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THE ENJOY THE WEEKEND ISSUE



LITTLE BIG WINNER

Brandon Wise *brandonw@smdp.com*

Grand prize-winner and Roosevelt Elementary School student Gigi Grossman poses for her family at the Earth Day Poster Contest event at Santa Monica Beach on Thursday. Grossman's poster will be seen on the side of Big Blue Bus 4059. Students were asked to create posters that reflect sustainable transit.

Museum takes back the grass

BY NICK TABOREK
Daily Press Staff Writer

MAIN STREET For those who make it to Main Street's Sunday Farmers' Market early enough to claim a spot, the lawn outside the California Heritage Museum has long been a favorite place to spread a picnic blanket and take in the scene.

But as of last month, it's also a revenue-generating asset for the cash-strapped museum, which has begun renting the coveted real estate out to Main Street merchants during Farmers' Market hours.

As many as six merchants have set up shop on Sunday mornings in recent weeks, selling clothing, toys and art from a prime location in front of the market's produce and prepared food booths.

Renting the space is bringing in $1,000 per week for the museum, said Tobi Smith, the California Heritage's executive director.

It's also displacing market regulars and irking those who miss the lost open space.

"It's absolutely ridiculous. I don't under-

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Celebrity chef arrested in alleged plot to kill wife

BY NICK TABOREK
Daily Press Staff Writer

PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITY Celebrity Chef Juan-Carlos Cruz, host of the show "Calorie Commando" on the Food Network, was arrested Thursday for allegedly masterminding a failed murder-for-hire plot, police said.

Officers arrested Cruz, 48, at a dog park in the Cheviot Hills neighborhood of Los Angeles at 12:30 p.m. Thursday after police learned of the alleged plot from several homeless individuals, said Santa Monica Police Department Sgt. Jay Trisler.

Cruz allegedly approached the homeless individuals in the vicinity of the Third Street Promenade about carrying out the murder. Trisler said the homeless individuals, who were not identified because the investigation is ongoing, informed officers in SMPD's Homeless Liaison Unit about the alleged scheme May 7 and agreed to cooperate with investigators.

Cruz was being held on $5 million bail and is scheduled to be arraigned at the LAX Courthouse on Monday, Trisler said.

A source familiar with the investigation said the alleged plot targeted Cruz's wife, but Trisler declined to confirm the information.

He also declined to say how much money the homeless individuals were allegedly offered to take part.

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LAPD sued by family of former Crossroads student killed in crash

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Editor in Chief

SM COURTHOUSE The parents of a young woman killed after being struck by a Los Angeles police cruiser are suing the department and the officers involved.

The parents of Devin Leigh Petelski, 25, on Thursday filed a lawsuit in Santa Monica alleging negligence. Petelski was killed Oct. 15, 2009 when her car was struck by a police patrol car that allegedly had neither its flashing lights or siren on as it sped to a burglary call shortly before midnight. She died two days later at Ronald Reagan-UCLA Medical Center.

Petelski, who graduated from Crossroads High School in Santa Monica and studied communications at UC Santa Barbara, was a substance abuse counselor at the time of her death.

"Devin Petelski died a senseless death, all because the LAPD was driving too fast in the middle of the night without using required

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Saturday, May 15, 2010

Montana Avenue sidewalk sale

Seventh Street to 17th Street, 10 a.m. — 6 p.m.

More than 60 boutiques along the Montana Avenue shopping district will be offering anywhere from 15 to 80 percent off high-end, fashionable merchandise. Participating stores will have racks and tables with merchandise on the sidewalk and some merchants will have their entire store on sale. Visit www.montanaavenue.com for more details.

'Beauty and the Beast'

Santa Monica Playhouse

1211 Fourth St., 12:30 p.m. & 3 p.m.

An original family theater musical adaptation of the most gloriously romantic of all fairy tales, "Beauty and the Beast" invites audience members between the ages of 2 and 102 to follow Beauty, her gentle Papa, silly scatter-brained sisters, a spell-binding sorceress and a most endearing Beast as they explore the world of manners, reading, sensitivity, gentility, and learning that "it's not what you look like, but what's in your heart that counts." Admission: $12..50 for adults and $10.50 for children 12 and under. Ongoing on Saturdays and Sundays until June 20.

Sunday, May 16, 2010

Running for a cause

Santa Monica Classic

2600 Barnard Way, 6:30 a.m.

Support Heal the Bay by joining the Santa Monica Classic (5K/10K runs) and exploring the post-race expo at the Santa Monica Pier. Started in 2006, this event raises both money and awareness for Heal the Bay. Join with other Santa Monica Classic runners on a scenic course, enjoy giveaways, and learn about Heal the Bay and ways you can help keep our coastal waters safe and clean. Santa Monica Classic 5K/10K participants will enjoy Santa Monica Classic T-shirt, post-event entertainment, access to the finish line festival and fully supported aid stations on the course. For more information call (310) 271-7200 or visit wwwsantamonicaclassic.com.

Make your voice heard

Palisades Park

Santa Monica Boulevard at Ocean Avenue, 10 a.m.

Emulating the centuries-old tradition of Speaker's Corner in London's Hyde Park, the People's Voice puts up a weekly soap box and microphone for anyone to freely speak his or her piece. The sky's the limit! Free. Every Sunday.

Jazz party

The Lodge, 1600 Ocean Park Blvd.

Jazz Forum of Santa Monica presents "Classic Jazz Music" the third Sunday of every month featuring the hot jazz of the 1930s, swingin' jazz of the 1940s, and cool jazz of the 1950s. Jam sessions featuring L.A.'s finest Jazz artists starts at 1 p.m. A large dance floor, bar, great food and free parking available. Admission for members is $10; non-members $15.

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



Racing to heal the SM Bay

BY LENIKA CRUZ
Special to the Daily Press

DOWNTOWN Thousands of running shoes will be pounding pavement on Sunday, punctuating the end of spring with the fifth annual Santa Monica Classic, a 5K and 10K running event that benefits the local non-profit organization Heal the Bay.

The race starts at Barnard Way and ends at the Santa Monica Pier for the 5K; the 10K continues down to San Vicente and 11th Street before turning around and finishing at the pier. There will also be a post-race expo at the pier, where runners and spectators can relax and recover.

This year's classic is also the U.S.A. Track and Field (USATF) Road Running Grand Prix, which means there will be some blue blood tearing through the finish line. Among the top runners competing will be Beijing Olympian Barbara Parker, along with current USATF points leader Brian Livingston.

The competition will be fierce, and Santa Monica High School Cross Country and Track coach Tania Fischer is more than ready for the challenge. After all, she won the women's race in 2008.

"I love that there are top athletes at the race," Fischer said. "The competition is there if you want it."

Fischer is also the coach of The Janes, an elite racing team which she has led to two national titles. Fischer is currently ranked number one in the series and hopes to widen the gap between herself and runner-up Nathalie Higley on Sunday.

The Janes are going into the race this weekend in third place for team rankings, but leading in first place with the most points per runner.

Still, the Classic is not just a race for the running elite.

The event's founder, Peter Abraham, predicts that over 4,000 runners will be participating this year, up from last year's 3,500 entrants. The Classic has been enjoying a steady rise in popularity thanks to the foresight of its creator, who is also the creative director for the L.A. Marathon.

Founded in 2006, the Santa Monica Classic is the progeny of visionary advertising and commitment to environmental awareness. It is both a real-world laboratory for experimental marketing and a community event that pulls people from all over California with the aim of keeping the ocean

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A life of volunteerism

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Editor in Chief

MID-CITY Usually plaques mounted on hospital walls are reserved for those who donate lots of cash. Jette Simmons was honored with a bronze plaque at the Santa Monica-UCLA Medical Center for giving something arguably more valuable — her time.

Simmons, who friends and colleagues remember as a "feisty Brit" who was immaculately dressed and had a great sense of humor, volunteered 78,000 hours at the Mid-City health center over the last 43 years, more than any other person in the University of California system.

When those at the hospital learned about her death May 3 at the age of 98, they knew there would be a serious void that would not easily be filled.

"Jette was an amazing woman who really believed in volunteerism," said Lynn Sullivan, Santa Monica-UCLA's community health program manager for the BirthPlace, a maternity center where Simmons would routinely deliver caps and booties she knitted herself for new moms and their babies.

"She was one in a million," Sullivan said. "She kept on top of it all. A real perfectionist in everything. She would be chasing us around to make sure we did our jobs so that she could do hers."

Simmons' son, Peter Simmons, said his mother loved to knit, learning the skills from her grandmother while growing up in the U.K. Jette Simmons, her husband and young son immigrated to the United States from London during World War II. The younger Simmons remembers his parents working long hours to put food on the table, his mother washing pots and pans in a restaurant while his father was a shoe salesman in Downey. They lived in Venice and moved to Santa Monica a year later.

"They liked it down by the water," Peter Simmons said.

The couple's only son graduated from Santa Monica High School and moved to San Francisco. He now lives in Vancouver with his wife. His mother and father stayed behind in Santa Monica, his father eventually becoming the vice president of a bank, affording Jette Simmons the opportunity to volunteer.

"She was the kind of person who grew up very poor, my father even more so," Peter Simmons said. "She just didn't like the idea of doing nothing and always felt that she wanted to help those who were less fortunate than her. She wanted to serve those who needed help and I guess she saw patients as those being the most in need."



Robert Hernandez *Santa Monica-UCLA Medical Center*

GIVING HER ALL: **Santa Monica-UCLA Medical Center volunteer Jette Simmons poses with the hospital's chief administrator, Posie Carpenter. Simmons, who died earlier this month, was an inspiration to many at the hospital, where she spent thousands of hours volunteering.**

Jette Simmons would often say that the hospital could never fire her because she didn't work for money, she worked for kudos.

Elaine Eastwood, the hospital's volunteer manager, said Jette Simmons worked at the hospital at least three days a week, and her enthusiasm never waned despite getting older and less mobile. During that time she volunteered at the gift shop, helped patients in recovery, attended to new mothers and answered phones at the volunteer center.

"No matter what was going on in her own life, she always went beyond her own personal situation to connect with people," Eastwood said. "She was very unique in that respect. Nothing got her down."

Jette Simmons was an inspiration to older adults who saw a 98-year-old woman contributing, Sullivan said. She would also take pleasure in the little things, like the thank you cards from the mothers who received the booties she knitted.

"She didn't have the easiest life," Eastwood said. "She shared with me stories about living during the war, having to take care of her family and the loss of her husband. It wasn't smooth sailing, but it was very important for her to be active in the community she lived in."

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10 reasons to support Measure A

Editor:

Let me list a few reasons to support Measure A, even if you do not have school age children:

1) Santa Monica's property values are significantly higher because of our quality schools, which is why a house on the west side of Centinela Avenue sells for a lot more than one across the street; 2) In just the last three years, fifth grade classes at Grant Elementary went from 20 students to 30 students; 3) Without Measure A, Grant will lose five more teachers next year, I know, one of the best and brightest is my daughter's first grade teacher, Ms. Le who will be laid off, if Measure A fails; 4) Every art and music teacher will be laid off including my son's clarinet instructor, Mr. Lloyd; 5) Without these teachers our school system will deteriorate significantly because class size will have to increase: 6) Without art programs marginal students will drop out instead of staying in school; 7) Without a high school diploma, studies show that dropouts are far more likely to commit crimes than graduates; 8) Without a strong and vibrant school system we all will lose; 9) Schools are an investment that pay dividends for generations and cutting the funding is like a farmer deciding to "save" money by planting less crops; 10) Measure A's investment is minimal since, as written, it applies only to property owners and not renters, totally exempts elderly homeowners, ends automatically in five years and works out to less than $4 a week for property owners.

But for me it is personal. I have watched my son for the first time in his life develop a passion, as he sits and practices his clarinet every day with his classmates, something that will not happen to next years' fourth graders without Measure A. So, join with me and protect your property values and simultaneously educate our students. That is something we all benefit from and something we could all be proud of. Please vote Yes on Measure A.

Joel C. Koury
Former Rent Control Board Chairperson

Only bad accident will spark change

Editor:

I live in the area where the so called "16 single engine planes a day" take off and veer over our neighborhood at extremely low altitudes, given the distance they are from the runway. I am not a member of any of these groups Mr. Noot from Venice refers to ("Doing a disservice," Letters to the editor, May 7). I have friends who fly out of the Santa Monica airport. My agenda is simply safety and quality of life.

Jets have taken this flight path and I have been able to read the tail number. In my opinion, when you can read the tail number off of a jet it is too low.

When a single engine aircraft flies over your home and its wings are rocking back and forth not gaining altitude, it is a little worrisome. Realistically, nothing can ever be done about any pollution from this airport. Noise and air pollution have only increased year after year. It never goes down. It never will. We all know there is only one thing that could and eventually will happen to spur any adjustments out of this airport. Unfortunately, in our society, it usually takes a really bad accident to occur to spur any change at all.

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Twitter goes to Washington

YOU PROBABLY DON'T KNOW HIS name, but Jack Dorsey came up with what might be the most important invention of the 21st century — Twitter. It must be important because the Library of Congress is going to house every "tweet" that's ever been twittered. So here's a memo to those who work at the library: Move that copy of the Declaration of Independence out of the way, put that first edition of de Tocqueville's "Democracy in America" somewhere in the back, and find some other place for the contents of Abraham Lincoln's pockets on the night of his assassination. Make room for messages like, "I should really wash my hair."

In case you don't know, Twitter is an online "social network" in which people say just about anything they want as long as it's 140 characters or less. You can reach millions of people instantly. It's as if you were shouting out your window — really loudly. Every message is called a "tweet." Some 55 million tweets are posted every day. That makes billions of them so far. Approximately 75,000 tweets have been sent since you started reading this column. I guess they're going to have to install a few new shelves in the library to make room for all those tweets.

The Twitter folks suggest that those using Twitter answer the question, "What are you doing?" So the vast majority of tweets are similar to the ego-thoughts that appear on Facebook and MySpace. You find things like, "I'm going to go for a walk on the Third Street Promenade."

"Changed my mind. Not going for a walk."

"My head itches."

These are the kind of statements that will be shelved next to rare copies of the Bible, notes from the House Un-American Activities Committee, and that 130-year-old edition of Whitman's "Leaves of Grass."

Maybe I'm not being fair. In addition to daily drivel, there have been some news scoops on Twitter. That's one of the interesting things about it. If you happen to see a tsunami coming your way, all you have to do to let the rest of the world know about it is to type something like, "Whoa, big wave coming. Looks like a tsunami. Get to safety, but first warn everyone you know about it." Of course, I don't know if sitting and typing while a tsunami is heading your way is the wisest course of action.

Another example of the site being used for an important purpose occurred when President Obama announced that Joe Biden would be his running mate simultaneously using e-mail, text messages, and Twitter. Presumably, the next time the United States decides to go to war, we will announce our intentions on Twitter: "We warned you, you didn't listen, so here we come."

On the other hand, just think of all the lives that would have been saved if Twitter had been available in the past. When a warring country was ready to quit, instead of calling for a peace conference and waiting for it to convene while the war raged on, heads of state could have just written, "Surrender. Enough already."

One drawback of Twitter when it is used for newsworthy events is the 140 character limit. This could cause problems like this: "Have just discovered a cure for the flu virus. I haven't told anybody else what the secret is. It was really very simple. All I did was syn … ." Then what happens if the person typing that important message has a heart attack before he's able to finish his thought, start up another tweet, and pass on his secret to anybody else? If he had just told the researcher who sits across from him instead of tweeting … .

If you have the same first reaction that I did, you're probably thinking that the trivial stuff that's usually on Twitter has no business in the Library of Congress. However, after thinking about it some more, I feel it's perfect for the library to tackle the tremendous task of tagging all the tweets that have been twittered every since twitterers started talking in tweets. Yes, most tweets are trivial. However, this kind of personal trivia is precisely what millions of people are involved in every day. So it will certainly give future generations an idea of how people spent their time in the beginning of the 21st century. Don't you think it's important for those future earthlings to understand why people in our time cared whether a stranger was just about to shave? I'd certainly like to know.

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On the Beat

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These streets were made for jogging

Q. I see people who walk or jog in the street. Isn't that illegal?

A. In a residential area it is not illegal to walk or jog in the roadway. Pedestrians may walk or jog in the roadway in a residential neighborhood as long as the pedestrian does not limit the right of way of vehicles or prohibit the lawful movement of vehicles. Pedestrians in the roadway in a residential area bear the main responsibility to ensure they are out of the way of vehicles. However, the vehicle code requires both the pedestrian and the driver to show mutual care and safety. The pedestrian, "Shall yield the right-of-way to all vehicles upon the roadway so near as to constitute an immediate hazard." The law also directs the drivers to show due care, "This section shall not relieve the driver of a vehicle from the duty to exercise due care for the safety of any pedestrian upon a roadway. In Santa Monica, "Jaywalking" does not apply in a residential area.

In a business district, pedestrians can only be in the roadway in a crosswalk. Walking, jogging, or crossing the street outside of a marked crosswalk would be, "Jaywalking."

It is always illegal to walk or jog in a marked bike lane in a roadway.

Traffic safety is everyone's responsibility. Here are a few pedestrian safety tips:

■ Allow vehicles enough time to stop. Don't assert the right of way with a fast moving vehicle.

■ Make eye contact with drivers, but don't assume they will yield.

■ Cross at intersections and in a straight line. Crossing mid-block or from between two parked cars is unsafe because drivers can't see you and aren't expecting you. When crossing at a signal controlled intersection, cross only on a green light or when the "walk" sign is activated; the walk sign may change but the light is timed to give you enough time to continue on safely before opposing traffic approaches.

■ Stop, look and listen before crossing. Just like when you were a kid, look right and left over your shoulder before crossing, checking for cars and bicycles. Bicycles are required to obey road rules just like cars.

■ Use extra care when crossing with children. Remember drivers may not be able to see a little one, so hold their hand while crossing.

■ Use the same rules of caution in a parking lot. Parking lots can be just as dangerous as the street.

■ Be a defensive walker. Watch where you are going and expect the unexpected.

TIPS FOR THE DRIVER:

■ Come to a full stop. The "California stop" is both unsafe and illegal. Be sure to stop completely at all signals and stop signs before entering a crosswalk or intersection.

■ Do not pass a vehicle stopped at a crosswalk because there may be a pedestrian in the road hidden from your view. Pedestrians have the right of way at corners, whether or not the crosswalks are painted on the ground.

■ Use caution near schools and where children play, and follow reduced speed zone signs in residential areas and around schools. Remember, young children don't always remember safe crossing rules, so keep an eye out for them.

■ Wait for the pedestrian to reach the other side before moving. You may save a life by alerting other drivers to the presence of a pedestrian who might otherwise have gone unnoticed until it was too late.

■ Yield the right-of-way to pedestrians.

■ You must always stop for any person using a guide dog or a white cane, with or without a red tip. It's the law!

Visit the SMPD's pedestrian safety web page: http://santamonicapd.org/Content.aspx?id=2541.

Q. I was cleaning out my garage and came across an old gun and some unused handgun ammunition. Can I turn it in to the police for safe disposal? Will the department use it for training?

A. The Santa Monica Police Department will gladly accept firearms and old or unused ammunition from Santa Monica residents for safe destruction.

If you want to turn in a firearm for destruction, call the police department and arrangements will be made to safely turn over the firearm. Never bring a firearm into the police station without the expressed approval and knowledge of the desk officer. When you turn in a firearm you will be given a receipt. You will also need to specifically say you want the weapon destroyed.

If you want to turn in ammunition, it can only be standard handgun, shotgun or rifle rounds. If you have something you believe is ammunition but are not completely sure, leave it alone and call the police department before handling it. If you know you have standard ammunition bring it to the Santa Monica Police Department front desk. If you find something that appears to be a grenade, artillery shell, or any military ordinance, leave it alone and immediately call the police department. Never throw live ammunition away in the trash.

During training, officers use special environmentally sound — low-lead — fully-jacketed ammunition. Because the age and composition of most ammunition that is turned in to the department can not be determined, it is never used by the department. Firearms are usually destroyed in accordance with the wishes of the owner. Under very rare circumstances the department may keep a firearm for ceremonial or training purposes.

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The Q Line

HOLDING PATTERN

This past week, Q-line asked:
The Big Blue Bus again delayed a proposed fare increase to explore ways to ease the burden on students, seniors and the disabled. Should this group get special treatment or do you think it's time for fares to increase across the board?
Here are your responses:

"YES, ABSOLUTELY. THE STUDENTS, seniors, and the disabled should receive the discounts, just as they are now, if not better."

"IT IS INTERESTING TO NOTE THAT the group of three that the Press Q-line has mentioned are the group that has supported the Big Blue Bus line since its inception. If this group does not deserve a reduced fare break, then no one does. In my opinion the fare break should also include the workers who come to Santa Monica to slave as domestics for minimum wage. Unless of course you are considering the hurt feelings due to having to pay a higher fare of the swell bus riders who reside in hills of Beverly, Holmby, and Bel Air."

"WE COULD SAVE GAZILLIONS OF dollars by contracting out most of our public services. L.A. and Culver City buses already run by our town and would be glad to pick up our busier streets. We could still run a couple of small shuttles to the Santa Monica Pier and mall. Otherwise, let's dump this lawsuit-ridden extravagance. And while we're at it we are paying three times more than Culver City and twice that of Beverly Hills for our garbage pick-up. Let's trash this, and we should also consider contracting out our extremely expensive police and fire departments. Of course, their unions would go berserk."

"THE BLUE BUS IS A BUS I'VE RIDDEN FOR years, several times a day. They don't need to raise the rates. They need to get smart with the money they already have. I've observed over the years the tragic mistakes they make with the Tide Ride, which they keep trying to bring back and keep even though it's a dumb line that doesn't serve enough people. I remember the market bus that used to try to go to the Pico market. I was always the only person on it – it was a complete waste of money. They finally got smart, and got rid of it. The Crosstown Ride, which is really also needed on the weekend, is the only way that we crosstown riders can get there. That one particular sideways route – but they don't do it on the weekends. That bus, they should continue to use the smaller buses, but for some reason they keep putting the gigantic bus that can't really make the turn on Montana Avenue to 20th Street without getting the left turn lane to back up. They make all these very bad judgments. What they need is a quality control expert to ride all these buses and wake up and smell the coffee."

"IF BUS FARES FOR ANYBODY SHOULD be raised, it should be for the fat people. These lard-butts that take up two seats should be made to pay double because they displace people and these other people have to stand because these slobs take up the seats."

"STUDENTS, SENIORS, AND THE disabled work. The Big Blue Bus needs to cut the fat – middle management, poor planning, not enough service on busy routes, and too much service on the under-used routes. They suck. If they think that they're going to raise their rates because they don't know what it's like for Joe on the street to ride their buses and we see their mismanagement. So, get a grip. They just built a giant new center on Sixth Street and Colorado. They make a lot of bad decisions, and they want us to pay?"

"I AM A SENIOR AND IT WOULD NOT BE a burden to have my bus fare raised by 25 or 50 cents. However, it would be an inconvenience if the increase were 10 cents because I would not want to sort my change with a line of people behind me waiting to board the bus. I keep my pockets full of quarters. So, 25-cent increments please."

"YES, AS A LONG-TERM RESIDENT OF THIS city here of San Malicious, and a former student at UCLA, I used to take the bus every day. I think it might be appropriate to up the fare for students, like maybe 10 cents or 15 cents, and let everybody else do their part."

"FARE INCREASES ARE FINE BUT TO PUT the burden their trying to put on the disabled and the seniors is really horrible. One of their options actually raised the present fare to over four times. That's a little bit too greedy. There are many places who honor their elderly and seniors and allow them to ride mass transit for nothing. We're not asking to ride for nothing, but don't increase it so we can't ride at all."

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Culver City High School girls softball coach John Sargent honors Santa Monica High coach Debbie Skaggs Thursday before the two teams took the field in the season finale. Skaggs is retiring after 24 seasons with the Vikings. She helped her team finish the season with a perfect 10-0 league record and a birth in the playoffs. The final score was 16-0 with Celisha Walker pitching a no-hitter, allowing only one walk.

Suit alleges officers drove at unsafe speeds

FROM **LAWSUIT** PAGE 1

lights or sirens," said Geoffrey Wells, an attorney with Santa Monica-based law firm Greene, Broillet and Wheeler, which represented victims of the Santa Monica Farmers' Market crash in their suit against City Hall.

"Yet, if the LAPD had its way, they'd place all the blame on an innocent bystander in order to exonerate themselves from any wrongdoing," Wells added. "That's unacceptable … ."

Wells claims the on-board computer in the police cruiser revealed that the vehicle was traveling at a speed far in excess of the posted speed limit of 40 miles per hour. A black box that keeps track of accelerations, speed and braking reportedly shows that Officer Eldridge jammed the accelerator to the floor just 18 seconds before the impact. The black box shows explosive acceleration with the police car rocketing down Venice Boulevard at nearly 80 mph. At 78 mph, Officer Eldridge slams on the brakes and just four seconds later — impact.

Representatives with the LAPD said they could not comment on the incident because there is a lawsuit pending.

The officers involved in the crash — Ramon Vasquez and James Eldridge — didn't notify dispatchers that they were heading to a burglary-in-progress call, police investigators told the L.A. Times.

The crash occurred in the intersection of Glyndon Avenue and Venice Boulevard.

Many nearby residents were outraged and held a candlelight march from the accident site to the LAPD's Pacific Division, and created a Facebook page to seek witnesses to the crash.

"Ron and I have filed this lawsuit because we want the public to learn the truth about Devin's death and because we don't want to see any other family go through such a horrific tragedy," said Petelski's mother, Shaunnah Godfrey. "Our earth angel Devin is now in heaven, but her death is a harsh reality that I will never be able to totally accept."

After her death, Petelski's heart, kidneys and liver were donated through OneLegacy, family members said.

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SM Classic benefits Heal the Bay

FROM **RUN** PAGE 3

swimmable, surf-able, and life-sustaining.

The Santa Monica Classic is much like the younger cousin to the L.A. Marathon. This year, the marathon started at Dodger Stadium and ended at the sea — right in Santa Monica.

However, the Santa Monica Classic is beginning to hold its own in the world of running events, largely thanks to Abraham's shrewd, big-name marketing, attention to detail, and his alliance with Heal the Bay. Coca Cola, Reebok, K-Swiss, and Pom Wonderful are among the event's sponsors.

In many ways, Abraham is cleverly maneuvering Santa Monica onto the map as a "runner's destination."

"I call Santa Monica the 'unofficial running capital of Los Angeles,'" he said. He mentions that the city is a popular training ground for teams preparing in the months before the L.A. Marathon. The long stretch of beach offers spectacular ocean views and, Abraham adds, "You don't have to stop much for traffic lights."

John Madigan, a manager at the Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce, is running the Classic for the first time.

"Heal the Bay is a great nonprofit and I'm all for an event with a good cause," he said.

"Every year we commit to raising at least $5,000 for Heal the Bay," Abraham said. "We also try to be as green as possible."

The event organizers actively promote ridesharing, although there is ample parking throughout Downtown. The event also stopped giving out paper and plastic goodie bags in order to reduce waste.

The Santa Monica Classic is still accepting new entrants, whether they are veterans, hobbyists, environmental enthusiasts, or even those simply interested in getting more active.

Main Street will close around 7:30 a.m. and will reopen around 8:30 a.m. Ocean Avenue fully opens around 10 a.m.

For more information on how to register, visit www.santamonicaclassic.com.

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New vendors change SM market's feel

FROM **MUSEUM** PAGE 1

stand it or appreciate it and I hope that they do away with it," said Mike Bone, an Ocean Park resident who for years has spent Sunday mornings on the lawn. "It's an incursion of commerce into public space, I think."

Smith, though, said the decision to capitalize on the thousands of customers who flock to the popular market was simply a creative way to capture new revenue in difficult times.

Despite record attendance drawn in by the ongoing "Skateboard: Evolution and Art" exhibit, she said the museum, like many others, is bleeding money and struggling to get by.

"We're really quite desperate, even though the current exhibition is the best show we've ever done, admission wise," she said.

The roughly $50,000 per year she aims to raise by renting out the lawn would cover more than a sixth of the museum's budget.

In the early 1990s, Smith said she received weekly rent from City Hall for market patrons' use of the lawn, but in 1993, officials "decided that they were the big strong bully and they didn't have to meet their commitment anymore."

For their part, City Hall officials said it's unclear what arrangement market organizers had with the museum nearly two decades ago.

In any case, when Smith earlier this year broached the idea of charging the city to use the lawn for the Sunday market, it failed to gain traction.

Miriam Mack, City Hall's economic development manager, said the Farmers' Market has financial problems of its own and has cut its $20,000 entertainment budget for the upcoming fiscal year. For the first time, musicians at the market will play for free.

Mack said that while there have been some complaints about the new use of the lawn space, "we're really sympathetic [to] the museum's need to be creative and find new revenue sources so they can keep their doors open."

For the time being, she said there's no plan to try to alter the museum's new business model.

"I guess were just going to watch and see what the response is. Are the vendors there seeing that it's worthwhile to them? Is it worthwhile to the museum to manage it? We're just going to have to see what happens and what aspects of the operation need to be adjusted," Mack said.

Jodi Low, who manages the Main Street market, said those most vocal about the change are mainly opposed to the vendors.

"It changes the feel of the market for sure," she said, adding that if the museum stays its course with the merchants she's afraid customers will take their business elsewhere. "I think that would be a shame if that happened," she said.

Meanwhile, merchants are still assessing the pros and cons of the new real estate.

Cassandra Rogers, who owns Jackapotamus, a kids clothing and toy store on Main Street, has been paying $100 per week to set up a booth on the museum's lawn. She said the location has its advantages for business because her target audience — families with small children — often gather at the front of the market but don't venture to the back where other merchandise booths are stationed.

But she said she's heard complaints about the vendors taking away from the market's atmosphere, especially since an art dealer who conducts live auctions using a speaker system began renting a spot on the museum's grounds.

"As Main Street merchants we have a responsibility to preserve the bigger picture life of the Farmers' Market and I certainly would not want to be part of a long-term negative impact on that," she said. "If it came to the point where people were not coming because there's nowhere for them to sit, then I think personally it would be better to not be vending on the lawn."

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS



Photo courtesy Santa Monica Place

YOU'RE THE MAN: **Mannequins are dressed to impress on the Third Street Promenade.**

DOWNTOWN

Mannequins to take over SM Place

In celebration of the opening of Santa Monica Place, slated for Aug. 6, a new program has been launched where up to 100 local designers, artists, retailers and community leaders will create individual expressions of art and fashion using mannequins.

The program, The Mannequin Collective, was announced on Thursday and will make Santa Monica Place the setting for a three-week, on-site exhibit of these original art expressions. The program is also a partnership that benefits Otis College of Art and Design, which Santa Monica Place will donate $10,000 in scholarships at the school in the name of the Grand Design winner of the juried event.

Using blank, full-size mannequins as their canvas, the 100 participants will make their designs using a broad range of artistic materials including paint, beads, wire, mosaic glass, shoes, recycled objects, and more. The top five mannequins will then be chosen by a jury of local artists and community leaders, and will be displayed at the Otis campus in Westchester, as well as the fashion design location in downtown Los Angeles.

"Fostering artistic expression is important to our community and to Otis, and The Mannequin Collective is an exciting way to link a new fashion destination with the city's robust art and design world," said Samuel Hoi, president of Otis.

Already Simon Doonan, creative director of Barneys New York department store, has signed on to transform one of the blank, everyday mannequins into something artful and extraordinary. Barneys Co-op is one of the more than 80 retailers and restaurants opening at the new Santa Monica Place.

DAILY PRESS

COUNTYWIDE

Two infants dead from whooping cough

First it was the mumps. Now it's whooping cough.

Earlier this week, county health officials advised people to be on the lookout for the mumps after nine cases were reported this year, six of which were confirmed.

On Friday, Public Health Officer Dr. Jonathan Fielding issued another warning, this time focusing on pertussis, more commonly known as whooping cough. Fielding said 73 possible cases have been reported in Los Angeles County this year, 19 of which have been confirmed by laboratory testing. Two infants have died because of the disease.

With this level of activity, the county could exceed last year's total of 155 reported cases.

"In particular, we're very concerned that two infants have already died this year due to pertussis," Fielding said. "Typically, Los Angeles County has one or no deaths due to pertussis each year."

Pertussis is vaccine-preventable disease spread by the coughing of an infected individual. Typical symptoms in young children include intense coughing accompanied by a whooping sound, and post-cough vomiting. Complications can include pneumonia and seizures. Among older children and adults, the primary symptom may be a cough that often lasts for several weeks or longer. If you suspect that you or a loved one may have pertussis, contact your doctor right away.

"Infants under one year of age are at highest risk for developing severe complications, and tragically are usually infected by a family member or caretaker," Fielding said. "That is why we recommend that people with a cough illness of any kind avoid contact with infants. And of course, anyone who has frequent contact with an infant should be doubly sure that their vaccinations are up-to-date."

Children should receive three primary vaccinations containing the pertussis vaccine and two boosters by age four to six, followed by a TDaP booster (which protects against tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis) during their preteen years. Any teen or adult who has not received a TDaP booster yet should do so, particularly if they live in a household with an infant.

County residents are encouraged to contact their regular healthcare provider to arrange for recommended vaccinations. Those who do not have a regular healthcare provider or insurance coverage for vaccines may dial 2-1-1 or visit www.publichealth.lacounty.gov/ip for referrals to providers and community sites offering immunizations free or at a reduced-charge.

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Schwarzenegger lays out bleak California budget

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SACRAMENTO, Calif. Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger on Friday called for eliminating California's welfare-to-work program, one of the deep cuts he proposed to close a $19 billion budget deficit in the coming fiscal year.

Slashing the welfare program would affect 1.4 million people, two-thirds of them children.

In releasing his revised budget plan, the Republican governor laid out the most severe cuts to health and welfare programs since the state tumbled into recession nearly three years ago. He said cuts to government services over the past few years have done away with the "low-hanging fruit."

"We now have to use the ax to eliminate some of those programs," he said.

The Republican governor announced his revised budget plan for the fiscal year that begins in July, as the state's 12.6 percent unemployment rate ranks among the highest in the nation and tax revenue remains low. In April, personal income tax was $3 billion less than projected.

The state's general fund spending will be $83.4 billion for the new fiscal year, the lowest level in six years. The deficit accounts for more than 20 percent of all projected spending.

Among the options Schwarzenegger presented is eliminating CalWORKS, the state's welfare-to-work program. In part, the program helps single mothers find child care while they go to school to learn new skills.

Gina Jackson, a single mother who lives in Fremont in the San Francisco Bay area, said she would not be able finish her college degree in political and social science without the state's assistance. She currently receives about $1,000 a month to cover after-school care for two of her four children.

"I certainly can't take my kids to school with me every single day," said Jackson, 45, who was laid off from her job as an administrative assistant two years ago.

The governor and Republican lawmakers have vowed not to raise taxes, as the Legislature did last year, ensuring that spending cuts will be the main solution. That could leave single mothers, foster youth, children from low-income families, the disabled and seniors who rely on state services feeling most of the pain from the recession's continued effects on California government.

Schwarzenegger acknowledged the cuts will be painful, but said he has no other options because the state's tax revenue has plummeted.

"We are left with nothing but tough choices, as you can see," said Schwarzenegger, who appeared somber and at times frustrated in presenting his updated budget plan.

Schwarzenegger and lawmakers have made cuts, borrowing and adjustments of about $60 billion over the past two years as tax revenue fell far behind annual spending obligations. Among the examples: Dental and vision care benefits were eliminated for those insured under Medi-Cal, the state's version of the federal Medicaid program.

On Friday, the governor made good on his threat from earlier this year to eliminate the state's welfare-to-work program unless the federal government gave California an additional $6.9 million, which Schwarzenegger maintains is its fair share. So far, the state has received nearly $3 billion.

He did not follow through on a similar threat to eliminate Healthy Families, which provides health care to nearly 700,000 children from low-income families, because of requirements under the new federal health care law.

Instead, Schwarzenegger proposed cutting $15 million from the program and shifting more of the costs to recipients, including raising the co-payment for emergency room visits from $15 to $50.

Democratic leaders responded forcefully to his latest budget proposal, saying they will not allow programs for the needy to be gutted.

They pledged to find a way to maintain core health and social programs, such as in-home care for seniors and welfare assistance for single mothers. It's not clear how those programs will be sustained at current levels without a tax increase, which Schwarzenegger opposes, or even more money from the federal government.

Democrats want to close tax credits and loopholes, noting that the state allows $50 billion worth of tax deductions.

"We will not pass a budget that eliminates CalWORKS. We will not be party to devastating families," said Senate President Pro Tem Darrell Steinberg, D-Sacramento. "What kind of civilized society maintains business tax breaks and eliminates child care? That's not the California I take pride in living in."

In recent years, Schwarzenegger and Republicans won a series of corporate tax credits and giveaways, costing the state treasury an estimated $2 billion a year. They say such tax cuts prompt businesses to create jobs, but Democrats said there is no evidence they have done so.

While Democrats control both houses of the Legislature, Republican support is needed because of the two-thirds vote threshold required to pass a budget and tax increases. Schwarzenegger and the Legislature approved one of the largest tax increases in state history a year ago, raising the personal income and sales taxes, as well as the vehicle license fee.

Republican lawmakers say such a move is off the table this year.

"Until we get serious about job creation in the private sector, California's fiscal problems will continue," Republican Sen. Bob Dutton of Rancho Cucamonga, vice chairman of the Senate Budget Committee, said in a statement. "We won't restore California's economy by trying to tax our way out of our budget problems."

Even last year's temporary tax increases were not enough to put California on firm fiscal footing. The national recession continued to batter the economy of the nation's most populous state, which has been wracked by high home foreclosures and job losses across almost all sectors of the economy.

All the tax increases passed last year are set to expire in June 2011.



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Airport Commission	1
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Bayside District Corporation	3
Commission for the Senior Community	3
Commission on the Status of Women	2
Convention & Visitors Bureau	3
Disabilities Commission (At least one must be a self-identified person with a disability)	3
Housing Commission	2
Landmarks Commission (At least one must be a local historian and one architectural historian.)	3
Library Board	2
Personnel Board	1
Planning Commission	1
Recreation and Parks Commission	2
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Obama pledges permit review

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Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON Declaring himself as angry as the rest of the nation, President Barack Obama assailed oil drillers and his own administration Friday as he ordered extra scrutiny of drilling permits to head off any repeat of the sickening oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico. Engineers worked desperately to stop the leak that's belching out at least 210,000 gallons of crude a day.

As Louisiana wildlife officials reported huge tar balls littering a beach, BP PLC technicians labored to accomplish an engineering feat a mile below the water surface. They were gingerly moving joysticks to guide deep-sea robots and thread a mile-long, 6-inch tube with a rubber stopper into the 21-inch pipe gushing oil from the ocean floor — a task one expert compared to stuffing a cork with a straw through it into a gushing soda bottle.

It's the latest scheme to stop the flow after all others have failed, more than three weeks since the oil rig explosion that killed 11 workers and set off the disastrous leak.

Obama, whose comments until now have been measured, heatedly condemned a "ridiculous spectacle" of oil executives shifting blame in congressional hearings and denounced a "cozy relationship" between their companies and the federal government.

"I will not tolerate more fingerpointing or irresponsibility," Obama said in the White House Rose Garden, flanked by members of his Cabinet.

"The system failed, and it failed badly. And for that, there is enough responsibility to go around. And all parties should be willing to accept it," the president said.

Obama's tone was a marked departure from the deliberate approach and mild chiding that had characterized his response since the huge rig went up in flames April 20 and later sank 5,000 feet to the ocean floor. Then came the leaking crude, the endangered wildlife, the livelihoods of fishermen at risk.

The magnitude of the disaster has grown clearer by the day and with it the apparent need for a presidential response to choke off any comparison to the Bush administration's bungled handling of Hurricane Katrina along the Gulf Coast. White House Press Secretary Robert Gibbs said Obama had been growing increasingly frustrated with the situation, and the congressional hearings hardened that sentiment and prompted the president's more forceful tone Friday.

Next week administration officials face their own Capitol Hill grillings for the first time since the accident, with Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano appearing before a Senate committee Monday and Salazar testifying on Tuesday.

The Obama administration insists its response has been aggressive since day one, and Obama sought Friday to leave no doubts. He said he shared the anger and frustration of those affected and would not rest or be satisfied "until the leak is stopped at the source, the oil in the Gulf is contained and cleaned up, and the people of the Gulf are able to go back to their lives and their livelihoods."

Obama announced that the Interior Department would review whether the Minerals Management Service is following all environmental laws before issuing permits for offshore oil and gas development. BP's drilling operation at Deepwater Horizon received a "categorical exclusion," which allows for expedited oil and gas drilling without the detailed environmental review that normally is required.

"It seems as if permits were too often issued based on little more than assurances of safety from the oil companies," Obama said.

Echoing President Ronald Reagan's comment on nuclear arms agreements with Moscow, he said, "To borrow an old phrase, we will trust but we will verify."

Obama already had announced a 30-day review of safety procedures on oil rigs and at wells before any additional oil leases could be granted. And earlier in the week Interior Secretary Ken Salazar announced plans to split the much-criticized Minerals Management Service into two agencies, one that would be charged with inspecting oil rigs, investigating oil companies and enforcing safety regulations, while the other would oversee leases for drilling and collection of billions of dollars in royalties. Salazar has said the plan will ensure there is no conflict, "real or perceived," regarding the agency's functions.

Obama decried what he called "a cozy relationship between the oil companies and the federal agency that permits them to drill." But the president, who's announced a limited expansion of offshore drilling that's now on hold, didn't back down from his support for domestic oil drilling, saying it "continues to be one part of an overall energy strategy."

"But it's absolutely essential that, going forward, we put in place every necessary safeguard and protection," he said.

This week executives from three oil companies — BP PLC, which was drilling the well, Transocean, which owned the rig, and Halliburton, which was doing cement work to cap the well — testified on Capitol Hill, each trying to blame the other for what may have caused the disaster. Obama decried that scene.

"I did not appreciate what I considered to be a ridiculous spectacle during the congressional hearings into this matter. You had executives of BP and Transocean and Halliburton falling over each other to point the finger of blame at somebody else," the president said.

"The American people could not have been impressed with that display, and I certainly wasn't."

Parking attendants trained to watch for terrorists

OSKAR GARCIA
Associated Press Writer

LAS VEGAS Parking attendants and meter maids could be the nation's latest line of defense against terrorist attacks.

A new government program aims to train thousands of parking industry employees nationwide to watch for and report anything suspicious — abandoned cars, for example, or people hanging around garages, taking photographs or asking unusual questions.

Organizers say parking attendants and enforcement officers are as important to thwarting attacks as the two Times Square street vendors who alerted police to a smoking SUV that was found to contain a gasoline-and-propane bomb.

"We can no longer afford as a nation to say, 'It doesn't impact me or my family, so therefore I'm not getting involved,'" Bill Arrington of the Transportation Security Administration told parking industry professionals at a convention this week in Las Vegas. "We're saying, 'Please, sir, get involved.'"

The program has been in the works for about a year and gave its first presentation at the convention, attended by hundreds of people who run parking operations for cities, universities, stadiums and other places around the country.

Funded by the Federal Emergency Management Agency and administered by TSA, the program teaches parking lot operators to watch for odd activities that could precede an attack by days or months: strange odors such as diesel from gasoline vehicles, cars parked where they shouldn't be, people who seem to be conducting surveillance by taking photos or drawing sketches.

Would-be terrorists may attempt to gain access to sensitive places or materials by applying for jobs or asking employees strange questions, said Jeff Beatty, a former FBI and CIA agent who led the training in Las Vegas.

The program is part of a larger effort by the government since 9/11 to enlist ordinary people — airline passengers, subway riders, bus drivers, truckers, doormen, building superintendents — to serve as the eyes and ears of law enforcement.

Beatty said the idea is not to turn ordinary people into government agents. "You're not going to be Jack Bauer. You're not going to be James Bond," he said. But he said terror attacks like the 1995 Oklahoma City bombing that killed 168 people often are preceded by warning signs.

For example, Timothy McVeigh parked a getaway car in an alley near the Oklahoma City federal building with a note asking that it not be towed. He practiced walking from where he would park the truck to his car to time how long it would take to escape.

Similarly, in the attempted Times Square bombing, the SUV was parked illegally on the street, its engine running.

Garages nationwide stepped up security after the 1993 World Trade Center bombing, in which terrorists parked an explosives-laden truck in an underground garage. Six people were killed and hundreds injured.

Space shuttle Atlantis soars on final voyage

MARCIA DUNN
AP Aerospace Writer

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. Space shuttle Atlantis thundered away on its final voyage to orbit Friday, hoisting an experienced crew of six and a full shipment of space station gear.

Atlantis sped through a perfectly clear afternoon sky, blazing a trail over the Atlantic before huge crowds eager to catch one of the few remaining shuttle launches. More than 40,000 guests — the biggest launch-day crowd in years — packed the Kennedy Space Center.

The shuttle's destination is the International Space Station, which was soaring over the South Pacific at the time of liftoff. The shuttle should catch up with the orbiting complex and its six residents Sunday morning.

A piece of orbiting junk, however, was threatening to come too close to the space station. If necessary, Mission Control will order up a maneuver so the station can dodge the debris the night before Atlantis' arrival. The docking will not be delayed, even if the station has to move out of the way of the unidentified piece, NASA officials said.

"Good luck, godspeed and have a little fun up there," launch director Mike Leinbach told the astronauts just before liftoff. He said he was speaking on behalf of all those who have worked on Atlantis since construction began in 1980.

"Like you said, there are thousands of folks out there who have taken care of this bird for a long time," replied commander Kenneth Ham. "We're going to take her on her 32nd flight, and if you don't mind, we'll take her out of the barn and make a few more laps around the planet."

The astronauts — all repeat space fliers and all men — couldn't resist a little humor before they got down to business. They showed up for their steak and cheeseburger breakfast wearing blue and black smoking jackets, white shirts and black bow ties.

This 12-day mission is the last one planned for Atlantis, the fourth in NASA's line of space shuttles. Only two flights remain after this one, by Discovery and Endeavour. NASA plans to end the 30-year program by the end of this year.

Atlantis — which rocketed into orbit for the first time in 1985 — is loaded with fresh batteries and a Russian-built compartment for the space station. The 20-foot-long module is crammed with food, laptop computers and other U.S. supplies.

Ham and his men will install the compartment on the space station, and carry out three spacewalks to replace six old batteries and hook up an antenna and other spare parts.

Alexey Krasnov, chief of the Russian Space Agency's piloted program, said it was a miracle that Atlantis took off without any delays.

"It looks like that Atlantis is telling us, 'Please use me again. I am capable,' " he said, smiling. "Maybe two-thirds of the launches were postponed by the weather or hardware ... and today it worked exactly as planned."

Only a few small bits of insulating foam were seen coming off the fuel tank during liftoff, nothing significant, officials said.

Launch spectators included Defense Secretary Robert Gates and late-night TV host David Letterman, as well as dozens of Russians. About 150 Twittering guests watched from Kennedy's media complex.

Matt Balan, 29, of Alexandria, Va., lost his network connection right at liftoff as he was trying to tweet. He finally got this message out a few minutes after the fact: "That was spectacular!!!!"

Even off-duty astronauts marveled at the sight of Atlantis rising one last time, snapping pictures with their cell phones. "That was an incredible launch," said Rick Mastracchio, who flew last month on Discovery. Some Apollo astronauts also showed up.

President Barack Obama wants NASA to focus on getting astronauts to an asteroid by 2025 and into orbit around Mars by 2035. He canceled the previous administration's plan to return to the moon.

Friday's launch was NASA's fourth shuttle liftoff in six months. Now the pace will slow a bit. Discovery isn't due to fly until September, followed by Endeavour in November — at the earliest.



Surf Conditions **Water Temp:** 58°

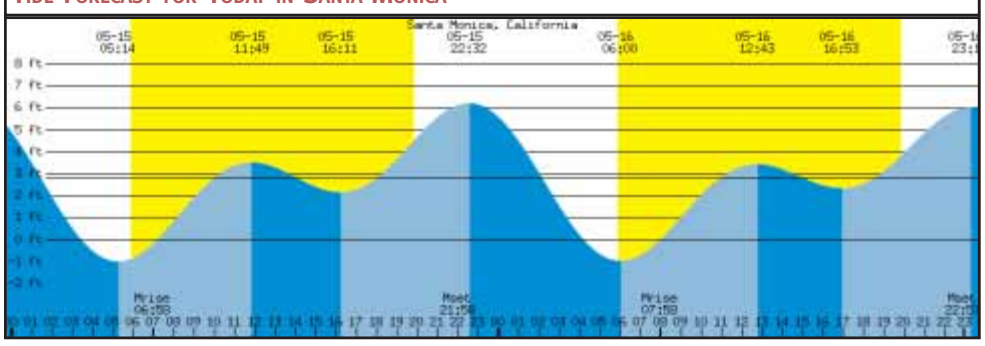
Swell Forecast

Steep angled NW swell should back down to around chest high max for west facing breaks. Winds should be lightly offshore for a good part of the day.

Long Range Synopsis

End of week looks very small as well.

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 **May 11, 2010**

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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 -- 8
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 40 / 24
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 4 / 21

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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.	A+	A+
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.	A+	F
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	A	A+
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	A+	A+
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth.	B	A+
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	B	A+
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	D
Solstice Canyon at Dan Blocker County Beach.	D	A+
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth.	A+	F
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd..	A	F
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	A+
Surfrider Beach (breach location)- daily.	F	C
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	A	F
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	A+	A+
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero).	F	D
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs.	A+	A+
Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach.	A+	A+
Tuna Canyon.	A+	A+
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.	ns	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	A+	F

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

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WORLD CUP

Bocanegra ready for World Cup after injury scare

GRAHAM DUNBAR
AP Sports Writer

ZURICH U.S. captain Carlos Bocanegra says he'll be ready for next week's World Cup training camp after a late-season injury had him fearing for his place in the roster.

The defender has missed Rennes' last two Ligue 1 matches because of stomach pains he could not explain and will skip Saturday's season finale at Boulogne.

"Obviously, I was scared," he told The Associated Press on Friday. "I just got fatigued and had to take a few weeks off."

Bocanegra's problems began when an opponent kicked his left knee in a March 28 match against Le Mans.

"I was overcompensating because I wasn't running properly," he said.

The 30-year-old from Alta Loma, Calif., tried to play through groin and abdominal pain against Lyon the next week.

He became alarmed with the approach of the U.S. team's World Cup opener against England on June 12 in South Africa.

"I came to a point where I thought, OK, I need to think about the World Cup a little bit now," he said. "It's not far away. What's going on here? So I had to shut it down."

Bocanegra got his club's approval to train at his own pace. By skipping Rennes' final Ligue 1 match, he was free Friday to join U.S. Soccer Federation president Sunil Gulati at FIFA in presenting the five-volume bid book to host the World Cup in the United States for a second time in 2018 or 2022.

FIFA president Sepp Blatter thanked the U.S. delegation for bringing the national team captain.

Bocanegra flies home Saturday. The 30 players selected by coach Bob Bradley for his preliminary roster start workouts Monday in Princeton, N.J.

"The club was good with me in that aspect," Bocanegra said. "Now I can fully focus on the World Cup."

American defender Oguchi Onyewu was among 22 players selected for AC Milan's season finale on Saturday night against Juventus and could play for the first time since injuring a knee in October.

Onyewu traveled for last Sunday's Serie A game at Genoa but didn't dress.

He had left knee surgery Oct. 21, seven days after tearing his patellar tendon during a World Cup qualifier against Costa Rica.

Onyewu joined AC Milan last summer from Belgium's Standard Liege but played in just one of 10 competitive matches before getting hurt — he came on as a 60th-minute substitute against Zurich in the Champions League on Sept. 30.

Meanwhile, forward Eddie Johnson has been diagnosed with a strained hamstring. Johnson was hurt while playing for Aris in a Greek league playoff game against AEK Athens on Wednesday, a day after he was selected for the preliminary U.S. roster.

He will report to training camp for the start of practice Monday, U.S. Soccer Federation spokesman Michael Kammarman said.

The 26-year-old from Palm Coast, Fla., has 12 goals in 40 international appearances. He is on loan to Aris from Fulham.

World Cup teams must cut to the 23-man limit by June 1.

NBA PLAYOFFS

Suns look to duplicate NHL's Canadiens' success

MATT PAULSON
AP Sports Writer

PHOENIX Phoenix coach Alvin Gentry has two words for the multitudes who aren't giving his Suns any chance in the Western Conference finals against the defending champion Los Angeles Lakers:

"Pittsburgh Penguins."

Last year's Stanley Cup winner and the favorite this season was bounced in the second round of the NHL playoffs Wednesday by the No. 8 seed Montreal Canadiens.

The talent-rich Penguins were stopped by the play of a hot goalie, but for the Suns to send home the equally talented Lakers, they know they will need an outstanding performance from more than one player.

Phoenix will rely on the depth that has carried it all season, look to win a few key matchups and enjoy the lack of pressure that comes with being a heavy underdog.



MOVIE TIMES

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

Saturday, May 15

Double Feature
Stop Making Sense (NA) 1hr 28min
The Last Waltz (NA) 1hr 57min
7:30

Sunday, May 16
Double Feature
Batman: 1966 version (NA) 1hr45min
Flash Gordon (NA) 1hr 51 min
5:00

Call theater for information.

AMC Loews Broadway 4
1441 Third Street Promenade

Furry Vengeance (PG) 1hr 32min
11:30am, 2:00, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30

Death at a Funeral (R) 1hr 30min
11:05am, 1:30, 4:00, 7:20, 9:50

Iron Man 2 Digital Projection (PG-13) 2hr 4min
12:15, 3:15, 6:15, 9:15

Babies (PG) 1hr 20min
11:00am, 1:10, 3:20, 5:30, 7:45, 10:00

AMC 7 Santa Monica
1310 Third St.
(310) 289-4262

Just Wright (PG) 1hr 51min
11:00am, 1:45, 4:25, 7:00, 9:40

Iron Man 2 (PG-13) 2hrs 5min
1:15, 4:15, 7:15, 10:15

Iron Man 2 Digital Presentation (PG-13) 2hrs 5min
11:15am, 2:15, 5:15, 8:15, 11:15

A Nightmare on Elm Street (2010) Digital Presentation (R) 1hr 37min
12:15, 2:45, 5:30, 8:00, 10:45

The Back-up Plan (PG-13) 1hr 38min
11:30am, 2:00, 4:30, 7:10, 9:45

Date Night (PG-13) 1hr 28min
11:45am, 2:20, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00

Kick-Ass (Digital Presentation) (R) 1hr 57min
11:05am, 1:55, 4:45, 7:45, 10:50

Laemmle's Monica Fourplex
1332 Second St.
(310) 394-9741

Exit Through The Gift Shop (R) 1hr 43min
1:00, 3:10, 5:20, 7:40, 10:00

Princess Kaiulani (PG) 1hr 52min
11:20am,1:40, 4:10, 7:10, 9:45

Harry Brown (R) 1hr 58min
1:50, 4:40, 7:30, 10:00

City Island (PG-13) 1hr 55min
1:50, 4:20, 7:20, 9:50

See What Im Saying (NR) 1hr 30min
11:00am

In My Sleep (PG13) 1hr 30min
11:00am

The City Of Your Final Destination (PG13)
1hr 58min 11:00am

Mann's Criterion Theatre
1313 Third St.
(310) 395-1599

Robin Hood (PG-13) 2hrs 28min
11:10am, 12:10, 1:10, 2:10, 3:20, 4:20, 5:20, 6:40, 7:40, 8:30, 9:45, 10:45, 11:45

Letters to Juliet (PG) 1hr 45min
11:30am, 12:30, 2:00, 3:00, 4:30, 5:30, 7:00, 8:00, 9:30, 10:30, 12:00am

How to Train Your Dragon (PG) 1hr 38min
11:00am, 1:30, 4:10, 6:50, 9:20

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

Dinner at a favorite spot tonight, Aries

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★★ Your expressiveness marks plans. A child, friend or loved one expresses his or her delight at being with you. Plan on a fun excursion or a day outing. Sometimes a change of environment recharges your batteries. Tonight: Dinner at a favorite spot.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ An investment might seem great. Another person certainly pushes you in that direction. You might want to make the leap but simply cannot. Go back and check facts and figures. Don't act until you feel confident. Tonight: An easy dinner with friends.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ Others sense the dynamo that lies within you. You might have a lot of ground to cover, between calls, errands and catching up with a neighbor's or sibling's news. Use care if you're irritated. You could be accident-prone. Tonight: You are the center of attention wherever you go.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★ Make this a time for you. If you want to invite someone along, then do. Still, understand that you need time to think and center yourself. Use care with spending, as frustration easily could funnel in that direction. Tonight: Vanish while you can.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★★ If you note a tendency toward dry wit or sarcasm today, you might want to think about the person you have directed this attitude toward. Are you upset with this person in some way? Talk. Working out problems could be a snap. Tonight: Where the action is, of course.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★ Don't forget to drop in on an older friend or relative, or at least make a phone call. Be careful if you are repressing anger, as it could come out in strange ways. Clear out your feelings through a discussion. Anger is only hurt feelings gone too far. Tonight: Do what you must.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★★ A friend could push very hard to have his or her way. Detach and look at your resistance. Is it worth the long-term problem? A day trip could help resolve some questions. Choose only easy company. Tonight: Add your imagination to plans.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★★ A partner could be all encompassing and in some form demanding. You must handle a commitment or responsibility before you can relax. Communicate this fact in one style after another until the other party gets it. Tonight: Go for an old-fashioned date.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★★ A special person demonstrates his or her imaginative capacity. Whether you enjoy deciding together where to vacation or hop in the car for a drive to explore a favorite spot, it is the process that you both enjoy the most. Tonight: Go with a suggestion.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★ Don't overthink what you must do. Just go off and do it. Remember, you are the workhorse of the Zodiac. A partner could be critical or touchy. This mood will pass soon enough, once you can spend more quality time together. Tonight: Make it easy. Don't push too hard.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ Your childlike side emerges no matter what. Others could be delighted or judgmental. You couldn't care less. A partner or friend joins you. Make time for a child or someone who really needs some extra time. Tonight: Keep your dancing shoes on.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Invite friends over for a fun dinner. Make it easy, and you will have a good time preparing for this get-together. You might want to clean an area of the house where you would like to entertain. Squeeze in some exercise. Tonight: Where the action is.

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 break past previous restrictions, especially personally. You will feel freer as a result. At the same time, there could be a change, as in a move or redoing your present digs. You are transforming, thus your home reflects that change. If you are single, you could be more open to settling in, but make time your ally. If you are attached, the two of you might have many differences of opinion.

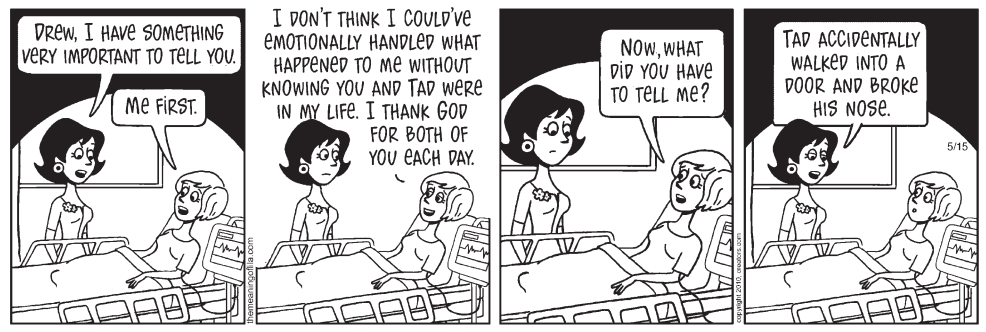
Girls and Sports

By Justin Borus and Andrew Feinstein



The Meaning of Lila

By John Forgetta & L.A. Rose



Garfield

By Jim Davis



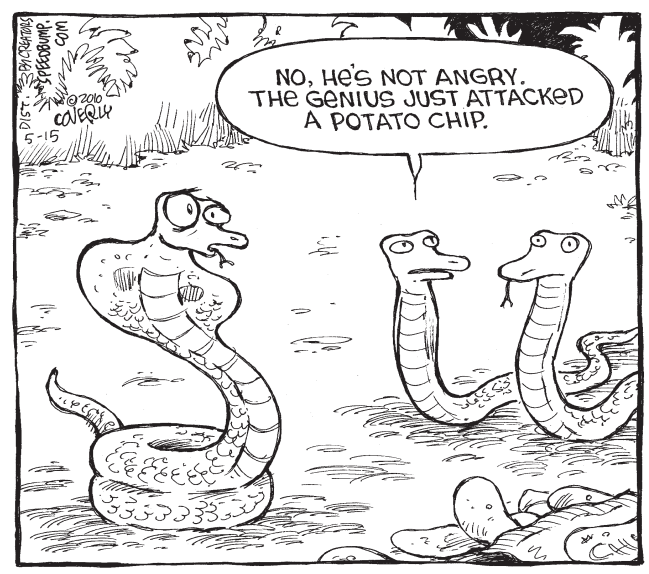
Strange Brew

By John Deering



Speed Bump

By Dave Coverly





Sudoku

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

Difficulty Level ★★★★

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8			9		7			6
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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

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

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CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 "Beat it!"
6 Eellike fish
11 Witch
12 In the know
13 Baltimore player
14 Car sticker
15 Quarterback Johnny
17 Rascal
18 Storage spot
19 Some June babies
22 Decline
23 Skirts
24 Lock
25 Lament
27 Nourished
30 Banquo's killer
31 Chopping tool
32 Wrap up
33 Jazz lover
35 Raison —
38 Tea-party guest
39 "Hound Dog" singer
40 Blockheads
41 Org.
42 Workout byproduct

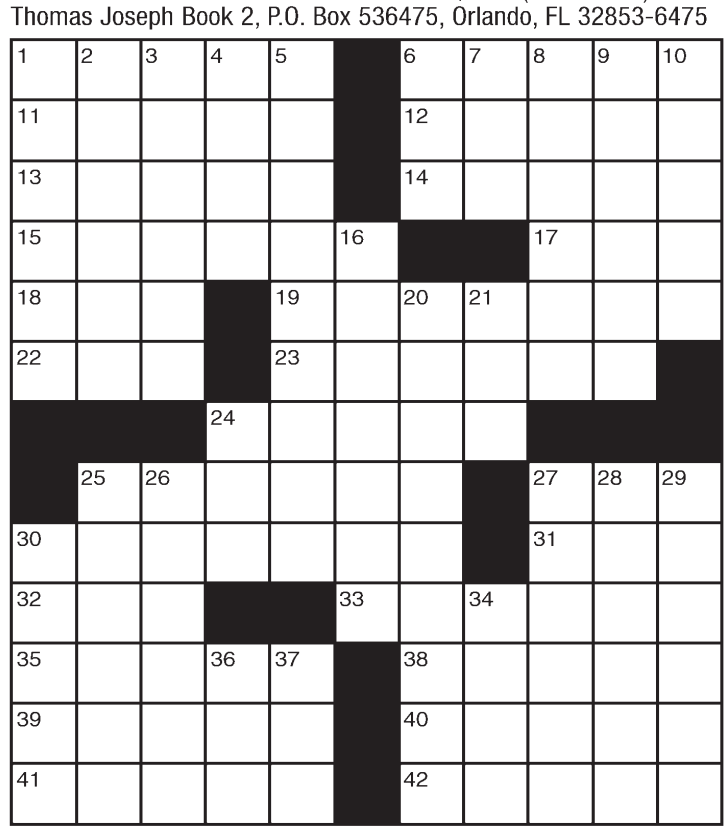
DOWN

1 Surgeon's garb
2 Brain cases
3 Nomadic
4 Without — (risky way to work)
5 Animal collection
6 Fuming
7 Need to pay
8 Wisconsin city
9 Friend of D'Artagnan
10 Quick barks
16 Inning with a stretch
20 Magazine staff listings
21 Check users' needs
24 PC key
25 Comic-strip makeup
26 Some flat screeners
27 Glib
28 Track bet
29 Abhor
30 Greek sorceress
34 Farm implement
36 Carnival city
37 PC key

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1st: 03 Hot Shot
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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ (1) Delmer Doss, 19, and his girlfriend, Amber Burgess, 19, were arrested in Stanley, N.C., in February on child abuse charges after police found a video made by the couple of their 11-month-old son. The toddler was blindfolded, and the parents were shown laughing at him, over and over, as he bumped into walls and fell down. (2) In March in Dallas, Krystal Gardner, 28, confronting a repo man driving off with her SUV, tossed her 1-year-old baby through an open window to stop the moving vehicle. (At that point, the repo man stopped and got out, but moments later, a teenager emerged from Gardner's house and began firing a 12-gauge shotgun.

■ (1) Macdonald Portal Golf and Spa Hotel (Cheshire, England) declined to provide a toothpick to a dinner guest on New Year's Day (to dislodge a piece of meat between his teeth) because the facility's manager said she believes that toothpicks are safety hazards. (2) Citing restrictions of Scotland's Strathclyde Fire and Rescue force, a supervisor ordered firefighters on the scene not to attempt to rescue the 44-year-old woman who had accidentally fallen into a well. The restrictions require that only certified "mountain rescuers" are authorized to climb into wells. The nearest squad did not arrive for six hours, and the woman died. (3) Mirko Fischer, 33, filed a lawsuit against British Airways in January for separating him from his wife, even though they had valid tickets for adjacent seats. BA regulations forbid seating an adult next to an unaccompanied minor, and thus Fischer, with wife on one side and 12-year-old boy on the other, was removed to the only open seat, far away from his wife.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1905 The Russian minelayer Amur laid a minefield about 15 miles off Port Arthur and sank Japan's battleship Hatsuse, 15,000 tons, with 496 crew.

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