fact, these very same breasts that are causing me such agita used to provide me with ample attention. When I was about 22 and they were young and perky, I went to theater school. I had this one teacher who used to say, "Lead with your tits!"

He didn't mean just me. He meant everyone. Own what you have. Enjoy it. Make them stare.

But it is hard when they are staring and you don't want such a constant gaze. I don't know why pregnancy invites people to feel comfortable to comment on your body. And negatively at that. I am already having a hard time of it. I don't need the little old lady at the bagel store asking me when I am due, and after I tell her she cocks her head funny taking in the size of my belly, and now knowing I have more than two months to go, says, "Sometimes doctors are wrong."

So I'm big.

My husband keeps telling me he doesn't think that I am so big. And I actually believe him. I believe he believes that. This is why I married this man. But regardless of other people's responses, good or bad, sometimes I just feel a little displaced in my own body. I am no longer completely in control, which I guess is a perfect allegory for motherhood. I admit I am ready for it to be done.

Except for one part.

I love to feel the baby move. I love the kicks. I love laying on our couch and Jay leans into my belly and says, "Hi, this is your daddy" and then my belly dances. I love playing with Benjamin with his Elmo and Big Bird finger puppets. He places one of them on my belly to see if the baby moves enough to knock it down. Benjamin usually makes me laugh and the toy goes falling to the ground way before our experiment is complete.

This most likely will be my last pregnancy, so moments like those, I treasure. But chafing thighs, not so much.

It is not just vanity, though admittedly that plays a part. (I have been pregnant before and I know it will not just all fall off with great ease as it does for some women.) It is about being comfortable, about having to move differently in your own body than you have always been used to. It is a shift in how you know how to be. That is why finding those specialty bras (and not having to buy new ones) in my garage was such a coup.

I am trying to own it, to show off my belly, to lead with my tits, as they say. So I will hold my chin (or at this point chins) up high. For those who want to know how much weight I've gained or look at me with judgment, just remember, I am a walking science experiment. I am growing an actual person inside of me and then these ever growing bosoms will be able to feed that person. That's pretty cool. So, even though I haven't actually had one doughnut through this entire pregnancy, maybe I'll go reward myself with one now.

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NOTICE OF JOINT PUBLIC HEARING BETWEEN THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MONICA AND THE CITY OF SANTA MONICA REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY TO CONSIDER A PROPROSED COOPERATION AGREEMENT FOR THE FUNDING OF CERTAIN PUBLIC FACILITIES PROJECTS LOCATED WITHIN THE CITY OF SANTA MONICA

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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ELECTION

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incumbent Pam O'Connor, who had sought a nomination for a four-year seat, off the endorsement list.

The results from SMRR's convention mean the party won't endorse a candidate for one of the three four-year terms that will be contested in November.

The party's steering committee, though, could still vote to support O'Connor for the seat if at least eight out of its 12 voting members agree. Support from the steering committee would likely give O'Connor a boost and make Holbrook's race more competitive.

On Monday, though, Holbrook said he believes he could win a seat in either the four-year or the two-year contest.

"I know I can win the two-year race but I'm about 98 percent sure on the other one," he said.

After witnessing SMRR's convention on Sunday, Holbrook said he believes the party's clout in local politics is on the wane.

"I think their convention showed that there's mass disunity and I just don't think the endorsement is as potent as it used to be," he said.

For three decades, a SMRR endorsement has been considered the most significant prize for any local campaign. Holbrook, though, said he now believes SMRR's endorsement is no more important than nods from the police and firefighter unions.

On Monday, other local observers offered different interpretations of the SMRR convention's results.

Patricia Hoffman, the party's co-chair, said the failure to produce a full slate of candidates for both the council and school board contests was the result of a big influx of new SMRR members. She said 200 people registered as party members just before the May 3 deadline for convention participation, a sharp increase from prior years.

"I think there were intense constituencies who wanted to block candidates as much as they wanted to support other candidates," she said.

Challengers, rather than incumbents, received the most votes.

Two of the highest vote getters on Sunday were Ted Winterer, a City Council hopeful, and Laurie Lieberman, who is running for the school board. Neither candidate has won a SMRR endorsement in the past.

Winterer received 202 votes out of 234 ballots cast in the four-year endorsement decision, more than the 154 votes received by second-place finisher and three-term incumbent Kevin McKeown, who also won an endorsement. O'Connor received 117 votes in the first round of voting and 102 out of 199 ballots cast in the second round.

In the school board race, Lieberman received the most votes with 141, more than incumbents Barry Snell (128), Ralph Mechur (110) and Oscar de la Torre (109) on the first ballot. After three rounds of voting, only Lieberman and Snell received enough votes to secure endorsements.

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> Santa Monica Coalition for a Livable City

Some SMRR insiders, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said the large turnout by new SMRR members was unfortunate because many of the new members were homeowners rather than renters — traditionally the core constituency for the party that was founded to protect tenants' rights.

Winterer, meanwhile, acknowledged bringing about 40 supporters on Sunday but said any candidate who was successful at the convention had to receive votes from a cross-section of SMRR members.

"I'm thrilled to have the SMRR endorsement and I believe that my support came from all the different constituencies that make up SMRR," he said. "Of course I'm grateful that they were there to support me as they undoubtedly played a critical role in my endorsement, but I don't think their numbers were significant enough to have influenced the outcomes of the remainder of the endorsement decisions."

Diana Gordon, who co-chairs the group Santa Monica Coalition for a Livable City, said SMRR actively seeks new members, so it's unusual that some of the group's leaders would criticize decisions made by new recruits.

"It's bizarre for any political group who cares to flourish and survive to complain that new members aren't as good as old members," she said.

There's still some cohesion within the party, Gordon pointed out.

Despite disagreement about which candidates to endorse, SMRR convention participants were united when it came to the question of whether to expand tenants' rights, endorsing a November ballot initiative that would strengthen eviction protections without a single dissenting vote.

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MURDER

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ing to its website.

The facility's administrator, Jason McCullough, declined to comment on the incident.

Almada said the facility's managers brought in grief counselor's to talk with residents on Monday.

"There's a lot of shock from the residents there," he said. "It's caused a lot of anxiety among them."

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and June, has taken the ups and downs in stride.

"I haven't been swinging the bat of late like I want to," he said. "You just have to make sure you don't get caught up in it."

Of course, for someone who was playing minor-league ball this time last year, it's been a mostly positive experience thus far, starting with his big league debut on April 23. Boesch had been called up from the Toledo Mud Hens, the Tigers' triple-A affiliate, to replace the injured Carlos Guillen. On the first pitch of his first at-bat, Boesch hit a double off the left-field wall against the Texas Rangers' Rich Harden.

"It was just a culmination to all the hard work I had put in," Boesch said. "It was really a great feeling."

The journey to arrive at this point started more than two decades ago. Boesch, who was born and raised in Santa Monica, began playing baseball at a young age, which led to a starring role at Harvard-Westlake High School. As a junior, he hit .466 with seven home runs and was named one of the top 25 prospects in the nation by Baseball America.

Former minor-league pitcher and baseball instructor Ken Medlock, who worked with Boesch before his career at Harvard-Westlake, said he saw the potential in his pupil early on.

"Other than the obvious being big, left-handed, good speed and a live bat, he also had a passion for the game," Medlock said. "That's something you really have to have to accelerate in baseball."

Boesch went on to play three years of college baseball at the University of California, where he earned first-team All-Pac 10 Conference honors as a sophomore. Following his junior season, he was drafted in the third round of the 2006 MLB Draft by Detroit.

After spending his first three years in the minors with various single-A clubs, Boesch debuted at the double-A level in 2009 with the Erie SeaWolves. It was that year that he truly caught the attention of the Tigers by leading the Eastern League with 28 home runs and finishing third with 93 RBI. This spring, he was batting an eye-popping .379 for Toledo when, after just 15 games, he was whisked away to baseball's highest level of competition.

While Boesch has shown good power and a strong arm in the outfield — he was originally a pitcher before he switched to being a full-time hitter during high school — at the big-league level, he still admits he has a long way to go.

"I'm really still learning. I feel like there's a lot more to my game that I have to offer," he said. "Baseball's a tough sport. You have to always strive to get better."

It certainly doesn't hurt that he has some of the league's best talents playing alongside him, including Cabrera, who is currently contending for an AL Triple Crown title.

"It's been a great opportunity for me to be around some of the best players in the game. With Miguel being the best hitter in the game, it's been tremendous to watch," Boesch said.

And as for that slump he's currently stuck in? Boesch understands it's a regular occurrence in baseball, a trend even the stars are prone to encountering from time to time.

"Being overly intense isn't a good recipe for success in baseball because of how many games there are," he said. "I really treat every at-bat like it's my last, and that's really got me to where I am."

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State Supreme Court upholds affirmative action proposition

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SAN FRANCISCO California's high court on Monday upheld the state's 14-year-old law barring preferential treatment of women and minorities in public school admissions, government hiring and contracting.

In a 6-1 ruling, the state Supreme Court rejected arguments from the city of San Francisco and Attorney General Jerry Brown that the law, known as Proposition 209, violates federal equality protections.

Opponents of the ban say it creates barriers for minorities and women that don't exist for other groups, such as veterans seeking preference.

The ruling written by Justice Kathryn Werdegar came in response to lawsuits filed by white contractors challenging San Francisco's affirmative action program, which was suspended in 2003.

"As the court recognized, Proposition 209 is a civil rights measure that protects everyone, regardless of background," said Sharon Browne, a lawyer for the Pacific Legal Foundation, which represented the contractors. "Under Proposition 209, no one can be victimized by unfair government policies that discriminate or grant preferences based on sex or skin color."

If San Francisco wants to resurrect the program, the Supreme Court said it must show compelling evidence the city "purposefully or intentionally discriminated against" minority and women contractors and that such a law was the only way to fix the problem.

Justice Carlos Moreno dissented, writing that it's unfair to explicitly single out minorities and women while other special groups continue to enjoy preferential treatment in school admissions and elsewhere.

"In the wake of Proposition 209, veterans, the economically disadvantaged, the physically disabled, children of alumni, in-state residents, etc., all may continue to seek, obtain, and benefit from preferential legislation as before," Moreno wrote. "The same is no longer true for those seeking race- and sex-conscious legislation."

Another challenge to Proposition 209 on different legal grounds is pending after being filed in federal court earlier this year.

The pro-affirmative action known as By Any Means Necessary is seeking to invalidate the law by arguing that minority students and their parents are unfairly restricted by state admission policies that can't take into account race or gender but does consider other factors.

Marijuana legalization initiative attracts funds

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SACRAMENTO Supporters of a ballot initiative seeking to legalize recreational use of marijuana in California have raised more money than their opponents, even as the proposition is struggling to gain favor.

Proposition 19 on the November ballot would allow adults to possess up to one ounce of marijuana and local governments to tax its sales.

Two groups supporting the initiative raised more than $316,000 between April 1 and June 30 and have nearly $162,000 cash on hand, according to campaign finance reports filed Monday.

The main group opposing the initiative has nearly $19,000 cash on hand and raised about $41,000.

Supporters say legalization will raise tax revenue, while critics say it would increase pot use and crime. A recent Field Poll shows more voters opposing the initiative than supporting it.

STATE BRIEFS

WASHINGTON

Charges filed against Rep. Waters

California Democrat Maxine Waters faces a House trial this fall on three charges of ethical wrongdoing.

The charges focus on whether Waters broke the rules in requesting federal help for a bank where her husband owned stock. She denied the charges Monday.

Persons familiar with the case said Waters is accused of violating: a rule that House members may not exert improper influence that results in a personal benefit; also, the government employees ethics code, which prohibits granting or accepting special favors for the employee or family members that could be viewed as influencing official actions; and a rule that member conduct must reflect creditably on the House.

The officials were not authorized to be quoted by name on allegations not yet public.

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LOS ANGELES

Ex-mortuary worker guilty of faking funerals

A former Los Angeles mortuary employee was convicted in an elaborate scheme to defraud insurance companies of $1.2 million by faking deaths and funerals, the U.S. Attorney's office said Monday.

Jean Crump, 67, was found guilty of two federal counts of wire fraud and one count of mail fraud.

Prosecutors said Crump, who worked at a now-defunct funeral home in the Los Angeles suburb of Lynwood, and three accomplices prepared bogus death certificates for at least two fictitious people, going so far as to buy a burial plot and bury a casket in a phony funeral for one of them.

Prosecutors said Crump and three accomplices had taken out insurance policies on the supposed dead people.

After two insurance companies began investigating the claims, Crump and her accomplices exhumed the casket, filled it with a mannequin and cow parts, and had the casket cremated to try to cover their tracks.

Prosecutors said Crump and her accomplices also filed false documents with Los Angeles County stating that the remains were cremated and scattered at sea, even though no corpse existed.

Crump allegedly offered $50,000 to a medical doctor to create medical records supporting the fake death certificate.

Crump is scheduled to be sentenced Nov. 29. Her three accomplices have pleaded guilty to their roles in the scam.

AP

EUREKA

Tribe biologists launch condor study

Biologists with the Yurok tribe are studying how to reintroduce the endangered California condor to the state's northern coast, where the majestic birds flew a century ago.

Funded by a $200,000 grant from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, tribe biologists have been looking at similar local birds – turkey vultures and ravens – to determine what conditions are needed to help condors survive again in the wild.

Wild condors – which can live as long as 60 years and have wingspans of more than 9 feet – were last spotted along the North Coast in the early 1900s. Populations throughout the state declined over the century as the birds were poisoned, hunted and driven away.

The return of the condor would have cultural significance for the Yuroks, who have a sacred dance inspired by the giant birds. Condor feathers are traditionally used during the Jump Dance, a ceremony for world renewal.

"To actually have condors here would be hugely impactful for the people, the dance and just the concept of having a whole world again," said Tiana Williams, a wildlife technician with the tribe.





BP: Cap on Gulf spill may do trick

GREG BLUESTEIN
Associated Press Writer

NEW ORLEANS After insisting for months that a pair of costly relief wells were the only surefire way to kill the oil leak at the bottom of the Gulf of Mexico, BP officials said Monday they may be able to do it just with lines running from a ship to the blown-out well a mile below.

As crews planned testing late Monday to determine whether to proceed with a "static kill" to pump mud and perhaps cement down the throat of the well, BP Senior Vice President Kent Wells said if it's successful the relief wells may not be needed, after all, to do the same weeks later from the bottom.

The primary relief well, near completion, will still be finished and could be used simply to ensure the leak is plugged, Wells said.

"Even if we were to pump the cement from the top, we will still continue on with the relief well and confirm that the well is dead," he said. Either way, "we want to end up with cement in the bottom of the hole."

Government officials and company executives have long said the wells, which can cost about $100 million each, may be the only way to make certain the oil is contained to its vast undersea reservoir. As much as 184 million gallons of oil spewed into the Gulf between April and mid-July, when a temporary cap bottled up all the oil.

The company began drilling the primary, 18,000-foot relief well May 2, 12 days after the Deepwater Horizon rig exploded and killed 11 workers, and a second backup well May 16. The first well is now only about 100 feet from the target, and Wells said it could reach it as early as Aug. 11.

"Precisely what the relief wells will do remains to be seen given what we learn from the static kill," BP spokesman Daren Beaudo said. "Can't predict it for certain."

Retired Adm. Thad Allen, the government's point man on the spill response, said Monday that the focus now is on making sure the static kill is successful. But he cautioned that federal officials don't see it as "the end all, be all until we get the relief well done."

One of the biggest variables is whether the area called the annulus, which is between the inner piping and the outer casing, has sprung an oil leak. Engineers probably won't be able to answer that question until they drill in from the bottom, he said.

Obama pleased to see troops leaving Iraq

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ATLANTA Nearing a milestone in the long and divisive Iraq war, President Barack Obama on Monday hailed this month's planned withdrawal of all U.S. combat troops — "as promised and on schedule" — as a major success despite deep doubts about the Iraqis' ability to police and govern their country.

Portraying the end of America's combat role in the 7-year war as a personal promise kept, Obama said Iraq will have 90,000 fewer U.S. troops by September than when he took office — a steady homeward flow he called "a season of homecomings." But there could still be more fighting involving U.S. forces.

"The hard truth is we have not seen the end of American sacrifice in Iraq," the president said in a speech to the national convention of the Disabled American Veterans. "But make no mistake, our commitment in Iraq is changing — from a military effort led by our troops to a civilian effort led by our diplomats."

A transitional force of 50,000 troops will remain, down from the peak of 170,000 in 2007. Their mission will be to train and advise Iraqi security forces, protect U.S. civilians, manage the chain of supplies and equipment out of Iraq and conduct counterterrorism operations.

Those soldiers and Marines will remain in harm's way and will be likely to engage at times in some form of fighting. Iraqi commanders will be able to ask the U.S. for front-line help.

Obama's speech Monday was the first of many, with appearances planned throughout the month by the president, Vice President Joe Biden and other administration officials.

The schedule reflects a White House eager, with pivotal congressional elections approaching, for achievements to tout, especially in areas with the emotional significance of the Iraq war.

Actually, while running for the White House, he said he would remove one or two brigades a month from Iraq to achieve an end to combat operations within 16 months of taking office. Instead, shortly after becoming president, Obama settled on a slower plan, to remove all combat troops within 19 months, and not at the pace of one brigade per month but on a more backloaded timetable.

Those were concessions to the military that disappointed Obama's anti-war base of support.

Last roll of Kodachrome captures landmarks, De Niro

BEN DOBBIN
Associated Press Writer

ROCHESTER, N.Y. What should a photographer shoot when he's entrusted with the very last roll of Kodachrome?

Steve McCurry took aim at the Brooklyn Bridge, Grand Central Terminal and a few human icons, too. Paul Simon, the singer-songwriter synonymous with the fabled film's richly saturated colors, shied away. But Robert De Niro stood in for the world of filmmaking.

Then McCurry headed from his base in New York City to southern Asia, where in 1984 he shot a famous portrait of a green-eyed Afghan refugee girl that made the cover of National Geographic. In India, he snapped a tribe whose nomadic way of life is disappearing — just as Kodachrome is.

The world's first commercially successful color film, extolled since the Great Depression for its sharpness, archival durability and vibrant yet realistic hues, "makes you think," as Simon sings, "all the world's a sunny day."

Kodachrome enjoyed its mass-market heyday in the 1960s and '70s before being eclipsed by video and easy-to-process color negative films, the kind that prints are made from. It garnered its share of spectacular images, none more iconic than Abraham Zapruder's reel of President Kennedy's assassination in 1963.

But Mama Time is taking Kodachrome away, and McCurry feels the tug of nostalgia even as he loads Eastman Kodak Co.'s last manufactured roll into his Nikon F6, just as he's done "so many tens of thousands of times."

From that moment on, "there's a certain amount of observation and walking around — exploring, hunting, moving," McCurry said of his craft. "It's not all about taking pictures. It's about appreciating this world we live in for such a brief amount of time.

"I thought, what better way to kind of honor the memory of the film than to try and photograph iconic places and people? It's in (my) DNA to want to tell stories where the action is, that shed light on the human condition."

Betting its future on digital photography, Kodak discontinued the slide and motion-picture film with a production run last August in which a master sheet nearly a mile long was cut up into more than 20,000 rolls.

McCurry requested the final 36-exposure strip. After nine months of planning, he embarked in June on a six-week odyssey. Trailing him was a TV crew from National Geographic Channel, which plans to broadcast a one-hour documentary early next year.

National Geographic magazine is considering doing a spread on McCurry's trip that would include a handful of images.







Surf Conditions **Water Temp:** 64°

Swell Forecast

Swell should drop off to waist high or so.

Long Range Synopsis

Looks like a waist high day as well.

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 28, 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 -- 42 / as
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 5 / as

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

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth.	A+	as
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A	as
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechusa and Las Aliso creeks.	A+	as
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	A+	as
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth.	A+	as
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	A+	as
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	A+	as
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth.	A	as
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	A+	as
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	as
Solstice Canyon at Don Blocker County Beach.	A	as
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth.	C	as
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd..	A+	as
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	as
Surfrider Beach (breach location)- daily.	A	as
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	A+	as
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	A+	as
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero).	A+	as
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs.	F	as
Pena Creek at Los Tunos County Beach.	A+	as
Tuna Canyon.	A+	as
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	A	as
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	as
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	as
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	B	as

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence.	D	as
Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain.	A+	as
Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain.	A	as
Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua).	A	as
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain.	A	as
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain.	C	as
Santa Monica Municipal Pier.	A	as
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain.	A+	as
Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms).	A+	as
Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain.	A	as
Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain.	A+	as
Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain.	A	as
Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain.	A	as
Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south.	A+	as
Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St..	A+	as
Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- lifeguard tower.	A	as
Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth.	C	as
Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain.	A+	as
North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach.	A+	as
Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of D&W jetty).	A+	as
Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain.	A+	as
Dockweiler Beach- opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant.	A+	as
Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain.	A+	as

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
as -- no sample taken

Heal the Bay's Beach Report Card® is based on weekly water quality monitoring data provided by the City of Los Angeles' Environmental Monitoring Division and the Los Angeles County Department of Health Services. Data is analyzed as soon as it is made available to us by the public agencies. Beaches are graded on an A–F scale based on the risk of ocean users becoming ill. Samples are analyzed for bacteria—enterococcus, total and fecal coliforms—that indicate biological pollution. A fact sheet detailing the exact methodology used in determining grades for each location is available from the office or on our web site. The report is not designed to measure the amount of trash or toxins found at local beaches.

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NFL

Smith the man in Frisco

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SANTA CLARA Alex Smith raised both arms then clapped his hands after a long completion to Brandon Jones. Sure, it was only the first full day of training camp for the San Francisco 49ers, yet the quarterback had reason to celebrate after several miscues only minutes earlier.

A bonus: coach Mike Singletary watched the nice play from close by.

These days, Smith calls out the cadence with a voice of authority and carries himself in the pocket with a poise that signals he is in charge again. At last.

What a change from training camp a year ago, when the 2005 No. 1 overall draft pick began as the backup to Shaun Hill — only to unseat him as the starter come late October.

Smith hasn't been entrenched as the top guy for the 49ers at the onset of the preseason since the beginning of his tumultuous 2007 season. Without the pressure of fighting for a job, Smith is noticeably more comfortable with his situation now. Leading San Francisco back to the playoffs after a seven-year drought is all he cares about.

"When you're going through a competition like that, you're really ingrained to you and the other guy and what's going on between you two and that's kind of it," Smith said of his 2009 training camp mentality. "You kind of have that singular focus on that. Now it's different. My focus is to do every single thing we can to get ready for opening day. It's easy for teams to just endure this, just to go through this, 'Hey, we're going through this time with the pads, it's not fun, two-a-days.' It's easy just to go through the motions and not get better."

Singletary has been declaring Smith to be the starter all offseason, even after the 49ers signed veteran David Carr to be their No. 2.

Smith is playing for pride, the playoffs and a contract. He's in the final year of the two-year deal he restructured in March 2009 that sharply reduced his base salary. He's never been all about the money, though he knows full well his performance this year will do a lot to dictate his football future.

Singletary expects Smith will only become more comfortable as the Sept. 12 season opener at Seattle nears.

Smith is thrilled with his status — and he's saying all the right things, too.

"The expectations have definitely risen. We all expect so much more, expect more success," Smith said. "This is an entirely new year. We haven't accomplished anything."

This camp, Smith has one of his top targets in uniform: second-year receiver Michael Crabtree, the 10th overall pick in 2009 who didn't sign until early October last year. He missed all of camp.

Crabtree and Smith expect to get a lot of quality work in this month.

"We need that chemistry," Crabtree said. "Just working with Alex, just trying to get better. I feel like this offseason we really hit it hard. I could have went harder but sometimes you have to take what they give you. I feel like me and Alex, we really clicked this summer and we're looking forward to really doing something this training camp."

Smith started all preseason and the first four games in '07 before injuring his throwing shoulder. He sat out the next two games, then tried to return and played three ineffective outings in constant pain. He was sacked seven times in those three games — all losses — and that was it. He eventually had surgery in December, well after he wanted to get the procedure, but going on then-coach Mike Nolan's preferred schedule. Smith missed the entire 2008 campaign.

All that drama seems a distant memory to Smith, now a mature NFL veteran.

"I have faith in our quarterback," said Pro Bowl tight end Vernon Davis, who's coming off a career year. "He's confident. He's a leader. When I look at Alex, I look at him as a leader and someone who just wants to be successful. He wants to be successful real bad. He just wants it. That's what we need around here. We need a quarterback to step up and take control. I think he's doing a good job. He's definitely working toward it."

Smith threw for 2,350 yards and 18 touchdowns last season but also had 12 interceptions and was sacked 22 times for 134 lost yards.

"I know when I see him he looks a lot more confident. I can see it in his eyes," Crabtree said. "I'm just ready to go with him."

Smith took over for Hill at halftime Oct. 25 at Houston and started the rest of the way for San Francisco, which finished 8-8 and ended a franchise-worst stretch of six straight losing seasons.

All the work Smith did this offseason with other receivers like Crabtree could put the 49ers offense in a strong position at this stage — though Singletary won't go that far, not this early in the preseason. There were plenty of mistakes Monday.

"There just are a lot of details that we have to continue to get better at, and as we move forward, as we gain momentum, as we gain confidence, we'll have a better idea," Singletary said. "Even when we're in preseason, a lot of the defenses are not playing the way they would normally play. They're not playing their normal defenses. They don't want to give it away. So, once we get into the season, I'm sure Alex Smith will talk to you in terms of how he plays."

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The Dry Land (AMC INDEPENDENT) (R) 1hr 32min
12:20pm, 2:40pm, 5:00pm, 7:30pm, 9:55pm

The Kids Are All Right (AMC INDEPENDENT; Digital Presentation) (R) 1hr 44min
2:00pm, 4:30pm, 7:15pm, 9:50pm

The Sorcerer's Apprentice (PG) 1hr 51min
1:30pm, 4:05pm, 6:40pm, 9:15pm

The Twilight Saga: Eclipse (Digital Presentation) (PG-13) 2hrs 4min
1:10pm, 4:00pm, 6:50pm, 9:40pm

AMC 7 Santa Monica
1310 Third St.
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Despicable Me (PG) 1hr 35min
11:00am, 1:20pm, 3:45pm, 6:15pm, 8:45pm

Despicable Me 3D (RealD 3D) (PG) 1hr 35min
11:45am, 2:10pm, 4:45pm, 7:15pm, 10:20pm

Dinner for Schmucks (PG-13) 1hr 50min
11:20am, 1:15pm, 2:15pm, 4:10pm, 5:10pm, 7:00pm, 8:00pm, 9:50pm

Inception (PG-13) 2hrs 28min
12:15pm, 3:30pm, 7:00pm, 10:15pm

Salt (PG-13) 1hr 39min
11:35am, 2:05pm, 4:40pm, 7:10pm, 9:40pm

Toy Story 3 in Disney Digital 3D (RealD 3D) (G) 1hr 49min
11:15am, 1:45pm, 4:15pm, 6:50pm, 9:25pm

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Around a Small Mountain (R) 1hr 39min
1:10pm, 3:20pm, 5:30pm, 7:50pm, 10:10pm

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

The Girl Who Played with Fire (R) 2hrs 24min
1:00pm, 4:00pm, 7:00pm, 10:00pm

Life During Wartime (NR) 1hr 53min
1:50pm, 4:20pm, 7:10pm, 9:40pm

Mann's Criterion Theatre
1313 Third St.
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Cats and Dogs: The Revenge of Kitty Galore (PG) 1hr 22min
12:10pm, 2:40pm, 5:00pm, 7:25pm, 9:50pm

Cats and Dogs: The Revenge of Kitty Galore 3D (RealD 3D) (PG) 1hr 22min
11:30am, 1:50pm, 4:20pm, 6:40pm, 9:05pm

Charlie St. Cloud (PG-13) 1hr 49min
12:00pm, 2:30pm, 5:05pm, 7:35pm, 10:05pm

Inception (PG-13) 2hrs 28min
11:20am, 2:35pm, 6:00pm, 9:20pm

Ramona and Beezus (G) 1hr 44min
11:40am, 2:10pm, 4:35pm, 7:10pm, 9:45pm

Salt (PG-13) 1hr 39min
1:05pm, 3:40pm, 6:15pm, 9:00pm

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Show up, Capricorn

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★ Keep in mind that others are sensitive and reactive. What you hear and how others act could be changing. Take your time making a decision. You could be overwhelmed by the neediness of those around you. Tonight: Your treat.

TAURUS (April 20-May 21)
★★★★★ You radiate, and others respond. Be direct with what you share. Understand that others could be out of sorts and that their reactions could be out of whack. Honor only your judgments for now. Meanwhile, allow others to chill. Tonight: The world is your oyster.

GEMINI (May 22-June 20)
★★ Understand that you need to pull back in order to change the discussion. The first way of handling a difficult situation is to pull back and observe. Say less. That change alone could have an impact, but ultimately you need to set sail in a different direction. Tonight: Vanish while you can, before you encounter interference.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★★ You absolutely know what you want. The passage to get there will not be as easy or supported as you might like. Tension builds. A family member is on the warpath, and the boss makes demands. You'll succeed through skillful juggling. Tonight: Where people are.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★ Pressure builds to take on more responsibility. Before you leap in, determine your level of commitment. Perhaps you will bypass guilt or resentment because of this moment of reflection. Tonight: Stay on top of your game.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★★ Keep reaching out for more information. Your creativity comes forward when dealing with others. Pressure builds between what others expect and how much you can give. Express your bottom line in an assertive fashion. Tonight: See the total situation, but honor who you are.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Deal with others directly. Delegating encourages a huge backfire, like it or not. Your temper is building, perhaps causing a response you would prefer not to deal with. Try to cool off. Tonight: Enjoy dinner with a special friend.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★ Claiming your power usually isn't a problem for you, but others often get testy. You might have to sit on this innate element of your character. Decide to do something to distract your attention from your normal pattern -- just for today! Tonight: Say "yes" to living.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★ Level out and handle a problem directly. You could be questioning your decisions about a project or routine matter. A meeting could be provocative, to say the least. Remain on your pre-planned path. Tonight: Fit in some errands and maybe a walk.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ You might be stunned by how snappy and difficult others can be. Tap into your creativity in order to take the steam out of a boss or associate. Recognize when more is going on than meets the eye. Tonight: A must appearance.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Stay centered when others flip. News heading in your direction could be provocative. Seek out more information. It's quite possible you don't have the complete story. Tonight: Stay close to home.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ Keep a conversation moving. You might wonder about what this person is thinking. Though there is an innate disagreement, together you will be able to bypass it. Trust in positive thinking. Tonight: Hang out.

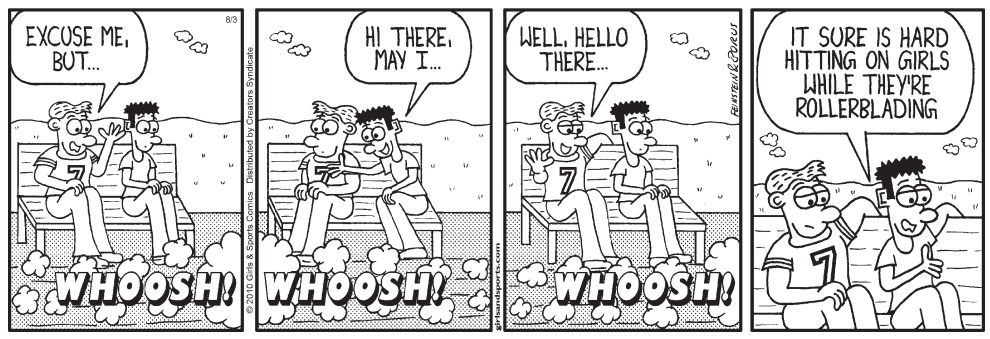
Happy birthday

This year, you grow in new ways and make distinct changes. Not everyone is at ease with your style, as you seem slightly more assertive than in the past. Someone could actually take this new you personally. Be alert to that possibility. If you are single, many people come to you. Be sure you are not making this person the right person in your mind. Reality could be different. If you are attached, the bond would benefit from animated conversations in which you accept each other's point of view. You don't need to agree. TAURUS can push your buttons.

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

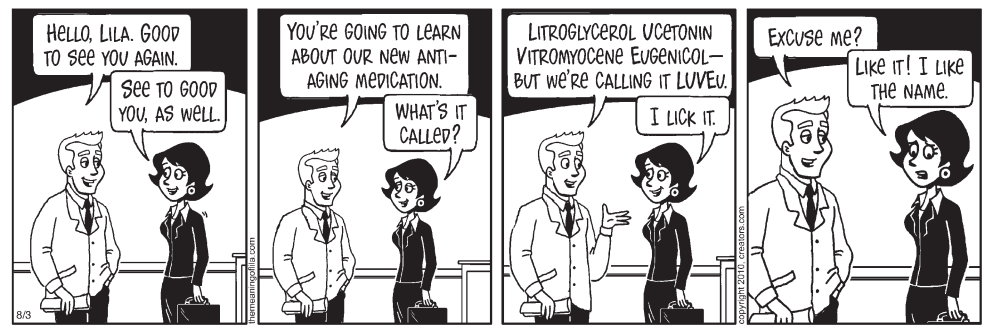
Girls and Sports

By Justin Borus and Andrew Feinstein



The Meaning of Lila

By John Forgetta & L.A. Rose



Garfield

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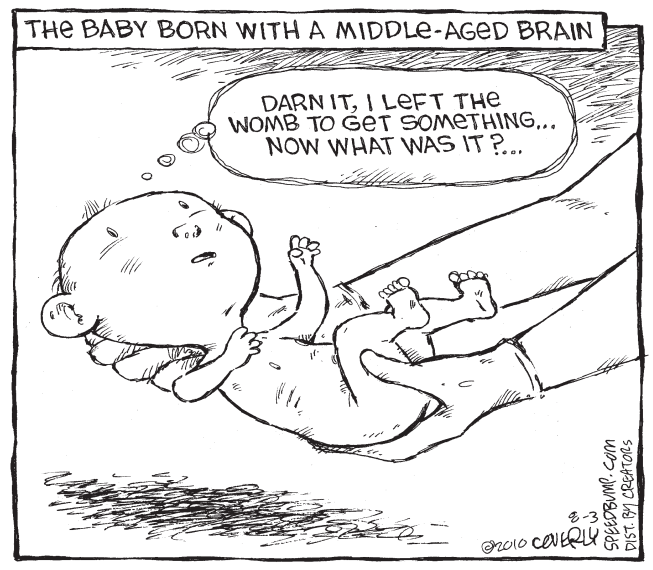
Strange Brew

By John Deering



Speed Bump

By Dave Coverly



Procrastination is a problem when it comes to doing my disaster plan. As a business owner I have a lot to do. It's not like a disaster is going to happen tomorrow. Besides, we have that new business pitch. I've been waiting for this to happen for a while now. I'll get the disaster plan finished eventually. Nothing to worry about, it'll happen.

Whether natural or man-made, at least one in four businesses affected by a disaster never reopen. Though emergencies are unpredictable, when you have a plan in place you can adapt, recover and stay in control.

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Sudoku

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

Difficulty Level ★★

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GETTING STARTED

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

1	9	7	8	2	5	4	3	6
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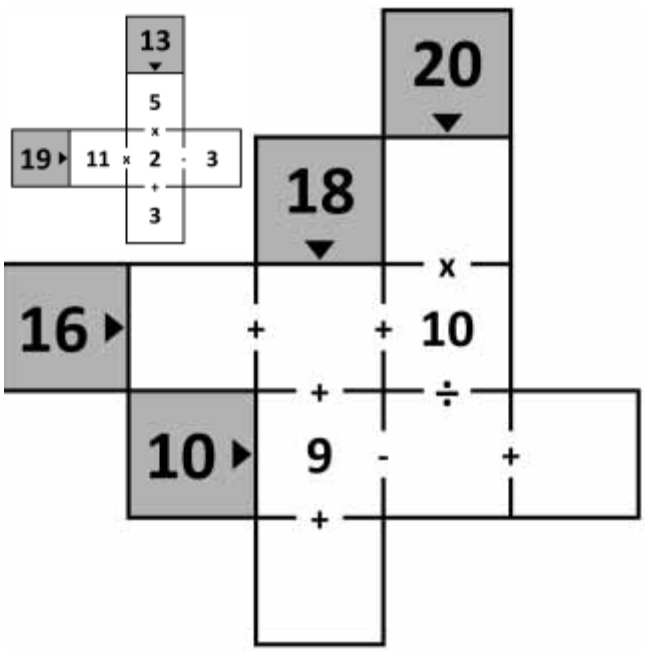
• Fill the grid with the set of given numbers (1 to 12) to satisfy the Equa demands (7 to 24) in the shaded boxes. The Equa demands represent the sum of the digits that you will insert into the empty squares.
• Each horizontal row has one Equa demand to satisfy; each vertical column also has one demand to satisfy. Each empty square in the grid dictates the math operation (addition +, subtraction -, multiplication X, and division ÷) that must be performed to meet the demands.
• You must follow the given math operations for each square and you must make sure all the numbers satisfy the demands in the shaded boxes when connected in adjacent threes and calculated together from left to right, and top to bottom.
• The numbers you insert into the grid must satisfy the Equa demands both horizontally and vertically.

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Fill in the empty fields with the given numbers so when calculated together they satisfy all Equas in the gray boxes:

1, 5, 5, 6, 8, 10

Solution for Task 202





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By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Shopper's aid
5 Left over
10 Regions
12 Macho fellows
13 Disobedience
15 Decline
16 Fancy vase
17 Singer Reed
18 Midday break
20 Electrician's concern
21 Prank
22 Bowlers and derbies
23 Foot connection
25 Emporium
28 Gelatin shapers
31 Singer Burl
32 Spotted
34 Plop down
35 Filming site
36 "The Matrix" hero
37 Arrogance
40 Parts of hearts
41 Rich cake
42 Dollar division
43 Courts

DOWN

1 Walking aids
2 Mecca's setting
3 Sauerkraut sandwich
4 Luggage add-on
5 Leg part
6 Signer's need
7 Flier Earhart
8 Vacation site
9 Follows
11 Confine
14 Event with dashes
19 Baseball-card data
20 Pup
24 Blew one's top
25 Accident
26 Fly
27 Come back
29 Moolah
30 Looks after
33 Medicine amounts
35 Two-wheeled carriage
38 Martini base
39 Right away

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Yesterday's answer

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DAILY LOTTERY

MEGA MILLIONS: 11 30 40 48 52
Meganumber: 42
Jackpot: $42M

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Meganumber: 15
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Fantasy 5: 10 14 21 31 37

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

DAILY DERBY:
1st: 03 Hot Shot
2nd: 04 Big Ben
3rd: 01 Gold Rush
RACE TIME: 1:45.39

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Black magic failed to secure the World Cup for Africa this year, but on the other hand, the weak host team, South Africa, managed an opening round draw with Mexico and an upset victory over France. "Sangomas" (traditional "healers") spreading "muti" (powders, potions, animal bones, especially from speedsters like horses and ostriches) had been out in force. World Cup stadium security was tight, but in African league soccer games, it is not uncommon for sangomas, pre-game, to bury animal parts on the field, or to have players urinate on it to improve the karma.

■ British Safety Ninnies: (1) Britain's head constable told a police chiefs' meeting in June that they were being "buried" under a "telephone directory"-sized (6,497 pages) compilation of rules and regulations telling street bobbies in massive detail such things as how to apply handcuffs and ride bicycles. (2) The local government that runs the Ebdon Road Cemetery in Weston-super-Mare, England, ordered the removal of the small cross marking the grave of Rosemary Maggs, who died in May. The local council has prohibited crosses in the cemetery, citing safety.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1972 The United States Senate ratifies the Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty.

1975 A privately chartered Boeing 707 crashes into the mountainside near Agadir, Morocco killing 188.

1977 The United States Senate hearing on MKULTRA.

1981 Senegalese opposition parties, under the leadership of Mamadou Dia, launch the Antiimperialist Action Front-Suxxali Reew Mi.

1997 Oued El-Had and Mezouara massacre in Algeria; 40-76 villagers killed.

2001 The Real IRA detonates a car bomb in Ealing, London, UK injuring seven people.

2004 The pedestal of the Statue of Liberty reopens after being closed since the September 11 attacks.

2005 President Maaouya Ould Sid'Ahmed Taya of Mauritania is overthrown in a military coup while attending the funeral of King Fahd in Saudi Arabia.

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