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THE STAR POWER ISSUE

Save Our Schools tops $1M, plans celebration

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

Supporters of local public schools have raised more than $1 million to help save teachers' jobs and close the funding gap for the upcoming school year, organizers with the Save Our Schools campaign said this week.

A celebration marking the end of the campaign is scheduled for Sunday, Aug. 15 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Santa Monica High Science Quad, at which time organizers plan to release a final tally of money raised.

Save Our Schools was launched in May following the narrow defeat of Measure A, a $198 per-parcel tax that would have generated an estimated $5.7 million annually for the

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Gang graffiti spotted near Virginia Ave. Park

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

PICO NEIGHBORHOOD A disturbing reminder that tension still exists between local gangs surfaced Sunday morning when residents living near Virginia Avenue Park awoke to find threatening gang graffiti scrawled on a wall between 20th Street and Cloverfield Boulevard.

Police said the graffiti specifically called out a Santa Monica gang and included the number "187," the California Penal Code for homicide. Graffiti was also found near the Venice border, said SMPD Sgt. Jay Trisler.

Graffiti has been called the newspaper or bulletin board for gangs and communicates many messages, including challenges, warnings and pronouncements of deeds accomplished or about to occur, gang experts said.

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TO YOUR HEALTH

Brandon Wise *brandonw@smdp.com*

Traveling from Las Vegas, Aaliyah Galwey (right) and her father, Bryan, talk with WNBA legend and four-time Olympian Lisa Leslie (left) during a healthy nutrition event at the Downtown Jamba Juice on Santa Monica Boulevard on Tuesday afternoon.

Airport activists, officials to meet with Waxman

BY NICK TABOREK
Daily Press Staff Writer

WEST L.A. City Hall officials and a group of residents concerned about noise and safety impacts at Santa Monica Airport are set to meet with Rep. Henry Waxman (D-30th District) today to lobby for a full environmental review of any potential flight path changes the FAA may propose at SMO.

The FAA in July completed a six-month test of a new takeoff route out of SMO for small piston-powered aircraft that residents in Sunset Park and Ocean Park said resulted in a sharp increase in airplane traffic over their homes.

Though the FAA so far hasn't said whether it will push to make the route permanent, residents have created the group Neighbors for a Safe and Healthy Community to oppose the agency's possible attempt to do so.

Members of the group point to an interim report on the test, in which the FAA reported significant decreases in flight delays at both LAX and SMO and less pollution as a result of the experimental route.

The test route required the piston-powered planes to take a "250 degree heading" when flying under instrument flight rules, rather than under visual flight rules.

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

Cocktails for a cause

Viceroy Santa Monica
1819 Ocean Ave., 7 p.m. — 10 p.m.
Help the Viceroy Santa Monica raise money for charity by attending a night of unique drinks, eclectic music and give-aways at the hotel's Whist restaurant. As part of its monthly "Cause on the Rocks" series, the hotel will donate all proceeds from its drink of the month, the Lychee Martini, to the Weingart Center Association. All attendees will have a chance to win a free cabana rental and a bottle of champagne.
For more information, call (310) 260-7500.

Thursday, Aug. 12, 2010

Kicking good time

Santa Monica Pier
11 a.m.
"Kick" with the world-famous Rockettes at "Kicking Across America." Join thousands of people around the country who are kicking up their heels to help provide children from local charities the opportunity to see the 2010 Radio City Christmas Spectacular. This is a free event. For more information, go to www.kickingacrossamerica.com.

Running to remember

Santa Monica Pier
8:46 a.m.
Be there for the start of the Tour of Duty Run, as firefighters and emergency service workers from America and Australia begin a month-long cross-country run in honor of the fallen from Sept. 11, 2001. The journey, which starts in Santa Monica, will end in New York City on Sept. 11. For more information, go to www.tourofduty.com.au.

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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PAYING UP: **The Planning Commission is calling for new fines for developers who fail to comply with affordable housing agreements, such as the owners of the Arboretum, a 350-unit complex on Colorado Avenue that was accused of failing to properly check tenants.**

Planning Commission urges new fines for rogue owners

BY NICK TABOREK
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL The Planning Commission has recommended creating new penalties for developers who fail to abide by affordable housing rules, an action sparked by recent revelations some local landlords did not verify income eligibility before leasing low-income units while others failed to provide promised units altogether.

The commission made the unanimous recommendation to establish new penalties last week after reviewing terms of a proposed settlement between City Hall and owners of The Plaza at the Arboretum, a 350-unit complex on Colorado Avenue that was accused of failing to properly check tenants leasing its 97 designated affordable apartments.

In coming up with a settlement agreement, Deputy City Attorney Gary Rhoades said he realized there were no specific penalties in Santa Monica's city code for violations of affordable housing guidelines.

Without specific rules, he said an apartment owner who fails to follow protocol by providing City Hall with a timely report showing that tenants in affordable units are eligible to live there could be assessed only the default fine of $75.

Planning Commissioner Ted Winterer said there should be a more significant deterrent.

"We were just surprised to learn that right now there are no substantial consequences for being in violation of the terms of these [affordable housing] agreements," he said. "If there were more significant consequences on the books ... people would be less likely to cavalierly violate the terms of these agreements."

Any new fines or other penalties for failing to abide by affordable housing rules would have to be approved by the City Council. Rhoades said work on the potential new regulations has just begun, but added the council will be briefed on the Planning Commission's recommendations in September when the council is scheduled to certify the Arboretum settlement.

Rhoades said staff from the Housing & Economic Development Department and the Planning Department will make recommendations to the council about how high new fines for violations should be.

Besides failure to verify income eligibility, Rhoades said City Hall is considering proposing new fines for owners who fail to use the city's list of income-eligible tenants to fill vacancies and for owners who fill deed-restricted apartment vacancies with relatives or employees.

"This is an effort to make sure there's more accountability for affordable housing providers," he said.

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HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS ROUNDUP

Samohi QB competition heats up

SAMOHI With the opening of training camp a day away, it looks like the battle to be the Vikings' starting quarterback is on.

With the graduation of last year's starter, Garrett Safron, Santa Monica High School Head Coach Travis Clark has been busy all spring and summer figuring out who will lead the team on offense when the season begins in September.

He has narrowed down his choices to senior Brock Miller and junior Christian Salem, a pair of players who have little experience behind center.

"At this point, it's up in the air," Clark said. "We are going to have a fierce QB battle."

While the spot remains open, Clark did say that Miller has a slight edge, but isn't ready to name him the starter.

Clark said that he likes Miller's ability to lead his teammates and his aggressive nature, calling him a linebacker playing quarterback. Salem, who was Safron's pri-

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L.A. coroner tries to ID bones found near Malibu

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES The coroner is trying to identify a skull and bones found near an abandoned marijuana grove in a rugged Santa Monica Mountains area near Malibu.

Los Angeles County sheriff's spokesman Steve Whitmore says the bones were removed from a Monte Nido area ravine Monday night and it could take weeks to identify the remains.

Whitmore cautioned against linking the discovery to the disappearance of Mitrice Richardson, who vanished after being released from sheriff's custody last September.

Richardson's family and a family concerned about a relative who went missing in the area several years ago went to the Malibu-Lost Hills sheriff's station Monday night and met with coroner assistant chief Ed Winter.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Health care is a right

Editor:

Wait a minute. I don't think that we should blame the health insurance companies entirely for the increase in costs. I went to our famous local hospital for an ablation (a zapping of the heart) to bring down my rapid heart beat. For some reason my physician couldn't accomplish that procedure, but my hospital bill for the four to five hours I was there was more than $40,000. Outrageous.

But wait a minute. Wasn't my insurance company and Medicare being charged for the single mom who couldn't pay for her kid's appendectomy and the young man who needed extensive surgery after being hurt by a hit and runner? But wait a minute. It wasn't their fault that they couldn't afford that expensive health insurance.

It seems that there is a merry-go-round of blame for costs here and we should do what we can to give everyone health care insurance. Health care is a humane necessity. Bereavement counseling does not mean killing by euthanasia like Sara Palin would like to have you believe.

Evelyn Elliott
Santa Monica

Homeless need love, too

Editor:

In the Feb. 22 2010 edition, you featured Joi Morris in the community profiles section ("Shining light on genetic cancer risks"). We read the health issues of a lawyer who has been practicing law for 13 years. She is a high status Santa Monica citizen and we read all about her concerns and her challenges. We even viewed a full color picture of her in her Santa Monica home. However, I can see what the Santa Monica Daily Press considers important and should be on the front page.

I would like to challenge the Santa Monica Daily Press in future community profiles to feature a low-status homeless woman. Are they not just as important as a high-status female lawyer in Santa Monica? When was the last time we saw on the front page a homeless woman who is suffering health issues and challenges? Let us remind the Santa Monica Daily Press to read their ethical, moral and social obligations. There are more poor women with health issues then affluent woman with health issues. Let us see them on the front page. Amen?

John Zakharia
Santa Monica

A house is not a home

Editor:

I've just finished reading Randy Walburger's complaint regarding living next to the garbage transfer station ("Don't dump on mobile home residents," July 20). That he chose to live there I find strange in that the transfer station has been there a very long time and he knew it was there when he took up residence.

What I find even more strange is that I was told City Hall purchased that mobile home park in order to make it a recreational park for the neighborhood and has never done so. Someone should investigate why City Hall has not converted the land to a park for the Pico Neighborhood, as promised.

With City Hall building hundreds of low-income units per year that are much more comfortable/habitable than those run-down trailers, they should convert the land as promised and let the residents have much better living accommodations. To paraphrase Jimmy Buffet, trailers look a lot better as beer cans.

Roger Carson Later
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Hiding in the Open

David Alsabery — Send comments to editor@smdp.com

There's something silly going on

TODAY I READ THAT ONE OF THE FBI'S most wanted is some guy running around with a passport from Ghana. "El Shukrijumah is thought to have served as one of the leaders of al-Qaida's external operations program."

The FBI goes on to tell us that al-Qaida has recently promoted Adnan Shukrijumah to "chief of the terror network's (TN) global operations." Was this announcement made by the terror network's marketing department? Can you imagine how devoid of souls their corporate attorneys must be?

Let's see, chief executive officer is CEO. Is this guy really being called the chief operation officer or COO of the terror network? So, as unlikely as it seems, a group of redneck Afghanis, who're still living in the stone age, somehow have a human resources department, pension system, and other corporate amenities. It sounds more like some nice kid from Kansas, who has never traveled to the middle east, just created this announcement 10 minutes before the meeting with his boss' boss. It just sounds silly.

The truth is, everything is starting to sound silly lately. Democrats are voting to increase war spending. Republican Gov. Schwarzenegger is leading the charge for gay marriage. "Don't ask and don't tell" President Obama that Guantanamo Bay is still open for business. Nothing is making any sense.

This week Reuters news service states: "Neither Kabul nor international forces want to go hard on eradicating poppy fields, because the move would alienate local populations, and most of the drugs are grown in areas where the insurgency is already strong."

Well, imagine that. We have 100,000 of the greatest soldiers this planet has ever seen, equipped with the most powerful technologies of war ever made and they can not stop the drug dealers. Recent estimates by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime show that 93 percent of the world's opium, and a majority of heroin and hashish, is produced in Afghanistan. This is also what our very large drug corporations use to produce the most highly addictive prescription drugs such as codeine and morphine.

That's right, the terrorist drug dealers in Afghanistan are shipping opium to the United States to the same big drug companies, who then rip us off for our prescription drugs, which we can purchase for less from Canada. Does that mean our drug companies are paying the terrorists to kill our soldiers? So, in an open war on drugs we're not able to stop drugs from leaving Afghanistan, but we somehow believe our police could possibly do a better job than the greatest military force on the planet. This doesn't make any sense.

The American Medical Association has clearly said it is against legalizing marijuana. You see, the AMA got its start as the leading medical association in the United States because it grabbed the exclusive right to distribute drugs to Americans. I love their motto "Helping Doctors Help Patients." Let me put it this way, the official exclusive drug dealers of the United States are against someone else selling a drug, or growing their own on their turf. This is the same group of people that are paying terrorists in Afghanistan for the drugs they sell/prescribe to Americans. This is starting to become very silly indeed.

Personally I am against legalizing hard drugs. Growing up, my friends who "experimented" with hard drugs found that the harder drugs made them feel better than anything else in their lives. So good, in fact, that they couldn't stop thinking about it. The potheads became attorneys and doctors; the heroine users ended up in jail, rehab or dead. This is the catch with hard drugs. They will, in fact, give you the greatest feeling you'll ever have, but will leave you craving it for the rest of your life. Personally, I'll pass on that and keep enjoying my cigars and scotch, or a nice glass of wine with dinner. Anything that would detract from that experience is not welcome in my home.

Unfortunately the world gets even stranger to me because I find myself supporting the initiative that legalizes marijuana in California. The narco-terrorists in Mexico are out of control, and the primary source of money is from their sale of marijuana. Mexico is now a narco-terrorist state, and I'm against terrorists. So anything that takes money and power away from the narco-terrorists is good in my book. We all know that when we had prohibition of alcohol, Al Capone and his thugs were running the country. Then we legalized alcohol, and organized crime had to get jobs in corporate America.

Strange events seem to be happening in every corner of our lives. The Democrats just confirmed Elena Kagan as a Supreme Court justice, although she's never been a judge before. The Republicans talked about everything but the obvious, while the Democrats, who claim to support diversity, would not pick an Asian or black female judge and added the seventh Harvard-educated judge to the court.

Everyday, when I look at the news, I feel like the previous night I had decided between the red pill and the blue pill from the movie "The Matrix." I think I'll put my aluminum foil hat back on and take my meds before anyone finds out I was sitting at the keyboard.

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Word in Edgewise

Kenny Mack

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Waiting out the old guard

I'VE HAD ISSUES WITH SANTA MONICANS for Renters' Rights (SMRR), the we're-the-only-game-in-town political party that basically controls the City Council, the Rent Control Board, the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District, and Santa Monica College. I thought it was absurd for an organization of 4,000 people to be empowered to make decisions for a city with some 90,000 residents. That was before the annual SMRR convention revealed the actual math of the organization and its power structure. Since then, I've become convinced that as a progressive democratic political organization, SMRR has gone past absurd and is now totally ridiculous.

Over the course of four hours, it became apparent that only a small minority of delegates to the convention are actual renters. In addition to its core constituency being under-represented, this once progressive organization hypocritically voted to support a tax that isn't — with some members of those notorious Steering/Executive Committee's chastising the delegate who asked whether or not the tax could be considered progressive.

The real fireworks of the day happened once all the voting was over and the delegates had spoken. Candidates who were well known, well organized, or well liked had handled their business and got what they came for. The delegates to the convention specifically rejected other hopefuls, however, some with long histories of SMRR endorsements. Many delegates stayed all day in order to vote against candidates they didn't support (it got so bad for people like Oscar de la Torre and Pam O'Connor that neither could get to 100 votes in the later rounds). That was when some delegates began questioning Patricia Hoffman, one of the party's leaders. They wanted to know whether or not it was possible to prevent the Steering Committee from undermining the work they had done to keep de la Torre and O'Connor from being endorsed by the organization.

Her words that day and the committee's actions since have answered that question with an unequivocal "No!" which they will attempt to sugarcoat by drawing the distinction (without a difference) between "endorsing" and "supporting" O'Connor, de la Torre, and Ralph Mechur. But neither the Steering Committee nor the candidates in question will be able to change the math of that minuscule support; which came from only about 85 delegates and eight committee members.

Hoffman's letter to the editor of your Daily Press last Thursday was incredibly revealing. She said, "There is a small steering committee of dedicated members who spend hundreds of hours annually working on issues in our city, as well as on regional and state issues affecting us. … When the convention fails to endorse a full slate, the steering committee is charged with determining … if it wants to add candidates to fill the slate. This allows those of us who work hardest on tenant issues to use our judgment on how best to protect tenants."

For the record, that's the co-chair of SMRR telling its members that "dedicated" people who "work hardest on tenant issues" know what's best for you; so sit down and be quiet.

A tiny town like ours having a political party in the first place makes as much sense as Somalia having a space program. We live in a place where you are as likely as not to bump into the school board president at the Twilight Dance Series on a Thursday night or a City Council member at a Farmers' Market on a Saturday morning; and we live in a time when information is available instantly. There can't be that many of us who need SMRR to tell us how to vote.

A while ago, I asked for 600 people to join me in creating a New Energy Caucus within SMRR. I've changed my mind. Clearly SMRR's power structure (the five people on the Executive Committee) is a monolith that has never considered, much less planned for, intra-organizational disagreement or the orderly transfer of power. So instead of working to bring new energy to life, the best thing for the rest of us to do is wait for the old energy to die — and for this formerly proud, progressive, democratic, people's organization to die with it.

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The Q Line

Open for business

The newly re-opened Santa Monica Place has been attracting shoppers in droves its first few days of operation.

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ECONOMY

Fed to spend $10B on debt relief

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AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON As recently as two months ago, the Federal Reserve sounded optimistic about the economic recovery. Now the central bank is taking a new step that shows it is clearly more worried, but economists say it probably won't help much.

The Fed said Tuesday that it would spend a relatively small amount of money — about $10 billion a month, economists estimate — buying government debt. The move is designed to drive interest rates on mortgages and corporate borrowing at least a little lower and help the economy grow faster.

In a statement after a one-day meeting, the Fed said the pace of the recovery "has slowed in recent months." After its last meeting in late June, the Fed was rosier, saying that the recovery was "proceeding" and the job market actually improving.

The decision to buy government debt, using proceeds from Fed investments in mortgage bonds, was a shift from earlier this year, when the Fed was laying out plans to roll back some of the measures it took during the financial crisis.

At that time, the Fed was also preparing a strategy to begin raising interest rates again, a step taken to keep a growing economy from overheating. Now, though, the Fed has decided to keep its benchmark interest rate near zero.

"I don't think they are going to raise interest rates until it is very clear that unemployment is moving definitively lower and that doesn't look likely until late 2011," said Mark Zandi, chief economist at Moody's Analytics.

Economists pointed out that buying $10 billion of government debt in a $14 trillion economy is a relatively small move, and they said they did not expect it to have a dramatic impact.

"The Fed talked loudly but carried a small stick," said Joel Naroff, president of Naroff Economic Advisors.

He said that while the financial system has the money to lend, banks are unwilling or unable to find suitable loans to make. Until they do, he said, "the recovery will be softer than anyone hoped for and there may be little the Fed can do about it."

With interest rates so low, Congress, economists note, has more power than the Fed to stimulate the economy. But with midterm elections nearing, Congress is divided on whether the best move is short-term government spending, tax cuts or some combination.

On Tuesday, the House, called back from its summer break for a one-day session, pushed through a $26 billion bill to protect 300,000 teachers, police and other workers from layoffs this year. President Barack Obama signed it almost immediately.

The Fed action also came on a day when new figures showed worker productivity in the U.S. dropped this spring for the first time in more than a year — a sign that companies that want to grow may need to hire more people.

Investors reacted positively to the Fed statement. Stocks were down sharply before the announcement but made up ground after it was announced at mid-afternoon. The Dow Jones industrial average finished down about 55 points.

Treasury prices rose slightly because the Fed plan would reduce the amount of government debt on the market for others to buy.

The Fed said it would buy two-year and 10-year Treasurys by using the proceeds from debt and mortgage-backed securities it bought from Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac. It said that it would buy additional government debt as its existing Treasury bonds mature.

In 2007, before the recession and financial crisis struck, the Fed balance sheet was roughly $860 billion. It responded to the emergency by flooding the financial system with cash, expanding the balance sheet to about $2.3 trillion.

Rather than rolling it back, as the Fed had hoped to do as the economy improved, the Fed will keep the balance sheet steady while shifting its holdings out of mortgage securities and into more government debt.

"The news is positive but not meaningful," said John Merrill, chief investment officer of Tanglewood Wealth Management in Houston. "The money is a pittance."

The central bank said it expects to start buying the government debt Aug. 17 and planned to publish details Wednesday.

From March 2009 to this March, the Fed bought up $1.25 trillion in mortgage securities and $175 billion in debt from Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac. The goal of these purchases was to drive down mortgage rates and bolster the crippled housing market. The Fed also bought $300 billion of government debt between March and October 2009.

The Fed's balance sheet has stayed at roughly $2.3 trillion since March.

Economists are skeptical that cheaper credit or even more government aid will get Americans shopping more and businesses to hire. They also say some jobs in construction and other housing-related fields, and in manufacturing, will never return to pre-recession levels — a shift in the basic structure of the economy.

High unemployment, lackluster income growth, sagging home values and tight credit are all restraining the pace at which Americans are spending, usually a major source of powering the economy.

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WALL STREET

Late rally limits stock losses

STEPHEN BERNARD
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK The stock market had a half-hearted comeback Tuesday after the Federal Reserve announced it would take small steps to stimulate the economy.

The Dow Jones industrial average, down about 100 points before the Fed announced its plans, recovered to a loss of 54. The other major market indexes also bounced off of their lows. But investors were still cautious: The Dow was able to briefly show a gain, but fell back again as traders recognized that the Fed's moves, while welcome, would be small and won't cure the economy's problems.

Losing stocks were ahead of advancers on the New York Stock Exchange by almost 3 to 1. And stocks considered safe bets in a weak economy, including health care and consumer products companies, were among the gainers.

The Fed, in a statement issued after a one-day policy meeting, said it will use money from its investments in mortgage securities to buy government debt on a small scale. Because rates on bonds and other debt fall as their prices rise, the Fed's purchases should help send long term rates on mortgages and corporate debt slightly lower. And the Fed hopes, stimulate lending to consumers and businesses.

News that the Fed would be buying government debt, and in the process reduce the supply of Treasury issues on the market, sent Treasurys higher. The yield on the government's 10-year note, which moves in the opposite direction from its price, fell to 2.75 percent from 2.82 percent before the announcement. The yield is used to help set rates on mortgages and other consumer loans.

Analysts said that while investors were hoping the Fed would take some steps to help the economy, the market recognizes the limitations of the central bank's plans.

"We had an hour or so of rally, but then it backed off a bit," said Dan Cook, Chicago-based senior market analyst with brokerage firm IG Markets. "Traders realized it's not a game changer. It's not going to pump up the market."

The purchases of debt the Fed plans are known as "quantitative easing." Economists estimate that the Fed will have about $10 billion a month to buy the debt. That is a small amount of money compared to the economy's needs.

The Fed said it would use the proceeds it earns on mortgage bonds to buy two-year and 10-year Treasurys, and that it would buy an equal amount of government debt as existing bonds mature. The net effect is to keep its $2.3 trillion balance sheet steady, while shifting its holdings into more government debt. The Fed had hoped to roll back its debt holdings as the economy improved.

In 2009 and early 2010, the Fed bought $1.25 trillion in mortgage securities, $175 billion in mortgage debt from Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, and $300 billion in government debt. In March, the Fed stopped buying new mortgage securities and Fannie and Freddie debt because the economy was clearly recovering.

Some analysts said the Fed is moving slowly in its current stimulus plans so investors don't get the sense that the economy is more troubled than they have thought.

"There is only so much the Fed can do and right now it wanted to take baby steps in trying to provide additional liquidity without roiling the markets and scaring investors," Michael Sheldon, chief market strategist at RDM Financial Group in Westport, Conn.

And some analysts are skeptical. Cook of IG Markets said that even if the Fed starts adding to its holdings of government debt, that would do little to boost the recovery. He noted that the Fed's purchases last year pushed interest rates lower and fed the stock market's big rally. But it didn't lead to more loans for small businesses, a big source of new jobs.

"They can continue to buy Treasurys to keep borrowing costs down. But if the people who need credit don't get it, it's like knocking $50,000 off a Lamborghini. You're still not going to be able to afford it," Cook said.

The Dow closed down 54.50, or 0.5 percent, at 10,644.25 after the Fed's mid-afternoon statement. The Standard & Poor's 500 index fell 6.73, or 0.6 percent, to 1,121.06. The Nasdaq composite index closed down 28.52, or 1.2 percent, at 2,277.17.

NYSE consolidated volume, which includes shares traded on other exchanges, came to a light 4 billion shares, up from 3.3 billion Monday. Volume has been light all summer because investors don't feel secure about the economy or the market. And the Fed's move didn't change their view.

Stock and bond investors looked past the Fed's assessment of the economy that was included in the statement although it was bleaker than the central bank's view in June. The Fed said, "the pace of economic recovery is likely to be more modest in the near term than had been anticipated."

The dollar, which is hurt by a weak economy, fell after the Fed statement was released. The Fed indicated that interest rates will remain at extremely low levels for an extended period. And currencies tend to fall on low rates.

Stocks that traders call defensive, or that are expected to hold up even in a weak economy, were the market's best performers after the Fed decision. That was another sign that investors weren't euphoric about the Fed's moves.

Health care stocks were among the market leaders. Merck & Co. rose 41 cents, or 1.2 percent, to $35.77. Eli Lilly & Co. rose 81 cents, or 2.2 percent, to $37.77.

Consumer products makers also rose. Colgate Palmolive rose $1.70, or 2.2 percent, to $77.97, while Procter & Gamble Co. rose 40 cents, or 0.7 percent, to $60.78.

Overseas, Hong Kong's Hang Seng index fell 1.5 percent, while Japan's Nikkei stock average fell 0.2 percent. Britain's FTSE 100 fell 0.6 percent, Germany's DAX index dropped 1 percent, and France's CAC-40 fell 1.2 percent. All the markets were closed before the Fed announcement.



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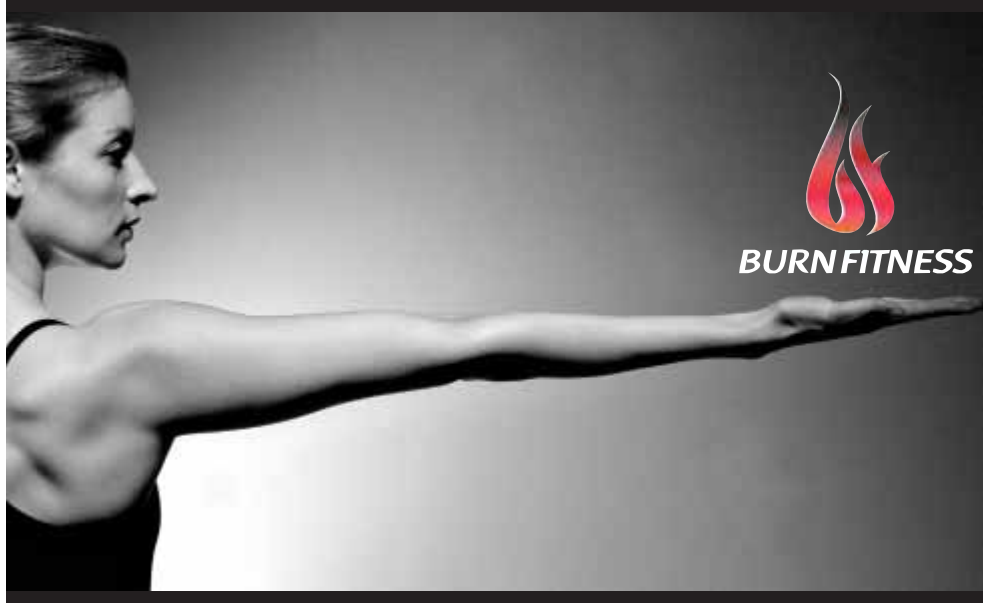
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Report: Proposition 23 backers major polluters

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Associated Press Writer

SACRAMENTO The Texas-based oil companies that are the primary backers of a November ballot effort to suspend California's global warming law are among the state's biggest polluters, according to a report issued Tuesday by two groups advocating for inner-city residents.

Valero Energy Corp. and Tesoro Corp. have contributed more than $4.5 million to Proposition 23, which seeks to suspend a 2006 law intended to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Their contributions represent nearly 75 percent of the funding for the initiative.

If voters approve the proposition, the global warming law would not take effect until unemployment falls to 5.5 percent and stays there for a year. That has happened just three times during the past three decades, according to California Employment Development Department statistics.

California's unemployment rate, now at 12.3 percent, has been above 12 percent for months.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency listed Valero's oil refinery in Benicia as the fourth largest emitter of chemicals in the state in 2009. Tesoro's refinery in Martinez ranked eighth.

The report was released by the Oakland-based Ella Baker Center for Human Rights, which promotes alternatives to violence an incarceration in urban neighborhoods, and the California Environmental Justice Alliance, a group based in Huntington Park that advocates for policies protecting the environment in low-income neighborhoods.

It says that since 2008, Tesoro has been fined more than $1.8 million by the Bay Area Air Quality Management District for violating air quality regulations. The violations included excessive emissions of carbon monoxide, particulate pollution, ammonia, sulfur dioxide and smog-forming pollutants.

The report also says Valero disclosed in January that it had 29 outstanding violation notices from the South Coast Air Quality Management District and was pursuing a settlement.

"It shows that they're one of the biggest polluters in the state, and they're willing to spend millions of dollars at the ballot box instead of cleaning up their mess," said Steve Maviglio, spokesman for the "No on 23" campaign.

The proposition's supporters called the report a ploy designed to distract voters from the real issues of the campaign.

Mexican official accused of drug links denied bail

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SAN DIEGO A U.S. judge has denied bail for a Mexican official accused of sharing confidential U.S. law enforcement information with a Tijuana drug gang.

Jesus Quinonez Marquez is charged in San Diego with federal conspiracy and racketeering. He has pleaded not guilty.

U.S. Magistrate Judge Ruben Brooks on Tuesday ordered Quinonez held without bail pending trial.

The international liaison in the Baja California attorney general's office and 42 others were charged last month with conspiracy to commit offenses including murder, kidnapping, drug smuggling and money laundering.

Investigators say they based their case on wiretapped conversations of Quinonez's cell phone.

His attorney, Patrick Hall, says authorities bungled their translation.

Green Party candidates support platform

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Associated Press Writer

SACRAMENTO Nearly a dozen Green Party candidates in California on Tuesday endorsed a political platform that calls for slashing military spending, eliminating fees at public universities and establishing single-payer health care.

The 11 statewide, legislative and congressional candidates announced their support for a so-called "Green New Deal." The 10-point platform also would legalize marijuana and enact a carbon tax to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

They said sweeping changes are needed in the nation's priorities as the country faces what they describe as massive fiscal and environmental crises.

"This plan pulls all of these various things together that we can do both individually and institutionally to benefit ourselves and the next generation," said supporter Laura Wells, a Green Party gubernatorial candidate from Oakland.

The platform was drafted by the national political organization Green Change, based in the northern San Francisco Bay area community of San Rafael. More than 50 Green Party candidates from other states also have signed on.

Green Change co-founder Gary Ruskin called the plan "a complete break from the failed policies of the Democratic and Republican parties that have led us to economic and environmental disaster."

Wells said she believes the most important feature of the plan is its commitment to reduction — whether that means lowering a household's energy consumption or cutting the nation's military budget by 70 percent or more.

On Monday, Defense Secretary Robert Gates called for a more modest cut in military spending — $100 billion over the next five years. The Defense Department's current annual budget is nearly $700 billion, including war spending.

California's third-party registration has been falling as the number of voters who decline to join a political party has soared. According to the secretary of state's office, nearly 113,000 voters in California identify with the Green Party — less than 1 percent of the electorate.

In 2000, the Green Party had a registration of about 139,000 voters.

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Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District. The school board this summer voted to cut $7.1 million from the budget, a result of less funding coming from the state.

"Last week we reached $1 million, and that's a huge accomplishment," said Linda Gross, executive director of the Santa Monica-Malibu Education Foundation, a nonprofit which funds music and art programs throughout the district. "But this week is all about doing more. If we can get more direct donations, we have a real chance of making a significant difference for next year."

In the final week of the campaign, those concerned about education in Santa Monica are encouraged to donate cash or participate in a number of other ways to give, such as bidding in an online auction where you can purchase suite tickets to the 2010 U.S. Open or get a personalized autographed poster and script from "The Simpsons."

Donations can be made online at www.smmef.org, or be mailed in to the Ed Foundation, 1649 16th St., Santa Monica, Calif., 90404, but all donations must be received by Aug. 15 to make a difference for September.

"We are collecting funds right up until the last minute, because every dime helps our kids for next year. We expect some people will even walk their donations in to our grand finale celebration," Gross said.

Sunday's celebration, which marks the culmination of the Save Our Schools' 60-day campaign, is a picnic to which all members of the community are invited. The event will highlight the campaign accomplishments and recognize the people and organizations who helped with the campaign. Food trucks will be on hand, complimented by free lemonade and free music.

Speakers at the event include Assemblywoman Julia Brownley (D-41st District), Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District Superintendent Tim Cuneo, and members of the SMMUSD Board of Education.

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GRAFFITI
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"As far as we know there is nothing really triggering this," Trisler said. "This has happened before and it is always disconcerting to see that."

Officers working with gangs have made contact with the Virginia Avenue Park Teen Center staff and the Pico Youth & Family Center to inform them of the graffiti, Trisler said. Officers have also been in contact with their counterparts in LAPD's Pacific Division to make them aware of the graffiti.

Oscar de la Torre, a school board member and executive director of the youth center, which works with teens who may be considering joining a gang, said the graffiti is a warning that tensions are rising and a collaborative approach between law enforcement and youth groups is needed to stem the tide of violence.

"A new era of collaboration between schools, non-profits, community and law enforcement, with a focus on gang prevention and intervention will one day bring hope to the youth who are at-risk of gang membership," de la Torre said.

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ROUNDUP
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mary backup last season, is more of a cerebral player that does the little things to get the job done, Clark added.

With the team gathering Thursday for the official start of camp, Clark said that he wants to see a good showing from each player before he makes up his mind.

DANIEL ARCHULETA

Samohi's Gonzalez on losing end in RBI final

JUPITER, Fla. Former Santa Monica High School pitcher Alonzo Gonzalez threw four innings of three-run ball in a losing effort Sunday in the championship game of the 18th annual Reviving Baseball in Inner Cities Senior Division World Series, as Gonzalez's team, Los Angeles RBI, fell to Houston RBI, 3-1, at Roger Dean Stadium in Jupiter, Fla.

Gonzalez, who graduated from Samohi in June, gave up a one-run double in the top of the fourth inning and did not return to the mound following a three-hour rain delay in the middle of the game. He was credited with the loss.

"We just couldn't get the sticks going that game," Gonzalez said. "I really enjoyed myself. I played with a group of guys who wanted to win a championship.

"Although we didn't win, nobody was down over it."

It was Los Angeles' second loss to the eventual champions, as Houston had won a 9-6 meeting between the two teams three days earlier. The four-day tournament featured eight teams from around the country competing in the Senior Division (16- through 18-year-olds), with Los Angeles advancing to the championship game after a 7-0 win against Detroit in the semifinals Saturday.

Gonzalez, who will play college baseball for Loyola Marymount starting this fall, was named Co-MVP of the Ocean League last season after finishing with a 4-3 record and a 3.10 ERA while striking out 42 in 40 innings of work.

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L.A. County Sheriff's deputies to get extra eyes in the sky

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department is getting a new eye in the sky to help fight crime and wildfires.

The Board of Supervisors on Tuesday approved spending $2.6 million to buy video equipment that can transmit real-time images from aircraft cameras to patrol cars. Two airplanes, a helicopter and four sheriff's vehicles will get the gear.

Sheriff Lee Baca says the high-definition, long-range video could help authorities handle protests and disasters and track violent criminals. Images also will be shared with county firefighters.

Baca says a live video feed could have helped provide an aerial view during June's rioting after the Los Angeles Lakers won the NBA championship and last year's massive Station Fire that destroyed 89 homes.



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SMO
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The meeting today, which was organized by concerned residents, is expected to be attended by several City Hall officials including Councilman Kevin McKeown and representatives from the City Manager's Office and from SMO. Several leaders of neighborhood groups are also set to attend.

"This meeting shows that the city and our congressman take seriously the impacts of diverted flights over Sunset Park and Ocean Park. Our goal is to make sure the FAA takes the issue just as seriously," McKeown said.

Zina Josephs, of the group Friends of Sunset Park, said the goal is to convince Waxman to lobby the FAA to prepare an environmental impact statement under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) should the agency seek to change flight rules at SMO. Josephs and other activists are concerned the FAA could simply issue a "Finding of No Significant Impact" instead, allowing it to avoid a lengthy study of the test route.

Ian Gregor, a spokesman for the FAA, declined to comment on the scheduled meeting with Waxman, but said the FAA will comply with every requirement under NEPA if the agency decides to make the takeoff procedure permanent.

Josephs said this is the first meeting she's aware of that community leaders have arranged with Waxman to discuss airport issues.

"I think it's not easy to get an appointment with him, so were encouraged," she said.

Meanwhile, the Los Angeles City Council, at the urging of Councilman Bill Rosendahl, on Tuesday unanimously called upon the state legislature to approve a bill requesting a review of the environmental impact and safety of flight operations at SMO.

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> Friends of Sunset Park

The state bill is known as Assembly Joint Resolution 41, proposed by Assemblyman Ted Lieu (D-53rd District) and co-authored by State Sen. Fran Pavley (D-23rd District). It requests a study of the airport's emissions by expert scientists and asks that those scientists offer remediation options. The resolution passed the state senate's Transportation and Housing Committee and will head to the full senate for a vote by the end of the month, according to a press release from Rosendahl's office.

McKeown had placed on the Santa Monica City Council's agenda for last night a similar request that his colleagues support AJR 41.

He also placed an item on the agenda asking the council to authorize staff "to respond appropriately and immediately should the FAA declare a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) with respect to the contemplated permanent "250 Heading" flight path changes for Instrument Flight Rule piston-driven aircraft" and "to pursue, instead of a FONSI, a comprehensive environmental study as called for under federal law."

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School district seeking new personnel commissioner

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Additionally, an applicant cannot be a member of the SMMUSD Board of Education, the county Board of Education, nor an employee of the district.

Applications are available now in the SMMUSD Office of the Superintendent, located at 1651 16th St., or downloaded from www.smmusd.org. Applications must be submitted by Oct. 8.

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Ice island could disrupt shipping

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Associated Press Writer

STOCKHOLM An island of ice more than four times the size of Manhattan is drifting across the Arctic Ocean after breaking off from a glacier in Greenland.

Potentially in the path of this unstoppable giant are oil platforms and shipping lanes — and any collision could do untold damage. In a worst case scenario, large chunks could reach the heavily trafficked waters where another Greenland iceberg sank the Titanic in 1912.

It's been a summer of near biblical climatic havoc across the planet, with wildfires, heat and smog in Russia and killer floods in Asia. But the moment the Petermann glacier cracked last week — creating the biggest Arctic ice island in half a century — may symbolize a warming world like no other.

"It's so big that you can't prevent it from drifting. You can't stop it," said Jon-Ove Methlie Hagen, a glaciologist at the University of Oslo.

Few images can capture the world's climate fears like a 100-square- mile (260-sqare-kilometer) chunk of ice breaking off Greenland's vast ice sheet, a reservoir of freshwater that if it collapsed would raise global sea levels by a devastating 20 feet (6 meters).

The world's newest ice island already is being used as a powerful emblem in the global warming debate, with U.S. Rep. Edward Markey of Massachusetts suggesting it could serve as a home for climate change skeptics.

Researchers are in a scramble to plot the trajectory of the floating ice shelf, which is moving toward the Nares Strait separating Greenland's northwestern coast and Canada's Ellsemere Island.

If it makes it into the strait before the winter freeze — due to start next month — it would likely be carried south by ocean currents, hugging Canada's east coast until it enters waters busy with oil activities and shipping off Newfoundland.

"That's where it starts to become dangerous," said Mark Drinkwater, of the European Space Agency.

The Canadian Ice Service estimates the journey will take one to two years. It's likely to break up as it bumps into other icebergs and jagged islands. The fragments would be further ground down by winds and waves and would start to melt as they move into warmer waters.

"But the fragments may still be quite large," warned Trudy Wohlleben, a Canadian ice forecaster, who first spotted the massive chunk of ice on satellite images last Thursday.

The chunks of ice could be large enough to threaten Canada's offshore platforms in the Grand Banks off Newfoundland, said Wohlleben.

And, while it's possible to redirect smaller icebergs, by towing them or spraying them with water cannons, "I don't think they could do that with an iceberg this large," she said. "They would have to physically move the rig."

Moving an offshore platform is time-consuming and expensive — and very complicated in cases where they are fixed to the ocean floor.

While Greenland's glaciers break off thousands of icebergs into Arctic waters every year, scientists say this ice island is the biggest in the northern hemisphere since 1962.

It contains enough freshwater to keep the Hudson River flowing for more than two years, said Andreas Muenchow of the University of Delaware.

The drifting ice sheet is likely to remain at the heart of the global warming discussion during its journey.

While experts say it's difficult to directly tie the giant ice island to climate change because there are so many factors that affect glaciers in the area, the unusual event coincides with worrisome signs of warming in the Arctic.

Since 1970, temperatures have risen more than 4.5 degrees (2.5 degrees C) in much of the Arctic — much faster than the global average. In June the Arctic sea ice cover was at the lowest level for that month since records began in 1979, according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

The retreat of Greenland's glaciers, which has accelerated in recent years, is one of the least understood pieces of the climate puzzle.

A team of climate scientists who visited the Petermann glacier last year, expecting it to crack then, is now planning another trip within weeks.

"We did leave behind a couple of time-lapse cameras and 11 GPS (devices). Now we are scrambling to get up there and recover the data," said Jason Box, an expert on Greenland glaciers from the Byrd Polar Research Center at Ohio State University.

Box and two British researchers traveled to the glacier last year with Greenpeace activists who offered space aboard their ship, the Arctic Sunrise, to scientists studying climate change.

They were hoping to capture the event with cameras rolling, which would have been a powerful image just months before the Copenhagen climate talks that failed to produce a binding treaty to reduce heat-trapping gas emissions.

"It would have been nice if it had broken off last year," said Melanie Duchin, who led that Greenpeace expedition. "I mean ice melting, it doesn't get any simpler than that."

Still, she finds it ironic that the Petermann breakup coincides with another catastrophe linked to fossil fuels. The Arctic Sunrise is now in the Gulf of Mexico, surveying the massive oil spill from the Deepwater Horizon blowout.

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Fingerprint sharing led to 47,000 deportations

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WASHINGTON A rapidly expanding illegal immigration enforcement program has led to the deportation of 47,000 people over 18 months when the Homeland Security Department was sifting through millions of fingerprints taken at local jail bookings.

About one-quarter of those did not have criminal records and slightly less — about a fifth — had committed or were charged with what are categorized as the most serious crimes, according to government data obtained by immigration advocacy groups who had sued.

ICE posted the data on its website late Monday in advance of the group's release of the data Tuesday.

The federal government says the fingerprint sharing program, known as Secure Communities, helps to identify criminal immigrants who threaten public safety in the U.S.

Secure Communities is one of several ICE programs targeting immigrants charged or convicted of crimes. Overall, 49 percent of the immigrants ICE has deported so far this year have been criminals, compared to 35 percent all of last fiscal year.

Immigration advocates say the government spends too much time on lower-level criminals and people who have not committed crimes. They also allege the program makes people fearful of reporting crimes, does not protect against racial profiling and is being forced on some communities without consent.

"ICE essentially throws a gill net over the concept of immigration reform. It sweeps up all the little people along with what they say is their intention, which is to deport serious and violent criminals," said San Francisco Sheriff Michael Hennessey, whose city is having trouble getting out of the program. He said people picked up on traffic violations, whose charges are later dropped, still get deported.

From October 2008 through June of this year, 46,929 people identified through Secure Communities were removed from the U.S., the documents show. Of those, 12,293 were considered non-criminals and 9,831 were labeled as having committed the most serious crimes.

Fingerprints of people booked into jails already are sent to state criminal justice departments to be checked against federal criminal databases. Under Secure Communities, they also go to Immigration and Customs Enforcement to run through Homeland Security databases.

Immigration and Customs Enforcement divides crimes into three categories, with Level 1 being the most serious. Level 1 crimes include actions that threaten or compromise national security, murder, rape, drug crimes punishable by more than one year, theft and even resisting arrest.

Most of those deported committed Level 2 or 3 crimes or were non-criminals, a monthly report of Secure Communities statistics shows.

Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano announced Tuesday that Secure Communities is in place in all 25 counties along the U.S.-Mexico border. Her statement, released just before advocates criticized the program in a conference call with media, did not say when that occurred.

"Secure Communities gives ICE the ability to work with our state and local law enforcement partners to identify criminal aliens who are already in their custody, expediting their removal and keeping our communities safer," Napolitano said.

Richard Rocha, an Immigration and Customs Enforcement spokesman, said Monday non-criminals may be people who have failed to show up for deportation hearings, who recently crossed the border illegally or who re-entered the country after deportation. He also said it's important to remember that more people commit offenses that are considered Level 2 and 3 crimes.

The Obama administration wants Secure Communities operating nationwide by 2013.

As of Aug. 3, 494 counties and local and state agencies in 27 states were sharing fingerprints from jail bookings through the program.

California had the highest percentage of immigrants deported who had committed Level 1 crimes, with 38 percent of a total 14,823 immigrants sent out of the country, according to statistics from 24 of the states participating through the end of June. In Georgia, 39 percent of 624 immigrants removed were non-criminals, the highest rate among the states.

Travis County, Texas led all counties with the highest percentage of non-criminals deported, 82 percent of 724, according to the groups' analysis of the statistics.

The Immigration Justice Clinic at Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law in New York, the National Day Laborer Organizers Network and the Center for Constitutional Rights had requested and sued for the statistics. They are awaiting the release of more data from the program.

Glow-in-the-dark shrimp turn up in Newport, Ore.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEWPORT, Ore. People who bought pink shrimp at some Oregon stores are reporting that it glows in the dark.

Experts tell The Register-Guard that they shouldn't worry because it's due to certain marine bacteria that can cause shrimp and other seafood to appear luminescent. They say it's not a health risk and does not indicate mishandling during processing.

Specialists at Oregon State University Sea Grant Extension say the bacteria can grow at refrigerator temperatures, especially on seafood products where salt was added during processing.



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Feds: Storms delay drilling for Gulf of Mexico well fix

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NEW ORLEANS Approaching storms forced crews to suspend drilling the final stretch of a relief well aimed at shooting a permanent underground plug into BP's busted oil well in the Gulf of Mexico, the government's point man for the disaster said Tuesday.

Retired Coast Guard Adm. Thad Allen said the suspension could mean a delay of two or three days in completing the relief well, one of the last steps toward ending any threat from the well that spewed more than 200 million gallons of oil over three months before a temporary cap sealed it in mid-July.

Crews will pop in a temporary plug to keep what they've drilled so far safe, but they won't send workers back to land. They have about 30 to 50 feet left to drill. No oil has spilled since the temporary cap was mounted on top of the broken well and closed in mid-July.

The new well is meant to allow BP PLC to pump mud and cement into the broken one from deep underground for a so-called bottom kill, a permanent seal that would complement a mud and cement plug injected into the top of the well last week.

Allen has insisted for days that BP go ahead with the bottom kill, even though the top plug appeared to be holding. On Tuesday, though, he said testing still needs to be done on the well before a final decision is made.

"I'm not sure we know that ... I don't want to prejudge whether we are going to do it or not going to do it. It will be conditions-based."

He later assigned a "very low probability" to the bottom kill not being done, but then said: "We will let everybody know" if that changes.

BP Senior Vice President Kent Wells said it's "really a possibility" that cement that engineers pumped in through the top went down into the reservoir, came back up and plugged the annulus, which is between the inner piping and the outer casing.

Allen also said officials were removing some boom that had been put out to catch oil in Florida, Alabama and Mississippi. He said the boom will be put it in storage and be available for future use if necessary.

Forecasters at the National Hurricane Center said there was a high chance that thunderstorms off southern Florida could strengthen in the next two days into a tropical disturbance headed over the Gulf.

Wells said the current storm track has it "broadly coming over top our site."

The man in charge of the drill on the final approach to the busted well is John Wright, who will guide the drill head about the width of a grapefruit more than two miles beneath the seafloor and try to hit a target less than half the size of a dartboard.

"There has always been some drama at the last moment that makes you think you might miss. It comes down to a judgment call," Wright said in an e-mail to The Associated Press.

Wright has a perfect record of 40 wells capped without a miss across the world in four decades of work. But he is still anxious each time he nears the end.

Wright said he is feeling more pressure as the relief well nears its target, but said the plugging of the blown-out well from the top last week has lessened the need to finish quickly.

"Perhaps it is a bit like golf," Wright said. "The more you practice the luckier you get."

With no more oil spewing, federal authorities announced that a stretch of the Gulf off Florida's Panhandle was reopened for commercial and recreational fishing, a big business for the region.

Jane Lubchenco, administrator of the National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration, said Tuesday that more than 5,000 square miles from east of Pensacola to Cape San Blas and extending south into the open Gulf was safe for fishing. No oil has been observed in those waters since July 3, though testing will continue.

The spill started with an April 20 explosion that sank the BP-leased drilling rig Deepwater Horizon and killed 11 workers.

More than 300 lawsuits filed in the aftermath against BP and other companies will be handled by a federal judge in New Orleans, a judicial panel said Tuesday.

An order issued Tuesday by the U.S. Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation said 77 cases plus more than 200 potential "tag-along" actions will be transferred to U.S. District Judge Carl Barbier.

The judicial panel's order says the federal court based in New Orleans is the best place for the litigation because southeast Louisiana is the "geographic and psychological 'center of gravity'" for the cases.



TRACK & FIELD

Bolt takes off rest of season

HOWARD FENDRICH
AP Sports Writer

Coming off a rare loss at 100 meters, Olympic and world champion Usain Bolt is cutting his season short, saying he won't race again in 2010 because of tightness in his lower back.

The Jamaican's manager, Ricky Simms, wrote in an e-mail Tuesday that the world record-holder at 100 and 200 meters will have treatment to loosen his back and then rest, skipping IAAF Diamond League track and field meets in Zurich on Aug. 19, and in Brussels on Aug. 27.

"It is better for me not to take any risks this year," Bolt said, according to Simms. "2011 and 2012 are very important ... and I hope to be back fully fit and healthy. I ... look forward to coming back stronger next year."

Bolt hadn't lost an individual race in two years until Friday, when Tyson Gay of the United States beat him at the DN Galan meet in Stockholm. Gay ran 9.84 seconds, and Bolt finished in 9.97 — nearly 0.40 slower than his record for the 100.

Given the 6-foot-5 Bolt's recent dominance and his dynamic, crowd-pleasing personality, the sabbatical he's taking is a blow to track and field in the short term, but should give the sport a boost when he returns.

Just ask Gay, who already is looking forward to taking on Bolt again sometime next year.

"It's kind of like boxers — everyone is waiting for 2 heavyweights to clash. So when they do clash, it's exciting. But you don't see the heavyweights fight 2-3 times a year," Gay wrote in an e-mail to The Associated Press on Tuesday. "So even though I was hoping we (would) race 2-3 times for the fans this year, him taking his break to get healthy for next year will make things that much more exciting for 2011!"

Ato Boldon agrees.

Boldon won four sprint medals at the 1996 and 2000 Summer Games and now is a TV analyst. He knows a good story line when he sees it.

"This is the best thing that could've happened for the 2011 season — Bolt losing like this and having to go away. If he gets the urge to party too much and not train ... I think every time he's tempted to do that in the offseason in 2011, he goes, 'I've got that crazy American guy gunning for me,'" Boldon said.

NFL

McFadden to miss preseason opener

JOSH DUBOW
AP Sports Writer

NAPA After spending his first two NFL seasons dealing with injuries to his toes, shoulder and knee, Darren McFadden was looking for a healthy start to the 2010 campaign.

Instead, he will have to sit and watch when the Oakland Raiders take the field for the first time in Thursday night's exhibition game at Dallas because of a tight left hamstring.

"It's very frustrating," McFadden said Tuesday. "I feel like I've been having a good camp. It happened. It's just something you have to deal with right now."

McFadden hurt his hamstring in practice Saturday morning when he tried to accelerate after slowing down. He immediately felt tightness so he pulled up to make sure the injury didn't get any worse.

McFadden said he wants to make sure he waits until the hamstring is completely healed before returning to the field so he doesn't have to deal with this throughout the entire season.

"It's one of those things, you don't want to be out there on it, make it any worse than what it is," he said. "You want to make sure it's all the way healthy before you do because it's a hamstring, something that can nag you for a whole year."

McFadden and Michael Bush are expected to share the bulk of the running duties this season so Bush will likely play most of the first quarter with the first-team offense in Dallas. Offseason acquisitions Michael Bennett and Rock Cartwright will get plenty of time after that to show what they can do.

McFadden has been plagued by injuries ever since the Raiders drafted him fourth overall in 2008. McFadden injured his right big toe in his second career game, hurting himself at the end of a 50-yard run at Kansas City. After returning from that injury, McFadden hurt a toe on the other foot.



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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 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 Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth.	A	ns
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	A+	ns
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Solstice Canyon at Don Blocker County Beach.	B	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 (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.	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
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Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- lifeguard tower.	A	ns
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LEGEND

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Dinner for Schmucks (PG-13) 1hr 50min
1:30pm, 4:05pm, 6:45pm, 9:25pm

Salt (PG-13) 1hr 39min
1:40pm, 4:00pm, 6:30pm, 9:00pm

The Kids Are All Right (AMC INDEPENDENT; Digital Presentation) (R) 1hr 44min
1:50pm, 4:40pm, 7:15pm, 9:45pm

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Dinner for Schmucks (PG-13) 1hr 50min
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Inception (PG-13) 2hrs 28min
12:10pm, 3:30pm, 7:00pm, 10:15pm

Salt (PG-13) 1hr 39min
12:00pm, 2:30pm, 5:00pm, 7:30pm, 10:05pm

The Other Guys (Digital Presentation) (PG-13) 1hr 47min
1:15pm, 4:00pm, 6:45pm, 9:30pm

Step Up 3D (RealD 3D) (PG-13) 1hr 37min
11:30am, 2:05pm, 4:50pm, 7:40pm, 10:30pm

Flipped (PG) 1hr 30min
12:20pm, 2:40pm, 5:00pm, 7:20pm, 9:40pm

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The Extra Man (R) 2hrs 3min
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12:15pm, 2:35pm, 4:55pm, 7:20pm, 9:45pm

Charlie St. Cloud (PG-13) 1hr 49min
11:25am, 2:00pm, 4:40pm, 7:15pm, 9:50pm

Inception (PG-13) 2hrs 28min
11:20am, 2:45pm, 6:00pm, 9:15pm

Middle Men (R) 1hr 45min
1:40pm, 4:20pm, 7:00pm, 9:40pm

The Other Guys (PG-13) 1hr 47min
11:30am, 2:10pm, 4:50pm, 7:30pm, 10:05pm

The Twilight Saga: Eclipse (PG-13) 2hrs 4min
9:00pm

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Head home, Gemini

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★ Plug into your work. Your ability to communicate your intentions comes through one more time. You have a lot on your mind. If possible, delegate to others as much as you can. Also trust an adviser for feedback. Tonight: Get plenty of R and R.

TAURUS (April 20-May 21)
★★★★★ Funnel some of your imagination into what you must do. You might be quite delighted by what occurs as a result. If one person opens up to creativity, then another also will. Don't put a child or new friend on the back burner. This person needs your attention. Tonight: Let go and enjoy.

GEMINI (May 22-June 20)
★★★ You might be present at work, but your mind is on anything other than what you need to focus on. If a personal or domestic matter is bothering you, handle it. Then you will be able to function to your peak. Tonight: Mosey on home.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★★ Others seem to magically open up. You might wonder why they all have to do it at the same time. Try to prioritize your day and plans. You might need to delay a conversation for now. Tonight: Strut on out the door. Midweek is break time.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★ Be aware of what it will take to make an agreement. Discussions need to surround your long-term goals, as well as the costs. Remember, you have a lot to offer, so don't undercut yourself. Tonight: Dinner out.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★★ Finally, you have the audience you desire. Others want to listen and share. Your logic seems impeccable to others. Those who support you become obvious and quite present. Run with the moment. Tonight: Whatever knocks your socks off.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★ Know when to pull back and state your case. You could be overwhelmed by what you are hearing, and a judgment you make because of it. Nothing is written in stone. Take a stress break. Opt for a quick walk. Tonight: Do some hard thinking.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★★ A meeting increases in its significance. A discussion that evolves makes sense and points out the path to the next step. A dear friend could be playing devil's advocate. Tonight: Where the action is.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Take a stand. Don't allow someone else to push you beyond your tolerance level. Discuss your vision and ideas. Some of your friends agree. Step away from an emotional appeal and go for a direct, intellectual stance. Tonight: Could go till the wee hours.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★★ As others toss out ideas left and right, you see another perspective that could totally change the game plan. Do some research; test your concept; and detach. Get more information. Tonight: Where there is music.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ Listen to a partner who debates the pros and cons of a personal decision. On some level, you might be amused. However, you grasp the importance of this decision, too. Tonight: Dinner with a favorite person.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★★ Others step up to the plate. Though you might think you have made the best possible decision, others don't. Listen to their logic, and give the space needed to try another approach. Tonight: Out and about.

Happy birthday

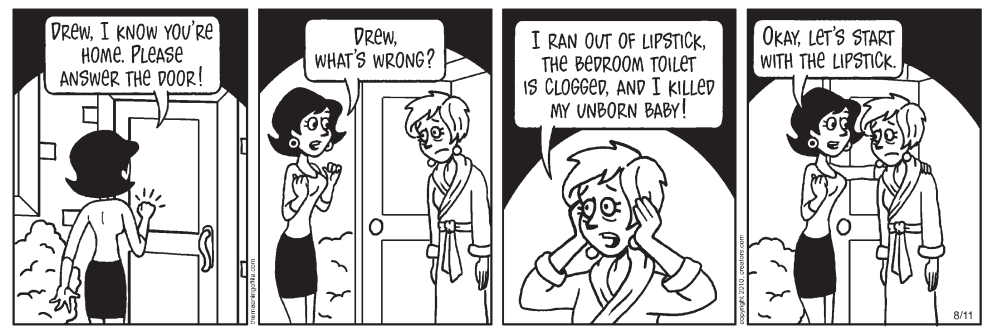
This year, focus on the quality of your daily life. You will want change and admire efficiency. You will be able to integrate both of these qualities into your life. Attention to detail will define your success. Your finances could be pivotal as well. At the same time, you might be drawn to yoga or to change your diet. Finding a way to reduce stress and stay healthy remains key. If you are single, you could meet someone in your daily travels. This person might not be as warm as you desire. If you are attached, the two of you working as a team could add to your financial stability. VIRGO can be possessive.

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

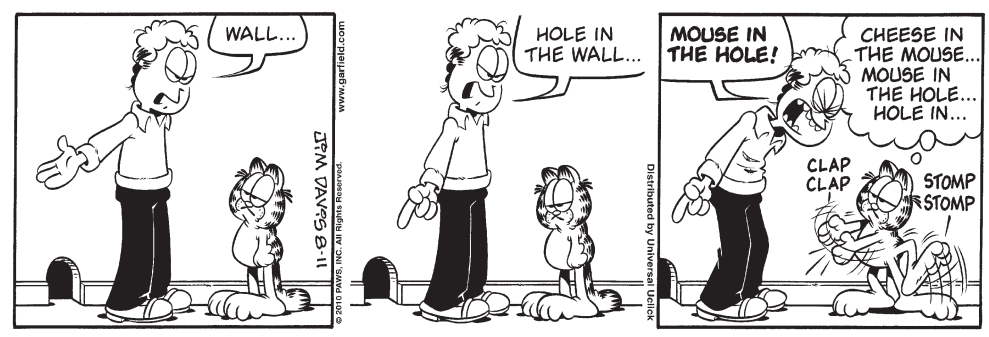
Girls and Sports
By Justin Borus and Andrew Feinstein



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By John Forgetta & L.A. Rose



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By Dave Coverly



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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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		8				5		
	9		3		7		1	8
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		1				9		
		2				4		
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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

5	3	8	9	6	1	7	2	4
7	6	2	3	8	4	9	5	1
9	4	1	2	7	5	8	3	6
2	9	7	8	1	6	5	4	3
6	1	4	5	3	9	2	7	8
3	8	5	7	4	2	1	6	9
8	2	3	6	9	7	4	1	5
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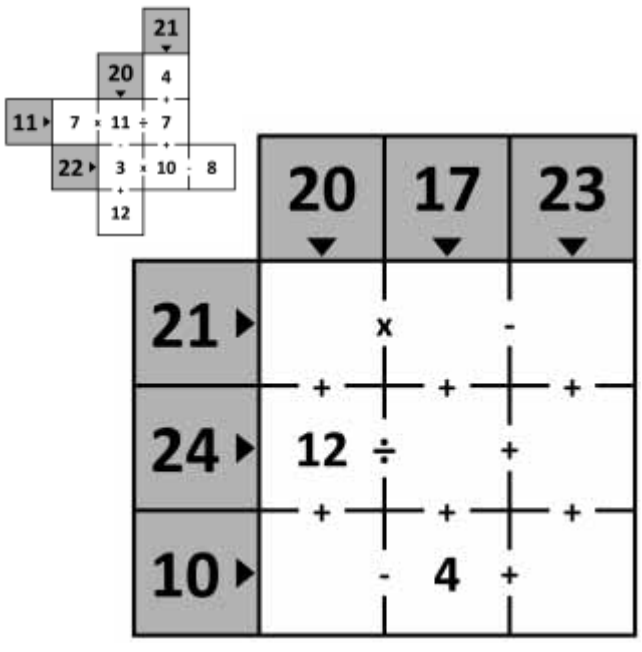
• Fill the grid with the set of given numbers (1 to 12) to satisfy the Equa demands (7 to 24) in the shaded boxes. The Equa demands represent the sum of the digits that you will insert into the empty squares.
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• You must follow the given math operations 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.
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1, 2, 3, 6, 8, 12, 12

Solution for Task 503





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CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Small bills
5 Charity affair
9 Like monsoon season
11 Mayflower name
12 Saxon preceder
13 Director Polanski
14 Extreme
15 "Smarten up!"
17 "Move it!"
19 Mystery writer Stout
20 Brief
21 Garden plot
22 Even a little
24 Contrived
26 City on the Loire
29 Curved path
30 "Be serious!"
32 "Scram!"
34 Cal. abbr.
35 Audibly
36 Speculate
38 Hunger signals
39 Sub system
40 Flock females
41 Effortless

DOWN

1 Sumatran ape
2 City on the Loire
3 Pizza slice, often
4 NBC show since 1975
5 Radiance
6 Look up to
7 Rented
8 Building wing
10 Dairy-case buy
11 Pretentious
16 Fancy homes
18 Dory or dinghy
21 Photo problem
23 State games
24 Would-be lawyer's major
25 Play start
27 Eye part
28 Health-club rooms
29 Visibly stunned
30 Olympus group
31 Suspicious
33 Galoots
37 "The Raven" writer

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Yesterday's answer

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12					■	13			
14			■	15	16				
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35					■	36	37		
38					■	39			
40				■	■	■	41		

8-11

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Meganumber: 17
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Fantasy 5: 8 9 13 19 39

DAILY 3: MIDDAY: 3 4 3
EVENING: 3 9 4

DAILY DERBY:
1st: 12 Lucky Charms
2nd: 10 Solid Gold
3rd: 09 Winning Spirit
RACE TIME: 1:43.14

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Colin Hall, Lord Mayor of Leicester, England, visiting the Southfields library for its Summer Showcase on global understanding in June, apparently at some point experienced his pants falling down. His spokesman later said, "He was not wearing a belt, and the trousers came loose and fell." (Reports in The Guardian and other newspapers emphasized that nothing indecent occurred.)

■ Jammie Harms, 34, who had been executive assistant to CEO John Smith of the developer Hearthstone Homes, filed a lawsuit against the Omaha, Neb., company in June for wrongful firing. According to the lawsuit, Smith told Harms that, after consulting with psychics, he was troubled by her pregnancy. He said he was feeling "negative energy" from her fetus, sensing that it was "hostile" toward him and causing him to be reminded of his own unpleasant experience as a fetus.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1786 Captain Francis Light establishes the British colony of Penang in Malaysia

1804 Francis II assumes the title of first Emperor of Austria.

1858 First ascent of the Eiger.

1898 Spanish-American War: American troops enter the city of Mayagüez, Puerto Rico.

1918 World War I – Battle of Amiens ends.

1919 Constitution of Weimar Republic adopted.

1920 The Latvia-Bolshevist Russia peace treaty, which relinquished Russia's authority and pretenses to Latvia, is signed.

1929 Babe Ruth becomes the first baseball player to hit 500 home runs in his career with a home run at League Park in Cleveland, Ohio.

1929 The Bud Billiken Parade and Picnic begins its annual tradition, which is now the oldest and largest African American parade in the United States.

1934 First civilian prisoners arrive at Federal prison on Alcatraz Island.

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1.
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