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THE EYES AND EARS ISSUE

Mistrial declared in Juarez case

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Editor in Chief

DOWNTOWN L.A. A Los Angeles Superior Court judge declared a mistrial Tuesday morning in the case of two imprisoned gang members charged with the murders of two brothers in Santa Monica 11 years ago.

Judge George Lomeli ordered jurors to continue deliberating last week after they were unable to reach a unanimous decision in the murder trial of David Robles and Jessie Garcia, who faced two counts of murder and two counts of attempted murder. When jurors returned Tuesday still unable to reach a verdict, the judge declared a mistrial, ordering attorneys to return to court Aug. 12.

A decision on whether to seek retrial was still pending as of Tuesday afternoon, said Jane Robison, a spokesperson for the District Attorney's Office.

The prosecutor could not be reached for comment on the case.

The defendants are believed responsible for the deaths of Michael, 27, and Anthony Juarez, 19, on Oct. 27, 1998, a shooting which raised alarm in Santa Monica because of the extreme nature of the crime.

Bill Juarez, father to Michael and Anthony, said Tuesday that he was extremely disappointed by the outcome, but is determined to fight for a retrial.

"I hold no grudges, no nothing against anybody because I'm not like that, and I want people to understand that I will go along with the system, even if it takes 20 years," an emotional Juarez said from his home in San Luis Obispo County. "I'm in this for the long haul."

Robles and Garcia are still in custody, having been previously convicted on other charges several years prior.

Robles and Garcia, cousins and noted gang members, are alleged to have fatally shot the Juarez brothers as they were visiting

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BIG BLOCKER

Brandon Wise *news@smdp.com*

NBA star Shaquille O'Neal blocks a ball during the shooting of 'Shaq Vs.' at Santa Monica Beach on Tuesday. He tested his skills against professional beach volleyball players.

Police look for assault suspect

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

LINCOLN BLVD The Santa Monica Police Department is asking for the public's help in locating a man who allegedly grabbed an underage girl's rear on her way to school last week.

The suspect is described as a black male, about 30 years old, who wore a gray sweatshirt, gray hat and had a beige backpack with red stripes at the time of the assault.

The victim was reportedly walking in the 2100 block of Lincoln Boulevard on July 29 around 7:45 a.m. when she crossed paths with the suspect, who then turned around and grabbed her right buttock. She turned around and saw the suspect smiling at her, saying "sexy" before going on his way. The suspect proceeded to walk to school.

The department has not received any leads on the case and issued a public bulletin over the weekend to see if there are any other victims.

"We took it out to see if it's a one-time thing or if it happened and had not been reported," Detective Lloyd Gladden said. "We have not gotten any other calls about it."

Anyone with additional information is encouraged to call SMPD detectives at (310) 458-8451 or the watch commander at (310) 458-8427. Anyone wishing to remain anonymous can call the We-Tip Hotline at (800) 78-CRIME.

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Expo yard proposal could negatively impact SMC

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

EXPOSITION BLVD. While much of the debate over the Expo light rail maintenance yard has been focused on the impact to neighbors, the latest proposal is also expected to result in some inconveniences for Santa Monica College.

Considered an alternative to a controversial proposal to locate a facility on the current Verizon site, the most recent version would spread the functions of the yard over several properties, placing the noisier operations to the west side of Stewart Street onto city-owned property. Doing so could also entail use of a 2.35 acre parking lot at 2909 Exposition Blvd., which the college bought in late 2006 for $17.3 million using Measure S bond money.

"For various reasons, the particular plan does not work for the college but we are continuing to explore alternatives in order to bring rail to Santa Monica," Don Girard, the senior director of government relations and institutional communications for SMC, said.

If the Exposition Construction Authority ultimately decides to adopt the alternative proposal, SMC would most likely have to search for a new location to build a satellite parking lot. College officials have already asked City Hall to aid in that process, looking specifically at areas that are

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WHAT'S UP WESTSIDE

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA AND SURROUNDS



Collapsing culture
Main Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd., 7 p.m.
Thom Hartmann, host of "The Thom Hartmann Show" on Sirius XM Radio, will discuss his latest book, "Threshold: The Crisis of Western Culture," and give a wake-up call to capitalist culture. A book sale and signing will follow the event. Tickets are available one hour prior to the program. For more information, call (310) 458-8600.

Book talk
Frank Pictures Gallery
2525 Michigan Ave., 6:30 p.m. — 9:30 p.m.
Author and screenwriter Allison Burnett will read from his latest novel, "Undiscovered Gyrl," and take questions from the audience. Celebrity readers, including cast members from the remake of the movie "Fame," will give voices to Burnett's characters. Copies of the book will also be on sale. Call (310) 828-0211 for more information.

Ballroom by the bay
Santa Monica Bay Women's Club
1210 Fourth St., 7 p.m. — 11 p.m.
Get a free dance lesson on a 3,000-square-foot floor and learn how to waltz, swing, foxtrot and other styles of dance. No partner is required. Call (310) 487-0911 for more information.

Thursday, Aug. 6, 2009

Family fun night
Temescal Gateway Park
15601 Sunset Blvd., Pacific Palisades, 7:00 p.m. — 9 p.m.
Join the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy every Thursday this summer for a night of storytelling, songs, a nature program and marshmallows. Bring a blanket and chairs and the park will provide marshmallows and a fire for roasting. Call (310) 454-1395 for more information.

Film festival
Malibu Cinemas
3822 Cross Creek Rd., Malibu, 8 p.m.
The Malibu Film Festival is hosting an opening night event with a screening of "Jesse's Story" by director Mark Jacobs. The festival runs through Aug. 8 and films will be shown in Malibu and at Ocean Avenue Screening Room in Santa Monica. Tickets can be purchased at each theater's box office or at www.ticketweb.com.

Dance the night away
Santa Monica Pier
200 Santa Monica Pier, 7 p.m. — 10 p.m.
Head to the pier every Thursday to dance the night away with the 25th Annual Santa Monica Twilight Dance Series. This week musicians Paul Thorn and Dave Alvin & the Guilty Women will play. Admission is free. Visit www.santamonicapier.org for more information.

For more information on any of the events listed, log on to smdp.com and click the "Events" tab for the given day's calendar.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

MID-CITY
DMV closed Friday

The Department of Motor Vehicles reminds customers that all public offices will be closed this Friday, Aug. 7, as part of the governor's plan to close the budget gap. And that includes the office in Santa Monica on Cloverfield Boulevard and Colorado Avenue.

The DMV offers a number of online services through its Web site (www.dmv.ca.gov) including payments for vehicle registration and driver license renewals via secure debit transactions, filing a notice of release of liability, change of address, and scheduling appointments. Automated services are also available at (800) 777-0133.

Motorists who have a registration renewal date that falls on Aug. 7 and subsequent furlough/closure days will have penalties waived until the next business day.

DAILY PRESS

SMMUSD HDQTRS
District changes date

The school board meeting scheduled for Thursday, Aug. 20, has been changed to Aug. 19 because of an inability to reach a quorum. At least half of the board members need to be present for a meeting to take place.

The public portion of the meeting will begin at 5:30 p.m. in the board room at the district office, 1651 16th St. in Santa Monica.

A copy of the agenda for the Aug. 19 board meeting will be on the district Web site (www.smmusd.org) by Aug.14.

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NICE LANDING

Fabian Lewkowicz FabianLewkowicz.com

SMPD's Sgt. Thomas touches down his helicopter on City Hall's front lawn in preparation of the 26th anniversary of National Night Out on Tuesday. National Night Out is designed to heighten awareness of drug prevention and strengthen the relationship between the community and law enforcement.

Number of suicides rises to 12 in '09

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Editor in Chief

DOWNTOWN A 40-year-old woman found near the bike path with a gunshot wound to the head took her own life, the Los Angeles County Coroner ruled Tuesday.

This brings the number of suicides in Santa Monica to 12, with at least 20 failed attempts, raising alarm amongst public safety officials and mental health providers.

In 2008, there were nine fatalities and 15 attempts.

The latest victim was identified as Eve Layla Qureini of Los Angeles. Her body was found early Sunday morning in the 600 block of the beach between the bicycle path and the ocean. A suicide note was found near the body, police said.

While national statistics show that men take their own lives at a rate four times that of females, in Santa Monica that has not been the case. Of the 12 confirmed cases of suicide in 2009, at least eight involved women.

At least four used a firearm, one overdosed on drugs, three died by hanging, two by jumping from a tall structure, and one by a cut to the wrist or neck. The victims ranged in ages, from the 20s to 70-plus. The oldest was 91.

Recent research has shown that suicide is on the rise nationally, particularly amongst middle-aged white women. A team at John Hopkins University in Baltimore found that the overall suicide rate rose .7 percent between 1999 and 2005, with the rate for white men rising 2.7 percent and for middle-aged women, 3.9 percent.

While there are no official statistics for 2007 or 2008, mental health providers believe the economic downturn could be responsible for the increase in calls suicide hotlines have received in the last few months.

Calls to the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline jumped 36 percent from 2007 to 2008, totaling 545,000 last year, said director John Draper. But callers were increasing before the economic collapse, and about half of the added calls in 2008 came from taking over a veterans suicide line, Draper said.

Historically, suicide rates have shown no clear association with times of economic

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Make the streets safer for all

Editor:

A couple of months ago, I wrote a letter to the editor requesting community input regarding the failure of most bicyclists in Santa Monica to obey even the most basic traffic safety laws. This letter was motivated, in part, by the fact that I had just narrowly avoided two serious accidents with bicyclists after one individual blew through a stop sign and another individual almost ran over my disabled wife on a sidewalk.

Another motivating factor for the letter was the attitudes of the individuals who had almost caused the accidents. Instead of being embarrassed or apologetic, one of the bicyclists treated my family to a vulgar gesture and the other one was visibly irritated that my wife's wheelchair had interfered with her progress on the sidewalk. Based upon the reactions of these bicyclists, I was under the erroneous belief that most bicyclists must share the mistaken assumption that they have the same right of way as a pedestrian. So, I incorrectly thought that the solution to this very serious public safety problem was just one of public education.

Subsequent conversations with bicyclists, and many of the letters to the editor, have convinced me that this problem is not one of a lack of public education but one of a failure of municipal government. For example, a number of bicyclists have pointed out that they use the sidewalks because the streets are too dangerous since many motorist don't obey the traffic safety laws either and there aren't enough bicycle lanes. Vigorous enforcement of the traffic safety laws and additional bicycle lanes would certainly be a step in the right direction.

Unfortunately, it would also seem that some bicyclists operate from a position of moral superiority, since bicycling is good for society, and ignore the municipal laws because they believe that bicyclists should have a perpetual right of way over everyone else who uses the sidewalks or streets. (But what's more green than walking?) Also many bicyclists simply don't obey the traffic safety laws just because it's an inconvenience. They don't feel like it and it's common knowledge that the police don't enforce these laws. (When was the last time you saw a bicyclist getting a ticket?)

I am definitely in agreement with Jason, a fifth grader from Roosevelt Elementary, whose family was almost run over in a crosswalk by a group of bicyclists, that the current situation is scary and upsetting. Under maybe a naive belief that someone in municipal government might actually read a local newspaper, I would be very interested to know if any of our representatives acknowledges that there is a safety problem and what steps, if any, are in progress to make our community safer for everyone.

Christopher Hartzell
Santa Monica

Anti-camping law is torture

Editor:

Most of us break laws every day! Whether it's speeding, riding a bike with no helmet, littering, and myriad other inconvenient laws. We break these laws either out of disdain for the law, or, in most cases, because we really don't think it's an important law. But, as some of your readers have stated, a law is a law, and if you break it you should be punished. I guess we all should start self flagellating!

These laws that I have just stated are broken by most, not out of necessity, but, rather, out of convenience. However, laying your head down somewhere because you are exhausted is a necessity. Telling someone they can't go to sleep is a form of torture.

The only time I ever obeyed the "no sleeping" law is right after I am intimate with my girlfriend. Believe me, it is torturous.

David Poyet
Santa Monica

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Steve "the Mailman" Breen **Send comments to editor@smdp.com**

Nuke the whole bunch

Part I of a 3-part series

"I SAY WE TAKE OFF, AND NUKE THE ENTIRE site from orbit. It's the only way to be sure."
— Sigourney Weaver in "Aliens" (1986)

I love conspiracy theories!

After listening to a dim-witted fan of Al Sharpton's radio show talk about Sarah Palin's responsibility for the death of Michael Jackson while watching "Fahrenheit 9/11," I realized interpolating conspiracy theories is akin to the perusal of pornography. It's not very deep but it's a lot of fun. Unfortunately, however, this month's centerfold happens to be Obama's baby picture.

The recriminations from the left over the illegitimacy of the Barackalicious One's natal origins seems to overshadow his plummeting poll numbers which daily demonstrates his consummate incompetency to find his skinny political backside with either hand. Nothing is funnier to me than saying, "How's the co-president of Kenya doing today?" and then watch a room full of Democrats writhe on the ground.

Atheist Bill Maher recently squealed in an L.A. Times op-ed, "Birthers must be stopped!" with a reverse-paraphrased quote from noted anthropologist and devout Anglican Christian Margaret Mead, "Never underestimate a tiny fringe group of losers trying to ruin everything." MSNBC's Chris Matthews considers birthers "lunatics." This, of course, is pure comedy coming from a guy who had Paula Jones on his show blowing old cigar smoke about the gossipy peccadilloes of William Jefferson Clinton.

And any criticism of birthers by Jon "the-most-trusted-newsman-since-Cronkite" Stewart should be considered suspect after Stewart's solemn public declaration that Harry Truman was a "war criminal" for nuking Japan. Meanwhile, this telegenic 24/7 caterwaul of main scream media Democrap discordance is then unctuously punctuated with knitted eyebrows, stern finger-waggings, pursed rectums and Mentos commercials featuring Blink 182.

These caballeros obviously have an absolute-zero tolerance sense of humor while two of them are allegedly comedians by profession. Please allow me, however, to have some fun at their expense and play "Dick Cheney's evil twin."

Is it an inconvenient truth that most of the "sources" cited consequent to the validity of birther's claims are expectorated from allegedly liberal "experts" who depend upon ratings and corporate sponsorship to justify the fiduciary recompense of their pot-smoking habits and gender-challenged hair stylists?

I do have a teeny-weeny confession to make.

I take full responsibility, unlike our Equivocator-in-Chief, for being the first SMDP columnist to broach and poach the president's depressively postpartum electoral duck egg in my Nov. 12, 2008 piece entitled "President-elect or President-eject?" In that piece, while providing my own deliciously distasteful invective, I detailed the litigious efforts from the godfather of the "Birffer" movement, Philip J. Berg, Clintonista Democrat and former Deputy Attorney General for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, against the election of Obama.

For the record, I am neither a Troofer nor a Birffer. Life is much simpler than that, folks, but then again, that's what puts the "con" in "conspiracy," n'est-ce-pas?

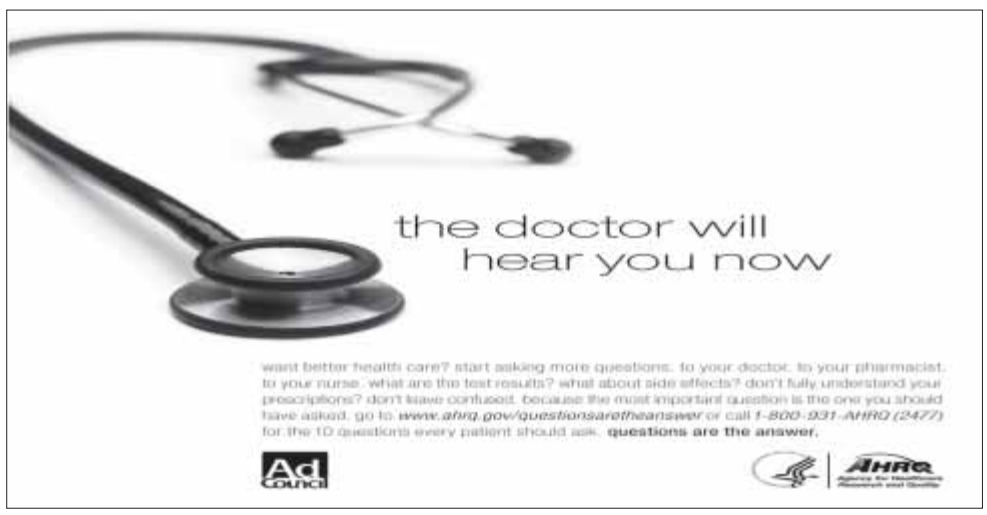
At the time I wrote the piece, the Democrats were euphorically having a victory smoke in a post-coital electoral haze after clinching both houses of Congress. Funny though, that despite this rare and distinct electoral majority, the Democrats still seem stylishly impotent to pass a healthcare bill of any real substance.

Following the 2008 election, however, I was under a deadline to my esteemed editor for my weekly piece when an "unnamed source" and fellow Republicannibal, sent me a little thread about "Berg v. Obama." So I rolled with it, researched it, marinated it in margaritas, wrote about it and then forgot about it. Much to my amazement, I got more "hate mail" than any other article that I had published in the previous eight months! Meanwhile, no less than the esteemed personage of my fellow SMDP colleague Bennet Kelley rabidly frothed from his "Soap Box" and devoted an entire paranoid column about my frolicsome faux pas! Bennet Kelley had now branded this humble U.S. Navy vet and gruesomely handsome mailman as no less an enemy of the state than Sean Hannity and Rush Limbaugh.

I wept in joy and then promptly went out to drown a polar bear. I had never been so happy in all my unmedicated life!

Next week, folks: The troofer players in the birffer d'affaire de la merde playing by the ObamAlinsky rule book with Hollywood/Washington celebrity referees.

STEVE BREEN has purchased conservative controlling interests in tin-foil hat factories in Area 51 and is still the "best looking mailman at the U.S. Post Office." He can be reached at dulcamarax@yahoo.com



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Word in Edgewise

Kenny Mack
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Schwarzenegger's losing legacy

IT WAS THE END OF THE SUMMER OF 2003 and I had just moved to San Francisco from New York. I remember thinking how weird it was to wade through dozens of people collecting signatures on my way into and out of the supermarket every day, but I figured I'd act like a New Yorker and just ignore them. I didn't realize that they were only temporary obstacles outside the Safeway (they would be gone once the question of whether or not to recall Gov. Gray Davis was placed on the ballot) and I would never have imagined the net result of their work would be the disastrous experiment that became the political career of Arnold Schwarzenegger.

I can talk about Arnold's time in Sacramento in the past tense because he's officially a lame duck. The list of things he can do before leaving office in 17 months is short and getting shorter because the list of people who will be unwilling to do anything to help him is long and getting longer. His job approval number (28 percent) is so bad that it will take nothing short of a "Kindergarten Cop"-style departure from his comfort zone to save his legacy. If he has even a basic understanding of right and wrong, he should call attention to immorality of taking funding away from services for old people, battered women, and poor children so that the wealthiest Californians can continue not paying their fair share in taxes. And if he has the courage to stand up and be a leader, he can set an example by personally paying his fair share and shaming his friends and associates (some of California's richest and most famous people) into following suit.

As it stands now, Arnold's time in office will be remembered as a throwback Republican administration tucked in between Gray Davis and Gavin Newsom in what will likely be a long succession of Democratic California governors. It will basically be the "Steroid Era" of California politics, brought to us by one super-rich guy in San Diego (Congressman Darrell Issa) who was willing to shell out millions of dollars to take advantage of a ridiculous ballot initiative process that gives voters the power to run the government. For those Californians earning $1 million or more per year, Arnold will have given them almost two full terms of the "no tax" governor they've been wanting. So while the state government (and the rest of us) has been asked to do more with less in this economic crisis, they haven't been asked to do anything. I guess Issa's investment paid off.

What I can't understand is Arnold's political calculation through these budget negotiations that will come to define his career in public life. The fact that he was willing to threaten draconian cuts to get the other side to settle for merely painful cuts means he understands how the process works, but alienating core Democratic constituencies is bad for his political future. Since he can't be president, the highest office he can attain is senator; that means beating either Barbara Boxer or Dianne Feinstein. And he can't do that without the support of the same people whose funds he cut in order to preserve his "no tax" status. Also, there is no future for him as a fundraiser/power broker/kingmaker in the Republican Party because there is no future for the Republican Party. At some point, he's going to have to accept the fact that he's married to a Kennedy and he's going to have to come home to the "D's."

Which brings me back to my point about Arnold's legacy. Right now, he's the man who took food out of the mouths of poor kids, caretakers out of nursing homes, and glasses away from blind people so that California's millionaires and billionaires could hoard their money at tax time. In a year-and-a-half, he'll be a 63-year-old private citizen with a nine-figure fortune, no job, and millions of people to whom he owes an apology. The best way to say he's sorry is to put his money where his line-item veto pen was and use his high profile to call attention to the lack of fundamental fairness in the way income taxes are collected in California.

As the governor charged with balancing the state budget and as a taxpayer who earns tens of millions of dollars per year, he understands the issue of tax evasion better than anyone. He knows that California's tax gap (the difference between what we're owed and what we collect in a given year) is over $8 billion, and he knows the state really could have used that money this year. It's not like anyone named Schwarzenegger is ever going to have to sleep outside or miss a meal. At this point in his life, Arnold can finally afford to pay his taxes. Given the pain he's caused to so many poor and vulnerable people who were counting on him to show leadership as their Governor, it's the least he can do.

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The Q Line

Running on empty?

L.A. Dodgers owner Frank McCourt, who also owns the L.A. Marathon, has dreams of ending the route of the race somewhere near Santa Monica. Supporters say it will be an economic benefit to have the marathon pass through town while others believe it will only create more traffic and drain scarce resources.

So this week's Q-Line question asks:

Do you think the marathon is a good idea?

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TECHNOLOGY

Microsoft considering hiring 400 Yahoo workers

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AP Technology Writer

SAN FRANCISCO Microsoft Corp. will hire at least 400 workers from Yahoo Inc. if government regulators approve the companies' proposed Internet search partnership, and Yahoo will receive $150 million to cover any unexpected costs during the switch to new technology.

Those details emerged Tuesday in a regulatory filing that elaborated on an agreement announced last week.

Sunnyvale-based Yahoo said then that an unspecified number of its 13,000 employees would be offered jobs at Microsoft after the Redmond, Wash.-based software maker assumes control of the search results and search advertising on Yahoo's Web site.

The transition is supposed to begin early next year, assuming the alliance is approved by antitrust regulators in the United States and Europe.

Microsoft will pay $50 million annually during the first three years of the 10-year contract to supplement the revenue that Yahoo will receive from the ads appearing alongside its search results. The $150 million in guaranteed payments weren't mentioned last week.

Tuesday's filing said Yahoo can use the $150 million to pay for unforeseen transition costs.

Yahoo's stock has fallen by about 15 percent since it unveiled the Microsoft deal, largely because announced terms didn't include a large upfront payment.

Tuesday's disclosure probably won't ease the disappointment much, given analysts had anticipated Microsoft paying $1 billion to $2 billion for access to Yahoo's search engine. Yahoo's shares ended Tuesday up 17 cents at $14.51. Microsoft eased 6 cents to $23.77.

Most of the revenue from the Microsoft deal will flow from ad commissions. Yahoo will receive 88 percent of the search ad revenue during the first five years of the contract. After that, Yahoo's commission will range from 83 percent to 93 percent, depending on whether it still handles some of the ad sales in the partnership.

The main reason Yahoo decided to turn over its search engine to Microsoft was to save money. If Yahoo wants to save even more on technology, it has the option of adopting Microsoft's online mapping service replace of its own, according to Tuesday's filing. Yahoo Chief Executive Carol Bartz has already made it known she isn't impressed with Yahoo's online maps.

As it is, transferring 400 workers to Microsoft would prune Yahoo's current payroll by about 3 percent.

Yahoo will lay off some workers if the Microsoft deal goes through, Bartz said last week. Tuesday's filing didn't provide any layoff projections.

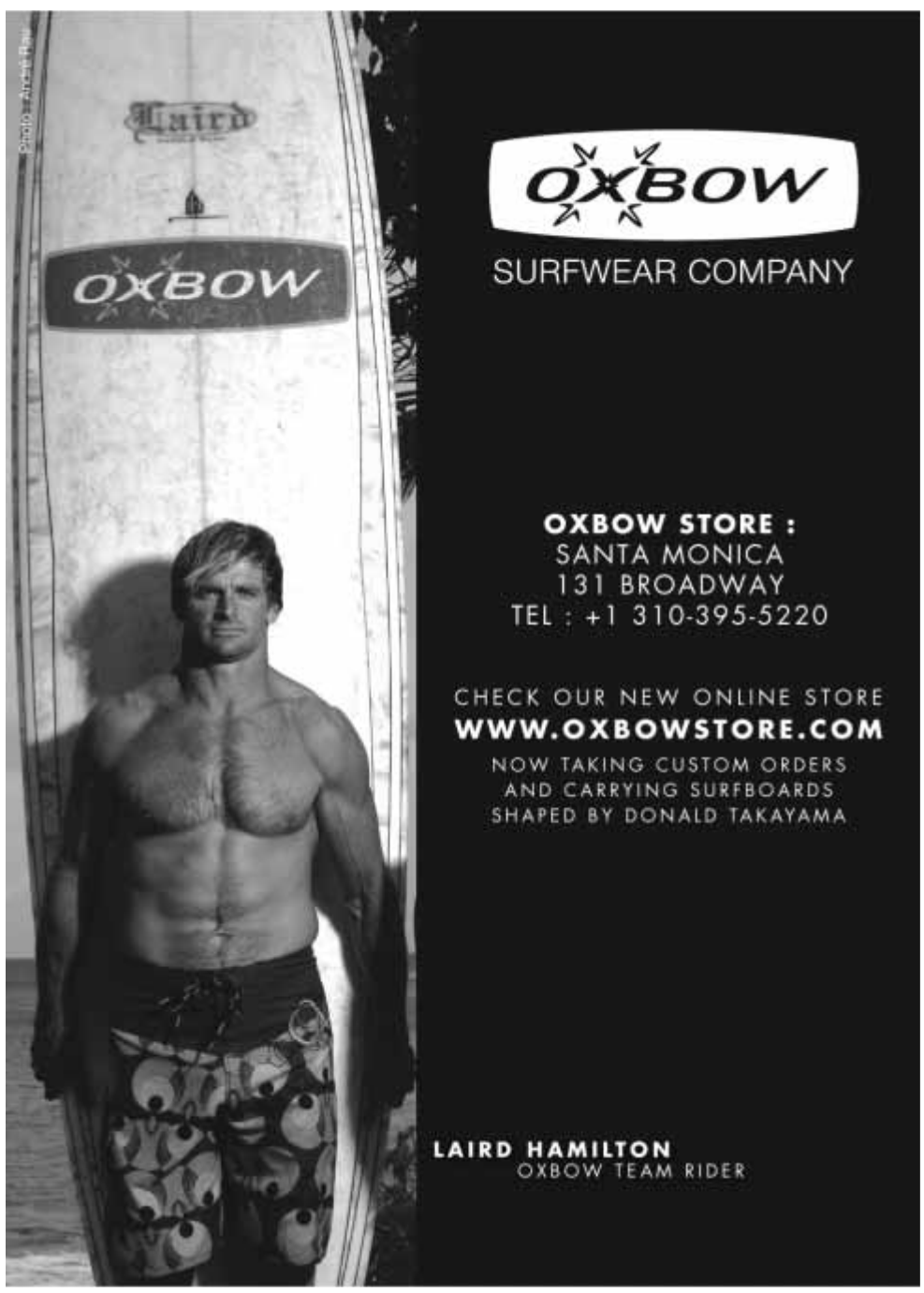
Although it also has been jettisoning workers because of the recession, Microsoft finished its latest fiscal year end in June with 93,000 employees — an increase of about 2,000 people from the previous year.

Microsoft is counting on the Yahoo partnership to help it reverse years of losses in its online operations and siphon some traffic — and ad sales — from Internet search leader Google Inc.

Yahoo's search engine is the second largest, making it the quickest way for Microsoft to gain ground on Google. Even so, Microsoft and Yahoo combined have less than 30 percent of the U.S. search market compared to 65 percent for Google, according to comScore Inc.

To keep Yahoo happy, Microsoft will have to produce ad revenue per search that is within a certain percentage of Google's industry-leading rate. If Microsoft doesn't hit the target, Yahoo can abandon the partnership before the contract expires.






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MEDICINE

Arthritis meds pose risk

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WASHINGTON Federal regulators on Tuesday added stronger warnings to a group of best-selling drugs used to treat arthritis and other inflammatory diseases, saying they can increase the risk of cancer in children and adolescents.

After more than a year of review, Food and Drug Administration scientists said the drugs appear to increase the risk of cancer after they are used beyond 2 1/2 years. The agency studied several dozen reports of cancer in children taking the drugs, some of which were fatal. Half of the cases were lymphomas, a cancer that attacks the immune system.

The drugs are known as tumor necrosis factor blockers and work by neutralizing a protein that, when overproduced, causes inflammation and damage to bones, cartilage and other tissue. The drugs are prescribed to children with rheumatoid arthritis, inflammatory bowel disorder and Crohn's disease.

The FDA will bolster the "black box" warning on the five drugs sold in the U.S., including Abbott Laboratories' Humira, Johnson & Johnson's Remicade and Simponi, and Enbrel which is co-marketed by Amgen Inc. and Wyeth. All the products are multibillion-dollar sellers. Enbrel was the biggest moneymaker of the group with sales of $3.4 billion last year.

The action also affects Belgian drugmaker UCB's Cimzia, which launched in May.

Shares of North Chicago-based Abbott Laboratories and New Brunswick, N.J.-based J&J fell after the FDA announcement.

Along with updating the drugs' labels, the FDA is requiring companies to add information about cancer risks to the medication guides given to patients. The FDA said it is also working with the manufacturers to further define the scope of the cancer risk.

J&J said in a statement it "will coordinate closely with the FDA to ensure that health care providers, patients and caregivers are properly informed."

Amgen and Wyeth said they will continue working with regulators to evaluate "the potential risks and benefits" of their drug.

GOVERNMENT

Biden says stimulus working

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WASHINGTON Vice President Joe Biden cited more positive economic data on Tuesday, using it to buttress the Obama administration's argument that its $787 billion stimulus program is doing its job and revving up the economy.

"I can tell you today, without reservation, the Recovery Act is working," Biden told reporters after a White House meeting about the stimulus program with members of the administration's economic team. President Barack Obama was not present.

Nearly six months after Obama signed the stimulus program into law, the administration is trying to counter criticism, as well as perceptions, that the program has failed to create thousands of promised jobs.

Nationwide unemployment has risen every month since the stimulus took effect in February, climbing in June to a 26-year high of 9.5 percent. The July rate, which the government will announce Friday, was expected to be even higher.

Obama last week credited the stimulus for helping "put the brakes on the recession" after the Commerce Department said the economy had shrunk at a pace of just 1 percent in the second quarter. The performance was better than economists had expected, and the strongest indication to date that the economic downturn has begun to wind down.

As part of the effort to counter criticism of the stimulus, Obama and Biden were taking their economic message on the road.

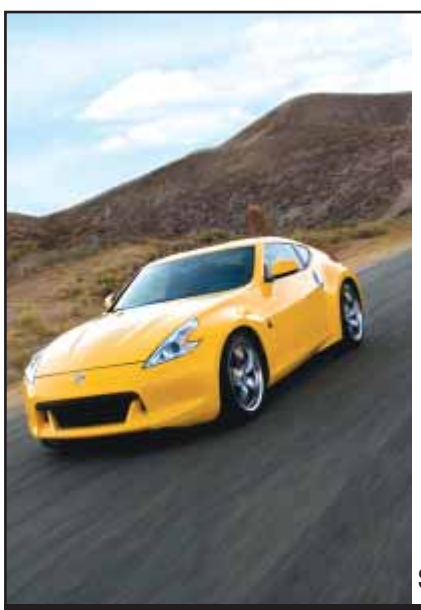
Obama was headed Wednesday to Wakarusa, Ind., a town in the northern part of the state that has suffered from the downturn. Biden was speaking in Detroit. At least four Cabinet secretaries also were venturing out with an economic message.

Biden cited other economic data Tuesday in making the administration's case.

He said spending by state and local governments increased 2.4 percent from April to June, after falling the prior six months. "That links directly to the fiscal relief we have provided to the states," the vice president said of the billions in stimulus money given to states.

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State to slash inmate population

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SACRAMENTO A federal judicial panel on Tuesday ordered California to reduce its prison population by 40,000 to improve treatment of ailing and mentally ill inmates, saying there is no other way to bring the system's medical care up to adequate standards.

"California's prisons are bursting at the seams and are impossible to manage," the judges wrote.

The special three-judge panel gave the state 45 days to develop a plan to reduce the number of inmates in the 33 adult prisons from about 150,000 to 110,000 over two years.

About 8,000 additional inmates have been sent to prisons in other states, while nearly 10,000 more are in conservation camps and community correctional facilities.

Judges said the billions of dollars the state has spent on prisons has not kept inmates from dying regularly from suicides or medical neglect.

Federal courts previously found the level of care was so poor that it violated inmates' constitutional rights. Conditions remain so cramped that they are leading to increased violence and speed the transmission of infectious diseases, the judges said.

"The medical and mental health care available to inmates in the California prison system is woefully and constitutionally inadequate, and has been for more than a decade," the judges wrote in their 184-page order.

Tuesday's action formalized a tentative ruling by the panel in February and follows a federal court hearing that ended in January.

The Schwarzenegger administration will appeal but may need to wait until the judges enter a final order, said Corrections Secretary Matthew Cate.

Cate called the order a dangerous precedent that oversteps the judges' authority. Though he agreed prisons are overcrowded, he said conditions have greatly improved in recent years.

"It's something that the state should do itself, as far as fix our problems," Cate said. "I think we're doing that."

Republican legislators also have promised a separate appeal. Under a 1996 federal law that restricts judges' actions in inmate rights cases, appeals will go straight to the U.S. Supreme Court.

"This is clearly some federal judges trying to intervene in the state of California with disregard with what the impact is going to be on communities," said state Sen. George Runner, a Republican from Lancaster who has authored several anti-crime ballot initiatives. "Those are dangerous felons these justices are asking to be released into our communities, and I'm sure none of them are going to be living next to their houses."

California's prisons were designed to house about 80,000 inmates, according to the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, but hold almost double that amount today.

In its order, the three-judge panel allowed the prison system to remain overcrowded, but to a lesser degree. It will allow the system to run at 137 percent of capacity, housing roughly 110,000 inmates.

Donald Specter, director of a nonprofit that had sued the state on inmates' behalf, called the order historic.

"In this landmark case, the court is requiring the state to run its prison system with a population that it can safely manage, both for the prisoners and the staff," said Specter, director of the Berkeley-based Prison Law Center.

The judges said California can safely cut its inmate population without releasing inmates early through steps like giving them credit for completing rehabilitation programs and not sending parolees back to prison for technical parole violations. Experts hired by the corrections department have made similar recommendations for years.

Schwarzenegger has proposed those steps and more in asking state lawmakers to reduce the population of the nation's largest state prison system by 27,000 inmates to save $1.2 billion. The state is counting on the savings to help close a $26.3 billion deficit in a revised budget Schwarzenegger signed last week.



Journalist pardons draw cheers

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SACRAMENTO Friends and family of two California journalists were relieved and excited Tuesday after the pair were pardoned by North Korea and released to former President Bill Clinton.

But they weren't ready to start the celebration until Laura Ling and Euna Lee returned home.

"I'm just completely excited for the family and looking forward to seeing them flying home with Bill Clinton," said Marcus Marquez, who went to high school with Ling in Carmichael, a Sacramento suburb.

He added their families were not going to be fully relieved until "they're in their arms."

North Korean leader Kim Jong Il ordered the journalists released after meeting with Clinton, who arrived in North Korea earlier in the day on an unannounced visit.

In June, the nation's top court sentenced Ling, 32, and Lee, 36, to 12 years of hard labor for sneaking into the country illegally and engaging in "hostile acts."

The journalists were working for former Vice President Al Gore's Current TV media venture when North Korean guards seized them in March near the country's border with China.

The journalists' detention came at a time of heightened tension between the U.S. and North Korea over that country's nuclear program. The U.N. Security Council also has imposed sanctions against North Korea for a May nuclear test.

The families of the two women, who had sent letters pleading for the women's release, issued a joint statement thanking President Barack Obama, Secretary of State Hillary Clinton and the U.S. State Department for their work.

"We especially want to thank President Bill Clinton for taking on such an arduous mission and Vice President Al Gore for his tireless efforts to bring Laura and Euna home," according to the statement posted on a Web site dedicated to freeing the two journalists.

Brandon Yip, who is married to Ling's cousin, said the first thing he'll tell Ling when she returns is, "Don't ever do that again."

Attorneys to meet Aug. 12

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their cousin's clothing store on Lincoln Boulevard called Westside Clothing. Masked gunmen stormed into the store and fired numerous rounds from an assault rifle and a pair of handguns, according to previous reports.

The murders were believed to be in retaliation for a homicide which occurred just days before the Juarez brothers were gunned down in broad daylight. Apparently, a gang member who was attending a drug class at the CLARE Foundation on Lincoln Boulevard was shot while waiting for the bus, sources said, prompting the Culver City Boyz to retaliate against Santa Monica gang members.

The Juarez brothers were not from Santa Monica, nor affiliated with any gangs. Bill Juarez said they were interested in opening a store like Westside Clothing where they lived in Cayucos, a small town in San Luis Obispo County. They had come into Santa Monica the night before to check out their cousin's operation and learn how to file all of the proper paper work with city officials.

The men wearing masks entered the store — which was located between Pacific and Strand streets on Lincoln Boulevard — shortly before noon, opened fire and ran out. Four people were shot. Two survived, including the Juarez' cousin, Frank Juarez, Jr.

The masked men ran out of the store and got into a car awaiting them on Lincoln Boulevard, driven by an unknown suspect. The car was discovered near LAX later that day, wiped clean.

Evidence recovered at the crime scene was processed with current DNA technology. The DNA evidence was sent to the California Department of Justice, Bureau of Forensics Services DNA Laboratory and entered into their databank of known offenders. The samples submitted were matched with Robles and Garcia.

City Hall offered a $25,000 reward while the state offered $20,000 at the time of the shooting.

In the week before the brothers were killed Santa Monica experienced a string of shootings that took the lives of three men, including a German tourist, raising fears in a community that had a reputation for being comfortably safe from the gang wars raging around it.

For Bill Juarez, who spent much of his life in Santa Monica before moving out of fear of violence, the mistrial opened up old wounds, sending his daughter into deep depression, which forced him to leave Los Angeles just before the mistrial was declared.

"It's been 11 years, but it feels like yesterday," Bill Juarez said. "I don't know why the jury didn't get it."

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Job losses, economy may be a factor for rise in suicides

FROM **SUICIDES** PAGE 3

recession, although suicide rates did increase slightly during the years of the Great Depression, according to the American Association of Suicidology.

There is a clear and direct relationship between rates of unemployment and suicide, the association said, as the feeling of hopelessness intensifies.

Locally, suicide prevention hotlines have seen a dramatic increase in the number of calls received.

Lyn Morris, division director of emergency services for Didi Hirsch Community Health Center, said she has seen a 65 percent jump in calls to its 24-hour hotline, (877) 727-4747.

"We are noticing a lot more people reaching out for help and support right now," Morris said.

There are many factors that can contribute to suicidal thoughts, the main one being an undiagnosed or untreated mental illness.

"It becomes so bad people feel hopeless, despondent and unable to see hope for the future." she said. "Lately, with the economy going south, we have seen a lot of people who lost their jobs and have been out of work for a longer period of time, which is something they haven't experienced before, which contributes to that feeling of hopelessness."

Family members and friends should be on the lookout for warning signs such as a loved one talking openly about having thoughts of committing suicide, increases in alcohol or drug abuse, drastic changes in mood, purchasing a gun or stockpiling drugs, or making amends.

"If someone comes up to a friend or family member out of the blue and says something like, 'You are the best sister anyone could ever have and I just wanted you to know that,' sort of offering a last goodbye, that is a warning sign," Morris said.

In addition to offering services to those contemplating suicide, Didi Hirsch also offers support groups for those who have lost a loved one.

"It is a different kind of loss," she said.

For more information about services, go to www.didihirsch.org or call the toll-free hotline.

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City staff exploring options for Expo maintenance yard

FROM EXPO PAGE 1

adjacent to one of SMC's four existing campuses — Main, Bundy, Madison and Academy.

The revenue from the sale of the existing lot would have to be used toward college capital programs as required by the bond measure. Girard said he anticipates that the property would be sold at around or above the price the college paid back in 2006 because of an increased level of interest in the area, which is due to see some changes under the Land Use and Circulation Element.

City officials are also looking at other options for the maintenance yard and is expected to present those findings at the City Council meeting on Aug. 11.

"We're working furiously to see what's possible," Kate Vernez, the assistant to the city manager on government relations, said.

The council last month authorized its staff to continue exploring the alternative proposal, favoring it over the previous option to place the yard directly across from homes. Officials also requested the Exposition Construction Authority to include the new option in its environmental analysis.

The latest proposal would move the louder operations to the west side of Stewart next to cultural arts complex Bergamot Station and the City Yards, while the storage tracks and train washing facility would be kept on the east side of Stewart Street. The yard would also be separated from homes on the south side of Exposition Boulevard by a mixed-use development that will include residences and perhaps some neighborhood-serving retail.

The alternative plan once again met with opposition from neighbors who were joined by the Lionstone Group, which has a leasehold on the city-owned site until 2030. Representatives from Bergamot Station also expressed their displeasure with the proposal.

Both the Exposition Construction Authority and the Metropolitan Transportation Authority supported the alternative proposal but the lack of community support, increased cost from having to acquire the Verizon and college lots, and an unwilling leasehold seller could mean that the agencies are no longer interested in the option, Vernez said.

"We're trying to close on these issues before going to council on Aug. 11," she said.

The college's parking lot has about 220 spaces, which are about 80 to 90 percent occupied during the fall and spring semesters. The lot is serviced by the Big Blue Bus' Sunset Ride, which sees anywhere between 150 to 230 boardings a day at the stop. The Sunset Ride also stops at the college.

"We're really happy with the success of the Sunset Ride," Dan Dawson, the marketing manager for the Big Blue Bus, said. "If they were to locate something with the Expo line there, it would be pretty easy for us to make modifications or changes."

The college has about 4,200 spaces between the various campuses.

> **"FOR VARIOUS REASONS, THE PARTICULAR PLAN DOES NOT WORK FOR THE COLLEGE BUT WE ARE CONTINUING TO EXPLORE ALTERNATIVES IN ORDER TO BRING RAIL TO SANTA MONICA."**
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> **Don Girard**
> senior director of government relations and institutional communications, SMC

The Exposition lot was purchased to help alleviate a long-standing parking shortage problem for the college. While such an issue doesn't exist at the satellite campuses, Girard said that there is still a parking shortage at the main campus where construction recently began for a new subterranean structure that will include more than 500 spaces.

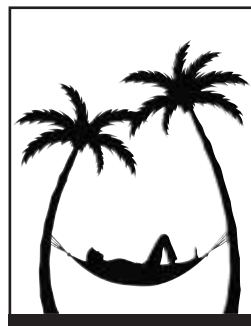
College officials looked at several candidates for the satellite lot back in 2006, including the old Papermate facility.

David Finkel, the vice-chair of the college Board of Trustees, sees positive and negative attributes of the proposed alternative plan, the former of which would be the preservation of Bergamot Station as a cultural center and protection of residents because of the buffer zone between the yard and the homes.

The bad point is that it means a maintenance yard will be located in Santa Monica at all and that it takes away SMC's lot. He said the Board of Trustees is still waiting to see what position it should take on the matter.

"The college has to protect the public interest by either protecting our land or getting a replacement, which serves the same purpose, so the public doesn't get hurt for the bond money spent," Finkel said.

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Teen: Teammates saw locker room sexual assault

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TAMPA, Fla. Many members of a Florida middle school's flag football team were in the locker room when a 13-year-old boy was sexually assaulted by some of his teammates with a hockey stick and broomstick, according to court documents released Tuesday.

The teen told a detective that two teammates penetrated him with a stick as many as a dozen times while two others held him down. He said "basically the whole team" was in the room. The boy said the sexual assaults happened over a period of several weeks but it was unclear how many times.

The details are among new documents released by the Hillsborough State Attorney's Office. Four teenagers were charged in May with multiple counts of sexual battery in the assault at Walker Middle School in Odessa.

In interviews with a detective, several boys described seeing other boys attack the teen, whose name has not been released. One witness described hearing the victim yelling at the boys to stop. Another said the victim was fighting to get away but laughed when he finally did. Another said there were guys, "cheering and yelling" during two attacks.

The documents also include written statements by the four suspects.

"It only lasted for about 15-20 seconds then we all stopped and walked away," one wrote. "After it happened I walked up and said we were just playing around and didn't mean to hurt his feelings."

The bullying — including sexual assaults — had gone on for months, officials said, unbeknownst to the boys' coach, school administrators and the victim's parents, until the teen finally snapped.

Asked why he didn't report the assault earlier, the teen said, "I thought they would stop."

He also said that one of the suspects threatened him to keep him from coming forward.

"I'll beat you up if you tell anybody about that," he quoted one of the boys saying.

The teens have pleaded not guilty. The assault stunned the Odessa community for its brutality, the young age of the four students accused, and the allegation that such an attack happened on school grounds.

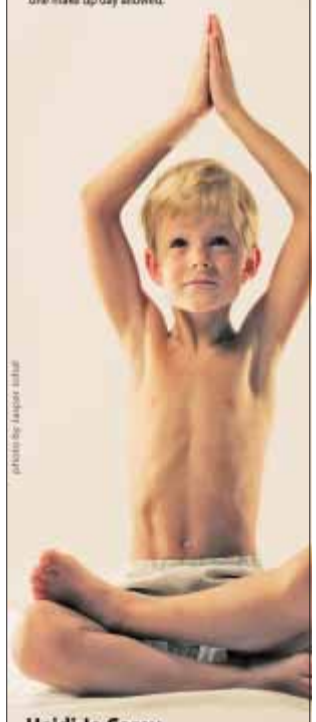
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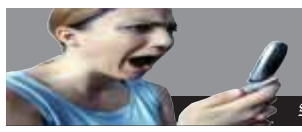
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9/11 survivors deal with stress

DEEPTI HAJELA
Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK People who were heavily exposed to the Sept. 11 attacks on the World Trade Center had elevated risks of developing post-traumatic stress disorder symptoms even five years later, about four times that of the general public, according to a study released Tuesday.

The study by the city's Department of Health and Mental Hygiene found elevated levels of PTSD symptoms among the more than 46,000 people who were surveyed in 2006-2007. The study is based on data from a public health registry that tracks the health effects of Sept. 11.

Among survey respondents, 19 percent reported having symptoms, about four times the rate usually seen among adults. When the registry first surveyed people in 2003-2004, it was 14 percent.

Some in the first survey got better, while some remained where they were, and others got worse, said Lorna Thorpe, deputy commissioner for epidemiology and a co-author of the study.

"This is really the largest burden in terms of health conditions," Thorpe said.

The study found that more than half of the participants who reported having stress symptoms said they had not obtained treatment in the past year. The registry has begun outreach to get survey respondents referred for medical help, and the city offers free physical and mental health care to eligible people affected by the attacks.

Passers-by such as commuters and tourists were the most heavily affected, with 23 percent of them reporting symptoms in the latest survey.

The study contained better news about asthma. While those who developed respiratory symptoms soon after the attacks were still being diagnosed with asthma some years later, rates among people who first showed symptoms after 2003 were consistent with normal asthma rates.

"What this study shows fairly thoroughly, there was a very strong association between the intense exposure" on Sept. 11 and the days immediately following, in terms of developing asthma, Thorpe said. "There were lingering effects, but those lingering effects have ameliorated."

While asthma cases rose most sharply right after attacks, they were still being diagnosed after some years had passed. The study found that 10 percent of participants had been newly diagnosed with the condition between the attacks and the 2006-2007 survey period.

Rescue and recovery workers had the highest rates of new asthma diagnoses, and their risk was even higher if they were at the World Trade Center site on 9/11 itself or worked there for longer than 90 days. People who had to deal with heavy layers of dust in their homes or offices also had a higher risk of developing asthma.

The World Trade Center Health Registry was established in 2003 to track the long-term health effects of ground zero exposure on workers, volunteers, and residents. More than 71,000 people registered, and surveys on their health status was collected in 2003-2004 and 2006-2007. More than 46,000 registrants took part in both surveys.

The study was conducted by the health department and the federal Centers for Disease Control and was released in the Journal of the American Medical Association.

WTC impasse goes to arbitration

JENNIFER PELTZ
Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK A monthslong dispute over who should pay to build office towers at the World Trade Center site is headed to arbitration after a developer called Tuesday for a binding ruling on a standoff that threatens to stall ground zero rebuilding.

Larry Silverstein is seeking September hearings in the argument over a 3-year-old agreement that lets him build three office towers.

He and the site's owner, the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, have been negotiating for months over Silverstein's lease and how to pay for the developer's three planned towers. Both are building on the site — the Port Authority's piece includes the Sept. 11 memorial and other public projects — and their plans are interlaced through underground utility infrastructure, streets and other features.

Silverstein says the Port Authority isn't rebuilding its parts of the lower Manhattan site on time, throwing off the timing and financing for his buildings — claims the agency denies.

Unable to secure private money in the tight real estate market, Silverstein wants the agency to guarantee more than $3 billion in financing to build the first two towers. The third tower is still planned but hasn't been a factor in recent discussions.

"One way or another, we must resolve, once and for all, the disputes that have arisen," Silverstein said in a statement Tuesday.

The Port Authority, which runs area transit hubs, has agreed to back a tower currently under construction and put up some money for the second tower if Silverstein comes up with more than $600 million first. The agency says committing more of its money to Silverstein's private venture would drain funds from other key projects.

"It is clear (Silverstein) will accept nothing less than two fully subsidized office buildings, and that is irresponsible and unacceptable," Port Authority Executive Director Chris Ward said.

He said the agency was "meeting all of its obligations" under a 2006 agreement, which pushed back the timeframes for several projects.

But Silverstein's firm, which has paid $2.75 billion in rent since 2001, says the Port Authority is falling behind the revised schedule.

Based on previous agreements, each side has the right to take the case to arbitration. The developer's move came a day after New York Gov. David Paterson essentially issued Silverstein an ultimatum: The governor said he had told the Port Authority to start reconfiguring plans so the memorial and other public projects could go forward regardless of Silverstein's progress.

The governor, who had asked both sides to meet this week, said in a statement Tuesday he was "deeply disappointed" by Silverstein's move.

Mayor Michael Bloomberg, meanwhile, laid blame for the stalemate with the Port Authority. He called for more oversight of the agency, calling its progress thus far "intolerable."

"The Port," he said, "was to remove the existing barriers holding up progress."

Terror suspect used home as base

MIKE BAKER
Associated Press Writer

RALEIGH, N.C. A North Carolina terrorism suspect who preached the virtues of jihad and fighting for Allah had access to more than two dozen guns and more than 27,000 rounds of ammunition, federal authorities said Tuesday.

During the detention hearing for Daniel Patrick Boyd and six other men accused of plotting terrorism abroad, the courtroom was packed with supporters, with some derisively laughing when federal agents said they didn't know certain Arabic translations or details about the men. The shackled suspects nodded, smiled and tried to wave at family and friends while greeting the audience in Arabic with the common phrase "May peace be upon you."

"May peace be upon you, also," many in the audience responded.

Prosecutors played audio tapes of Boyd's manifestos about the struggle of Muslims, the honor of martyrdom and his disgust of the U.S. military.

Other tapes rattled with gunfire that an FBI agent said came from military-style training in rural North Carolina.

Special Agent Michael Sutton testified that Boyd, 39, recruited followers to engage in violent jihad, train on firearms and gather the financial resources to travel overseas.

The agent said Boyd repeatedly spoke of armor-piercing ammunition and a year ago told someone authorities called a witness about his dislike of the U.S. military being in the Middle East.

"They're over there killing our brothers," Sutton quoted Boyd as saying.

Sutton said Boyd recruited followers with stories of his past. Boyd told the FBI he had trained in a secret Connecticut camp before going to Pakistan and Afghanistan two decades ago to continue training there.

Authorities played a recording gathered just six weeks ago of Boyd talking in his home to his family about protecting Muslims at all costs.

"I love jihad. I love to stand there and fight for the sake of Allah," a voice identified as Boyd said. Prosecutors didn't say how the recording was made.

Boyd's two sons — 20-year-old Zakariya and 22-year-old Dylan — have also been indicted. The other suspected group members are Anes Subasic, 33; Mohammad Omar Aly Hassan, 22; Ziyad Yaghi, 21; and Hysen Sherifi, 24. An eighth man, Jude Kenan Mohammad, is still at large and Sutton said Tuesday authorities last heard he was in Pakistan.

Sutton said some of the men took trips over the past three years to Jordan, Kosovo, Pakistan and Israel "to engage in violent jihad." He frequently cited unidentified witness statements.

The investigation began in 2005, Sutton said.

There are signs Boyd knew he was being watched. Sutton said Boyd tried to communicate in ways that couldn't be monitored, such as writing warnings to his followers to be quiet while in his grocery store, and possibly talking in code.

He also said a witness reported in July 2008 that Boyd was worried that the FBI was listening to his conversations.

Federal officials said they seized from Boyd's home and cars more than 27,400 rounds of ammunition, 26 weapons, gas masks, a handbook on how authorities respond to acts of terrorism and the text of a fatwa urging jihad against Americans.

Students don't like 'noisy' title

ERIC TUCKER
Associated Press Writer

NARRAGANSETT, R.I. The punishment, renters and homeowners in this beach town say, is tantamount to a scarlet letter: A large orange sticker plastered by police on homes that host raucous parties.

Police have cited more than 300 homes since 2005 under a town law aimed at curbing rowdy gatherings — especially among off-campus students from the nearby University of Rhode Island — and helping officers and neighbors more easily flag problem properties.

A federal judge will hear arguments next month on a lawsuit from students who liken the stickers to degrading "scarlet letters" — stigmatizing labels of literary lore worn by adulterous women — that shame them before the neighborhood and leave them vulnerable to repeat visits from the police.

"Once you have the sticker, you're basically assumed guilty of everything that happens in the neighborhood," said Michael Spatcher, 21, a URI student whose rental house was given an orange sticker last year after a party and who is among those pressing a judge to nix the law.

The ordinance allows police to place 10-inch-by-14-inch stickers on properties where parties of five or more people created a "substantial disturbance" through loud noise, public drunkenness, illegal parking or other such behavior.

The first sticker serves as a warning, though the next noise violation carries a fine of $300.

And the stickers must remain up for the duration of the school year or summer, depending on when they were given out.

J. David Smith, who was police chief when the law was enacted, said the stickers were generally given out after excessively loud or offensive parties. They were intended to warn the tenants against hosting future bashes — and to make guests think twice about partying there.

"The vast majority of them were that the parties did not heed the warnings, did not quiet down, did not disperse, waited for the officers to leave and then came back worse than ever," said Smith, who retired and now heads Rhode Island's Emergency Management Agency.

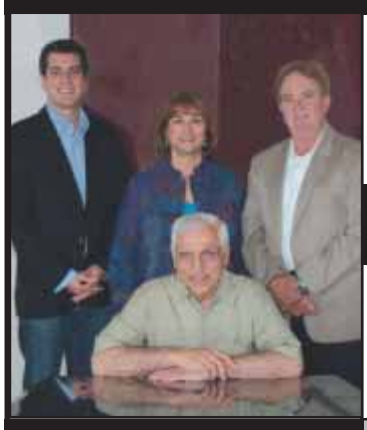
The law was modeled after a similar ordinance in Tucson, Ariz., intended to rein in underage drinking among University of Arizona students, said Tucson city prosecutor Alan Merritt.

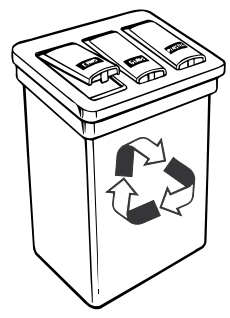
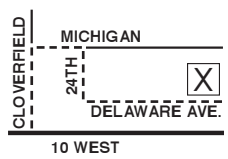
Other cities, including Milwaukee and Dayton, Ohio, allow so-called shaming signs to be placed on properties whose owners have ignored warnings to bring them up to code.

Landlords — who also are sent notice of the stickers — are fighting the law, too, saying they're being held responsible for behavior over which they have no control.

Walter Manning said he returned from a vacation last year to find an orange sticker posted on a ranch house he was renting to four URI students. He said he struggled for months to find new tenants for the next year.

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PGA

Buick ends title sponsorships

DOUG FERGUSON
AP Golf Writer

Buick ended more than 50 years of PGA Tour sponsorship Tuesday when it announced that it no longer will sponsor golf tournaments in Michigan and California because of the court-ordered restructuring of parent General Motors.

The decision came two days after Tiger Woods won the Buick Open in Grand Blanc, Mich. Woods acknowledged the end of the tournament, which he won for the third time, by heaving his golf ball toward a massive gallery after his final putt.

The additional blow came with the end of the Buick Invitational at Torrey Pines, where Woods has won a record six times. The Buick Invitational is among the top tournaments in the early part of the PGA Tour schedule because it typically is the first event on network TV and has the highest TV rating because of Woods.

"While this is disappointing news, both the PGA Tour and Buick remain in discussions regarding future sponsorship possibilities," Buick and the tour said in a statement.

The Buick Open will be replaced on the schedule next year by a new tournament at The Greenbrier in West Virginia, according to two officials with knowledge of the deal. They spoke on condition of anonymity because the tour does not plan to announce the new event until Wednesday.

Buick was the oldest, continuous corporate sponsor on the PGA Tour and once had its name on four tournaments — the Buick Classic in New York, the Buick Challenge in Georgia, the Buick Open and the Buick Invitational. It also took over the Buick Championship in Connecticut for three years after its Georgia event folded.

It also had an endorsement contract with Woods, who carried its logo on his golf bag. As it headed for bankruptcy, Buick and Woods agreed last November to cut off the final year of a five-year endorsement.

The tour said it remains "very interested" in keeping a tournament in Michigan and was exploring opportunities.

One of the officials said General Motors was trying to put together a consortium of sponsors to keep a tour event in Michigan, but the tour signed off on The Greenbrier before that could be pulled together.

The PGA Tour now has lost four title sponsors this year — Buick's two events, U.S. Bank in Milwaukee and Stanford Financial in Memphis, which was played in June without a sponsor.

It has extended contracts with Zurich (New Orleans), Accenture (Match Play) and Travelers (Connecticut) through 2014, and found a new title sponsor for Kapalua in SBS, which has signed up through 2020.

At least 10 other tournaments have title sponsorships that expire after 2010.

Buick had been the title sponsor at Torrey Pines since 1992. Woods missed the tournament this year — won by Nick Watney — while recovering from knee surgery.

The tournament is run by The Century Club of San Diego, and president Tom Wornham said he was optimistic about finding a new sponsor.

"We are 100 percent confident that we'll have a new title sponsor in place for the January 2010 golf tournament," Wornham said.

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ARENA FOOTBALL

Union official: AFL may fold

DAN GELSTON
AP Sports Writer

The Arena Football League is on the brink of folding and declaring bankruptcy, an inglorious end for the 22-year-old indoor league that has suffered through a year of turmoil.

James Guidry, the regional director of the AFL players association, told The Associated Press on Tuesday that it "seems to be inevitable at this point" that the AFL will soon announce that it has ceased operations. Guidry, speaking by telephone, said the players association will accept the owners' decision.

"We're waiting to see if this decision has been finalized by the AFL," Guidry said.

The AFL suspended play for the 2009 season, but some owners expressed hope that the league would return in some form in 2010.

David Baker abruptly resigned as league commissioner two days before the 2008 ArenaBowl championship game. Owners did not look for a replacement.

The Jon Bon Jovi-owned Philadelphia Soul, the last ArenaBowl champions, appear to have shut down. Their Web site only posts a simple message thanking fans for their support over the past five seasons. The Philadelphia Soul Charitable Foundation has been renamed the Jon Bon Jovi Soul Foundation.

Bon Jovi did not immediately return a request for comment. Craig Spencer, another co-owner, declined comment and hung up when asked about the future of the league.

The Georgia Force, anticipating an announcement by the league, issued a statement Tuesday afternoon saying it had ceased operations.

"We are disappointed at this outcome for AFL fans, but there was no other viable choice," team president Dick Sullivan said in the statement. "Despite significant efforts on the part of many AFL and team representatives, the league was unable to create a new business model that we and others could support."

ESPN, which owns a small equity share in the league, said it is not involved in management of the AFL.

"This is entirely an internal AFL matter," ESPN spokesman Josh Krulewitz said. "Our telecast agreement with the league has been terminated."

Soul wide receiver Chris Jackson said the demise of the league was not a surprise once owners could not agree on long-term structural improvements that would keep it profitable.

A disagreement among owners about whether to bring in a private equity firm to invest in the league appeared a major sticking point in December.

"We weren't creating enough revenue. Salaries were going up and without revenue coming in, it was a bad business model," Jackson said. "That's one thing that they wanted to focus on and change some of those things. They tried. They tried to market the league as a whole instead of small franchises likes Grand Rapids vs. L.A. The owners knew there was too much money to be lost."

The last update on the AFL's Web site is an April release that said the league was finalizing a revitalized business model that would allow it to compete in 2010.

But the league's owners did not agree on a plan that would allow them to commit to a 2010 season and beyond. The Los Angeles Avengers dropped out of the league in April. The New Orleans VooDoo, owned by Saints owner Tom Benson, shut down last year.

"I knew it wasn't going to come back, especially the way we as players wanted it to come back," Jackson said.

The AFL's offshoot, known as af2, played this season and is in the midst of the ArenaCup playoffs. The AFL owns 50.1 percent of the af2. If the AFL goes under, it won't greatly affect the minor-league version because the af2 is solvent, self-funded and they pay its bills, Iowa Barnstormers co-owner Jeff Lamberti said.

The af2 executive committee has been working on contingency plans ever since the AFL announced it was suspending its season last year. Possible new plans range from combining af2 and defunct AFL teams to create a revamped league, or perhaps a new league with two tiers much like AFL/AF2 with a different economic model — or just leave the af2 as is with a new name.

"I think the important thing that we do know as far as the current af2, whether we change our name or something to be a little more appropriate in the light of AFL, that as a league we're strong, we're going to continue, we're going to play," Lamberti said. "In our opinion, worst-case scenario, we simply become a separate entity and continue as we have."

The AFL found a niche in the sports world thanks to its 50-yard fields and high-scoring games. Former NFL MVP Kurt Warner is the league's most successful graduate. The league totaled 135,347 fans during the inaugural 12-game 1987 season, but eventually was televised on both NBC and ESPN.

The AFL received a needed image boost earlier this decade when celebrity owners such as Bon Jovi and NFL Hall of Famer John Elway served as pitchmen for the league.

"The league's not about John Elway or Jon Bon Jovi. The league's about the players and the product on the field," Guidry said. "It wasn't Elway or Bon Jovi on that field. But I don't think it was them that damaged the league, no. It was beneficial to the league for them to do what they did early on, but you have to establish some stars."

The Soul held a small championship parade in Philadelphia last year and Bon Jovi helped design rings for the players. But it appears they will not get a chance to defend their lone championship.

"I just feel bad for a lot of the franchises that did things the right way," Jackson said. "I feel bad for the fans because for 22 years it was one of the most unique, most loved, most fun sports I've ever been a part of. It's just a shame there's no more Arena Football League for people."

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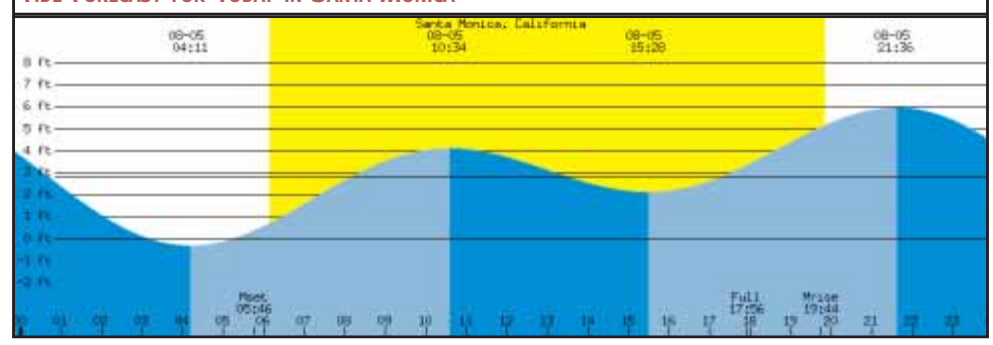
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LOCATION	DRY	WET
Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth	A+	ns
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth	A+	ns
El Pescador State Beach, between Lachasa and Las Alisos creeks	A+	ns
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach	A+	ns
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth	A+	ns
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth	A+	ns
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private)	A+	ns
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth	A+	ns
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach	A+	ns
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth	A+	ns
Solstice Canyon at Don Blacker County Beach	A+	ns
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth	A	ns
Marie Canyon storm drain at Pierce 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 Los Tunos County Beach	A+	ns
Tuna Canyon	A+	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth	A	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	D	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain	F	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	F	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
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MOVIE TIMES

Aero Theatre
1328 Montana Ave.
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Double Feature: Diabolique 1hr 50min & Casque D'Or 1hr 36min
7:30

AMC Loews Broadway 4
1441 Third Street Promenade

Public Enemies (R) 2hr 23min
12:50, 4:10, 7:20, 10:30

Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince (PG) 2hrs 33min
11:15 a.m., 2:45, 6:15, 9:45

Up (PG) 1hr 36min
11:00 a.m., 1:40, 4:15

Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen (PG-13) 2hrs 30min
6:45, 10:00

The Proposal (PG-13) 1hr 48min
11:30 a.m., 2:20, 5:00, 7:40, 10:20

AMC 7 Santa Monica
1310 Third St.
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Aliens in the Attic (PG) 1hr 26min
11:20 a.m., 1:50, 4:20, 7:00, 9:30

Funny People (R) 2hrs 16min
11:45 a.m., 12:30, 3:00, 4:00, 6:45, 7:30, 10:15

G-Force (PG) 1hr 28min
11:15 a.m., 1:40, 4:10, 6:30, 9:05

G-Force: In Disney Digital 3-D (PG) 1hr 28min
12:15, 2:40, 5:05, 7:20, 9:45

The Hangover (R) 1hr 36min
12:20, 2:45, 5:20, 7:40, 10:10

Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince (PG) 2hrs 33min
11:30 a.m., 3:10, 6:40, 10:00

Laemmle's Monica Fourplex
1332 Second St.
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(500) Days of Summer (PG-13) 1hr 50min
1:00, 3:20, 5:40, 7:00, 8:00, 10:15

Cheri (R) 1hr 47min
1:40, 4:10, 9:30

Moon (R) 1hr 52min
1:50, 4:20, 7:20, 9:50

The Hurt Locker (R) 2hr 26min
1:00, 4:00, 7:10, 10:15

Mann's Criterion Theatre
1313 Third St.
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Orphan (R) 2hrs 3min
1:20, 4:30, 7:30, 10:30

The Ugly Truth (R) 1hr 36min
11:10 a.m., 1:40, 4:10, 6:40, 9:10

The Ugly Truth (R) (Digital Projection) 1hr 36min
12:10, 2:40, 5:10, 7:40, 10:10

Bruno (R) 1hr 21min
12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 10:20

Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs 3D (PG) 1hr 27min
11:40 a.m., 2:00, 4:20, 7:00, 9:20

The Collector (R) 1hr 25min
12:20, 2:50, 5:00, 7:20, 9:40

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Hide away at home, Scorpio

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ The Full Moon eclipse weaves an interesting dance for all. You try to push creative ideas forward. Bottom-out issues with those who might not be family, but who you love deeply. A child could be a player here too. Tonight: Hold on to your hat. Get ready for many calls and conversations.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ Pressure keeps building. Others hope you will take the lead. You will and can because of your innate talents. You might have trouble juggling all the innate demands of the day. Tonight: Say "no" if need be.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ You do a seesaw all day, juggling issues. Communication of all types floods your door. Your ability to zero in on the bottom line could prove to be powerful. Refuse to see situations as either or. Tonight: Don't react if possible. Detach if you can.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★ Use caution with your finances. If you can avoid making a money decision, do. Because, within one week, more information could play into the situation through another source or person. Tonight: Keep costs down.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★★ Juggling work, people and/or situations could go haywire. The eclipse occurs in your opposite sign, yet demands you to handle different interests. You have the skills, but do you have the energy to handle a multi-area high-voltage scene? Tonight: Let someone else lead.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ You might want to renew a commitment that involves your daily life, work and/or your health. Your awareness will be necessary with events now and in the near future. Trust your sixth sense before acting. Tonight: Make it easy.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★★ Dig into your bag of creativity and find solutions and new ways. If you are on top of your game, you'll discover the power of your creativity and sometimes unusual thoughts in finding a solution. Are you triggering someone unnecessarily? Tonight: Enjoy the moment.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★ Your depth and understanding will come into play. How you deal with a key personal situation involving different people could define the issue. Your ability to understand another's motives is key. Tonight: Hide away at home.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★★ You could be very overwhelmed by what someone is sharing or the many people who seem to suddenly seek you out. If possible, detach and see past the obvious -- others cannot right now. Tonight: Hanging out could be lively.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Your more possessive side emerges when dealing with others. You also might have an instinct to move forward and not get hung up on the details of finances, people and issues. Sooner or later, you will need to. Understand what is motivating you. Tonight: Take a hard look at the bills.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ Listen to feedback before you impulsively go down a path or cause a problem. The lunar eclipse in your sign adds to the emotional and impulsive quality of what you do. Tonight: Some actions and words cannot be undone.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★★ Your ability to understand what is going on behind the scenes is tuned in, but not necessarily right-on. Give yourself space to make a decision or to work through a problem or insight. Time is your ally. Tonight: Chill!

Happy birthday

This year, changes could occur in an electric manner. If you are a man, an identity crisis might not be a surprise. For a woman, if you're single, this also could mean a new relationship and/or a change in the relationship with a man. Don't try to predict what will occur, but rather be ready to deal with the unexpected. If you are single, of course your status could change, and a new opportunity will appear when you least expect it. If you are attached, understand a partner's identity crisis if you are a woman. If you are a man, don't play out an identity crisis in your relationship. Work that through first. AQUARIUS plays devil's advocate.

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

Girls and Sports

By Justin Borus and Andrew Feinstein



The Meaning of Lila

By John Forgetta & L.A. Rose



Garfield

By Jim Davis



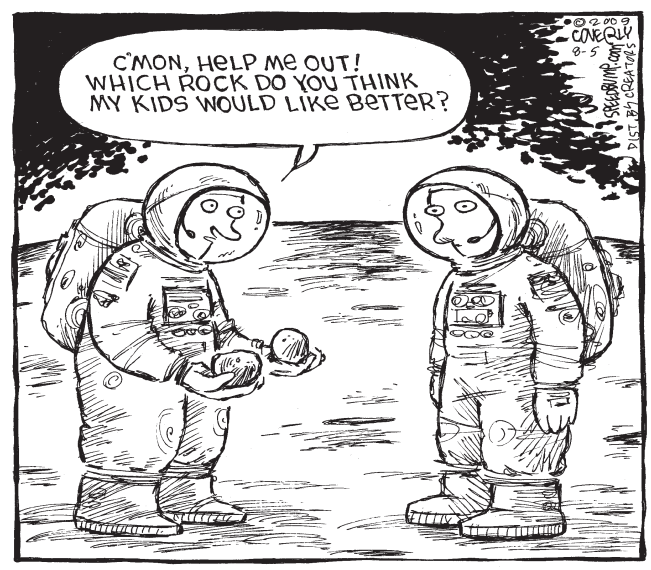
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Difficulty Level ★★★

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

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Cry like a baby
5 Tap
11 Lotion additive
12 Angry rant
13 Naked
14 Made blank
15 Conclusion
16 Average
17 Bumbling
19 Shred
22 Gauge setting
24 Undermine
26 Vicinity
27 Has debts
28 School art staple
30 Angry with
31 Crunch targets
32 Heat home
34 Tailless cat
35 Jazz group: Abbr.
38 Bring to a sudden stop
41 Schnitzel meat
42 Wise one
43 Goddess with cow horns
44 Least wild
45 Concerning

DOWN

1 Paul Bunyan's blue ox
2 Astronaut Shepard
3 Loquacious quality
4 Gettysburg loser
5 Exorbitant
6 Buccaneer
7 Persia, today
8 Ozone, for one
9 Exalted verse
10 Slugger Williams
16 Singer Tillis
18 Tidy
19 Boisterous behavior
20 Inkling
21 Nuisance
22 Mama's mate
23 Saudi native
25 Act the nomad
29 Contacts, in a way
30 Painter Ernst
33 Harbor
34 Spiked club
36 Fishing need
37 To boot
38 Braille unit
39 Memorable time
40 Lamb's dad
41 By way of

C	A	G	E	■	■	K	I	T	E	S
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Yesterday's answer

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8-5

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MEGA MILLIONS
1 28 34 42 50
Meganumber: 27
Jackpot: $84M

SUPER LOTTO PLUS
6 13 18 26 39
Meganumber: 24
Jackpot: $7M

Fantasy 5
2 8 31 32 33

DAILY 3
MIDDAY: 4 7 1
EVENING: 3 0 6

DAILY DERBY
1st: 07 Eureka
2nd: 10 Solid Gold
3rd: 12 Lucky Charms
RACE TIME: 1:46.02

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Some parents of students at the Al-Islah Muslim girls' school in Blackburn, England, discovered that a staff secretary, Shifa Patel, 28, had a Facebook page, featuring innocuous photos of herself but dressed in other than her full-body robe and headscarf, which are her everyday school attire. The photos also reveal that she has close-cropped hair. One assumption led to another, and soon Patel was accused of being a man who dresses as a woman in order to mingle with females. Patel went to the trouble of getting a doctor's certificate of her gender, but the parents refused to accept it, and in June, Patel (and the school's headmistress) resigned in despair.

■ A young copperhead snake trespassed into a building near Poolesville, Md., in June and delivered several venomous nips to the hand of Sam Pettengill. Often snakes do not survive such encounters because the victim's first impulse is to kill the attacker. Fortunately for this snake, it had wandered into a Buddhist temple, and Pettengill had an obligation, according to a Washington Post report. Before he set out for the hospital for treatment (which turned out to be four antivenin cycles), Pettengill took the snake in his throbbing, increasingly pain-wracked hand, circled a prayer room three times to bless it, and released it back into the woods.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1858 American businessman Cyrus Field finished laying out the first trans-Atlantic telegraph cable between Newfoundland and Ireland. (However, after several weeks of use, the cable burned out.)

1864 During the Civil War, Union Adm. David G. Farragut led his fleet to victory in the Battle of Mobile Bay, Ala.

1924 The comic strip "Little Orphan Annie," by Harold Gray, made its debut.

1933 President Franklin D. Roosevelt established the National Labor Board, which was later replaced with the National Labor Relations Board.

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