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SO VERY EXCITED: **Kids waste no time going for Easter eggs at Clarity Church's 'Eggstravaganza' on April 23.**

Rental business booming for SMMUSD

Churches, AA groups, even pro sports teams rent facilities, helping raise money for cash-strapped schools

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

BARNUM HALL On Easter Sunday, a man in a bunny costume dropped from the sky onto a field of 25,000 brightly colored Easter eggs, much to the delight of hundreds of children on the McKinley Elementary School campus.

It was not a school activity, however.

The skydiving Easter bunny was the highlight of the 2011 Eggstravaganza, an event put on by the eight-month-old Clarity Church, a 75-member congregation which rents out the McKinley Elementary School Auditorium and two classrooms to conduct services and age-specific youth group activities each Sunday.

Originally, Pastor Nathan Kollar intended to drop the 25,000 eggs from a helicopter, but Carey Upton, the director of theater operations and facility permits at the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District, had to veto.

"They've gone bad in the past," Upton said, and went on to describe videos that his staff found of children running to collect eggs deposited by a helicopter only to be pelted by more oblong plastic projectiles when the helicopter came back for round two of the drop.

Upton and his five staff members handle requests like these on a fairly regular basis in the course of renting out school district facilities to private groups, which include everything from churches to AA groups and professional basketball teams (the Oklahoma City Thunder of the NBA practiced at the Santa Monica High School gym last season when playing the Lakers in the playoffs).

In the 2010-11 school year alone, the department is on track to issue 1,000 permits for 10,000 events, which equates to nearly $950,000 in revenue that pays for school operations and maintenance, as well as salaries and benefits for department staff.

That's up from $130,000 four and a half years ago when Upton first took on the job.

"Permits weren't being done effectively," Upton said. "Thirty years ago, schools would allow almost any group to use facilities for free or for a low cost. They never got into charging a fair amount."

It's money that the school district needs now more than ever in a time of significant budget cuts, Upton said.

Bolstering the maintenance budget through outside resources gives the school district the flexibility to use other money to

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Gas prices causing headaches for city

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

Editor's note: This story is part of an ongoing series that tracks the city's expenditures appearing on upcoming Santa Monica City Council consent agendas. Consent agenda items are routinely passed by the City Council with little or no discussion from elected officials or the public. However, many of the items have been part of public discussion in the past.

CITY HALL Higher fuel prices are showing up at every pump, which will force the City Council to pay a premium for petroleum-based products to keep city buses and fleet vehicles running and maintained.

Big Blue Bus and other city vehicles run on biodiesel, which has spiked in price since the cost per barrel of crude oil topped $100.

To cover the additional costs, the council is expected to approve another $600,000 to General Petroleum Corp., the company which has provided biodiesel fuel and other

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Bill lets landlords ban smoking in units

ASSOCIATED PRESS

SACRAMENTO The state Senate has approved a bill that would let landlords ban smoking on their properties, including inside rental units.

Sen. Alex Padilla says there is no prohibition on landlords prohibiting smoking, but his bill specifically makes it clear they have that power under California law.

Padilla, a Democrat from Los Angeles, says his bill is designed to give families more smoke-free options. The bill, SB332, is supported by the California Apartment Association.

It passed the Senate on a 33-2 vote Monday without debate. It now goes to the Assembly.

Padilla's office says more than 30 percent of California's housing is apartments and condominiums. He argues that secondhand smoke can travel between the units through open windows and doors, shared ventilation systems, crawl spaces and other gaps in buildings.

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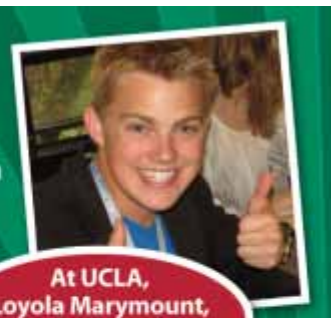
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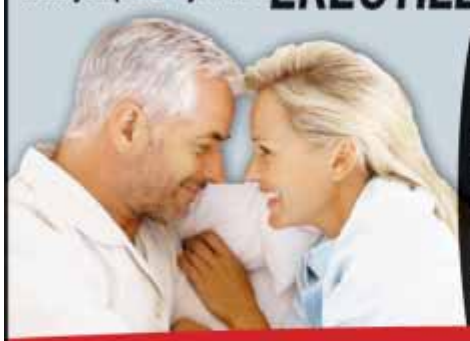
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What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Tuesday, May 10, 2011

Rent control seminar for tenants
Main Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd., 9:30 a.m.
Santa Monica Rent Control offers a free overview of rent control laws to familiarize tenants with their rights, including: what total rent an owner may collect; what amenities are included with the rent; eviction protections; remedies for excess rent; and what to do about maintenance issues. For more information, call (310) 458-8751.

'Life at the Miramar'
Santa Monica History Museum
1350 Seventh St., 10 a.m. — 8 p.m.
Learn the early history of the Fairmont Miramar. Images and documents from those early days will be on display at the museum. For more information, call (310) 395-2290.

Healthy and hip
Senior Recreation Center
1450 Ocean Ave., 10:30 a.m.
This class focuses on recipes for healthy, hip Santa Monica adults 50 plus. For more information, call (310) 458-8644.

Wednesday, May 11, 2011

Mystery book group
Montana Library
1704 Montana Ave., 7 p.m.
Comparison/contrast of two novels ("The Angel of Darkness," by Caleb Carr; and "A Death in Vienna," by Frank Tallis) whose protagonists employ Freudian psychoanalysis to help them solve crimes. For more information, call (310) 458-8682.

Movies on the Deck
Santa Monica Place
Broadway and Third Street, 7 p.m.
Catch a free screening of the classic musical, "Westside Story." There will also be "yummy treats" at this week's installment of this ongoing promotion. For more information, visit santamonicaplace.com.

Thursday, May 12, 2011

Your brain, your health
Main Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd., 6:30 p.m.
Saint John's Health Center presents this workshop about medical advancements and 360 degree minimally invasive brain surgery. This event is free. To make reservations, call (310) 829-8453.

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Cops bust clerks for selling booze to minors

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Editor in Chief

PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITY Two sales clerks and several adults were cited during sting operations involving minors looking to purchase alcohol, authorities said Monday.

Underage decoys attempted to buy booze from 36 businesses in Santa Monica during the "minor decoy operation," and 44 adults were approached and asked to purchase alcohol during two "decoy shoulder tap operations," said SMPD Sgt. Richard Lewis.

The stings are part of the Santa Monica Police Department's effort to reduce underage drinking.

Penalties for selling alcohol to a minor are a minimum fine of $250 and up to 32 hours of community service for a first violation. In addition, the Alcohol Beverage Control Board can take administrative action, which may include a fine, suspension of its alcoholic beverage license and permanent revocation of that license, Lewis said.

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HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS ROUNDUP

Samohi softball goes for perfection

BY DANIEL ARCHULETA
Managing Editor

SAMOHI Having already clinched at least a share of the Ocean League title, the Vikings will look to complete a perfect 10-0 season this week at home.

A league crown would be Santa Monica High School's 10th straight in softball.

First for the Vikings is Morningside on Tuesday. On Thursday, Samohi will host Culver City on senior day. Both games are scheduled for 3:15 p.m.

XRDS BOYS HIT ROAD FOR PLAYOFFS

Crossroads' boys' volleyball team will travel to La Quinta, winner of the Garden Grove League, for the first round of the CIF-Southern Section Division 4 playoffs today.

Crossroads, which finished third in the Alpha League, is playing in the same division as crosstown's Samohi. Santa Monica is the No. 1 seed in the division.

FAULK NAMED ALL-STATE

Samohi's Moriah Faulk was named to the Cal-Hi Sports All-State Girls' Basketball Second Team, it was announced last week.

The senior who has committed to play for UCLA next season, led the Vikings to the semifinals of the CIF-SS Division 1AA this year. The forward averaged nearly 14 points this season.

Her career at Samohi was highlighted by winning the CIF-SS Division 1A title in 2010.

NEW ROADS MOVES UP IN RANKINGS

New Roads' baseball team has moved up to No. 2 in the latest CIF-SS Division 7 poll, it was announced on Monday.

First place New Roads hosts Coastal League rival Vistamar today at Clover Park. The Jaguars close the regular season on Friday at home against Rolling Hills Prep. Both games are scheduled for 1:30 p.m.

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REPEAT CHAMPS

Photo courtesy Tracy Combs

Santa Monica scrum-half Jack Gibb threads the South Bay defense and puts the ball down for the winning score as the Dolphins defended their title this weekend in the U12 boys Southern California Youth Rugby championship. 'It was an exhilarating game,' said U12 Coach James Gibb.

Teachers begin week of budget protests

ADAM WEINTRAUB & JULIET WILLIAMS
Associated Press

SACRAMENTO Hundreds of California teachers marched in downtown San Francisco Monday and rallied at the state Capitol to launch a week of protests over the threat of deep budget cuts to public education.

Demonstrations and teach-ins involving thousands of teachers were planned across the state as schools face the prospect of mass layoffs, program cuts and shorter school years. The protests will culminate Friday with a sit-in at the state Capitol.

Organizers also tried to counter attacks on public employee benefits, saying pensions were not the cause of the state's fiscal problems.

David Sanchez, president of the 325,000-member California Teachers Association, kicked off the protest in Sacramento by saying schools already are suffering from previous cuts that have devastated art, music and physical education programs.

To avoid further cutbacks, teachers want the Legislature to extend temporary increases to the sales, personal income and vehicle taxes that will expire by June 30.

"This week is not business as usual," Sanchez said. "Our legislators need to do their job and pass the tax extensions so we can continue to function."

About 100 school personnel gathered at 5:30 a.m. in San Francisco and marched to school district headquarters, with 60 boarding a chartered bus to Sacramento, where they joined other protesters to lobby state lawmakers.

About 250 people, many wearing light blue T-shirts reading "State Of Emergency," gathered for an interfaith prayer service and a march around the Capitol.

In addition, the California Federation of Teachers began running a radio ad in selected areas, singling out Republican state senators who oppose extending the tax increases. The ad will run in the districts of senators

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Missing the chess man

Editor:

My husband and three kids visited Santa Monica in late December, 2010. We were on a scouting trip, anticipating a move here in the spring. On the suggestion of a friend we took the kids to the Santa Monica Library branch where they had chess. We were so happy to find this available in Santa Monica. Our kids love chess; my youngest son is high functioning autistic and we were a bit cautious about immersing him in this game.

The man who ran the program was extremely versed in my son's diagnosis, developed an immediate rapport with all the kids and was able to teach each of them in a different manner; in fact, each of the instructors he picked for the kids, seemed more capable than the next. We felt blessed.

Now, we have moved to Santa Monica, only to find that the chess-man whom we met has been let go by the library and from what we can read, it seems to have nothing to do with his capabilities. We only met him for two hours and we knew this man was very special.

We read the Daily Press and we see that there are other areas of concern regarding the local library. In searching for how to contact this man, we saw several letters regarding the library's insistence that pornography and adult movies are acceptable materials for a public institution to make available to minors. We are new here, but it would seem that systems that deliver obscene violence and X-rated content are OK with Santa Monica Library management; however, a benign resource and a brilliant adult teaching children chess, is not OK with the library.

How can this be?

We just moved from New Jersey, and frankly it was disheartening to run into East Coast political double speak emanating from a small town library's management.

Where is the chess man? Does anyone know?

Allison Vogland
Santa Monica

What is justice?

Editor:

Perhaps there is a lesson in America's renewed Osama-fetish. Search too long in Afghani caves and you might end up with caveman justice. Ashley Archibald's article of May 3, "Santa Monicans react to bin Laden's death" is right: There is something primitive about the way this latest "justice was done" (complete with caveman crowds that cheer it on).

From bin Laden's mansion hideout to his ocean-bound body, it's been difficult to tell whether our justice takes its cues from "Scarface" knock-offs or Pagan funeral rites. I've heard there were ancient Mongols who had some interesting ideas about justice. There are certain sects of Islam, too, that share this old-time passion for vengeance (excuse me, justice).

Anyway, how does one "do justice" exactly? Perhaps justice is what Mr. Sachs & Co. do to Wall Street? Or maybe justice is what we do to "criminals" in Guantanamo? There have not been enough definitions of justice in this country lately and I'm grateful for Santa Monicans who understand this, and who are not afraid to point this out.

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What's the Point?

David Pisarra — **Send comments to editor@smdp.com**

Where does it all end?

I'M GLAD I'M NOT A KID TODAY. IT doesn't look like as much fun as when I was a boy. Maybe outside urban areas it's still fun, but from where I stand, when I watch children these days, I see over protected, insulated, and sheltered kids and I wonder how they are going to manage later in life after growing up with such a sense of fear about life.

As a boy, in the East Bay area by San Francisco, I would regularly be told to "get out of the house and go play." And I, along with the other kids in the neighborhood, would wander around the school or find a creek to explore.

We all had bikes and would ride them the couple of miles to the sporting goods store, or the library, or that big high school we would one day attend. Frequently at the school we would climb up on the building and run along the roof, exploring and looking for treasure. I remember vividly jumping off the roof as a kid, as we all did.

Being so close to Tahoe, most of my friends and I learned to ski. It was a social norm that you skied, just like learning to read, and doing math. I remember that when I was learning to ski, I was put in classes in the mornings and practiced on the slopes in the afternoon.

Kids were considered breakable, bendable, and resilient when I was growing up. Everyone broke a bone at some point. Scrapes and bruises were normal because you were outside and doing things. Let's face it, as you follow a creek, you're going to be scratched by a tree limb, or slip on some rocks and land on your butt. That's part of the adventure; a major life lesson is about getting bruised and battered and coming back for more.

But not today.

Today it's all about preventing every possible scratch, scrape, bruise or road rash. If a kid shows up at school with a skinned knee or bruised wrist, the question is not "what was the adventure behind it?" but "who did it to you, because we must report it to child protective services."

We have legislated the life out of being a kid. We have added so many protections and safeguards to everyday activities that the term "nanny state" really doesn't do it justice.

On the boardwalk this past weekend I saw a boy, probably 7 years old, riding a bike, and he had the legally required helmet on. His parents were with him on their bikes, they did not have their helmets on. In the crush of people there also was an inline skating boy. He had on his helmet, plus his elbow pads, plus his knee pads, his sunglasses on and his wrist guards.

Frankly, he looked more like a mini-version of RoboCop than a boy who was out having fun. And I fear that this is what we are creating, a society of robots who are so protected from the dings and dents of life that they are easily controlled by our government.

I realize that legislation requiring children to wear helmets while riding a bike comes not from concerned parents, but was bought and paid for by the helmet manufacturers' lobbyist. The Bicycle Helmet Safety Institute (yes, there really is one, I'm not making that up) reports that, "Bell also funds bicycle helmet promotion activities of the Safe Kids, whose local chapters are the country's most active lobby for mandatory helmet laws."

This year, new legislation came out requiring minors who ski and snowboard to wear helmets. It's a marketing ploy by the companies that make the products and if they can get a legislature to demand that you buy their products, they are assured of greater profits.

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The pitch to legislators, and the consumer, is that there is a huge and dangerous problem of children maiming or killing themselves while doing these activities. The companies play on the emotions of parents who want to protect their children from all of life's great dangers. They use the rare, though highly reported, case of someone who hurt themselves as the reason why all people should be protected from the "grave and extreme dangers" of whatever sport they have created a new product for.

I don't imagine it will be long before the wrist guard makers and the elbow pad manufacturers will have legislation requiring children to wear them while riding a bike.

In a world that is fraught with danger, it seems to me the better course of teaching our children would be to face the risks and let them learn that they will recover from the occasional bump or a scrape.

My favorite cool dad was joking with me the other day, he said that he bubble wrapped his kid before sending him to school. He was kidding, but the more I look around, the more truth I see in that.

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A mother's plea to end the war on drugs

IT'S MOTHER'S DAY AND I CAN'T HELP recalling those times when my grown-up children were those adorable babies. I cherish those minutes that I held them high in the air and they made me laugh because they laughed — and my heart was so overflowing with love that it ached.

I had two perfect sons like that. The eldest came with built-in boundaries; he didn't think it was fun to run against a red light. My other son craved the excitement of taking chances; no staying in a playpen for him.

The oldest, now 57, is a careful, creative man who knows how to care for himself, those he loves, and the world.

His younger brother died from heroin addiction at the age of 37.

My son's lifetime struggle with addiction began in the seventh grade in our nice suburban middle school. Like many others who longed to be cool, he experimented with drugs, happy that he could outsmart "dumb" laws and parents who just didn't get it. These kids still did well in school, and called home if they were going to be late, thinking that good grades and obeying basic parental rules would protect them. They didn't understand that experimenting with drugs is a choice, but addiction is not.

By the time Josh was 14 he had found heroin, and we were advised to get him out of town to a therapeutic milieu. In middle- and upper-class families, addictions were becoming common, and psychiatrists had few if any referrals to offer. We found a newly-established addiction center in Vermont that seemed like it could help him. He ran away from treatment, saying he wanted to be at home.

From then on his story is not unusual. He went from shooting hoops in the suburbs to shooting heroin in the ghetto. His journey took him from his bar mitzvah to the ultimate humiliation — incarceration at San Quentin for petty thievery. I think the judge got tired of him and tried to teach him a lesson without considering that prison is a place to learn more about crime, and that prisoners emerge with their self-image and possibilities for employability destroyed.

Josh spent 24 years in and out of rehab facilities and jails, experiencing alternating torment and hope. Throughout his nightmare he maintained strong ties with our family, and with many of his friends, all of us waiting for a drug-free Josh to appear. When he was in recovery, we gathered new strengths.

Finally, the disease left him exhausted and hopeless, and like many people, he turned to self-medication. At 37, while clean and sober, he reached for the only thing he could think of that gave him pleasure and relief: more heroin. He saw no other way out.

Josh's journey taught me that criminalization is not the answer to addiction. It doesn't prevent drug use, and it is not cost-effective. The war on drugs is a losing solution for both addicts and for society. Criminalization only adds to the profits and precipitates the atrocities of the international traders. The dollars spent on non-violent offenders in the criminal justice system could be much more effective if used for addiction research and treatment in the public health system. Addiction is a disease, and should be treated with dignity.

It's the 21st century and we now understand that most mental illness starts with a chemical imbalance, and that people do not contract leprosy by committing sins. I believe that medical advances will soon be able to help people manage addictions. That day will come sooner with resources directed toward treatment, rather than criminalization.

Arthur Schopenhauer understood this phenomena when he said, "All truth passes through three stages: First it is ridiculed. Second it is violently opposed. Third it is accepted as being self evident."

Let's hope we are nearing the third stage.

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The Q Line

More protection for renters

A bill that extends renters' rights cleared a crucial hurdle at a State Judiciary Committee last week. The bill would allow tenants who have been served a three-day notice to "pay or quit" to keep their homes if they pay back rent, new rent costs and reasonable attorney fees.

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Do you think the bill is fair, or does it give too much leeway to renters?

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STATE BRIEFS

SACRAMENTO

Bill would promote same-sex benefits

State agencies would be prohibited from contracting with businesses that do not provide equal benefits to their employees' same-sex spouses or domestic partners, under a bill narrowly approved by the state Senate.

The bill by state Sen. Christine Kehoe affects state contracts of more than $100,000. Kehoe, a Democrat from San Diego, says her bill, SB117, is designed to encourage equal treatment in the workplace.

Equality California, an advocacy group that sought the legislation, says similar ordinances have been approved by Berkeley, Los Angeles, Oakland, Sacramento, San Diego and other California cities.

The bill passed on a party-line 21-15 vote Monday, getting the bare majority needed, with four Democrats abstaining. It now goes to the Assembly.

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University of California considers flex tuition

The University of California is considering different tuition costs at its 10 campuses.

It means, for example, a UCLA or UC Berkeley student could pay more for an education than those attending schools like UC Riverside.

Proponents of the plan say demand should set flex pricing. But detractors say it's elitist.

The Los Angeles Times says UC officials are struggling with California budget reductions that have already led to tuition increases, layoffs and cuts in class offerings.

Many other state university systems have already gone with flex tuition rates.

AP

LOS ANGELES

Man gets 25 years for missile-smuggling plot

The first person indicted under a federal anti-terrorism law adopted after the Sept. 11 attacks was sentenced Monday to 25 years in prison for attempting to smuggle anti-aircraft missiles into the United States from his native China.

Yi Qing Chen of Rosemead was convicted in October of attempting to ship the shoulder-fired QW2 missiles as well as launch and operational hardware to a man who turned out to be an undercover FBI agent. He was arrested in 2005 before the missiles could be delivered.

"The defendant's willingness to smuggle surface-to-air missiles into this country or anywhere is a frightening concept because there can be no confusion as to the purpose of such contraband," said Steven Martinez, assistant director in charge of the FBI's Los Angeles office.

In passing sentence, U.S. District Judge Dale S. Fischer said Chen "never saw a criminal scheme he didn't want a part of."

U.S. Attorney Andre Birotte Jr. said Chen, a naturalized U.S. citizen, was the first person indicted under a federal anti-terrorism statute adopted in 2004 as a result of the Sept. 11 attacks.

The law, which banned the importation of missile systems designed to destroy aircraft, calls for a mandatory minimum sentence of 25 years and a maximum of life in prison without parole.

Chen, 49, was among dozens of people arrested as the result of Operation Smoking Dragon, an undercover FBI investigation that targeted those suspected of trying to smuggle counterfeit currency, drugs and other contraband into the United States.

AP

LOS ANGELES

Cash welfare aid may face time limits

There could soon be limits on cash welfare aid for Los Angeles County's homeless.

Supervisor Don Knabe says giving the needy housing aid instead of cash and steering the destitute toward federal programs would ease the county's welfare burden.

Questions have been raised, however, on whether welfare recipients would find housing with county vouchers worth about $300 a month.

Responsibility for welfare recipients with permanent disabilities would be shifted to the federal government, which has significantly higher benefits that general relief.

Knabe wants monthly general-relief grants replaced with housing assistance for a set time period. He tells the Los Angeles Times it would drop people who he claims are "just riding the system."

AP

LOS ANGELES

Shooting of graffiti suspect gang-related

Police investigators say a young man scrawling graffiti at a South Los Angeles park was shot twice in what is believed to be a gang-related attack.

Police Sgt. William Dougherty says the 18-year-old was shot in the back and leg at about 7:25 a.m. Monday in a park near Jefferson High School.

Dougherty says he victim, who is hospitalized and is expected to survive, is a student at the high school. A name wasn't released.

Police say the gunman got into a car after the shooting and drove away.

AP

HUNTINGTON PARK

Fire ravages frozen Chinese food plant

Firefighters knocked down a fire Monday that caused $5 million in damage to a frozen Chinese food plant in Southern California and blackened the sky with a plume of smoke.

Five-thousand gallons of soybean cooking oil fed the flames that took 100 firefighters six hours to extinguish at the Windsor Quality Food Co. plant in Huntington Park, Los Angeles County fire Inspector Matt Levesque said .

About 25 workers were in the plant when it was hit by an explosion around 5:30 a.m., Levesque said. Employees fought the blaze with handheld fire extinguishers before fleeing.

One woman suffered a minor elbow injury when she fell, and a firefighter had a minor injury.

A call to the Houston, Texas-based company seeking comment was not immediately returned.

L.A. schools may ban chocolate milk

CHRISTINA HOAG
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES Chocolate milk has long been seen as the spoonful of sugar that makes the medicine go down, but the nation's childhood obesity epidemic has a growing number of people wondering whether that's wise.

With schools under increasing pressure to offer healthier food, the staple on children's cafeteria trays has come under attack over the very ingredient that made it so popular — sugar.

Some school districts have gone as far as prohibiting flavored milk, and Florida considered a statewide ban in schools. Other districts have sought a middle ground by replacing flavored milks containing high-fructose corn syrup with versions containing sugar, which some see as a more natural sweetener.

Los Angeles Unified, the nation's second-largest school district, is the latest district to tackle the issue. Superintendent John Deasy recently announced he would push this summer to remove chocolate and strawberry milk from school menus.

But nutritionists — and parents — are split over whether bans make sense, especially when about 70 percent of milk consumed in schools is flavored, mostly chocolate, according to the industry-backed Milk Processors Education Program.

Many, including the School Nutrition Association, American Academy of Pediatrics, American Dietetic Association, American Heart Association, and National Medical Association, argue that the nutritional value of flavored low-fat or skim milk outweighs the harm of added sugar. Milk contains nine essential nutrients including calcium, vitamin D and protein.

A joint statement from those groups points to studies that show kids who drink fat-free, flavored milk meet more of their nutrient needs and are not heavier than non-milk drinkers.

"Chocolate milk has been unfairly pegged as one of the causes of obesity," said Julie Buric, vice president of marketing for the Milk Processors Education Program.

Others note the nation's child obesity epidemic and say flavored milk simply needs to go.

Eight ounces of white milk served in Los Angeles public schools contains 14 grams of natural sugar or lactose; fat-free chocolate milk has an extra six grams of sugar for a total of 20 grams, while fat-free strawberry milk has a total of 27 grams — the same as eight ounces of Coca-Cola.

"Chocolate milk is soda in drag," said Ann Cooper, director of nutrition services for the Boulder Valley School District in Louisville, Colo., which has banned flavored milk. "It works as a treat in homes, but it doesn't belong in schools."

Flavored milk is also a target of British TV chef Jamie Oliver, who has made revamping school food a signature cause.

For a segment to be aired on his "Food Revolution" TV show, he recently filled a school bus with white sand to represent the amount of sugar Los Angeles Unified school children consume weekly in flavored milk.

"If you have flavored milk, that's candy," he told The Associated Press.

Oliver cheered Deasy's proposal to remove flavored milk from schools during a recent joint appearance on the "Jimmy Kimmel Live!" show.

If the school board adopts the ban, Los Angeles Unified would join districts including Washington and Berkeley, Calif.

But efforts by some other districts turned sour after children drank less milk. Milk consumption drops by 35 percent when flavored milks are removed, according to the Milk Processors Education Program.

Cabell County, W.Va., schools brought chocolate milk back at the recommendation of state officials, and Fairfax County, Va., did the same after its dairy provider came up with a version sweetened with beet sugar rather than high-fructose corn syrup.

The Florida Board of Education also backed away from its proposed ban on chocolate milk after the state agricultural commissioner urged the board to look at all sugary food and beverages served in schools.

The Los Angeles district has worked with its dairy supplier on flavored versions using the sweetener Truvia and chicory, district spokesman Robert Alaniz said.

Cooper and others argued children will drink plain milk if that's what's offered.

"We've taught them to drink chocolate milk, so we can unteach them that," Cooper said. "Our kids line up for milk."

Boulder Valley hasn't been barraged with complaints since removing chocolate milk two years ago, but it hasn't tracked whether milk consumption has dropped, she said.

Parents line up on both sides of the issue.

Deborah Bellholt, a South Los Angeles mother, said none of her six children ranging from pre-school to high school age will drink plain milk. "By allowing kids flavored milk, they still get the calcium they need," she said. "If not, they'd bypass it."

But Mimi Bonetti, a suburban Los Angeles mother with two elementary school-age children who drink plain milk, said she gets angry that chocolate milk is portrayed as nutritious. Children can get calcium and other nutrients from other foods, she said.

"If you offer them the choice of chocolate or plain, of course they're going to choose chocolate," Bonetti said. "When you're telling kids that drinking chocolate milk is a healthy choice, it's sending the wrong message."

Ask kids, and most vote for chocolate. Suburban Los Angeles seventh-grader Nacole Johnson said plain milk tastes yucky. If there were no chocolate milk, "I wouldn't drink it," she said.









CONSENT
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materials like lubricants to the city since June 2010.

The addition is a drop in the $13.8 million bucket of contracts and expenditures that the council is expected to approve Tuesday.

SANTA MONICA'S URBAN FOREST

The Santa Monica City Council will have put its money where its mouth is today and approve a contract topping $6 million for the care and maintenance of the 33,800 public trees in city limits.

West Coast Arborists, Inc. will likely be the recipient of the $6,286,926 contract for tree pruning, tree removal and replacement trees that pose a risk to public safety.

The company would also have to maintain the electronic tree inventory.

City Hall hired the arborists in 2001 for a one-year contract with nine optional renewals. The final renewal will expire July 10.

Prices have gone up significantly over the course of the last decade. Even pruning a tree costs $30 more than it did in 2001 because of increases in the cost of fuel, insurance, medical benefits and living wage, according to the staff report.

Staff estimated that it would cost the city twice as much over the course of five years to try and do the same work in-house.

BRINE DISPOSAL

Santa Monica is on its way to water self-sufficiency in terms of more than just supply.

Since 1999, City Hall has contracted with the city of Los Angeles to dispose of briny wastewater from the Arcadia Water Treatment Plant.

However, the completion of a new sewer connection to a Santa Monica pipeline in March will allow City Hall to dispose of the wastewater on its own for substantially less than the existing contract with Los Angeles.

Staff recommended to the council that it approve a $5,022,887 expenditure to cover the cost of disposing the brine water through the Los Angeles sewer system through the end of the 2011 fiscal year.

After that, disposal will cost $2.8 million less per year than if City Hall had continued to contract with Los Angeles.

DIAL-A-RIDE

The City Council is likely to approve a $1.6 million contract to continue a popular service which gives rides to the elderly and disabled.

Dial-a-Ride, which allows qualified people to make reservations for trips within Santa Monica, would be extended for three years with the company that operates the program now, MV Transportation, Inc.

Three companies, including MV Transportation, bid on the project. Representatives from the Big Blue Bus, finance department and WISE and Healthy Aging did interviews and field observations at all three companies.

According to the staff report, MV Transportation has had few complaints, and was the only company that offered to put their trip reservation and vehicle dispatch center in Santa Monica.

It was not the cheapest. Diversified Transportation, out of Los Angeles, bid lower on each of three years of cost estimates.

THE DOCTOR IS IN

The council is expected to approve a four-year, $120,000 contract for a medical director at the Santa Monica Fire Department in order to meet state and county regulations.

Dr. Walid Ghurabi, of the UCLA Medical Center, was the only applicant for the post.

If approved, he will oversee emergency medical dispatch, standing field treatment protocol, ChemPack and controlled substance programs.

The medical director also provides standing orders for the nurse in charge of giving vaccines to public safety personnel, and evaluates how well the fire department's EMS sticks to medical policies, procedures and protocols.

BBB CONSULTANTS

Big Blue is prepared to sign contracts with two firms to analyze how BBB operations need to change and to find a new director to head the BBB in the wake of the current director's announced retirement.

According to the staff report, the addition of the campus expansion program and use of a new fleet management system has changed the way the BBB operates, causing the bus system to look at how it's organized and what kind of staff it needs.

In response, staff recommends a $120,000 contract with Fred M. Gilliam Associates to analyze assignment scheduling, inventory control procedures and labor relations support through the end of the 2011 calendar year.

That company is already providing an analysis of practices and procedures for the BBB.

Stephanie Negriff announced her intention to retire from the director of transit services position in October 2011, and the BBB has already begun looking for a replacement.

The BBB already has a contract with KL Executive Search, LLC to find a candidate to fill the chief operations officer position, and staff recommends extending the contract to include the director position.

The second recruitment comes at a discount, and would cost $35,800.

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BOOZE
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In addition to the minor decoy operation, agents with Alcohol Beverage Control conducted the shoulder tap operations where a minor, under the supervision of law enforcement, tries to get an adult to buy them alcohol. The decoy stands outside of a store, makes contact with a customer and then asks them to buy alcohol because they are underage and unable to do so. If the adult agrees, officers make an arrest and issue a citation.

The penalty for furnishing alcohol to a minor is a minimum $1,000 fine and 24 hours of community, Lewis said.

Statistics have shown that young people under the age of 21 have a higher rate of drunken driving fatalities than the general adult population.

Minor decoy operations have been conducted by local law enforcement throughout the state since the 1980s. When the program first began, the violation rate of retail establishments selling to minors was as high as 40 to 50 percent, Lewis said. When conducted on a routine basis, the rate has dropped in some cities as low as 10 percent or even below.

In 1994, the California Supreme Court ruled unanimously that use of underage decoys is a valid tool of law enforcement to ensure that businesses are complying with the rules.

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IN STEP

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Solo guitarist Alejandro Spatola (left) plays his own style of blues/rock while Hans Nicol (right) and Deanna Piercy dance to the music on the Third Street Promenade on Monday.

TEACHERS

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Tony Strickland of Thousand Oaks, Anthony Cannella of Ceres, and Tom Berryhill of Modesto.

Strickland welcomed the ads, saying the effort prompts people to call his office so he can explain that one of his goals is maximizing classroom dollars by cutting education bureaucracy and other government waste.

He said Republicans intend to release their own budget plan soon that would avoid more cuts to education and law enforcement by using $2.5 billion to $5 billion in projected revenue growth as the state economy improves.

The unveiling of the proposal would roughly coincide with the expected May 16 release of Gov. Jerry Brown's updated budget proposal for the fiscal year that begins July 1. Brown favors a special election so California voters can decide how to close the state's remaining $15.4 billion deficit

"California is not in this position because we're taxed too little," Strickland said. "We're in this position because we're taxed too much. I understand teachers' concern, because 50 cents of each dollar we spend in Sacramento is going to education, but not much of it is getting to the classroom."

Dr. Deborah Wallen



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save staff, including classroom teachers.

GROWING THE DEPARTMENT

Upton, like the rest of his staff, started out working on the private side of the management industry.

He headed a number of theaters in Santa Monica, including the Los Angeles Theater on Broadway, which, under his direction, secured filming contracts for big name feature productions like "Dream Girls" and "Rush Hour 3."

SMMUSD hired Upton to manage Barnum Hall, but his success in using industry connections to attract big projects — including the filming of teen heartthrob Zac Efron's "17 Again" — and organizational talents caused both his responsibilities and his department to expand.

It was an incremental process, Upton said.

First, it was Barnum Hall. Then, Microsoft decided to hold its E3 conference to roll out its then-new game "Rock Band" at the Samohi amphitheater. Soon, Upton also found himself in charge of sports facilities and then every rental in the district.

As his responsibilities became too much to manage, and the permits brought in more cash, Upton brought in the other members of his dream team: Technical theater coordinator David McCrum, sports facility coordinator Brian Part, facility permit assistant Jan Strnad and media services coordinator William Wishart.

The team rarely arrives at work early in the morning since most rentals occur after school hours, and they hardly see each other as they buzz about juggling a busy schedule of kids' sports, adult sports, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, a range of 12-step program meetings and, in Upton's case, filming.

Should you watch the NBC sitcom "Parenthood," perhaps you'll recognize the Franklin Elementary School campus.

A number of commercials, including a shot featuring a "monster school bus" so big it had to be constructed on the street outside of Grant Elementary, also took place on SMMUSD property.

As Upton put it, the money spent by a production company to film a commercial on campus for two days equals "a whole lot of cookies" at any other kind of school fundraiser.

Not that the expansion hasn't had its downsides.

"It's quite possible that there's not a Saturday, Sunday or holiday that I've not gotten a call in the last three years," Upton said.

"Well, maybe two," he conceded.

CONTROVERSIAL USES

Facilities Management earns a lot of cash for a starving school district, but sometimes the source of that money can spark uproar amongst community groups.

Technically speaking, any group, no matter how incendiary, can request to use school facilities and expect to be granted a permit.

Only under three circumstances can the school legitimately deny such a request.

The group or the requested use would have to violate the primary mission of the school, i.e. educating children. That gives schools the ability to deny applications that would use classrooms during school days, for instance.

If there's an expectation that the activity could hurt the school facilities — like a no-holds-barred paintball fight in the midst of Olympic High School — the department can veto the application.

Lastly, if the use disrupted the community in some way, such as excessive noise or overparking, the schools could ask the group to take their business elsewhere.

As a result, there are several groups that people don't associate with school activities that operate on campuses across the district, including Alcoholics Anonymous meetings or even services by churches like Clarity that performed the bunny drop on Easter.

Eight churches rent space on school campuses throughout the SMMUSD district, three in Malibu and five in Santa Monica.

For the most part, the congregations are in a transitional phase from one location to a more permanent one, and don't stay long. And, for the most part, not many people notice them while they are there.

The Eggstravaganza changed that.

Posters for the event prominently displayed the McKinley Elementary School name, which concerned district parent Lisette Gold.

"I'm not pro or con (about the church)," Gold said. "The question that's raised to me is, I know you can rent out the facilities and pay the price, but after passing Measure Y [half-cent sales tax increase] and property taxes, why do we have to resort to establishing a weekly religious presence at our schools to balance the budget?"

Particularly with the incoming joint use agreement that will give unprecedented access to school fields and facilities to City Hall — a deal which also falls under the Facilities Management office's purview — the question of when "just enough" becomes "too much" troubled Gold.

"They can make a lot of money off of leasing school spaces, but it excludes the rest of the public," Gold said. "I hope it doesn't get to the point that our schools are so sold out, the public can't use them anymore."

To the contrary, the presence of community members on school campuses is exactly what Upton's office is trying to achieve.

The primary mission is to create an exemplary learning environment for kids, but there is a second.

"We want to create a space for the community to be on campus, and to go back to being the community space schools always were," Upton said.

Once upon a time, Barnum Hall, the main performance space at Samohi, was actually the Civic Center of Santa Monica, and Upton would like to see schools become those community focal points again.

"I feel for schools to thrive, they still need to be the community center," Upton said. "You enter discussions, see neighbors. Participation in schools is vital for high quality schools."

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Gender stereotypes easing more for girls than boys

BY DAVID CRARY
AP National Writer

NEW YORK If a girl wants to try her hand at baseball or ice hockey, she's likely to be praised as plucky. But if a boy likes the color pink?

Well, that's a toenail of a different color.

Last month, J. Crew unleashed a furor when a promotion depicted its creative director, Jenna Lyons, painting her 5-year-old son Beckett's toenails with pink nail polish. "Lucky for me, I ended up with a boy whose favorite color is pink," the caption read.

Dr. Keith Ablow, a psychiatrist and regular guest on Fox News, didn't approve.

"It may be fun and games now, Jenna, but at least put some money aside for psychotherapy for the kid," he wrote on Foxnews.com. "This is a dramatic example of the way that our culture is being encouraged to abandon all trappings of gender identity."

In fact, Lyons and her son had stepped on a cultural land mine. Gender stereotypes for America's children are less rigid than in the past, but they remain a pervasive part of popular culture and a benchmark for parents. Moreover, the changes in recent decades have been more dramatic for girls than boys.

So Ablow quickly found support. One Million Moms, an offshoot of the conservative American Family Association, urged followers to write protest letters to J. Crew and asserted that "nontraditional activities ... can be destructive and damaging to a child's identity and self-esteem."

Just as quickly, there was a backlash from people who liked Beckett's pink toenails. Hundreds of people accepted a Facebook invitation to join "Pink Toenail Polish Day" on Monday, and Anne Fausto-Sterling, a professor of biology and gender studies at Brown University, urged Lyons' critics to "take a deep breath" and not worry if kids don't always fit a "cardboard cutout stereotype of gender roles."

"Kids explore, sample, test and learn," she wrote in a Psychology Today blog. "They should have the freedom to do this and the strength to grow into interesting human beings."

Across the spectrum of politics and parenting philosophies, it's a topic that captivates people.

"For girls nowadays, it's OK to play with boys' toys, dress like boys, talk like them — it's often encouraged," said Isabelle Cherney, a Creighton University psychologist. "Boys have to walk a much finer line, and their fathers tend to be more stereotyped, telling them not to deviate from what's typically seen as masculine."

For little girls and their parents, there's ample room to maneuver. Ultra-feminine toys and activities abound, along with an ever-growing range of "tomboy" sports options and other pursuits that in the past were mostly the domain of boys.

"The norms of femininity have expanded much more than the norms for masculinity — a lot more androgyny is allowed for girls," said Judith Stacey, a professor of social and cultural analysis at New York University.

"With boys, it's not seen as OK to wear skirts, play with princesses' wands," she said. "There's still a lot of anxiety about being sufficiently masculine."

The trends are reflected in career aspirations. Women now make up close to half the enrollment in U.S. law and medical schools, up from less than 25 percent a few decades ago, yet men continue to shun nursing as a career, comprising only about 8 percent of registered nurses.

William Pollack, a professor in the Psychiatry Department at Harvard Medical School, has written extensively about the challenges facing American boys and hopes the stereotypes affecting them are loosening. "Keeping boys in the gender straight jacket was not good for them," he said.

"If a boy wants to dress up now and then in his mother's clothes, what he's doing is identifying with one of the most loved people in his life — he's not dis-identifying with being a boy."

Pollack said many fathers are torn over gender-role issues, supporting the concept of less rigid stereotypes yet worried that their sons might be ostracized if they partake in activities viewed by their peers as unmasculine: "We still socialize boys to follow their more aggressive side rather than their more thoughtful and caring side. We're basically telling boys that the worst thing they can be is a girl."

Feminists with sons find themselves swimming against the tide. Imani Perry, a professor at Princeton's Center for African American Studies, says she teaches her sons, 4 and 7, to believe in gender equality, but finds it challenging that many of their friends' parents tend to reinforce stereotypes.

"My sons have been so disappointed by gender-specific birthday parties ... and confused by the princess culture their girl friends are so often caught up in," Perry wrote in an e-mail.

Amy Richards, mother of 5- and 7-year-old sons in New York City, is a feminist activist and author of "Opting In: Having a Child Without Losing Yourself." A former college soccer player, Richards is pleased that her sons are good athletes, but also is wary of lapsing into gender stereotypes. For example, she made a point of taking them to see the New York Liberty, a women's pro basketball team.

"I try not to overemphasis masculinity and devalue femininity," she said. "I don't want to buy only 'boy toys' for them ... I've never purchased an action hero figure."

In Chicago, social worker Keisha Farmer-Smith counsels adolescent girls at work. At home, she's a single mom raising sons Kaleb, 7, and Khalil, 12 — and encouraging them to think creatively about gender roles.

She recalled how Khalil, at 5 or 6, had a cuddly doll named Mikey that rarely left his possession.

"My ex-husband was so upset that I would allow him to have this doll," Farmer-Smith said. "It came down to me supporting my son. He said, 'I want to be a good parent. I love Mikey. I want him to see me play ball.'"

Glenn Stanton, director for family formation studies at the Christian ministry Focus on the Family, believes male/female differences should be emphasized to children, rather than blurred, on the premise that each gender has essential strengths.

However, Stanton, who has a son and four daughters, says he welcomes a move away from polarized gender roles — what he calls the "pretty in pinks" and "macho Joes."

"We're moving away from the crazy stereotypes," he said. "But we're not saying that gender doesn't matter."

For Keith Ablow, blurring of gender roles could have momentous long-term consequences.

"It will be a very big deal if it turns out that neither gender is very comfortable anymore nurturing children above all else," he wrote, "and neither gender is motivated to protect the nation by marching into combat against other men and risking their lives."

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Highs and Lows of the Criminal Justice System – Drug Offenses

One of my clients recently commented to me that she was very thankful that our criminal justice system afforded her an opportunity to help her kick her nasty drug habit. Her comments got me thinking about how often the criminal justice system is denigrated and maligned by a large majority of the population (and a large majority of those who go through the system) for the inability to rehabilitate and treat offenders in order to prevent a reoccurrence or repeat offense. Despite this widely held sentiment, there is a much better track record of success when it comes to the system's approach to drug offenses. California law makers and prosecutorial agencies decided long ago that it is far better to treat drug offenders than to punish them. This is a precarious and often delicate relationship because while no one wants to condone drug use, virtually everyone realizes that harsh punishments more often than not simply breed recidivism. This article will focus on two ways to combat drug use through the criminal justice system: DEJ and Prop 36.

California's drug laws maintain a close relationship with the electorate of California. That is to say that as popular feelings and opinions on drugs softens, so too do the laws criminalizing drug possession. For example, California Penal Code Section 1000, more commonly known as DEJ (Deferred Entry of Judgment), and the passage of Proposition 36, reflects California citizens' collective sentiment that drug offenders should be given every available option to seek treatment and stop using drugs before a court imposes jail or prison.

DEJ is covered by Penal Code Section 1000 and applies to cases where a person is caught in possession of a controlled substance, smoking device, or even alcohol. The basic principle behind DEJ is that is an offender in possession of a controlled substance (i.e. cocaine, methamphetamine, ecstasy or a pipe, etc.) may enter a guilty plea, stay clean, take drug treatment classes, and then have the guilty plea withdrawn and the case dismissed after an 18 month period. Note that even if the underlying offense is dismissed some employers and licensing agencies may still pursue administrative action. DEJ only applies to cases where the controlled substance is for personal use (meaning not a sales case) and where the offender is first determined to be eligible. Moreover, if an offender violates DEJ and defies a court's orders the judge may enter the guilty plea and sentence the offender accordingly.

In order to be found eligible for the DEJ program it must be demonstrated that: 1) There are no prior convictions for any offense involving controlled substances, 2) The offense charged did not involve a crime of violence or threatened violence, 3) There is no evidence of a violation relating to narcotics or restricted dangerous drugs, 4) The defendant's has not previously violated probation or parole, 5) The defendant has not been placed on DEJ within 5 years of the offense date, and 6) The defendant has no prior felony conviction within five years. If all of these requirements are satisfied, then a person is eligible for DEJ and has the opportunity to earn a dismissal.

Similar to DEJ, Proposition 36 was passed by California voters in November 2000 as a legislative means to allow drug offenders to receive probation with treatment rather than incarceration. For practical purposes, Prop. 36 is a secondary option to get addicts and users treatment when DEJ and/or other programs have failed to get people the help that they so desperately need. A user is ineligable for probation under Prop. 36 if they have a prior felony "strike" within five years, if in the same case they have been convicted of a non-drug related felony or misdemeanor, if they were in possession of a firearm while under the influence, and/or if they have twice failed Prop. 36 or continuously refuses treatment.

A person sentenced to Prop. 36 will complete drug treatment classes, counseling, and whatever other courses are deemed appropriate by the court. The offender will also submit to urine or blood testing as well. Upon successful completion of the Prop. 36 program the case is not automatically dismissed as is the case with DEJ; however, one can petition to the court to dismiss the action with a showing that they have successfully completed the program and gone above and beyond what was required.

The DEJ and Prop. 36 programs can work wonders for drug users and offenders. It is often quite refreshing to see someone enter the program as a downtrodden, distraught, and disheveled drug addict and exit the program clean, sober, and enlightened about the many dangers of drug use. I will never forget the look of happiness, joy and relief that filled my client's face when the judge congratulated her on her progress and then dismissed her case. There was applause from the small audience in the courtroom, and my client felt as though she had accomplished something positive rather than felt the shame of having committed a crime. It was refreshing to both of us that the criminal justice system actually helped and truly served the interests of justice.

If you or anyone you know has been arrested for a drug related offense or any other misdemeanor or felony offense contact criminal defense attorney and former prosecutor Jacob Glucksman through The Legal Grind immediately to preserve your rights!

THIS COLUMN WAS PREPARED BY JACOB GLUCKSMAN, A CRIMINAL DEFENSE ATTORNEY. HE CAN BE REACHED THROUGH THE LEGAL GRIND AT 310-452-8160 OR REFERRAL@LEGALGRIND.COM

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SURF REPORT

SURF CONDITIONS **WATER TEMP:** 61°

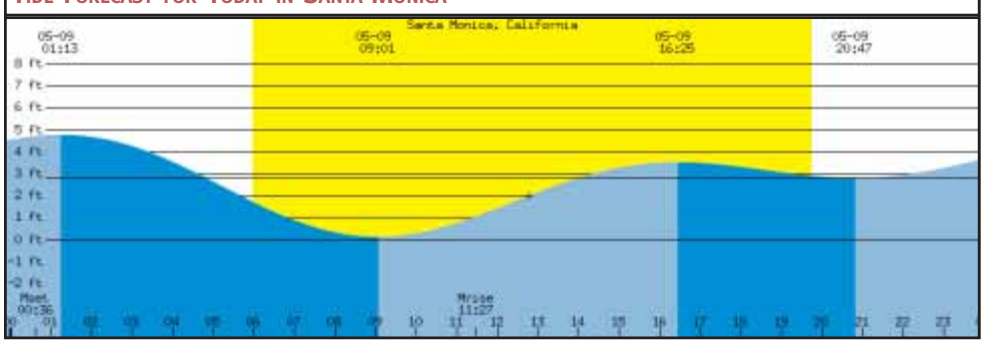
SWELL FORECAST

NW swell come ashore, hitting SB/VC early in the day, and finally SD mid to late morning. Size should run head high at most west facing breaks with pluses at standouts going about 2' overhead.

LONG RANGE SYNOPSIS

NW IS EXPECTED TO BACK OFF A BIT, MORE ALONG THE LINES OF CHEST TO AT TIMES HEAD HIGH FOR WEST FACING BREAKS.

TIDE FORECAST FOR TODAY IN SANTA MONICA



BEACH REPORT CARD

NORTH LOS ANGELES COUNTY

Grades for this report are based on monitoring data from the previous 30 days up to the ending date of **April 6, 2011**

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QUICK STATS (for the last 30 days)

- Number of sewage spills -- 0
- Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0
- Number of wet days -- 10
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 34 / 12
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 11 / 32

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

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth.	F	F
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	A+
El Pescador State Beach, between Lachusa and Los Aliso creeks.	A+	A+
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	A+	A+
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth.	B	F
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	A+	F
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	A	A+
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth.	F	F
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	F	A+
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	A	F
Solstice Canyon at Dan Blocker County Beach.	A+	F
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth.	A+	F
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd..	F	ns
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	C
Surfrider Beach (breach location)- daily.	F	F
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	B	F
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	F	F
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero).	A+	A
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs.	A+	C
Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach.	A+	B
Tuna Canyon.	ns	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	F	F
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	A+
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	F	A+
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	A+	F
Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence.	A+	F
Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain.	A+	F
Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain.	A+	F
Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua).	F	F
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain.	A+	C
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain.	A+	C
Santa Monica Municipal Pier.	D	F
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain.	C	F
Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms).	A+	C
Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain.	A	F
Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain.	A+	F
Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain.	A+	C
Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain.	A	A+
Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south.	A+	C
Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St..	A+	C
Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- lifeguard tower.	A	F
Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth.	A+	F
Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain.	A+	B
North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach.	A+	A+
Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of D&W jetty).	A+	C
Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain.	A+	A+
Dockweiler Beach- opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant.	A+	A+
Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain.	A+	F

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

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

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MLB

World Series teams hover near .500

JANIE MCCAULEY
AP Baseball Writer

SAN FRANCISCO Ron Washington has raved about how his Texas Rangers never let a loss carry into the next day. Fresh slate, new chance. That approach worked so well for the reigning AL champions last season.

More than a month into 2011, both the World Series champion San Francisco Giants and the runner-up Rangers have faced their share of challenges while hovering near the .500 mark.

The Giants hope they've steadied themselves after a weekend sweep over first-place Colorado. The banged-up Rangers lost two of three at home to the New York Yankees.

Neither manager expected his team to have it easy after remarkable runs last fall. Washington guided Texas to the franchise's first World Series, Bruce Bochy and the Giants captured San Francisco's first championship since they moved West from New York in 1958.

"The Texas Rangers don't make excuses," Washington said. "We get our butt whipped but we whip butt, too."

Both teams have dealt with injuries to key faces, most notably AL MVP Josh Hamilton and slugger Nelson Cruz of Texas and NL championship series MVP Cody Ross and majors' saves leader Brian Wilson of the Giants.

While Ross and Wilson returned, the Giants are still without center fielder Andres Torres but are expected to get him back when they open a three-game series against Arizona today.

San Francisco also had a heavy road schedule to start the season — including a stretch of 16 of 19 away from home — and a cluster of championship ceremonies and other season-opening festivities throughout April that Bochy admits took an emotional toll.

Bochy never pretended it would be easy with the target on San Francisco's back every day.

"It's early but it's good to get a sweep," Bochy said Sunday. "There's so much baseball left. This is going to be a battle but we certainly helped our cause by coming in here and winning some games."

Hamilton broke his right shoulder April 12 at Detroit when he tagged up and tried to score from third on a foul popup. Hamilton slid headfirst into the plate, and is expected to miss two months after the mad dash home.

The All-Star outfielder was in good spirits a couple of weeks after getting hurt, wearing a T-shirt that showed the words "Don't Get Bitter, Get Better" around a lemon.

"That says it all," Hamilton said, he said, pointing at his shirt. "Don't feel sorry for yourself. ... It is what it is. Just do what you can to get better, as fast as you can. That's it, (there's) a lot of season left."

Texas won only two of its first eight games following Hamilton's injury.

"What I've noticed is they're not talking about who's not here. It's about who is here," Washington said. "When you start talking about what's not here, that falls into the excuse category.

Texas' 16 April wins still tied the 1996 team for the third-most in club history — behind 1998 (18) and 1989 (17).

Aside from Hamilton, the Rangers also were without closer Neftali Feliz because of right shoulder inflammation. Cruz went on the disabled list Saturday.

"We're a confident team," third baseman Michael Young said. "We've done a really good job battling through some injuries and making sure we're playing the game the way we want to play it. So in that sense I'm really happy with what we've done. Effort level is something I always judge our team on."

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MOVIE TIMES

Aero Theatre
1328 Montana Ave.
(310) 260-1528

Summer Children
7:30pm

AMC Loews Broadway 4
1441 Third Street Promenade
(888) 262-4386

Thor (PG-13) 1hr 54min
12:00pm, 3:00pm, 6:00pm, 9:00pm

Scream 4 (R) 1hr 43min
9:15pm

African Cats (G) 1hr 29min
12:10pm, 2:30pm, 4:55pm, 7:20pm, 9:30pm

POM Wonderful Presents: The Greatest Movie Ever Sold (PG-13) 1hr 30min
12:05pm, 2:25pm, 5:00pm, 7:15pm, 9:35pm

Hoodwinked Too! Hood vs. Evil 3D (PG) 1hr 25min
12:05pm, 2:20pm, 4:40pm, 7:00pm

AMC 7 Santa Monica
1310 Third St.
(310) 451-9440

Fast Five (PG-13) 2hrs 10min
10:00am, 12:10pm, 1:00pm, 3:10pm, 4:00pm, 6:10pm, 7:00pm, 9:10pm, 10:00pm

Hanna (PG-13) 1hr 51min
11:15am, 2:00pm, 4:45pm, 7:35pm, 10:15pm

Prom (PG) 1hr 43min
11:00am, 1:35pm, 4:15pm, 6:50pm, 9:30pm

Soul Surfer (PG-13) 1hr 45min
10:15am, 12:50pm, 3:25pm, 6:15pm, 9:00pm

Rio 3D (PG) 1hr 36min
11:30am, 2:10pm, 4:45pm, 7:15pm, 9:55pm

Thor 3D (PG-13) 1hr 54min
10:05am, 1:05pm, 4:05pm, 7:05pm, 10:05pm

Laemmle's Monica Fourplex
1332 Second St.
(310) 478-3836

Last Night (R) 2hrs 00min
1:00pm, 3:20pm, 5:40pm, 8:00pm, 10:15pm

Forks Over Knives (PG) 1hr 30min
1:00pm, 3:10pm, 5:30pm, 7:50pm, 10:10pm

Win Win (R) 1hr 46min
4:50pm, 9:40pm

Exporting Raymond (PG) 1hr 26min
2:40pm, 7:30pm

I Am (NR) 1hr 16min
1:10pm, 3:20pm, 5:30pm, 7:40pm, 9:50pm

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

Rio (PG) 1hr 36min
11:15am, 1:45pm, 4:15pm, 6:45pm

Tyler Perry's Madea's Big Happy Family (NR) 2 hrs 33 min
9:20pm

Something Borrowed (PG-13) 1hr 43min
11:30am, 2:15pm, 4:55pm, 7:40pm, 10:20pm

Jumping the Broom (PG-13) 1hr 53min
11:00am, 1:40pm, 4:30pm, 7:20pm, 10:10pm

Water for Elephants (PG-13) 2hrs 00min
11:05am, 1:55pm, 4:45pm, 7:35pm, 10:30pm

Source Code (PG-13) 1hr 34min
12:05pm, 2:35pm, 5:05pm, 7:30pm, 9:55pm

Thor 3D (PG-13) 1hr 54min
11:00am, 2:00pm, 5:00pm, 7:50pm, 10:40pm

For more information, e-mail news@smdp.com

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ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ You have the resources to come up with a solution, but so do others. Perhaps stopping and looking at the similarities in each idea could put you on the path toward mutual success. Tonight: Use creativity in your evening plans.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ You hit a brick wall. Just jump over it. Eliminate the hassles. The untested thought could work. Think outside the box. Visualize and manifest what you want. Tonight: Happily mosey on home.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ Avoid getting stuck in a quagmire of issues. Knowing what is and what isn't important is instrumental to your success. Bypass the frivolous if you're aiming for a clean desk at the end of the day. Not everyone communicates effectively. Help someone verbalize his or her issues. Tonight: Catch up on a friend's news.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★ A fundamental disagreement might stem from a very different perspective and background. Though at the moment it might seem futile to try to come to an agreement, space will illuminate the path. Return calls and stay in contact with key loved ones. Tonight: Run errands on the way home.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Realize what you are asking. If you hit a brick wall or a lack of understanding, the request itself might be a little off. News coming in from afar colors plans. Ask needed questions. Learn more about an option that appears on the horizon. Tonight: Where you can relax.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Relate to individuals. Your instinct right now might be to cloister. Though you certainly have a lot on your plate and a lot to digest, different people want to access your ability to see a problem from all sides. Tonight: Get some much-needed rest.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ You could be looking at a changeable issue. A meeting sheds light on the fact that some people are more stuck than others. Try to open up your thought process. A discussion with a close partner can only help. Don't nix any possibilities. Tonight: Brainstorm with a resourceful friend.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★ Stay on top of a matter and understand what is happening behind the scenes. You might not always have the right idea or answer. Listen to someone who is in charge or who has displayed more wisdom in the past. Your creativity emerges as you get a better grasp on what is happening. Tonight: A must appearance.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★★ Keep searching for more information and feedback. You might wonder exactly what is best for you. Detach, and answers will appear. A child's or loved one's gesture could be quite touching. Respond accordingly. Tonight: Try a new restaurant.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Deal with others directly. Group interactions won't have the same impact as one-on-one relating. Your sense of humor comes forward. You are on top of your game. You know what to do but you seem to need to have agreement. Tonight: Share news.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Go with others' ideas, knowing they might be different from yours but probably are right-on. You cannot always come up with the right idea or response. Let others run with the ball. Discussions are animated and full of information and kindness. Tonight: Wherever you go, you seem to visit with a friend.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ Realize what it takes to get a job done or even just run errands. Either way, you enjoy communicating with a friend at the same time. Perhaps you can squeeze it all in. An expenditure, though more than you originally thought, will pay off. Tonight: Buy a lottery ticket on your way home.

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

Happy birthday

This year, you have get-up-and-go. You are entering a new cycle, where the first year is very lucky. Note a difference between what you project and what you want on a deeper level. Avoid mixed signals. If you are single, this schism could also affect your choices. Who and what you want could be very different from what you need. If you are attached, you will tend to emphasize your family life more. Your positive energy will make a difference. LEO serves as an anchor.



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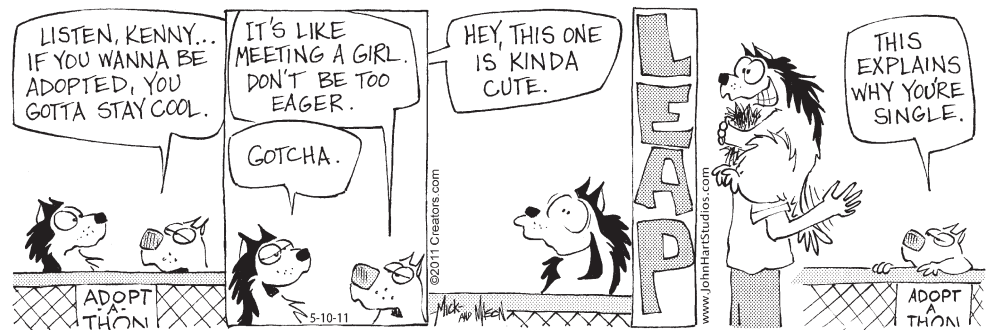

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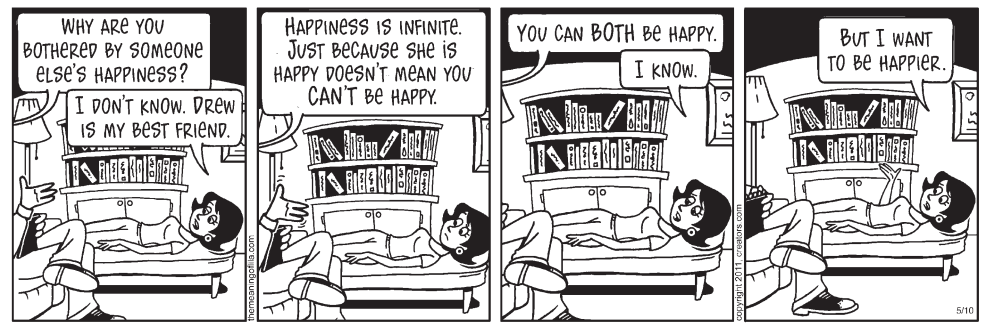

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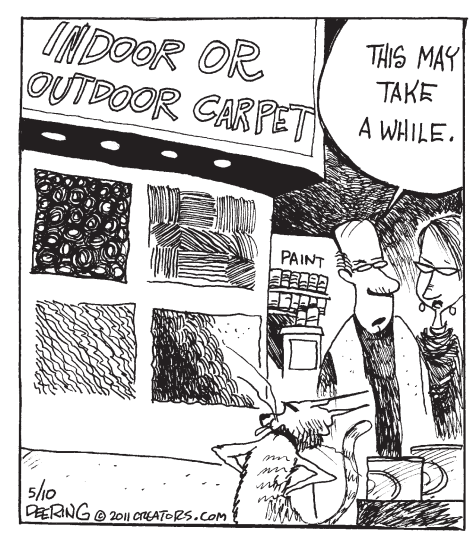

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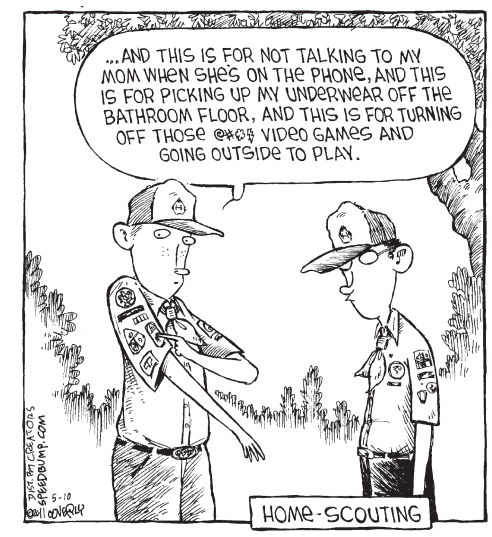

Sudoku

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

Difficulty Level ★★

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

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



CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Book unit
5 Bank job
10 Grownup
12 Without help
13 Manor workers
15 Easter find
16 Victor at Frederick sburg
17 Take to court
18 Depended
20 Folk learning
21 Transmits
22 Wallet bills
23 Famous
25 Airport area
28 Fury
31 Skunk's defense
32 Steering system part
34 Young fellow
35 Sister of Amy, Beth and Jo
36 Chinese chairman
37 Members of the wedding party
40 Red Square name
41 "Tomorrow" show
42 Moved sideways
43 Golf pegs

DOWN

1 Origami need
2 Wise sayings
3 Make a bubbling sound
4 Building wing
5 Arrived
6 In the style of
7 Arsenic, for one
8 Survive
9 Views anew
11 Ohio city
14 They go Republican
19 Central
20 Skiers' hangout
24 Puzzle
25 Turkey sound
26 Found irresistible
27 Trifling
29 Regal fur
30 Concert worker
33 Rx amounts
35 Patch up
38 Spotted cube
39 Crumb carrier

P	I	E	S	■	M	A	T	E	D	■
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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ At least three jihadist groups in recent years have published full-color Arabic magazines lauding the Islamist struggle, with articles and essays to recruit fighters and offer personal advice for women on the importance of raising proper families and catering to mujahedeens' needs. The latest, Al-Shamikha ("The Majestic Woman"), which surfaced in March, featured interviews with martyrs' wives and advised women to stay indoors, both for modesty and a "clear complexion" (advice that earned the magazine its nickname "Jihad Cosmo").

■ Prevailing medical authority 20 years ago warned that few humans could survive blood-alcohol readings above .40 (percent), but in recent years, drivers have rather easily survived higher numbers (curiously, many from Wisconsin, such as the man in February in Madison, Wis., with a .559). (In 2007, an Oregon driver was found unconscious, but survived, with a .72 reading.) The plethora of high numbers might indicate mistaken medical teaching, or nonstandard machine measurements -- or an evolutionary hardiness in American drinkers.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1908 Mother's Day is observed for the first time in the United States, in Grafton, West Virginia.

1922 The United States annex the Kingman Reef.

1924 J. Edgar Hoover is appointed the Director of the United States' Federal Bureau of Investigation, and remains so until his death in 1972.

1933 Censorship: In Germany, the Nazis stage massive public book burnings.

1940 World War II: The first German bombs of the war fall on England at Chilham and Petham, in Kent.

1940 World War II: Germany invades Belgium, the Netherlands, and Luxembourg.

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