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AWARDS

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Meals on Wheels West recognized their volunteers with an awards breakfast on May 4. The Watt Companies were named Community Champion of the Year for their years of support. The company organizes a delivery team as part of their ongoing commitment to community service. Teri Rees Wang was honored as the 2015 Volunteer of the Year for 22 years of service. The organization has seen a 30 percent increase in clients from last year and 40 volunteers are needed every day to deliver hot meals. For more information, visit www.mealsonwheelswest.org.

CITY:

Traffic "normal" following incline closure

BY DAVID MARK SIMPSON
Daily Press Staff Writer

DOWNTOWN So far, so good.

Following the closure of the California Incline two weeks ago, traffic patterns have been normal, Acting Principal Traffic Engineer Andrew Maximous told the Daily Press.

"We haven't seen anything out of the ordinary," he said. "We've seen our typical traffic patterns along Ocean Avenue. We've adjusted all of our signal coordination and timing along Ocean Avenue and Lincoln Boulevard, which are

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No charges for man pepper-sprayed in park

BY MATTHEW HALL
Editor-in-Chief

VIRGINIA AVE The City of Santa Monica has declined to file charges against Justin Palmer in connection with his arrest while attempting to charge his electric vehicle.

Palmer was at the Virginia Avenue Park electric car charging station on the evening of April 21 when he was approached by police officers. Both sides tell differing versions of the events that fol-

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Rebecca Coursey-Rugh

PARTY: Money from the second annual Pier Party supports local schools.

Pier Party raises $125K for SMMEF

Centralized model debated as fundraising deadline looms

BY JEFFREY I. GOODMAN
Daily Press Staff Writer

SM PIER The Pier Party is over, but the Santa Monica-Malibu Education Foundation's fundraising campaign — and the debate over its effectiveness — are not.

The foundation's second-annual event at Pacific Park on the Santa Monica Pier and an accompanying online auction brought in about $125,000, according to SMMEF officials.

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OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Wednesday, May 6

Planning Commission Meeting

Regular meeting of the Planning Commission. Visit www.smgov.net/Departments/PCD/Boards-Commissions/Planning-Commission for more information. City Hall, 1685 Main St., 7 p.m.

Parenting workshop for college age kids

Nick Soper and Kristine Tye, M.A. LMFT present a parenting workshop on how to prepare for life after high school. For parents of high school students in grades 9-12. Montana Avenue Branch Library, 1704 Montana Ave., 7:30 p.m.

Techniques for creating more space

Traditional Home Organizer Esther Simon, MSW, will reveal her secrets and successes on creating a more organized, less chaotic, home. Fairview Branch Library, 2101 Ocean Park Blvd. 6:30 p.m.

2D to 3D; Flat paper to Stacked Sculpture

Explore how a flat piece of cardstock can turn into a three-dimensional object with Richard Hutman. Hutman's projects use identical building blocks to create sculptures that can expand vertically or horizontally with unlimited combinations of forms and decorations. Learn how minor adjustments in connecting blocks can generate a distinctly different arrangement of space, while making your own simple starting form. 1450 Ocean, 1:30 p.m., https://apm.activecommunities.com/santamonicarecreation/Activity_Search/44601

Mindfulness Meditation

Residents are invited to enjoy a pause in the day in which to refresh by simply sitting and paying attention to senses, feelings, and thoughts. You are welcome to stay for five minutes or for the entire 30 minutes. Natalie Bell, Mindful Wellness consultant, will guide the session, 1st and 3rd Wednesdays each month. Montana Avenue Branch Library, 1704 Montana Ave, 5:45 - 6:15 p.m.

Thursday, May 7

Stuffed Animal Sleepover

Wear your PJs to story time, then leave your stuffed friend for a night of fun. Return the next day and receive a photo book of their sleepover adventures. Ages 3 & up. Fairview Branch Library, Fairview Branch Library, 7 p.m.

Homework Help

Get help with your homework! This drop-in program offers a separate study area, basic supplies, and friendly volunteers to assist with homework questions. For students in grades 1-5 only. Pico Branch Library, 2201 Pico Blvd. 3:30 p.m.

National Day of Prayer

Santa Monica will hold its 25th observance of the National Day of Prayer at 8 a.m. Thursday, May 7, at the Tongva Park amphitheater. Coffee will be served. For more information call Peter Czer at (310) 560-7793.

Create-a-Craft

Make your own wizard or fairy wand. Ocean Park Branch Library, 2601 Main St. 3:30 p.m.

A Day in the Blues

The band Terry Carter and The Tomcats - featuring virtuoso Steve Trovato on guitar, Terry Carter on guitar/vocals, Robbie Fontana on bass, and John Atkinson on drums - puts its twist on blues standards by legends such as Muddy Waters, Jimi Hendrix, The Allman Brothers, Stevie Ray Vaughan, BB King, Johnny Cash, and more. Free tickets are available at the SMC Music Office in Room 211 of the

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Malibu

PCH safety in Malibu

The City of Malibu, Senators Fran Pavley and Ben Allen, Assemblymember Richard Bloom, and the California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) will hold a press conference and screen a new video promoting safety on Pacific Coast Highway (PCH), followed by a bicycle safety rodeo for kids on May 8 as part of the multi-agency efforts to improve safety on PCH.

"PCH is one of the most iconic scenic highways and busy commercial and commuting corridors in California, so this safety video and bike rodeo are valuable tools in our efforts to keep it safe for all of its users," said Senator Pavley (D-Agoura Hills) in a statement.

"Motorists, cyclists, beachgoers, businesses and travelers all depend on the safety of PCH, so I am proud to support this event and be a part of the PCH Safety Taskforce efforts," said Senator Allen (D-Santa Monica).

"Millions of people use PCH every single day, from the McClure Tunnel in Santa Monica, to the Ventura County Line, and every one of them can be a partner in keeping PCH safe," said Assemblymember Bloom (D-Santa Monica).

"PCH is such an iconic scenic highway, but it's also Malibu's Main Street, and our daily life depends on PCH traffic flowing smoothly and safely every day. I hope this video and bike rodeo will help get everyone on board to keep PCH safer," said Malibu Mayor John Sibert.

"PCH ranks as one of California's most recognizable highways, while serving the needs of millions of vehicles, pedestrians, bicyclists and motorcyclists daily," said OTS Director Rhonda Craft. "While making sure PCH keeps its unique character, this Safety Corridor project will take necessary steps to insure the highway is safe for all users."

The video features a fictional group therapy session, where characters representing a Pedestrian, a Commuter, a Resident, a Cyclist and PCH herself discuss how important PCH is to them, and their concerns about traffic and safety. PCH reminds them all to slow down and pay attention, or risk a bad accident. In the end, they all "hug it out." The video will be broadcast on local government TV channels in the area along the PCH corridor, and on social media.

The bike rodeo will be hosted by Safe Moves, a Los Angeles-based non-profit organization dedicated to traffic safety education. It will feature a miniature obstacle course with cut-outs of cars, street signs and traffic signals that kids could navigate to learn bicycle and traffic safety, and drawings for prizes, as well as free bike repair and a bicycle powered smoothie machine.

The video and the bike rodeo are funded by the PCH Taskforce Safety Corridor grant, awarded to the City of Malibu from OTS, which also funded changeable message signs to display traffic safety and emergency messages, pedestrian and bicycle safety assessments and trainings, and educational outreach to all users of PCH.

PCH Taskforce was formed over a decade ago and works together to find solutions to keeping PCH safe for motorists, cyclists, pedestrians and residents. It focuses on unsafe speed, unsafe pedestrian crossings, education on bicycle laws, and incidents of DUI in order to reduce the number of injuries and deaths to motorists, bicyclists and pedestrians along the corridor.

The PCH Taskforce is an active coalition comprised of community representatives, pedestrian and bicycle advocates, law enforcement, traffic engineers, Caltrans, and local and state elected officials. The taskforce jurisdiction stretches from the McClure Tunnel in Santa Monica to the Ventura County line including the cities of Santa Monica, Los Angeles, Malibu and unincorporated Los Angeles County.

Funding was provided by a grant by the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

- SUBMITTED BY MATT MYERHOFF

Venice

Money available for new Venice health clinic

Health and Human Services Secretary Sylvia M. Burwell has announced approximately $14,779,170 in Affordable Care Act funding to 23 new health center sites in California, including $379,167 for the Venice Family Clinic, for the delivery of comprehensive primary health care services to the communities that need them most. These new health centers in California are projected to increase access to health care services for nearly 117,582 patients. Nationally, approximately $101 million was awarded to 164 new health center sites in 33 states and two U.S. Territories to increase access to health care services for nearly 650,000 patients.

"The Affordable Care Act has led to unprecedented increases in access to health insurance. Part of building on that progress is connecting people to the care they need," said Secretary Burwell. "Health centers are keystones of the communities they serve in California. Today's awards will enable more individuals and families in California to have access to the affordable, quality health care that health centers provide. That includes the preventive and primary care services that will keep them healthy."

Nationally, this investment will add to the more than 550 new health center sites that have opened in the last four years as a result of the Affordable Care Act. Today, nearly 151 health centers operate more than 1,218 service delivery sites that provide care to nearly 3,412,961 patients in California.

Health centers have also been critical in helping Californians sign up for health insurance through the Marketplace. Since 2013, health centers assisted more than 1,738,555 Californians in their efforts to become insured.

"More people have insurance in the United States than ever before," said HRSA Acting Administrator Jim Macrae. "Health centers provide an accessible and dependable source of culturally competent primary care for many of the newly insured."

The recently enacted bipartisan Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act builds on this progress by extending mandatory funding for health centers in fiscal years 2016 and 2017.

For more information, visit http://bphc.hrsa.gov/about/index.html. To find a health center, visit http://findahealthcenter.hrsa.gov.

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Performing Arts Center. 11:15 a.m., The Edye, 1310 11th St.

Friday, May 8

Friday Family Movie: Annie

(2014) Rated PG, Fairview Branch Library, 2101 Ocean Park Blvd., 3 p.m.

Pom-Pom Animals

Create a pom-pom and turn it into an animal. Ages 5 & up. Montana Avenue Branch Library, 1704 Montana Ave., 3:30 p.m.

National Children's Chorus

Come to the Broad Stage and listen to the National Children's Chorus performing 20th Century American composer's work. Hear the young talent celebrate America through music that highlights moments of 100 years of American history. The Broad Stage, 1310 11th St., 7:30 p.m.

Spring Jazz Concerts: Christian Moraga Quartet.

Chilean-born conguero Christian Moraga and his ensemble perform invigorating modern Salsa and Latin-Jazz works. Part of the Spring Jazz Series. (Tickets are $10.) 7 & 9 p.m. The Edye, 1310 11th St.

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Curious City

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I wrote about this in my April 15 "Curious City" column, that Camp Kesem exists for the very important but nearly unrecognized needs of kids who are struggling mightily with knowing one of their parents has cancer and could die from it, or already has. It's hard to imagine anything scarier for a child, yet they have to keep it inside almost all the time because no one around them, not even their best friends, could possibly understand.

Camp Kesem, a weeklong sleepover camp in the mountains near L.A., gives them seven days of being surrounded by only adults and other kids who understand completely, and they all will tell you that is a life-changing experience that stays with them and gives them strength and solace from that point on.

If this sounds like an offer you shouldn't refuse, go to campkesem.org/ucla, to buy tickets. The UCLA Camp Kesem gets much of its needed $130,000 from its annual Make The Magic benefit dinner, this year held in Santa Monica on the rooftop of Real Office Centers at 604 Arizona Ave., this Saturday evening, May 9, from 6 to 9 p.m.

If you can't make it but would like to be part of this worthy endeavor, for whatever amount you'd like to give, you can do it through any of the counselors. I would recommend one of the best, my daughter, who has done groundbreaking work there since she was 10 - camp name Quinkidinc, whose fundraising page is at https://campkesem.givebig.org/c/CK13/a/campkesem-ucla/p/NicoleAndrews.

To those who have already donated, good job, and thank you.

AND A GOOD PLACE FOR YOUR SUPPORTIVE POSTERIORS

Tomorrow night at 7 p.m. be in the seats at Samohi's Barnum Hall, waiting to see "BIG VOICE," a documentary about the transformative choir program at our great high school, led by the passionate, quixotic, demanding, gifted, moody, lovable, infuriating, charismatic, rude, funny, award-winning miracle-working choir director Jeffe Huls.

My daughter enrolled in choir her freshman year at Samohi and kept with it four years. She experienced Huls in all those ways, I would say, and in the end felt it was a privilege to study under him and a gift to her artistic life. She also got to tour England with the choir and perform at awe-inspiring historical landmarks like Canterbury Cathedral (over Becket's tomb), Salisbury Cathedral (Magna Carta, right there), Cambridge was cool, and the Lady Chapel wing at Ely Cathedral had jaw-dropping, very long delay acoustics, a rare treat for a group of singers. Not your everyday high school learning experience. Thank you, Mr. Huls.

Tickets are $10-$40 at http://bigvoicemovie.brownpapertickets.com/ and all proceeds go to completing the film. Can't wait to see it.

HERE'S HOW YOU CAN FEEL LIKE A TEENAGER AGAIN

Schedule your driving test at the DMV on Colorado, worry about whether they'll deny you the privilege to drive and how that will devastate your social life and embarrass you no end, study up a bit, and sweat about failing it.

You'll probably never be asked to take it if you've passed before, but you could. When I went to renew my license recently and failed the vision test for my right eye (as I knew I would, I always do - permanent injury from college days), I was informed I would need a note from my doctor, to confirm that my condition was not a deteriorating one, and would have to take the driving test. What? New rules, they said. My last one was when I was 17, and I've got a shoebox full of old DLs from CA and NM.

When I arrived I put my car in line and shut the engine off, hopped out and joined a gentleman a little younger than me who was standing in the shade in front of his car, a spectacular silver 1958 Corvette. One of the World's Most Perfect Automobiles. Only the '58 has those two strips of trim that run downward the length of the trunk. Women will say "Huh?" and guys will get it.

It didn't occur to me that he was there to get his car certified, to be officially the work of art that it is. So I said to my supposed brother in torture, facetiously, "You're too young to take this test!"

He laughed and explained why he was there, but added that he did take the test a couple years ago, after more than four decades of driving. And failed.

"What!?!" I yelled, as I grabbed his shoulder. "Don't tell me that!!" If I wasn't that nervous before, now I was.

I carefully scoped out my tester, Mary. Did she look grumpy? Was she a former prison guard? Disgruntled dominatrix? We chatted and joked a bit (getting someone to laugh puts them on your side), but I was careful not to relax too much. Yes, still, it was a test of courage, knowledge, cunning, practice, nerves of steel, and will.

We took off on a convoluted path to the freeway, and I felt like I was doing everything perfectly. I wasn't. But I passed! While they do grade very closely and I got 13 marks off, it takes 21 goofs to fail.

Next week I will give you some insider tips based on my experience, good for wannabe and actual teenagers alike. And tell you about the dreaded "Critical Driving Error" box.

FOR MY CAFFEINE FIEND FRIENDS

It's back, now through May 10, half price on Starbucks Frappaccinos from 3-5 p.m. You're welcome.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "Life would be infinitely happier if we could only be born at the age of 80 and gradually approach 18." — Mark Twain

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TRAFFIC

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our primary detour routes. We believe that's been helping people get through the areas that are identified as detours."

The incline, which allows drivers to travel between the Pacific Coast Highway and Ocean Avenue on the bluffs above, closed for a yearlong construction project at the end of last month. It has long needed a seismic retrofitting and will get a $20 million overhaul covered largely by federal grants.

In the past, when city officials have closed the incline for maintenance, they've seen a back-up on the Interstate 10 freeway off-ramp leading to Lincoln Boulevard.

Maximous credited outreach efforts — on social media, in traditional media, and via sign boards on the Pacific Coast Highway — for the smooth traffic patterns thus far.

"We've gotten really positive feedback from the community, especially in the area North of Montana and within the canyon," he said, "and we have staff that have been monitoring and sitting in our traffic management center. They were here for the first week after the closure and they've been here on the weekends."

Starting Memorial Day they'll be working seven days a week, monitoring and making adjustments.

"Right now you're seeing all the commuters make the adjustment," Maximous said. "We're gearing up to accommodate the influx of visitors and tourists that are going to be coming in and locals that are going to be coming in when school is wrapped up and into the summer season so we're gearing up for that. Our plan is to be very flexible if there's any adjustments that are needed, we'll take care of them as soon as possible and hopefully they're identified as soon as possible."

Much has been made of the potential impacts of the incline closure, especially in conjunction with other closures throughout the city, like those related to the incoming Expo Light Rail. Maximous said that city officials have learned from past closures, like Carmageddon, when miles of the 405 freeway were closed.

"I haven't been surprised, actually," he said of the incline's relatively low impact on the traffic patterns. "Going through what happened with Carmageddon and the other closures that have happened, particularly on the Westside, we've seen that the public has been very receptive and aware of these things."

Maximous said that the city is committed to flexibility and outreach as the project continues.

"I don't think we were trying to over-warn people," he said, "we just wanted to make sure that everyone knows what's going to happen so there's no surprises. We can't get the word out to everybody but we hope that the folks that are caught off guard or didn't get the word, that there's enough detour signage or other ways to navigate the closure."

The incline is expected to reopen in the spring of next year.

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Child Ed center at the Civic

AN IMPORTANT MILESTONE FOR THE EARLY childhood community occurs this evening (Wednesday, May 6) as the City of Santa Monica Planning Commission takes action to adjust the Civic Center Site Plan document to meet various site constraints for the planned Early Childhood Education Center (ECEC). A number of underground utilities and easements are prompting the changes to the building envelope.

Both changes will result in increased public benefits. The public half of the facility will now include an additional classroom, providing the opportunity to combine both classrooms on site into a large community meeting space, and the "student" (child) side of the building will now accommodate an additional ten children, for a total of 110 children in all.

The project began its life soon after the City of Santa Monica acquired the RAND property in 2000. In developing the Civic Center Site Plan, the City committed to provide an early education facility, with certified staff, for the benefit of workers and (soon-to-be) residents within the Civic Center. In 2004, when Santa Monica College gained voter approval to construct an early childhood lab school as part of its early childhood education program, the agencies agreed to form a partnership providing mutual benefits. City funds, augmented with funding from RAND, would provide for the City's share of the child facilities, College funds would provide for the instructional (public) share of the facilities, the City would provide land for both the child portion and the public portion of the project, and the College would fund the remaining costs of the project.

The partnership has proven important to assuring that the project goes forward. In 2012, the City lost redevelopment funding. Achieving the project using only its own resources would have been quite burdensome to the City.

The land and buildings of the ECEC continue to be subject to City planning codes, as the Civic Center Site Plan is the controlling document, and additionally, the College's bond language includes this same provision.

The lease between the City and the College provides the College with a number of slots for children of its full-time employees; however, the College does not anticipate the full use of its allotment. The College intends to continue its participation in the Santa Monica Pre-School Collaborative with the school district, a program that includes a child education facility at John Adams Middle School, adjacent to the main SMC campus. This program has proven sufficient to meet the needs of SMC staff and students.

These unused SMC slots, together with the additional slots for children that may be made available as a result of Planning Commission action, will likely be attractive to the hotel workers and Santa Monica High School staff who work within a block or so of the proposed facility.

As a result, a suggestion recently advanced in the Santa Monica Daily Press to move the ECEC to Sunset Park, nearer to SMC's main campus, would significantly disadvantage the workers and residents of the Civic Center and adjacent institutions.

As an additional consideration, the scale of the proposed ECEC is such that a non-profit operator can successfully provide early childhood education services at an affordable price, without requiring ongoing subsidies. This particular configuration and partnership would be difficult to duplicate elsewhere.

The ECEC, providing educational services for infants, toddlers, children to age 5, and a broad diversity of children including those with special needs, will be an important addition to our community.

We are especially grateful and offer our deep thanks to the many members of the Santa Monica Child Care and Early Education Task Force, who have helped guide and shape this project from its start.

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CITY OF SANTA MONICA
REQUEST FOR BIDS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Santa Monica is inviting bids for:

Annual Paving and Sidewalk Repair Project
SP2370

Bids are due at the City Clerk's Office at 1685 Main Street, Room 102 by **2:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 28, 2015.**

Bid documents may be obtained by logging onto the City's bid posting website at: http://www.smgov.net/planetbids/.

CITY OF SANTA MONICA
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Santa Monica is inviting proposals for:

Design Services for California Incline Pedestrian Overcrossing and Idaho Trail
SP2391

Bids are due at Civil Engineering at 1437 4th Street, Suite 300 by **5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 19, 2015.**

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SUGAR: Assemblymember Bloom wants to impose a fee on drinks with excessive sugar.

Sacramento

Legislator supports fees on sugary drinks

Assemblymember Richard Bloom (D-Santa Monica) has joined the American Heart Association and the Latino Coalition for a Health California in announcing legislation that will create a dedicated revenue source to address the alarming health impacts of diabetes and heart disease. The legislation, AB 1357, will establish a 2-cent-per-ounce health impact excise fee on sugary drinks that generate an estimated $3 billion a year. These funds will be used to create the "Children's and Family Health Promotion Program" to prevent and treat obesity, diabetes, heart and dental disease - conditions that are the result of the over-consumption of sweetened beverages.

"Sugar sweetened beverages are causing Californians to become overweight and have led to an epidemic of diabetes," said Bloom who authored the bill. "The beverage industry is marketing larger sized bottles and fountain drinks. They are using larger and larger cups especially when marketing to children. There are zero health benefits to drinking such a beverage and public health experts agree that a reduction in consumption is imperative. My bill aims to do just that."

Officials said that across California, low-income communities of all types face great barriers to being healthy. Bloom's office said this legislation would provide communities with tools that help children and families live healthier lives by promoting healthy living in a variety of ways, including providing increased access to clean drinking water and educating consumers in underserved communities about healthier options in the community and school environment.

"Californians are becoming increasingly overweight - consuming more empty calories per day - and the number one cause is consumption of sugar sweetened beverages," said Kathy Rogers, Executive Vice President, American Heart Association, Western States Affiliate. "For example, a Super Big Gulp, which is 44 oz., has approximately 523 calories and the equivalent of 35 teaspoons of sugar. That's nearly six times what the American Heart Association recommends for most women in one day. We should aim to protect the health of our children and families."

Bill supporters said there are widespread health risks associated with drinking sugary beverages, including diabetes, heart disease, stroke, and some cancers. Across the nation and in California, diabetes has reached epidemic proportions. Over the past 10 years, the percentage of American teens that has diabetes or pre-diabetes has increased from nine percent to 25 percent. Unless this growth trend is reversed, one in three children born after 2000 - and one in two Latino and African American children - will develop Type 2 diabetes in their lifetime.

"We are tired of burying our family members from Type 2 diabetes. It is a tragedy that this disease is so prevalent in our community that many Latinos now believe that getting diabetes is normal. The revenue from AB 1357 will establish a long overdue, sustained funding source for diabetes prevention in California, prioritizing communities with the highest diabetes rates," says Xavier Morales, Executive Director of the Latino Coalition for a Healthy California.

Over the last 30 years the average American's daily intake of calories has increased by approximately 300 calories. Sugar-sweetened beverages, including sodas, sweetened teas, sports drinks, and sweetened waters and fruit flavored drinks, account for 43 percent of that increase, and the average American now drinks more than 45 gallons of SSBs per year.

A statewide coalition - led by the American Heart Association and the Latino Coalition for a Healthy California, along with other leading health organizations such as Asian Pacific Partners for Empowerment, Advocacy & Leadership, California Rural Indian Health Board (CRIHB), Public Health Institute (PHI), 100 Black Men (Orange County and Sacramento), Urban League of Los Angeles, Council of Black Nurses and Roots of Change - has formed to advocate for the fee on sugary drinks to protect family health. The coalition is launching an educational campaign, "Choose HEALTH CAlifornia," to raise awareness of the health risks of SSBs and generate support for the proposed fee in AB 1357.

The bill will be heard in the Assembly Health Committee on Tuesday, May 12.

- SUBMITTED BY SEAN MACNEIL AND MICHAEL CASTILLO

Tongva Park

National Day of Prayer

Santa Monica will hold its 25th annual observance of the National Day of Prayer at 8 a.m. Thursday, May 7, at the Tongva Park amphitheater west of City Hall between Main Street and Ocean Avenue. The address is 1615 Ocean Avenue. This year's theme is "Lord, Hear Our Cry," inspired by I Kings 8:28: "Hear the cry and the prayer that your servant

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is praying in your presence this day."

Santa Monica and Westside pastors and community leaders will offer prayers for the president, governor, and other governmental leaders, the armed services, peace officers, legislators, judges, the community and nation and such topics as personal renewal and moral awakening, youth, the family, business, education, the sick, the imprisoned and persecuted, churches, missionaries and ministry organizations.

Master of ceremonies will be Pastor Steve Snook of Metro Church Calvary Chapel. Among those slated to take part are Santa Monica Police Chief Jacqueline Seabrooks; Santa Monica Fire Department Deputy Chief Thomas Clemo; Andrew Czer, Los Angeles County Lifeguards; Luke Breton Van Groll, Zoe Church; Dr. Robert Hamilton, pediatrician; and Pastors Anthony Gonzalez, St. Clement's Catholic Church; Peter Czer, Lighthouse Church; Trevor DeBenning, Risen Church; and Matt Kladnik, Vintage Faith Foursquare Church.

- SUBMITTED BY HUNTER JAMESON

Location

Shopping party benefits Westside Family Health Center

RONROBINSON and Westside Family Health Center (WFHC) will throw a Mother's Day Shopping Party from 4 to 7 p.m. on May 7 at the RONROBINSON Flagship store at 1327 Fifth St. Guests can enjoy drinks, appetizers and a DJ while shopping for jewelry, clothing, beauty, mens, kids, books, home decor and more in a cool, modern atmosphere. Shoppers can also enjoy information from designers and brand experts from Koral Active, Shaffer LA, Peppina Jewelry, Lysa Nalin Scarves, Osea and Apothia LA. RONROBINSON will donate 20 percent of the proceeds from the Shopping Party back to WFHC.

Westside Family Health Center, founded in 1974, is a non-profit community health center providing a wide range of low-cost health care services. WFHC serves close to 10,000 low-income and uninsured women, men and children, regardless of one's ability to pay. Using the philosophy of education, empowerment and partnership, WFHC currently provides five health programs, including Family Practice, Prenatal, Pediatrics, Reproductive Health Services and Community Outreach and Education.

RONROBINSON has also offered 20 percent of the proceeds of all online shopping on www.RONROBINSON.com until May 7, 2015. Just apply code WFHCHEALTH. Gift certificates are also included, email Sharon@RONROBINSONinc.com and use code WFHCHEALTH.

"We are so grateful to have this generous support from a retailer in the Santa Monica community. Support from local businesses is imperative to the success of our work," said Debra A. Farmer, WFHC's President/Chief Executive Officer.

While the Shopping Party is free, guests are asked to RSVP to mmaher@wfhcenter.org. Fore more information, visit www.wfhcenter.org.

- SUBMITTED BY MOLLY MAHER

CHARGES
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lowed.

The police account of the incident states officers spoke to several people in the park, including others at the charging stations regarding park closure hours (the park closes at 11 p.m. while the charging stations close at 8 p.m.). They said Palmer refused officers commands to leave the area and that when officers tried to issue a citation, Palmer refused to provide identification resulting in his arrest. The statement issued by SMPD said Palmer "actively resisted" during his arrest resulting in the use of pepper spray.

Palmer, through his attorney Justin H. Sanders, has vigorously denied resisting. Sanders said officers singled out his client and approached him in an aggressive way. According to Sanders, Palmer was arrested and assaulted while exercising his rights to ask questions of the police.

Sanders, who notes his client has no criminal record, has been married for 13 years, is a father of four and a NYU graduate, said the lack of charges supports his clients assertions.

"The City Attorney's decision not to prosecute Mr. Palmer was made within a few hours of the incident and is consistent with our position from the beginning that Mr. Palmer did nothing wrong," said Sanders. "Mr. Palmer is clearly the victim of police brutality and extreme excessive force."

Palmer was arrested for violating the City's park closure ordinance, and delaying and obstructing officers in the performance of their duties. A statement issued by the City of Santa Monica on May 5 said that after careful examination of the circumstances, a decision was made not to file charges against Palmer.

"Factors which precluded the filing of criminal charges were Mr. Palmer's belief that being present in the parking lot did not constitute a park closure violation, signage at the entrance to the parking lot of Virginia Avenue Park did not clearly indicate that the parking lot is included in the park closure ordinance, and a question concerning when Mr. Palmer arrived in the parking lot and when officers made their initial contact with him," said the statement.

According to the statement, officials don't believe they can meet the evidentiary standard necessary to secure a criminal prosecution given the "totality of factors associated with this incident."

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FUNDRAISER: **The Santa Monica Malibu Education Foundation organizes the Pier Party.**

MONEY

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More than 1,500 people attended the April 26 fundraiser, which was part of the organization's ongoing push to raise $4 million for instructional assistants, literacy coaches, arts and other enrichment activities in local schools.

The event came amid discussion among school officials, families and community members about the district's current fundraising model, which puts SMMEF in charge of a centralized effort.

"This was a beautiful community event," SMMEF board president Kathleen Rawson said in a press release. "With 35 corporate sponsors, over 100 volunteers, eight restaurants donating food for the VIP event, and over 1,500 community members enjoying fun in the sun on the Pier, Pier Party is the perfect example of our community coming together to support our students."

The foundation had raised about $2.2 million as of May 4 in a cycle that began Feb. 1, 2014. The deadline is June 30.

In the previous fundraising cycle, which generated about $3.2 million, the Board of Education approved a one-time allocation of about $800,000 to cover the gap. School district Supt. Sandra Lyon has said a shortfall this time could lead to cuts in programming.

Supporters of the centralized system say it ensures equality across the district. Critics argue it has negatively impacted parents' willingness to contribute and should be discarded in favor of the former school-based model.

"It's a simple truth built into human nature: we give more willingly if we can see where our donations go and what good they do," Patrick Adams said. "It's easy to get a parent to feel school spirit for their own child's school and therefore volunteer to help. Like it or not, nobody feels school spirit for a school board or a school district. ... It's time to acknowledge a failed attempt and return to the system that worked."

Meanwhile, SMMEF has planned two private events for major donors in the next few weeks. A screening of the film "White Water," hosted by Edison Language Academy at Aero Theatre on May 16, will also support the foundation. A spring mailing is encouraging people to contribute before the end of the fundraiser.

Students from Will Rogers Elementary School recently contributed about $100 to the fundraiser by collecting plastic bottles at their jog-a-thon.

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STUDENTS: **SMMEF supports programs for students at schools across the district.**

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Blake Griffin turns into triple threat

AFTER WINNING WHAT HEAD COACH DOC Rivers dubbed, "a series of the ages," in an epic Game 7 over the defending champion San Antonio Spurs, the Los Angeles Clippers rode that momentum all the way to Houston and to a decisive victory in the Game 1 of the Western Conference semifinals.

The Clippers won impressively without the help of their star point guard, Chris Paul, who sat out due to a strained hamstring sustained in Game 7 on Saturday while he was putting up 27 points including the game-winning shot in the final seconds. In that game, pain was the price, and Paul's tears of triumph paid the tab.

Lost in that epic Game 7 was Blake Griffin's triple-double, but he followed up on that feat against the Rockets on Monday with 26 points, 14 rebounds and 13 assists. Griffin is the first to accomplish back-to-back triple-doubles in the postseason since Jason Kidd in 2002.

The points and rebounds were expected given Griffin's star stature and position of power forward. However, the double-digit assists for the second straight playoff game is the most impressive stat because not only it shows how much of a complete player he is, but also his ability to fill the leadership void when Paul went down.

Game 1 of this crucial playoff series against the Rockets was Griffin's first opportunity to truly lead the Clippers on the court. Admittedly never one to be rah-rah vocal like Paul, Griffin is more of hands on and direction setter with his play.

"I said a lot of different things throughout the game," Griffin said. "My main message throughout the entire game was just to stay together. There's no reason for us to just ever crumble or fall apart. We were down 11 or 13 in the first or second quarter and we just can't crumble, especially in games like this. We've seen so many things happen. So that was really my message to the team.

"I mean with CP, obviously besides his on-court production, you miss his leadership and his talks, and that void needs to be filled, but I kind of have to do it in my own way. I can't just emulate Chris," he said. "But everybody just responded, everybody was talking tonight, everybody was filling that void."

Many in the media laud LeBron James for his ability to play the point guard position pretty well despite being a natural small forward. Griffin is showing now in the playoffs that he can do the same very well too. In terms of assists per game in the postseason, he is the only forward among the top five in that statistical category with 8.1 APG, more than Paul's 7.9 APG.

"He's terrific," Rivers said. "We said it before the game. Without Chris on the floor, Blake's our point guard. Everybody else is just guards. One of the things we told all the guards today is to just be aggressive scorers, and let Blake be the facilitator. I thought we did that after we had the turnover-fest in the first half."

"He's incredible," Clippers forward Matt Barnes said. "He gets in the middle of the field and picks people apart, kind of like Tom Brady. He catches it at the free-throw line, sometimes the 3-point line. If you don't honor him, he will shoot the jumper, or go by you. But if you're on it, he will take that all the way, and he will find shooters. So, what can you say? [His] 26, 13 and 14, that's like a grown-man triple-double right there."

"I'm not sure there's a better passing 4-man than Blake," sharp shooting guard J.J. Redick added. "He's going to make the right decision 90 percent of the time. He did that tonight and he was fantastic."

Just like many in the media laud Anthony Davis for becoming a more complete, MVP caliber player in his third year in the league, Griffin is proving in the playoffs his ability to lead him self and his teammates around him in the right direction offensively while finally forming a formidable duo with center DeAndre Jordan and leading the league in rebounds per game with 13.3 a piece.

"We've always had a lot of trust in Blake," sharp shooting guard Jamal Crawford said. "If we could draw anything from CP going down, it was that Blake had grown as a playmaker and a guy that we could obviously play through. He knows when to score, he knows when to set his teammates up, and that's why he's one of the best players in the league. I think the world is truly seeing how good he is, and there are still levels for him to go, and he's only 26. He's as good as there is in the league, and he'll continue to get better."

There were always doubts when it came to the Clippers in the playoffs. In the last series, Doc Rivers had to pass out a sheet of paper to everyone on the team showing all of the media "experts" who picked the Spurs over them. I picked the Clippers but wasn't featured in the sheet because that would soften the statement Rivers was trying to make.

The idea that the professional prognosticators would pick the Rockets over the Clippers or the Golden State Warriors over the Clippers or even who so ever comes out of the East over the Clippers is somewhat understandable. To now be surprised with their continued success given Griffin's emergence into the next level, however, isn't. And if it takes a similar performance in Game 2 on Wednesday, then so be it.





CITY OF SANTA MONICA
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Santa Monica is inviting proposals for:

Design Services for Memorial Park North Parking Lot - Revised
SP2341

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NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING
BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA CITY COUNCIL

SUBJECT: Consideration of a proposed ordinance to establish new fee schedules for development and construction-related permit application user fees and services in the Planning and Community Development Department

DATE/TIME: **TUESDAY, MAY 12, 2015 AT 6:30 p.m.**

LOCATION: City Council Chambers, Second Floor
Santa Monica City Hall
1685 Main Street, Santa Monica, California 90401

A public hearing will be held by the City Council to consider the following:

A proposed ordinance to establish new fee schedules for development and construction-related permit application user fees and services in the Planning and Community Development Department in association with the new 2015 Zoning Ordinance. The proposed fee schedules incorporate projected costs for development and construction-related permit applications and services established by the forthcoming 2015 Zoning Ordinance.

HOW TO COMMENT
The City of Santa Monica encourages public comment. You may comment at the City Council public hearing, or by writing a letter. Written information will be given to the City Council at the meeting.

Address your letters to: City Clerk
Fee Schedule – Planning and Community Development Department
1685 Main Street, Room 102
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MORE INFORMATION
If you want more information about this matter, please contact the Planning and Community Development Department at (310) 458-8341, or by e-mail at roxanne.tanemori@smgov.net. The current fee schedule for application user fees and services in the Planning and Community Development Department and the Zoning Ordinance are available at the Planning Counter during business hours and on the City's web site at www.smgov.net/pcd and www.smgov.net/Departments/Finance.

The meeting facility is wheelchair accessible. For disability-related accommodations, please contact (310) 458-8341 or (310) 458-8696 TTY at least 72 hours in advance. Every attempt will be made to provide the requested accommodation. All written materials are available in alternate format upon request. Santa Monica Big Blue Bus Lines numbered 2, 3, Rapid 3, 7 and 9 serve City Hall and Civic Center. Big Blue Bus Lines 2 and 8 now run on Ocean Avenue instead of Main Street due to the Colorado Esplanade construction.

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WEDNESDAY – **FAIR** – SURF: **4-6 ft** shoulder high to 1 ft overhead
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THURSDAY – **FAIR** – SURF: **3-4 ft** waist to shoulder high occ. 5ft
Fading SSW swell. Small NW swell-mix possible. Stay tuned.

FRIDAY – **FAIR** – SURF: **2-3 ft** knee to chest high
Old SSW swell fades further. Small NW swell mix likely fading as well. Long period forerunners of a new SW swell starts to creep in. Stay tuned.

BEACH REPORT CARD

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- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 33/20
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 5/19

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LOCATION	DRY	WET
Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	A+
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechusa and Los Alisos creeks.		
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	A+	A+
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth.	B	A+
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	A+	F
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth.	F	A+
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	A+	F
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	F	A+
Solstice Canyon at Dan Blocker County Beach.	A+	D
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth.	A+	A+
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 21572 Malibu Rd..	A+	F
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	F
Surfrider Beach (breach location)- daily.	A	F
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	ns	F
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	A+	F
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero).	A+	A+
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs.	A+	A+
Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach.	A+	F
Tuna Canyon.	ns	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	A	B
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	ns	ns
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	B	F
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	B	A+

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

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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BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

Crime Watch is culled from reports provided by the Santa Monica Police Department. These are arrests only. All parties are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

ON APRIL 24 AT APPROXIMATELY 1:49 P.M.

Officers were dispatched to the rear of 724 Ocean Park regarding an "Arson Just Occurred" radio call. The suspect was described to officers via radio and a possible suspect was detained nearby with witnesses following him. Officers reviewed video and saw the suspect carrying a full white trash bag. He set the bag down in close proximity to an apartment building and placed a gas tank inside the bag. Smoke started to emit from the bag as the suspect walked away. A resident put the fire out with a fire extinguisher. The suspect was positively identified by witnesses and video surveillance. Jose J Antunes, 62, transient, had bail set at $50,500.

DAILY POLICE LOG

The Santa Monica Police Department responded to 341 calls for service on May 4.

HERE IS A SAMPLING OF THOSE CALLS CHOSEN BY THE SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS STAFF.

Drunk driving 4th/Santa Monica 1:08 a.m.
Traffic accident 1200 block of 17th 2:13 a.m.
Burglary 2000 block of Ocean 3:24 a.m.
Vandalism 1300 block of 4th 6:27 a.m.
Vandalism 1200 block of 4th 7:08 a.m.
Auto burglary 1800 block of Hill 7:11 a.m.
Fraud 2500 block of 7th 7:37 a.m.
Sexual assault 600 block of Pico 8:56 a.m.
Indecent exposure 2500 block of Main 9:12 a.m.
Hit and run Lincoln/Broadway 9:28 a.m.
Grand theft auto 800 block of Idaho 9:53 a.m.
Grand theft 2000 block of 20th 10:07 a.m.
Vandalism 2000 block of 21st 11:25 a.m.
Identity theft 1400 block of 19th 12:01 p.m.
Battery 1900 block of 20th 12:10 p.m.
Theft of recyclables 1200 block of 7th 12:27 p.m.
Traffic accident Lincoln/Olympic 12:38 p.m.
Defrauding innkeeper 1500 block of Ocean 12:39 p.m.
Petty theft 100 block of Broadway 12:45 p.m.
Traffic accident 2800 block of Pico 1:06 p.m.
Bike theft 2500 block of Pico 1:10 p.m.
Traffic accident 5th/Strand 1:13 p.m.
Hit and run 1500 block of 4th 1:14 p.m.
Hit and run 1400 block of 5th 1:59 p.m.
Burglary 200 block of Santa Monica 1:59 p.m.
Petty theft 1300 block of 2nd 2 p.m.
Vandalism 300 block of Civic Center 2:20 p.m.
Hit and run 1400 block of 5th 2:28 p.m.
Petty theft 200 block of Broadway 3:12 p.m.
Petty theft 2900 block of Main 3:20 p.m.
Auto burglary 1300 block of 4th 3:23 p.m.
Fight 200 block of Santa Monica 3:26 p.m.
Burglary 400 block of Santa Monica 4:03 p.m.
Identity theft 1400 block of 7th 4:12 p.m.
Vandalism 17th/Olympic 4:22 p.m.
Identity theft 1400 block of 9th 4:41 p.m.
Hit and run Lincoln/Santa Monica 4:43 p.m.
Fight 2200 block of 21st 4:46 p.m.
Defrauding innkeeper 1000 block of Wilshire 5:15 p.m.
Burglary 1200 block of Princeton 5:28 p.m.
Petty theft 1300 block of 4th 5:47 p.m.
Grand theft 2nd/Santa Monica 5:47 p.m.
Theft suspect in custody 1200 block of Promenade 5:57 p.m.
Assault w/deadly weapon 1600 block of Ocean Front Walk 6:03 p.m.
Bike theft 1200 block of 12th 6:13 p.m.
Hit and run 1600 block of Ocean 6:36 p.m.
Petty theft 1000 block of Wilshire 6:51 p.m.
Grand theft 2700 block of Neilson 7:28 p.m.
Petty theft 100 block of Broadway 7:40 p.m.
Bike theft 1300 block of 6th 8:23 p.m.
Battery 600 block of Broadway 10:39 p.m.
Petty theft 1100 block of Lincoln 10:50 p.m.
Traffic accident 4th/ Pico 11:47 p.m.

DAILY FIRE LOG

The Santa Monica Fire Department responded to 46 calls on May 4.

HERE IS A SAMPLING OF CALLS CHOSEN BY THE SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS STAFF.

Flooded condition 1400 block of 4th 12:02 a.m.
EMS 1300 block of 23rd 2:23 a.m.
EMS 900 block of 3rd 3:22 a.m.
EMS 1000 block of Ocean 3:58 a.m.
EMS 1800 block of 19th 4:26 a.m.
Fire out investigation 100 block of Wilshire 5:23 a.m.
EMS 1300 block of 15th 6:06 a.m.
EMS 4th/Arizona 7:20 a.m.
Trash/dumpster fire 20th/Virginia 8:20 a.m.
EMS 2000 block of Main 9:39 a.m.
EMS intersection of 6th/California 9:43 a.m.
EMS 1400 block of Park 9:43 a.m.
Wires down 2700 block of Wilshire 10:51 a.m.
EMS 1100 block of 26th 10:56 a.m.
Automatic alarm 1700 block of Santa Monica 11:15 a.m.
Structure fire 2400 block of Wilshire 11:36 a.m.
EMS 2900 block of Arizona 11:51 a.m.
EMS 300 block of Santa Monica Pier 11:57 a.m.
Automatic alarm 1000 block of Maple 11:57 a.m.
EMS 1300 block of 7th 12:10 p.m.
EMS 1500 block of Arizona 12:12 p.m.
EMS intersection of 28th/Pico 1:06 p.m.
EMS 1900 block of Lincoln 1:32 p.m.
EMS 1700 block of Arizona 1:44 p.m.
Structure fire 300 block of Santa Monica Pier 2:14 p.m.
EMS 1900 block of Santa Monica 3:12 p.m.
EMS 500 block of Santa Monica 4:02 p.m.
EMS 2300 block of Virginia 4:30 p.m.
EMS 3100 block of Olympic 4:31 p.m.
EMS 800 block of Wilshire 4:49 p.m.
Odor investigation 100 block of Palisades 4:50 p.m.
EMS intersection of Cloverfield/Interstate 10 5:25 p.m.
EMS 100 block of Bay 6:43 p.m.
Automatic alarm 700 block of Palisades Beach 6:47 p.m.
EMS 1400 block of 4th 7:10 p.m.
EMS 1200 block of 6th 7:30 p.m.
EMS 16th/Santa Monica 7:55 p.m.
EMS 6th/Santa Monica 8:28 p.m.
EMS 6th/Santa Monica 8:56 p.m.
EMS 1000 block of 23rd 9 p.m.
EMS 1900 block of Main 9:05 p.m.

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Travel document
5 Sound of delight
11 Border on
12 Atlas section
13 Trig function
14 Dressed in
15 Twisty letter
16 Porch items
17 Steak-house order
19 Youngster
22 Racer Andretti
24 Biblical kingdom
26 MP's quarry
27 Ogled
28 Magic Johnson, once
30 Forgoes food
31 Caustic stuff
32 Take as one's own
34 Antlered animal
35 Uncooked
38 Little squirt
41 Golf target
42 Source of wisdom
43 Hawaiian strings
44 Hit on the noggin
45 Printed matter

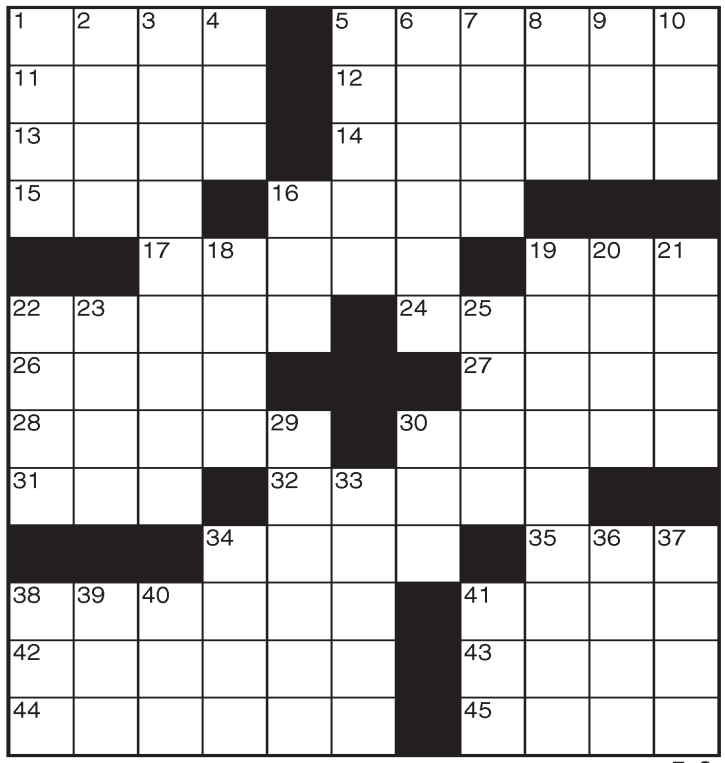
DOWN

1 Bud holder
2 Sacred bird of Egypt
3 Heat-based ailment
4 Had lunch
5 Car type
6 Brokers' numbers
7 Big planters
8 Long, long time
9 King Kong, for one
10 Went ahead
16 Cow call
18 Bitter-ness
19 Typing unit
20 "Yeah, right!"
21 June honorees
22 Shopping spot
23 Not at home
25 Pile
29 Baby's toy
30 London weather
33 Stunned
34 Ailing
36 TV's Trebek
37 Sunset setting
38 Cry loudly
39 Old hand
40 Operated
41 Crude abode

A	P	E	X	■	■	G	R	A	P	E
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Yesterday's answer

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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 ★★★

GETTING STARTED

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

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

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			8		4			
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	4	5		7	3	2		
			9	8				
				6				

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DAILY LOTTERY

POWERBALL
Draw Date: 5/2
2 6 11 30 31
Power#: 33
Jackpot: 80M

MEGA MILLIONS
Draw Date: 5/1
17 18 61 66 74
Mega#: 3
Jackpot: 110M

SUPER LOTTO
Draw Date: 5/2
23 31 34 36 45
Mega#: 4
Jackpot: 31M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 5/4
19 23 31 38 39

DAILY 3
Draw Date: 5/5
MIDDAY: 9 3 9
Draw Date: 5/4
EVENING: 4 2 0

DAILY DERBY
Draw Date: 5/4
1st: 01 Gold Rush
2nd: 11 Money Bags
3rd: 08 Gorgeous George
RACE TIME: 1:44.16

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WORD UP!

bafflegab
1. Slang. confusing or generally unintelligible jargon; gobbledegook: an insurance policy written in bafflegab impenetrable to a lay person.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1983 – The Hitler Diaries are revealed as a hoax after examination by experts.

1984 – One hundred three Korean Martyrs are canonized by Pope John Paul II in Seoul.

1989 – Cedar Point opens Magnum XL-200, the first roller coaster to break the 200 ft height barrier, therefore spawning what is known as the "coaster wars".

1994 – Queen Elizabeth II of the United Kingdom and French President François Mitterrand officiate at the opening of the Channel Tunnel.

1994 – Former Arkansas state worker Paula Jones files a lawsuit against United States President Bill Clinton, alleging that he had sexually harassed her in 1991.

1996 – The body of former CIA director William Colby is found washed up on a riverbank in southern Maryland, eight days after he disappeared.

1997 – The Bank of England is given independence from political control, the most significant change in the bank's 300-year history.

1998 – Kerry Wood strikes out 20 Houston Astros to tie the major league record held by Roger Clemens. He threw a one-hitter and did not walk a batter in his fifth career start.

NEWS OF THE WEIRD BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Saudi Arabia's very first sex accessory shop (in the holy city of Mecca) should be opening soon, according to news reports – operated by a Moroccan Muslim, backed by the German adult mega-retailer Beate Uhse, and supposedly fully compliant with Islamic law. Owner Abdelaziz Aouragh told Agence France-Presse he would stock 18 different Islam-appropriate toys for married couples, along with oils and fragrances that he said would enhance the marital experience. (He did not actually describe the toys, but ruled out U.S. mainstays such as inflatable dolls and vibrators.) One such "halal" sex shop opened in Turkey in 2013, and Aouragh's financial partner runs a similar enterprise online.

■ The February gun-and-baby-carrying workshop in Johnston, Iowa, was so successful that instructor Melody Lauer and CrossRoads Shooting Sports owner Tom Hudson plan more. Lauer insisted that she does not necessarily encourage a baby-holding mother to arm herself, but if she chooses to, safety would of course require that she be familiar with the tricky procedure of drawing, aiming and firing even though she might be "wearing" a baby in a sling in front of her body. Hudson, noting the fast-growing market of gun sales to women, said scheduling the workshop "was a no-brainer."

Hang out tonight, Libra

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★★ You welcome change without resistance and are able to see that what's happening around you is for the best. Your imagination flourishes and inspires you to pursue unique ideas. Romance seems to be in the air. Embrace it! Tonight: Talk about your summer plans.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ You integrate knowledge with quickness and ease. Your perspective allows more give-and-take. Unexpected revelations will take you down a new path. Some of you might be reticent, but you can't stay in the same spot forever. Tonight: Bring new information into a discussion.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Others have a way of domineering when they want to, while your light style gets smothered. By now, you know how to handle these situations, and you are able to flourish without an audience, should you so choose. Tonight: A long-overdue chat with a partner.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★★ You know what you want. Though you can be charming and easygoing, your determination marks your plans and discussions. You are willing to put in extra time and effort to manifest a goal. The unexpected occurs with an older person. Tonight: A must show.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ You have an unusually grounded perspective of what is needed to make a situation work. Your unhinged imagination makes the path you're on an exciting one. You'll want to see past the obvious in order to understand what needs to happen. Tonight: Midweek break.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ You remain cool, calm and collected even in the face of a surprise or a demand from a higher-up. You have managed to detach and gain a perspective that is unique and grounded. Pressure could be coming in from others who are making their own demands. Tonight: Head home.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Where your friends are is where you'll want to be. Nevertheless, handling some details and managing the fine print could be a problem. Understand where others are coming from. A meeting promises to be more supportive than you thought possible. Tonight: Hang out.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Too many commitments can wear anyone down -- even you! Slow down the pace by taking a hard look at what can be discarded. You can't keep adding things without eliminating some. Remember, you are human and have only so much energy. Tonight: Go shopping.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★★ You have an advantage, as you come off sounding secure, knowledgeable and ready to take action. No one can deny what is going on with you. You might be making a financial adjustment, but don't worry so much. Trust that it all will work out. Tonight: All smiles.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★ Listen to news within your immediate circle. You have demonstrated a special ability to absorb information and make needed adjustments. Pace yourself, and understand that you might need to schedule a break in the near future. Take some time off. Tonight: Not to be found.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ You might be more driven than you realize. With a group of friends, you will see how driven you all are to arrive at a common goal. In fact, others might be taken aback by your insistence. You know what is happening, and you have an agenda. Tonight: Hang with friends.

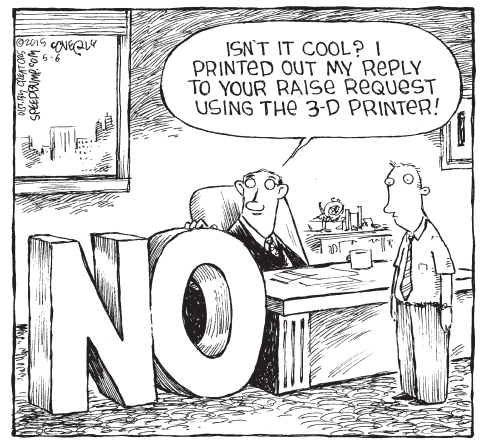
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ Tension builds as you try to field some curve balls. You also could decide to eliminate a responsibility that seems overwhelming. Others might have a similar response, therefore delegating it could be most difficult. Curb spending if possible. Tonight: In the limelight.

Wednesday, May 6, 2015

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

This year you have the ability to understand some far-out ideas. You might not always agree with them, nor do you need to. The fact that you can discuss these concepts with the people who espouse them is significant. You often will want to entertain at your home and invite close friends over. If you are single, you grow past a problem and are able to develop a strong relationship this year, if you so choose. If you are attached, the two of you enjoy each other more than in the past. You seem to value each other more and more as you start planning more weekends away as a couple. SAGITTARIUS is very different from most of your friends.

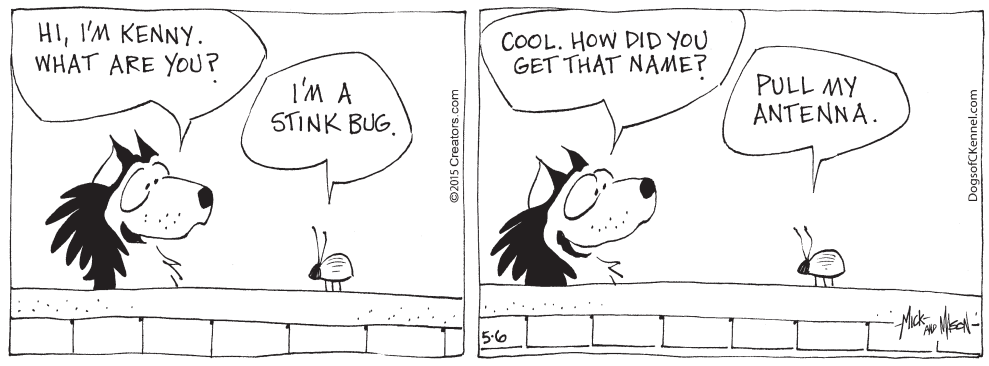
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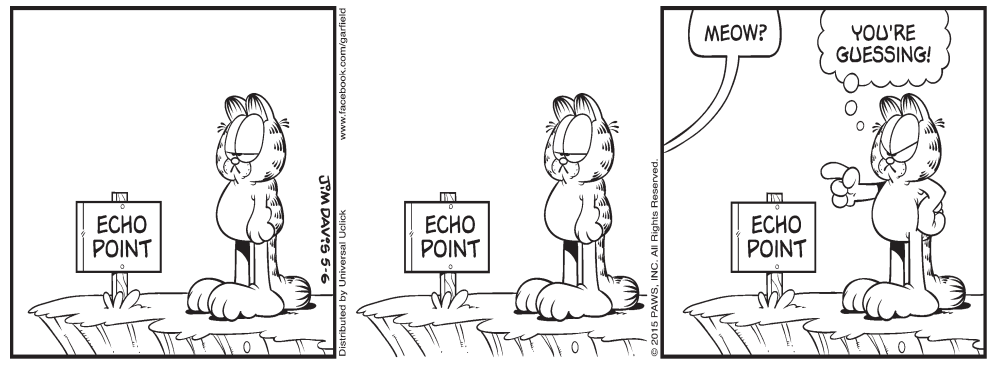
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By John Deering



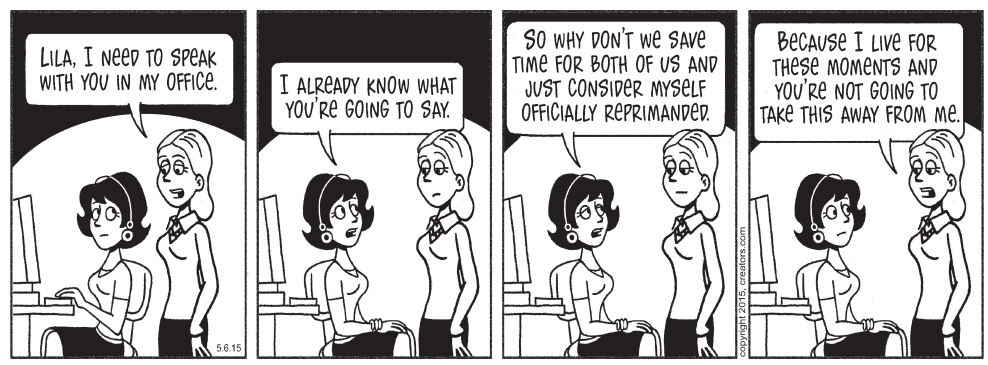
Dogs of C-Kennel
By Mick and Mason Mastroianni



Garfield
By Jim Davis



The Meaning of Lila
By John Forgetta & L.A. Rose



give a (bleep)

Money talks and (bleep) walks

By Mikey Tittinger

We're our brother's keepers.

You hear that kind of talk a lot in Santa Monica. A compassionate city. Limousine liberals. For all of our collective wealth, we still look out for the less fortunate. Jokes about "The People's Republic of Santa Monica" allude to a desire to level the playing field. Actually, not so much.

When you get right down to it, we're more our billfold's keeper.

Santa Monicans, on average, give much less of our income to charity than our neighbors in Los Angeles, and most every city in California.



It's no use pointing fingers when it comes to giving.

Yeah, but we have a higher standard of living, you say? Residents in Beverly Hills and Palo Alto gave away more than 4 percent of their income in 2012, according to the latest IRS statistics. Santa Monica, by contrast, gave 2.4 percent, below the state average of 2.6 percent.

People in LA ponied up 3.3 percent.

Generosity knows no bounds. Residents of Inglewood and Compton, two cities with median incomes far below Santa Monica, also gave more than 4 percent.

At the end of the day, Santa Monica isn't doing its share. Go shake your parents, your friends, even your enemies and urge them to do more. Because they can. Even start with that good looking mug in the mirror.



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