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THE NICE TO TREES ISSUE

O'Day, Patel early leaders in election fundraising

BY NICK TABOREK
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL A handful of Santa Monica City Council and school board candidates opened up big fundraising leads during the first half of the year while most hopefuls in November's election had yet to begin raising money, campaign disclosure statements show.

In the City Council race, Terry O'Day, who was appointed to the body in February after the death of Mayor Ken Genser, was the early money leader with $19,975 raised between Jan. 1 and June 30, putting him way ahead of the second-place fundraiser, challenger Ted Winterer, who brought in $11,655.

Councilwoman Gleam Davis, who along with O'Day is running for a two-year council seat, raised $3,200 during the period and loaned her campaign an additional $2,500.

Incumbents Kevin McKeown and Bob Holbrook, meanwhile, had yet to begin seeking donations in earnest. McKeown received no donations during the period and Holbrook received just one — a $250 gift from Mayor Bobby Shriver, whose council term lasts until 2012. (Holbrook, though, had a campaign balance of $3,241.31.)

Four-term council incumbent Pam O'Connor received zero donations during the period but had a campaign balance of $1,245.40, records showed.

Rent Control Commissioner Robert Kronovet, another candidate for a two-year seat on the council, raised $3,835 during the period. Jean McNeil Wyner, a candidate for a four-year term, raised $600.

Only candidates who raise at least $1,000 are required to file disclosure forms. Many candidates for the council didn't reach that limit in the first six months of the year.

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MADE IN THE SHADE

Brandon Wise *brandonw@smdp.com*

A crew of men from the Valley Crest Tree Company transplants a large jacaranda at Clover Park on Wednesday morning. A total of five trees were donated to the city by Nordstrom, located at Santa Monica Place. The trees were removed from the grounds of the mall.

Judge overturns gay marriage ban

LISA LEFF & PAUL ELIAS
Associated Press Writers

SAN FRANCISCO A federal judge overturned California's gay-marriage ban Wednesday in a landmark case that could eventually force the U.S. Supreme Court to confront the question of whether same-sex couples have a constitutional right to wed.

The ruling by Chief U.S. District Judge Vaughn Walker touched off a celebration outside the courthouse. Gay couples waved rainbow and American flags and erupted with cheers in the city that has long been a magnet for gays.

Shelly Bailes embraced her wife Ellen Pontac as Bailes held a sign reading, "Life Feels Different When You're Married."

In New York City, about 150 people gathered in front of a lower Manhattan courthouse. They carried signs saying "Our Love

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At-risk youth, senior citizens connect

BY REBECCA KHEEL
Special to the Daily Press

OCEAN PARK BLVD Clara Kleinman was not sure she would have anything to offer a teenage girl.

Kleinman, 84, has lived what she described as a "weird" life, growing up during the Great Depression in a slum in St. Louis where she witnessed multiple stabbings, beginning to work when she was 12 by selling apples and leaving school after ninth grade. With her meager education and her lack of artistic talent, Kleinman was wary that she could have a positive impact on a teenager.

But after a five-week partnership where she and a teenager swapped life stories, Kleinman realized not only did she have sage advice to give, but she had something to learn from the girl, as well.

"I learned that despite the different ages, our generations feel much of the same anxi-

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Thursday, Aug. 5, 2010

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The fifth installment of the Twilight Dance Series promises to be one of the most entertaining yet as iconic hipster Rickie Lee Jones takes the stage to perform a compilation of songs both old and new. For more information, visit santamonicapier.org.

The art of wine
PAINT:LAB
2912 Main St., 6 p.m. — 9 p.m.
Spend the evening expressing your creativity at this paint, wine and cheese event. For $25, attendees get acrylic paints, brushes, easels, space, wine and cheese. Canvasses must be purchased separately. The evening is uninstructed. For more information, call (310) 450-9200.

Friday, Aug. 6, 2010

Open for business
Santa Monica Place Mall
10 a.m. — 7 p.m.
The grand opening of Santa Monica Place will feature entertainment, deals and giveaways and prizes. Enjoy a traditional ribbon-cutting and live performances by KCRW DJ/Music Director Jason Bentley and The Legion of Extraordinary Dancers.

Line up for 'A Chorus Line'
Morgan-Wixson Theatre
2627 Pico Blvd., 8 p.m.
A Tony Award-winning musical about the personal experiences of Broadway dancers, showing at the intimate, 200-seat Morgan-Wixson Theatre. Tickets are $23 for adults and $18 for seniors and students. Parking is free. For more information, call (310) 828-7519.

Film fest
Aero Theatre
1328 Montana Ave., 7 p.m. — 12 a.m.
The Santa Monica Film Festival features screenings of some of the best independent features, documentaries and short films from around the country and the world. Tickets can be bought for $25 for an all-event pass, $10 for an all-screening pass and $25 for the awards party. The two-day event resumes at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 7. For more information, call (310) 555-1212.

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.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

CITY HALL

CityTV wins 10th Emmy

Santa Monica's cable television station, CityTV, capped off another successful year of quality local programming by winning its 10th Emmy at this year's 2010 Los Angeles Area Emmy Awards.

CityTV won the Public Service Announcement (PSA) category with its "Kids Finance PSA," a video geared toward teaching children the value and importance of saving money for the future, city officials said. The PSA's fun graphics and mix of live action with 2-D animation made it stand out amongst the competition.

"It has been an incredible year for CityTV with our added channels and our previous award for best channel in the state," said Robin Gee, CityTV station manager. "We are proud to have achieved the milestone of having 10 Emmy statues for our trophy case."

The "Kids Finance PSA" was produced by Darren Doerschel and Al Johnson. You can view the Emmy award-winning PSA at www.citytv.org.

CityTV of Santa Monica is the government community cable channel for the City of Santa Monica. Available on cable channel 16, CityTV is funded, programmed and operated by the City of Santa Monica. The channel is available to every cable television subscriber within Santa Monica and reaches approximately 24,000 households.

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SM MOUNTAINS

Wildfire plan released

After a year of intensive collaboration with the local communities and stakeholders, the Santa Monica Mountains Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) is ready for public comment now through Sept. 15, 2010, federal officials said.

The purpose of the CWPP is to help local communities collaborate with agencies, organizations and homeowners to mitigate wildfire hazards, improve community preparedness, address defensible space and structure integrity and implement wildfire safety projects that will make a difference in their community.

A CWPP also improves the strength of grant proposals because it provides a collaborative process, addresses hazardous fuels reduction and focuses on a structure's resistance to wildfire.

"The county, state and federal fire plans provide communities with a tremendous opportunity to implement fire hazard reduction in their neighborhoods," said J. Lopez of the Los Angeles County Fire Department. "A Community Wildfire Protection Plan is the most effective way to take advantage of this opportunity,"

Over 20 meetings were held in the Santa Monica Mountains.

"Our community, Topanga Canyon, has already benefited from the CWPP," said Beth Burnam, North Topanga Canyon Fire Safe Council co-president and Topanga resident. "The process of having open meetings for all concerned residents has brought people together who otherwise would never meet each other. As a result of meeting each other, Topanga Canyon has a number of Fire Safe Councils that are either formed or in the process of forming,"

The final draft of the Santa Monica Mountains CWPP is available at forevergreenforestry.com/SantaMonicaMountainsCWPP.html.

Send comments in writing to:
Attention: J. Lopez, deputy forester
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Forestry Division, Fire Plan Unit
12605 Osborne St., Pacoima, 91331-2129

Please send e-mail comments to: santamonicamountainscwpp@gmail.com.

Local CWPP representatives will host a series of short informational presentations during the week of Aug. 16 at the following locations:

• Malibu City Council Chambers,
23805 Stuart Ranch Road, Malibu, 90265
Aug. 18, 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

• Malibu West Beach Club,
30756 Pacific Coast Highway, Malibu, 90265
Aug. 20, 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

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UPGRADE: **SMC's Corsair Field will receive a facelift as part of the college's master plan.**

SMC board approves construction plan

BY NICK TABOREK
Daily Press Staff Writer

SMC Despite concerns about construction projects slated for Santa Monica College raised by the neighborhood group Friends of Sunset Park, the school's board of trustees on Tuesday unanimously approved a new master plan that envisions construction, building renovations and demolitions at the college's main campus and satellite properties.

The plan proposes changes that board members said would enhance students' experience and improve safety at SMC's 41-acre main campus and at its three much smaller sites: the Academy of Entertainment and Technology Campus, the Olympic shuttle lot and the Performing Arts Campus.

Two of the biggest construction projects that could be on the horizon at SMC involve tearing down and replacing Corsair Stadium and the Liberal Arts Building, both located on the main campus.

Trustee Andrew Walzer noted that any project contemplated in the master plan would require a separate review process and board approval. The master plan, he said, is simply a "road map" for how to think about improvements at the college over a 10 to 15 year time frame.

"Nothing's set in stone," he said. "It's all subject to further review."

"I'M GRATEFUL FOR THEIR RECOGNITION OF THE IMPORTANCE OF PRESERVING THE MATURE TREES. I'M SORRY TO SEE THAT THEY'RE GOING TO DO SO MUCH DEMOLITION INSTEAD OF RENOVATING AND RETROFITTING."

Susan Hartely
Friends of Sunset Park member

No additional square footage would be added to the main campus, he said, though temporary math and science buildings could be replaced by permanent structures.

But neighborhood activists opposed to the plan said it was a first step toward costly construction projects that would have negative impacts on Sunset Park, the neighborhood that borders SMC's main campus.

In a letter to the board of trustees, the Friends of Sunset Park board of directors urged the college to reconsider its plan, saying SMC should "retrofit and remodel instead of continuing to tear down and

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A chance to compete

Editor:

Hello Mr. Bauer,

I enjoyed your column regarding changes at the Main Street Farmers Market ("Will a half cent break the camel's back?" Aug. 2, My Write). I agree that there are some really great, long-time food vendors at all four markets. I wanted to write, however, to give another perspective.

I am a Santa Monica resident. In fact, my roots go way back here. Both my husband and I graduated from Santa Monica High School in 1972! The economy being as it is and job outlook gloomy, I decided several months ago to resurrect a business I had several years ago in Ashland, Ore. There, I was able to license my home kitchen and began a business baking scones and other treats in the tradition of the British Isles based on old family recipes. It was fairly easy to get accepted into the Farmers Markets, and soon I was selling out at three markets per week.

Back here in Santa Monica, and basically in all of California, it is not as easy to start a business. However, I have gotten through all the hurdles of licenses and permits, have found a commercial kitchen and am now selling in the Malibu and Westwood Farmers Markets. All other area markets, however, are full with very long wait lists.

You can only imagine how excited I was, then, to hear Santa Monica had opened the application process in order to give newer, smaller and Santa Monica-based businesses a chance for a place in one of the markets here. This is my home, and I only want the chance to compete with all the other excellent business on a level playing field. I feel the application process was fair and really appreciated the openness and information given at the meetings for prospective new businesses. I have submitted my application, along with references, and I am keeping my fingers crossed I will be one of the lucky ones! If I am, it will be so great to be there at one of the weekly markets, providing really good food to old friends and new ones. If I am not selected, I will have the satisfaction of knowing that I had the chance to compete for a space, and I will continue to support the markets and the great food vendors who make them such great places to shop!

Caity Wallace Neumeister
Santa Monica





Life Matters

JoAnne Barge & Katrina Davy Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Making moves without offending the old boss

DEAR NEW SHRINK,

I started my current job about 14 months ago. I absolutely love the position and the people I work with, but I have to commute almost two hours each way. The commute is really getting to me. Recently, I discovered an opportunity in an office located closer to my home and one that would have an opposite traffic commute. I really want to apply for the transfer, but I am unsure how to approach the subject with my boss since I feel I owe him for dedicating time to developing me. I am afraid to approach my boss and ask whether he would recommend me for the transfer because we have established a strong working relationship. Will he find out if I apply? What do you recommend I do?

Signed,
Commuter

DEAR COMMUTER,

Factors outside of the workplace have a huge impact on our careers. While a long commute may not seem like a big deal during the application process, it really can impact the quality of your work and your life. I promise you are not the first person to weigh your commute against the job opportunities in front of you. In fact, you are probably not the first person in your office to make a change for the very same reason.

If you have a strong relationship with your boss, then you should consider how he can support you. It is likely that he is already aware of your long commute and ultimately should be concerned with making sure you are in the right position within the company. You mention you feel guilty because he has invested time in developing you; this probably means he sees your potential and will be happy for you to explore opportunities that best fit your life.

It is very important you have an open dialogue with your current boss. One of the worst things that could happen is for him to find out from someone else that you applied for a position. This has the potential to damage the trust and relationship you have created far more than asking for his assistance in transferring.

Before you make the move, you may want to do some internal research to get a sense of the team you would be working with. Ask around to see if others in your current office have ideas of who's who and how things work in the other office. Even within the same corporation, different offices can have totally different cultures. You want to be sure you are making a shift that will support your own professional and career development.

If it looks like this new team will be a good fit for you, I would encourage you to set up a time to meet with your current boss. You will want to prepare several different things so he can tell you have really thought through the situation. Make sure that he knows it is not personal but rather a necessary change to make you more efficient and successful in the office. Adding four extra hours per day is time you could be devoting to work, your family and other important areas.

To prepare for the conversation, it might be helpful to look at the upcoming projects and develop a system that will provide your current team with the most support possible. Even though it is an employer's job market right now, it still takes time to fill a vacancy. Planning ahead will ensure you leave on a positive note and will continue the strong relationship you and your boss have created. Good luck in your transition.

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Back to school blues

IT'S ONLY JUST AUGUST, BUT THAT back-to-school smell is already in the air, as evidenced by the abundance of late summer and early fall catalogs splayed with monogrammed backpacks and fleece jackets that keep showing up in my mailbox. While autumn is up there with winter, spring and summer as my favorite season, an involuntary pit forms in my stomach when retailers start changing their tones from pastels to browns and oranges. That all-too-familiar, season-changing palette signifies the first day of school is creeping up around the corner. Never mind that I haven't been a student for well over a decade — old olfactory triggers die hard.

I don't remember many things worse as a kid than realizing the sun-drenched days of freedom were slowly growing shorter, it was probably wise to grab a sweater when heading out for a leisurely twilight stroll and the end of barefoot toes on lawns dewy from sprinklers was imminent.

The idea of being a student again is attractive only in a rose-colored lens kind of way.

In elementary school, the annual rite of shopping for new fall clothes, shoes and school supplies — three-ring binders and crisp, blank loose-leaf paper, unsharpened pencils and big, rubbery erasers — was inarguably thrilling. As a college student, returning to campus for the first time since spring, gossiping with friends for hours on the quad, purchasing text books in the campus bookstore and staying up all night with new suite mates in the dorm was like the holy grail of youth — the ring of freedom, the guarantee of a fresh slate (and fresh report card) and the promise of eternal immunity all wrapped into one. The possibilities on the first day of school were endless.

But when looking back with 20/20 vision, the excitement quickly dulls. It takes less than a minute to remember how quickly after the first day of class teachers presented quizzes based on the mandatory summer reading lists (who gives homework over the summer?), how effortlessly each college professor (arbitrarily) assigned 30-, 40- or 50-page papers and how rapidly mid-term exams seemed to arrive (how, exactly, is October considered mid-anything?).

As someone who's never quite learned her lesson about not waiting until the 11th hour to meet a deadline, the heart-racing, head-pounding agony of procrastinating until the night before a due date to begin writing a paper, researching a thesis topic, constructing a science class diorama or studying for a quiz is still easy to remember. Those dreadful, stomach-churning days leading up to an inevitable all-nighter, knowing that lack of time or motivation prohibited any advance work is not something to which I can imagine voluntarily returning.

Of course going back to the classroom (sans the homework) would be fantastic. Who doesn't long for the days of eye-opening discussions, when life-altering, cloud-clearing, heaven-opening revelations based on a single passage of Shakespeare, Flaubert or Foucault were witnessed and experienced? It's the association of those seemingly life-or-death moments — "If I don't finish this and do well my grade-point average will drop, and my parents will express their disappointment for spending $160,000 on an education that I'm clearly not taking seriously" — that I don't miss when the first chill of autumn blows in through the window screen.

I never used to pass up an opportunity to wish on a star or pray to the gods to please, please just get me through another deadline crisis or term-paper fiasco. I pined for the stress of real, non-academic life, which I was convinced couldn't be as bad as the pressures of the ivory tower. I still can't laugh when remembering the panic and tears after receiving an F on my first college writing assignment because the paper I turned in contained more than three instances of the passive voice.

Looking back now as a full-fledged member in pretty good standing of the real world (if that's what we're calling resort-town life these days), I can't foresee feeling anything but nausea if I thought I had to go back to school in a few weeks. I cherish the memories of the unsharpened pencils, the brand-new penny loafers, the piping-hot pizza delivered at 3 in the morning and the wealth of accumulated knowledge, but I still wouldn't trade all that for my three current jobs.

Hopefully it's just a matter of time before the correlation of the summer-into-fall seasonal changes is nothing more than a reminder that if I want, I don't have to do anything but gaze at the leaves changing on the trees and show up for work.

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The Q Line

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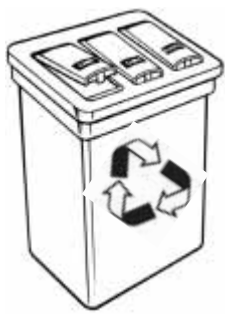
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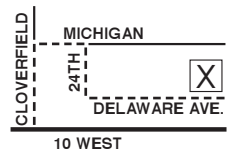


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BOOK REVIEW

BY DANE ROBERT SWANSON



'Fantasy in Death'

By J.D. Robb • G.P. Putnam's Sons

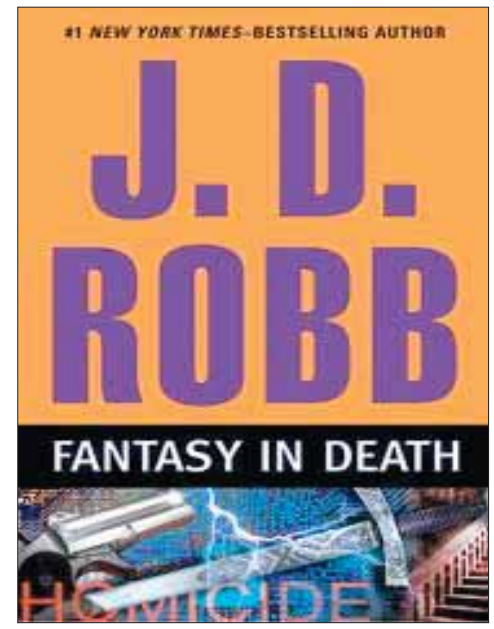
What if your virtual reality was able to kill you, not only in virtual time but also in real time? This is the problem NYPSD Lt. Eve Dallas is confronted with in this work.

Author J.D. Robb sets her mysteries in the future when people have droids, can travel between planets, and have access to voice recognition and video scan security. Using details linking the book to today's reality, she makes it easy for the reader to suspend their disbelief, which is the main goal of any writer.

The usual group of characters is here; there is Peabody, Dallas' assistant; Dallas' husband, Roarke, who provides the computer know-how and sometimes even goes around the law to get the information needed; McNab, Peabody's lover and Summerset, Roarkes' butler.

All good mysteries can be divided into three parts: the beginning gambit, the middle, and the end. Also, as in games of logic, the clues are well laid out. Robb handles all these areas well. She has offered us a world that we soon accept.

The first emotional impact will determine the reader's involvement in the story. As the story opens up, a young and eager video game player, Bart Minnock, founder of the computer giant U-Play, takes home a game he is developing. He plays it, and something in the game kills him. This offers a locked room motif; only he entered the game room and the door was locked behind him. Yet someone killed him just as the character in the virtual reality game killed his character. Dallas sends two of her top NYPSD undercover agents to a virtual reality convention to try to locate the



weapon, a sword that can cut a person's head clean off.

All good fiction writing offers the reader an illusion which they accept as fact. Mysteries are a form of escape. Where else can we read about good versus evil where (hopefully) good wins? Mysteries can be thought of as modern day morality play.

J.D. Robb is a very prolific author in this genre, having done over 30 episodes in the "In Death" series. Under her real name of Nora Roberts, she is also a prolific romance author, J. D. Robb being a pseudonym used to write in the mystery genre.

This book is recommended for lovers of fine mysteries.

Contact **DANE** at smdp_review@yahoo.com.

Review: New online music services offer up tons of tunes

RACHEL METZ
AP Technology Writer

SAN FRANCISCO If you're itching to hear whatever you want, whenever you want, without breaking the bank on songs from Apple's iTunes store, your best bet is an online subscription music service.

Two new ones are hoping to capture your attention and dollars: Rdio, which was created by the founders of Internet phone service Skype, and MOG, from the music blog network of the same name. For $10 per month each, the two let you listen to an unlimited number of high-quality tunes on the Web and on your smart phone, download songs to your phone for offline listening (though you won't be able to listen to them if you cancel service) and connect with like-minded music lovers.

On the surface, they sound tempting, and after spending some time with Rdio and MOG, I could see myself opening up my wallet to MOG each month. Still, if you're not a music junkie, this kind of service is a tough sell in the age of digital freebies: Internet radio service Pandora won't always let me hear exactly what I want, but it also won't charge me $10 every four weeks.

First, I tried out Rdio (pronounced "ar-dee-oh"), which has been available by invitation since June and was opened up on Tuesday to anyone who wants to subscribe.

Rdio smartly offers two membership options: You can pay $5 per month to listen to as much music as you want over the Web, or $10 per month for all-you-can-hear access online and on a BlackBerry, iPhone or smart phone running Google's Android operating software. Since I've always got a smart phone on me, I chose the pricier option.

At the office, I tried Rdio's website, which is confusing to navigate with its smorgasbord of music-related lists and features. The search function is tucked away in the upper right-hand corner — not hard to find, but definitely not screaming for attention.

Within the busy website I found one particularly clever feature: You can sync songs remotely to your smart phone, instead of having to search for them on a tiny mobile screen.

Rdio also offers a simple desktop application that works as a music player so you don't have to visit the website to play songs stored in your online queue.

The application can also add digital music you already own to your Rdio account. It checks to see which songs in your iTunes or Windows Media Player collections are in Rdio's database and keeps a list, so you can instantly access the songs online or on your phone.

MARRIAGE
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Wins" as organizers read portions of the ruling.

Walker made his decision in a lawsuit filed by two gay couples who claimed the voter-approved ban violated their civil rights.

The ruling "vindicates the rights of a minority of our citizens to be treated with decency and respect and equality in our system," said former U.S. Solicitor General Theodore Olson, who delivered the closing argument at trial for opponents of the ban.

California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger also praised the ruling as an important step toward equality and freedom.

Protect Marriage, the coalition of religious and conservative groups that sponsored the ban, said it would immediately appeal the ruling to the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals.

"In America, we should uphold and respect the right of people to make policy changes through the democratic process, especially changes that do nothing more than uphold the definition of marriage that has existed since the founding of this country and beyond," said Jim Campbell, a lawyer on the defense team.

Despite the favorable ruling for same-sex couples, gay marriage will not be allowed to resume immediately.

Judge Walker said he wants to decide whether his order should be suspended while the proponents of the ban pursue their appeal. He ordered both sides to submit written arguments by Friday on the issue.

The appeal would go first to the 9th Circuit then to the U.S. Supreme Court if the high court justices agree to review it.

California voters passed the ban as Proposition 8 in November 2008, five months after the state Supreme Court legalized gay marriage.

Supporters argued the ban was necessary to safeguard the traditional understanding of marriage and to encourage responsible childbearing.

Walker, however, found it violated the Constitution's due process and equal protection clauses while failing "to advance any rational basis in singling out gay men and lesbians for denial of a marriage license."

"Indeed, the evidence shows Proposition 8 does nothing more than enshrine in the California Constitution the notion that opposite-sex couples are superior to same-sex couples," the judge wrote in his 136-page ruling.

He also said proponents offered little evidence that they were motivated by anything other than animus toward gays — beginning with their campaign to pass the ban, which included claims of wanting to protect children from learning about same-sex marriage in school.

"Proposition 8 played on the a fear that exposure to homosexuality would turn children into homosexuals and that parents should dread having children who are not heterosexual," Walker wrote.

Walker heard 13 days of testimony and arguments since January during the first trial in federal court to examine if states can prohibit gays from getting married.

The plaintiffs presented 18 witnesses. Academic experts testified about topics ranging from the fitness of gay parents and religious views on homosexuality to the historical meaning of marriage and the political influence of the gay rights movement.

Olson teamed up with David Boies to argue the case, bringing together the two litigators best known for representing George W. Bush and Al Gore in the disputed 2000 election.

Defense lawyers called just two witnesses, claiming they did not need to present expert testimony because U.S. Supreme Court precedent was on their side. The attorneys also said gay marriage was an experiment with unknown social consequences that should be left to voters to accept or reject.

Former U.S. Justice Department lawyer Charles Cooper, who represented the religious and conservative groups that sponsored the ban, said cultures around the world, previous courts and Congress all accepted the "common sense belief that children do best when they are raised by their own mother and father."

In an unusual move, the original defendants, California Attorney General Jerry Brown and Schwarzenegger, refused to support Proposition 8 in court.

That left the work of defending the law to Protect Marriage, the group that successfully sponsored the ballot measure that passed with 52 percent of the vote after the most expensive political campaign on a social issue in U.S. history.

Currently, same-sex couples can only legally wed in Massachusetts, Iowa, Connecticut, Vermont, New Hampshire and Washington, D.C.

The ruling puts Walker at the forefront of the gay marriage debate and marks the latest in a long line of high-profile legal decisions for the longtime federal judge.

He was appointed by Ronald Reagan, but his nomination was held up for two years in part because of opposition from gay rights activists. As a lawyer, he helped the U.S. Olympic Committee sue a gay ex-Olympian who had created an athletic competition called the Gay Olympics.

Walker is a Republican. He said he joined the party while at Stanford University during the Vietnam War protests, and spent two years clerking for a judge appointed by Richard Nixon.

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replace every building on the main campus."

The letter also said the college should "stop spending hundreds of thousands of taxpayer dollars recruiting students from the Los Angeles Community College District, from out of state, and from outside the country."

FOSP chair person Zina Josephs also raised concerns that construction projects at the main campus could result in the loss of mature trees on SMC's grounds, including a large Morton Bay fig tree that is adjacent to the college's liberal arts building.

On Tuesday, though, board members said that tree would be spared and they are committed to looking for ways to protect trees during construction projects — a welcome bit of news to activists including Susan Hartley, a co-founder of Santa Monica Treesavers and an FOSP board member.

"I'm grateful for their recognition of the importance of preserving the mature trees," she said. "I'm sorry to see that they're going to do so much demolition instead of renovating and retrofitting."

The capital improvements contemplated in the master plan would be funded under Measure AA, a $295 million local bond measure approved by the voters of the community college district in November, 2008.

The plan involves modernizing and renovating facilities on the main campus and building new facilities and renovating others on the Academy of Entertainment and Technology Campus. Seismic repairs and and an expansion of facilities at the Performing Arts Campus are also included in the plan, as are parking and landscape improvements.

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ety," she said.

Kleinman was a volunteer in the first Intergenerational Literature and Arts program that partnered volunteers from social services organization WISE & Healthy Aging with students at the continuation school, Olympic High School. The five-week class saw 11 pairs of senior citizens and teenagers share life stories, culminating this Friday with presentations of art projects representing what each person learned about his or her partner. The best presentation will receive an award at a later, yet-to-be-determined date.

The program is sponsored by the Santa Monica Bay Area Human Relations Council, which has previously hosted annual summer arts and literature competitions. After the council decided to restructure the competition, the chief executive officer of WISE & Healthy Aging, Grace Cheng Braun, suggested the intergenerational program, said Julia Kwei, the program facilitator at WISE & Healthy Aging.

Olympic High School agreed to participate because it is always looking for ways to expose students to the community, said Janie Gates, the principal of the school.

"We thought it was a great project for the students to learn what worked in the older people's lives and what hurdles they've had to overcome," Gates said.

The class focused on "branching points," the idea of life changing moments, Kwei said. After a short lesson and a handful of prompting questions at the beginning of each class, the pairs spent the time getting to know each other and sharing stories.

"There was an amazing atmosphere," Kwei said. "I think sometimes people come walking in with preconceived notions, but everyone was really respectful, and there was a feeling that there was a lot of potential in the room."

From the shared stories, the students and senior citizens created presentations. The senior citizens tended to write short stories and poems, while the students mainly created collages of photos from their partners,

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> Olympic High School Principal

Kwei said. Three judges will watch Friday's presentations and name a winner.

Kleinman wrote a short story about what she learned from the student she worked with, Natalie LaBarbera. Despite Kleinman's initial hesitation, she and LaBarbera connected, and was able to give LaBarbera advice that encouraged her to stay in school.

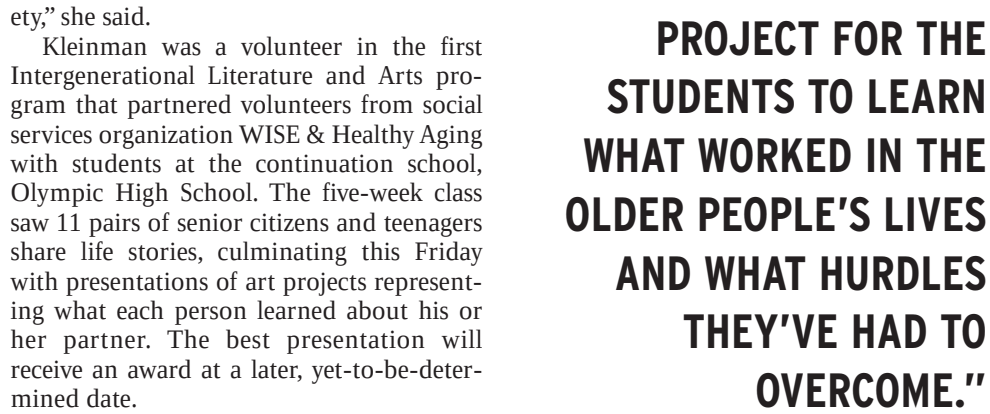
LaBarbera was having issues at home; her mother had a new boyfriend, which mostly left LaBarbera alone to fend for herself. When she confided her troubles in Kleinman, Kleinman drew on her own experiences growing up in a dangerous slum, but thriving later in life as an office manager and a controller of a production company to show that a person can overcome unsavory circumstances.

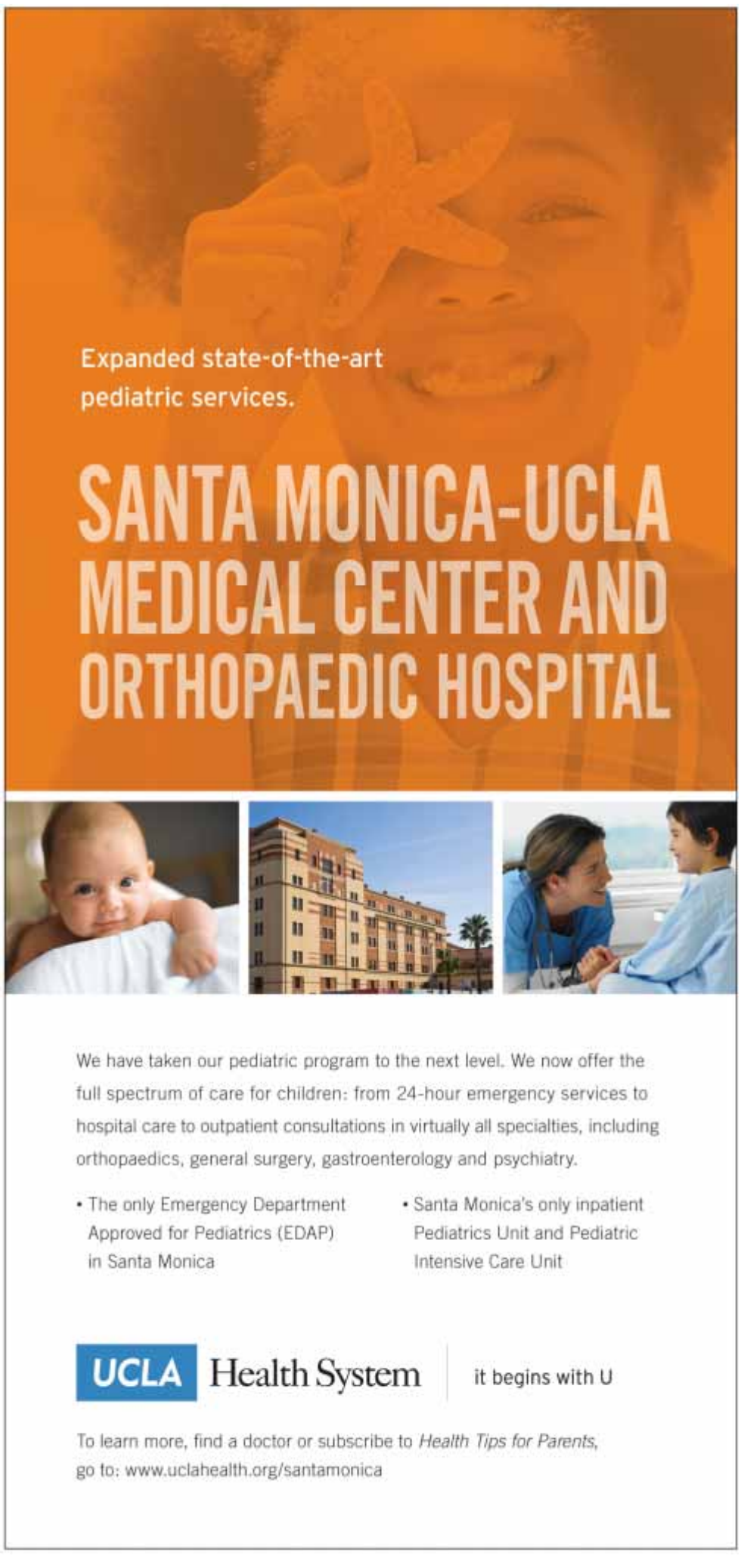
"I told her she's not going to punish her mom by dropping at of school," Kleinman said. "I said there are a lot of choices in life, and you can't blame your background for bad choices, and I think that impressed her."

The life lessons were reciprocated by the students, said Donald Murchie, one of the senior citizen volunteers. He said he learned differences are only on the surface.

"Spiritually, we have some of the same feelings," Murchie said.

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ELECTION
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Candidates must file additional statements before the Nov. 2 election detailing their campaign season fundraising activity.

On the school board side, challenger Nimish Patel was in the fundraising lead as of June 30 with $21,200 in donations. Laurie Lieberman, also a challenger, was in second place with $10,550.

None of the three incumbent candidates for re-election to the board, Barry Snell, Ralph Mechur and Oscar de la Torre, reported raising money during the first six months of the year.

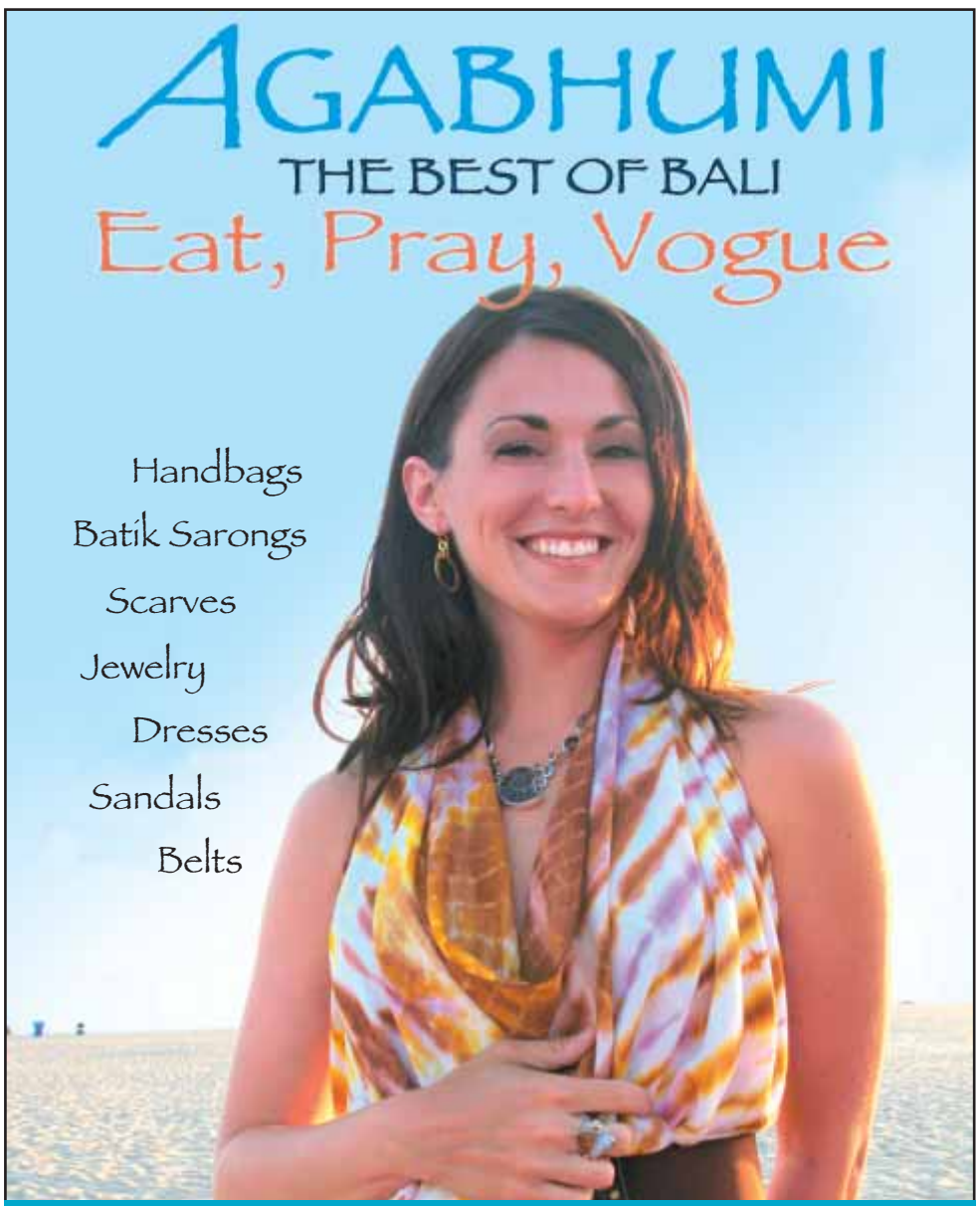
Reached on Wednesday, Patel, a relative new comer to local politics who became a school district activist in 2008, said early fundraising success was especially important because he's taking on more established candidates in his bid for a school board seat.

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> **Nimish Patel,**
> School board candidate

"It really shows support and gives momentum to show people that you are a viable candidate," he said. "I have to assume that I might have to raise more money than the other candidates."

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Feds say Gulf oil mostly gone; researches disagree

SETH BORENSTEIN
AP Science Writer

WASHINGTON With a startling report that some researchers call more spin than science, the government said Wednesday that the mess made by the BP oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico is mostly gone already.

On the same day they trumpeted success in plugging up the leaking well with drilling mud, federal officials announced that nearly 70 percent of the oil spilled dissolved naturally, or was burned, skimmed, dispersed or captured, with almost nothing left to see — at least on top of the water.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the U.S. Geological Survey announced in the five-page report that only 52.7 million gallons of oil are left in the Gulf. That is about 31 percent of the 172 million gallons that spewed into the water from the broken BP well.

Just because the oil is out of sight doesn't mean the Gulf is out of harm's way, federal scientists emphasized. And what's left in the water is still almost five times the amount spilled by the Exxon Valdez in 1989.

Nevertheless, Wednesday was a day of cautious celebration by a White House that has had little to cheer about from the oil spill.

"I think it is fairly safe to say ... that many of the doomsday scenarios that we talked about and repeated a lot have not and will not come to fruition," White House spokesman Robert Gibbs said at a briefing with NOAA's top scientist.

Much of the reasoning behind the disappearing oil has to do with the natural resilience of the Gulf, which is teeming with microbes that eat oil. On top of that is the natural tendency of oil in seawater to evaporate and dissolve to half its volume in about a week — something even critics acknowledge.

The federal calculations are based on direct measurements for only 18 million gallons of the oil spilled — the stuff burned and skimmed. The other numbers are "educated scientific guesses," said NOAA emergency response senior scientist Bill Lehr, an author of the report. That is because it is impossible to measure oil that is dispersed, he said.

That's what worries some outside scientists.

"This is a shaky report. The more I read it, the less satisfied I am with the thoroughness of the presentation," Florida State University oceanography professor Ian MacDonald told The Associated Press. "There are sweeping assumptions here."

NOAA chief Jane Lubchenco acknowledged the numbers could be off by as much as 10 percent. One of the scientists who peer-reviewed the work and is mentioned in the report, Ed Overton of Louisiana State University, said he wasn't comfortable with NOAA's putting precise percentages of how much oil is left in the Gulf. What would be more accurate would be a much broader range of, say, 40 million to 60 million gallons, he said.

Still, Overton thought the report was mostly good work. He said the Gulf itself deserves much of the credit, describing the body of water in two words: "incredibly resilient."

The White House claimed only 26 percent of the oil remained in the Gulf, but that was based on a 206-million-gallon figure for the spill that included oil that spewed from the pipe but was captured by BP and never got into the Gulf. Using the 172 million gallons that got into the Gulf, 31 percent of the oil remains.

So what happened to the oil?

Thank nature more than the federal government. Burning, skimming and chemically dispersing the spill got rid of 35 million gallons of oil, while natural processes of dispersion, evaporation and dissolving got rid of 84 million gallons, according to the report.

Positive employment gains spur stock market surge

STEPHEN BERNARD
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK Reassuring signs on employment and growth in the service industry got the stock market back on an upward trajectory Wednesday.

Major indexes rose after payroll company ADP said private employers increased hiring last month and a service sector index rose unexpectedly in July. The Dow Jones industrial average gained 44 points.

Investors were relieved that the two reports provided no signs that the economy might be headed back into recession, even though growth might be sluggish. Traders have grappled with earnings and economic reports at odds with each other in recent weeks that provide a mixed picture about the pace of the recovery.

The latest batch of earnings were largely better than expected, continuing a trend that has been seen over the past four weeks. Broadcaster CBS Corp., video game maker Electronic Arts Inc., online travel site Priceline.com Inc. and Anadarko Petroleum Corp. all climbed. Whole Foods Market Inc. was one of the few to report disappointing results.

The market has been mainly climbing over the past month on encouraging earnings and corporate profit forecasts. The Dow has gained 10.3 percent since closing at its lowest level of the year on July 2.

Despite the upbeat earnings and better-than-expected economic reports, many investors remain tentative ahead of the Labor Department's monthly employment report due on Friday. Quincy Krosby, Prudential Financial's market strategist, said the market needs much more than one positive report on private sector employment to gain confidence that the pace of recovery will speed up.

"ADP was positive, but when all is said and done, the market needs stronger confirmation to grind higher," Krosby said. Until then, stocks are likely to trade in a tight range, she said.

The Dow Jones industrial average rose 44.05, or 0.4 percent, to 10,680.43. The Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 6.78, or 0.6 percent, to 1,127.24, while the Nasdaq composite index rose 20.05, or 0.9 percent, to 2,303.57.

The Dow's rise Wednesday more than erased a 38-point loss from a day earlier when reports on personal income and spending and factory orders fell short of expectations.

Nearly three stocks rose for every one that fell on the New York Stock Exchange, where consolidated volume came to a light 4.1 billion shares, comparable with the day before.

Trading volume has been unusually low in recent days, indicating that the few people actively participating in the market are mainly professional traders, said Bob Phillips, managing partner at Spectrum Management Group. Those types of investors typically trade quickly on the latest piece of news to be released, Phillips said. That adds to market volatility.

The confirmation investors are looking for in the jobs market could come in the next two days when the Labor Department releases its weekly report on initial claims for jobless benefits Thursday and its monthly employment report Friday.

Wednesday's ADP report is often seen as an early indicator of what the more important monthly jobs report from the Labor Department will look like. That report is broader and includes government as well as private sector employment. It's expected to show private employers added 90,000 jobs last month and the unemployment rate rose to 9.6 percent from 9.5 percent in June.

ADP said private employers added 42,000 jobs last month, slightly better the forecasts of economists polled by Thomson Reuters.

The ISM's service sector index rose to 54.3 in July from 53.8 in June. That's better than forecasts and indicates expansion for the largest component of the country's economy.



City of Santa Monica
Ordinance Numbers 2316 and 2317 (CCS) (City Council Series)

The following are summaries of Ordinance Numbers 2316 and 2317, which were adopted by the city Council on July 27, 2010.

Ordinance Number 2316 will change the list of parking meter holidays by deleting Lincoln's Birthday and adding Martin Luther King Day and will delete the provision that shifted holidays falling on weekends to weekdays for purposes of meter enforcement.

Ordinance Number 2317 will update requirements for new and re-development projects to install structural devises that collect storm water for treatment. Changes include the elimination of the treat and release option.

These ordinances will become effective thirty days following their adoption. The full text of the ordinances is available upon request from the Office of the City Clerk, located at 1685 Main Street, Room 102, Santa Monica, California; phone (310) 458-8211.



NFL

Chargers' Butler to miss entire season with injury

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SAN DIEGO San Diego Chargers rookie linebacker Donald Butler will miss the entire season after sustaining an Achilles' tendon injury.

In another medical development, left tackle Tra Thomas had arthroscopic surgery on his right knee. He's expected to miss roughly two weeks and won't play in the exhibition game against the Chicago Bears on Aug. 14.

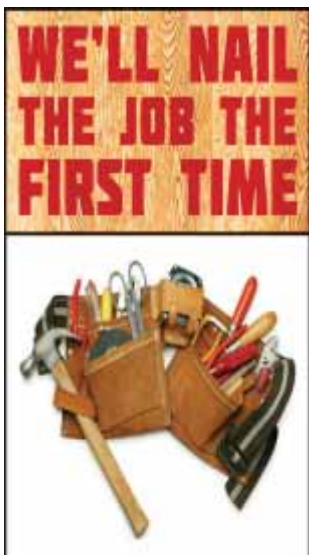
Thomas was signed as insurance because of Marcus McNeill's holdout. Brandyn Dombrowski is working exclusively with the first team and undrafted rookie Nick Richmond has been taking snaps at left tackle on the second team.

Butler, who was injured on Tuesday, said his injury was "heartbreaking. I've never dealt with something like this. Right now I'm just trying to make it through."

He was a third-round draft pick out of Washington.

"I'm disappointed for him because he was doing everything we needed him to do in order to be a part of it," coach Norv Turner said. "We went through it last year in so many different spots, and someone else has got to step up."





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The City of Santa Monica announces it has committed funding for the following projects:

- A loan of $2,824,780 to Community Corporation of Santa Monica for the construction of affordable housing at 2602 Broadway;
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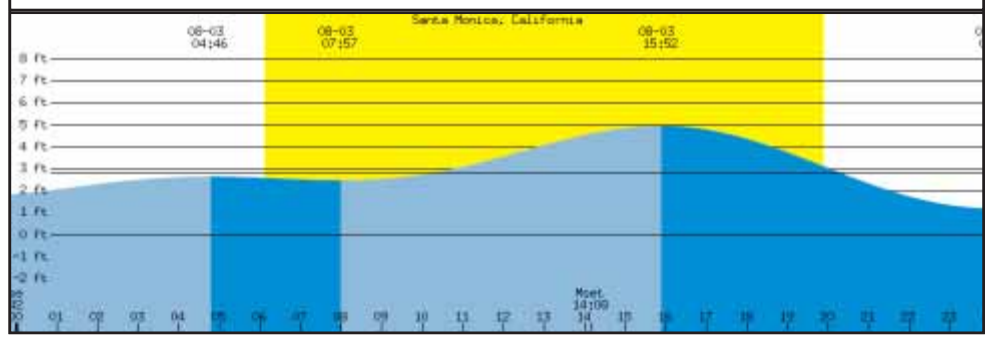
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Long Range Synopsis

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Tide Forecast for Today in Santa Monica



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

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El Pescador State Beach, between Lechusa and Los 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 Rominer Canyon Creek mouth.	A	ns
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	A+	ns
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Solstice Canyon at Don Blocker County Beach.	A	ns
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth.	C	ns
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd..	A+	ns
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	ns
Surfrider Beach (branch 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.	F	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).	B	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.	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain.	A	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua).	A	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain.	A	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain.	C	ns
Santa Monica Municipal Pier.	A	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain.	A+	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms).	A+	ns
Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain.	A	ns
Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain.	A+	ns
Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain.	A	ns
Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain.	A	ns
Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south.	A+	ns
Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St..	A+	ns
Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- lifeguard tower.	A	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth.	C	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain.	A+	ns
North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach.	A+	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of D&W jetty).	A+	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain.	A+	ns
Dockweiler Beach- opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant.	A+	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain.	A+	ns

LEGEND

DRY -- each location is graded on an A – F scale based on bacterial pollution levels present in the surf zone

WET -- grades for days of recorded rainfall and the following 3 days

ns -- no sample taken

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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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MOVIE TIMES

Aero Theatre
1328 Montana Ave.
(323) 466-FILM

Colin Fitz Lives! (NR) 1hr 31min
7:30pm

Call theater for more information.

AMC Loews Broadway 4
1441 Third Street Promenade

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.
(310) 289-4262

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, 9:45pm

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

Laemmle's Monica Fourplex
1332 Second St.
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Around a Small Mountain (R) 1hr 39min
1:10pm, 3:20pm, 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

AMC Criterion 6
1313 Third St.
(310) 395-1599

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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Play the night away, Gemini

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★★ Keep conversations moving, for your sake. You don't want an active discussion or positive debate to tumble into quicksand. Others also provoke an enormous amount of resourcefulness. Stay on top of your game. Tonight: Make plans for the weekend.

TAURUS (April 20-May 21)
★★★ Curb a need to have certain events turn out as you might like. You can only control yourself and your responses. You have many reasons to let go and flow. Others might have a strong reaction to the new you, but there will be changes. Tonight: Indulge; buy that special item.

GEMINI (May 22-June 20)
★★★★ You might not be as clear as you think you are being or would like to be. Your ability to communicate is inordinately strong. Count on your ability to get through to another party. Be more upbeat and forthright. Tonight: Play the night away.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Take your time handling a personal matter. You could be most uncomfortable with information that comes forward. Sit back and look for more. It might take a few days, but once you hear more facts, understanding grows. Tonight: Lie back.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★★ Look at what you want from various situations, and then you will know what to do. Others might be acting contrary at times. Logic will prevail. Of course, with the additional plus of your personality, who can say "no"? Tonight: How can anyone say "no" to you?

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Others seek you out for advice. They think you have the answers. Though there could be a sharp quality, you are coming from a centered place. Let your feelings about a key matter come out. Others need to know where you are coming from. Tonight: A must appearance.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★★ Take an overview, and you will feel as if no one can stop you. You have an unusually dynamic perspective, which frequently many people seek to tap into. Curb a need to make mountains out of molehills. Tonight: Follow the music.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ A meeting could only become confusing if it isn't one-on-one. Avoid frustration and remain as direct as possible. Listen to news with a grain of salt. You simply might need to step up to the plate. Tonight: Chat over dinner.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ You might want to defer to others. Confusion marks a conversation; you care what this person thinks. You could try another way of having this conversation or choose other words. Tonight: Say "yes" to an invitation.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★ You discover what is really going on between you and another person. You can find the answer by detaching. You could be delighted by what you discover. Kick back and open up. Tonight: Relax to music.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ If a partner or close associate seems as if he or she is in a sour mood, distance yourself. You want to be treated in a certain way and need to let your friends know that. You might be delighted by how quickly the situation could change. Tonight: Fun and games.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ At times it might be best to close down and rethink a situation. Sometimes you feel you are hitting a brick wall. The smart thing is not to keep running in the same direction. Solutions and options will appear. Tonight: Happily heading home.

Happy birthday

This year, you greet life with a new openness. Network, meet new people and don't hesitate to explore different ideas. You might not agree, but you understand finally where others are coming from. If you are single, you will meet many people, as outgoing as you are. Many people could be yours. Choose with care. If you are attached, you discover how much fun the two of you can have if you wave goodbye to being judgmental. GEMINI, though often scattered, helps you focus.

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



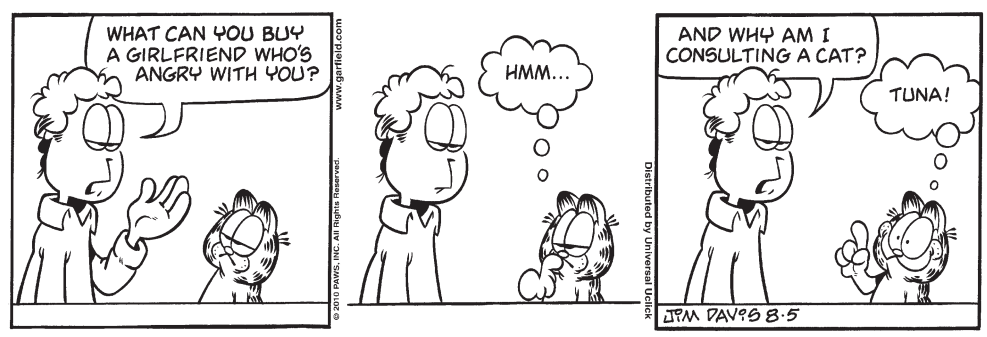
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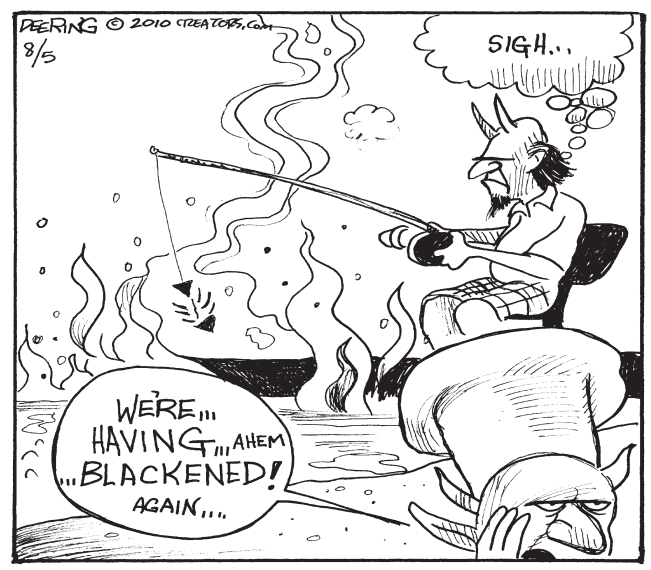
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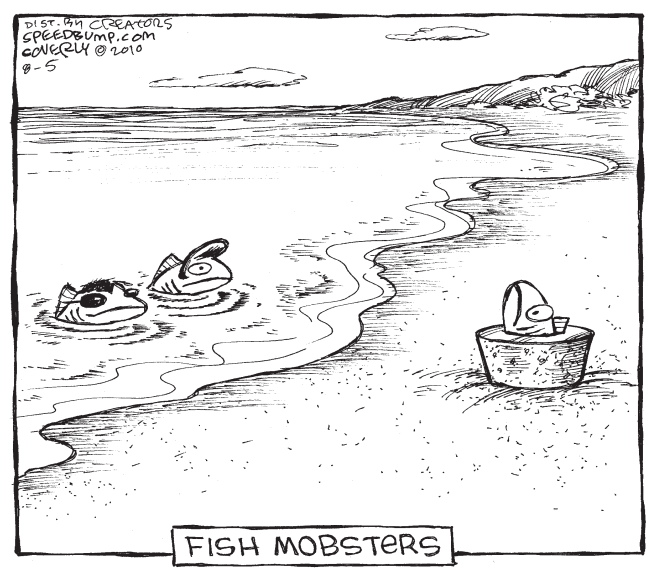
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Sudoku

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

Difficulty Level ★★★

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	4		1		2		5	
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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

7	8	3	4	2	1	6	9	5
5	9	2	7	6	3	4	1	8
4	1	6	9	5	8	7	2	3
8	3	1	5	7	4	2	6	9
6	7	9	8	3	2	5	4	1
2	5	4	1	9	6	8	3	7
3	4	8	6	1	5	9	7	2
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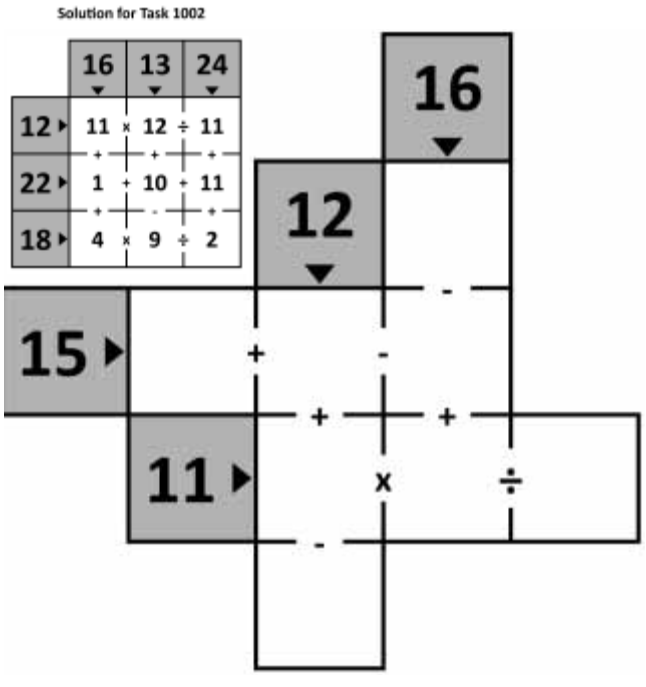
• Fill the grid with the set of given numbers (1 to 12) to satisfy the Equa demands (7 to 24) in the shaded boxes. The Equa demands represent the sum of the digits that you will insert into the empty squares.
• Each horizontal row has one Equa demand to satisfy; each vertical column also has one demand 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:

9, 10, 10, 11, 11, 12, 1

Solution for Task 1002





MYSTERY REVEALED!

Michelle Terris *news@smdp.com*

Resident Cameron Hopper correctly identified this photo of a telescope at the Santa Monica Pier. He will receive two VIP passes to Pacific Park. Check out tomorrow's paper for another chance to win.

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Rum-soaked cake
5 Fabric softener measure
11 Algerian port
12 Fly high
13 Grocery staple
14 Classified
15 Diamond setting
17 CEO's perk
18 Brass band members
22 Owl cries
24 Extra
25 Paris pal
26 Sheltered side
27 Painter Matisse
30 One of the Titans
32 Writer Chekhov
33 Cut off
34 Dance site
38 Shrewd
41 Kingly address
42 Gives info to
43 Formerly
44 Sent messages by phone
45 Sports figure

DOWN

1 Big flop
2 Met song
3 It allows rotary movement
4 Short sock
5 José's home
6 Wards off
7 Truck type
8 Remote
9 Salt Lake City player
10 Charter
16 Scoreboard abbr.
19 Pen type
20 Neighborhood
21 Beholds
22 Joke response
23 Sign of ill
28 Hearty
29 How some games end
30 Maximum amount
31 Sculpture subjects
35 Give for a time
36 Killer whale
37 Come together
38 Play a part
39 Take to court
40 Singer Ritter

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Yesterday's answer

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1	2	3	4	■	5	6	7	8	9	10
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DAILY LOTTERY

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SUPER LOTTO PLUS: 6 13 37 43 47 Meganumber: 15 Jackpot: $16M

Fantasy 5: 2 4 11 24 39

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

DAILY DERBY: 1st: 07 Eureka 2nd: 03 Hot Shot 3rd: 04 Big Ben RACE TIME: 1:41.98

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ One of Britain's 200 or so "consecrated hermits" might soon be homeless as the owner of her cottage in rural Shropshire County has listed it for sale. Karen Markham, 44, lives by rules set down by St. Benedict, the founder of western monasticism, that require her to rise at 4 a.m., pray and chant for three hours, then contemplate in silence. For recreation, she weaves rugs using wool from local sheep, according to a May report in the Daily Telegraph.

■ American "Sangomas": (1) In July, a fifth-grade teacher at Jacox Elementary School in Norfolk, Va., resigned under pressure after administrators discovered she was rubbing "holy oil" on students and their desks during school. (2) Teachers Leslie Rainer and Djuna Robinson were removed from teaching duties at Blanche Ely High School in Pompano Beach, Fla., in March after they were seen sprinkling "holy water" onto a colleague, a self-described atheist. Other witnesses disputed the details, but the two were charged under the school's "anti-bullying" policy for aggressiveness toward the other teacher.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1620 The Mayflower departs from Southampton, England on its first attempt to reach North America.

1689 1,500 Iroquois attack the village of Lachine, in New France.

1716 The Battle of Petrovaradin takes place.

1735 Freedom of the press: New York Weekly Journal writer John Peter Zenger is acquitted of seditious libel against the royal governor of New York, on the basis that what he had published was true.

1763 Pontiac's War: Battle of Bushy Run – British forces led by Henry Bouquet defeat Chief Pontiac's Indians at Bushy Run.

1772 The First Partition of Poland begins.

1858 Cyrus West Field and others complete the first transatlantic telegraph cable after several unsuccessful attempts. It operated for less than a month.

1860 Carl IV of Sweden-Norway is crowned king of Norway, in Trondheim.

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