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Potential new office to ready city for disaster

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL As communities in Missouri, Alabama and abroad are torn apart by natural and manmade disasters of untold proportion, Santa Monicans have to ask themselves a serious question: Are we ready?

If you believe the movies, Santa Monica seems likely to be destroyed by alien attack, which no one can prepare for, but City Hall hopes to create a new Office of Emergency Management which looks a little closer to Earth.

The office, included in the 2011-13 budgets being considered now by the City Council, would be funded at $810,361 for the first year and $649,954 for the second, and fall under the purview of the City

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Sun rising on new solar fund

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL If city officials get their way, harnessing green energy will be a little bit easier on the wallet.

Solar energy has long been discussed as a strong candidate for renewable energy because by the time the sun is no longer there to produce it, we won't be either.

Unfortunately, solar cells, usually panels of various sizes that collect energy from the sun's rays, are notoriously expensive, and it can be difficult for the average business, homeowner or even city to put up the cash needed to capture a meaningful amount of the freely-given energy.

Santa Monica's Office of Sustainability and the Environment announced plans Tuesday to seek offers from private investors to create a "solar fund" to ease the burden on others that want to put up a photovoltaic array on their building.

Private investors would put money into the fund, which another person or entity could then use to purchase solar cells.

Under the plan, the investors would get tax credits from state and federal programs for the cells and money from the arrays' users for the energy produced.

Between the tax credits and the proceeds, investors would get their costs back as well as a decent return on investment.

The program saves money up front and guarantees energy prices at a set rate said Dean Kubani, director of the Office of Sustainability and the Environment.

"We'll know what the power cost would

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FIT FOR A CAUSE

Brandon Wise *brandonw@smdp.com*

Santa Monica police officers and firefighters on Thursday climb rope during the CrossFit 'Hero Workout' in honor of SMPD officer and Marine Rick Crocker, who was killed six years ago in action in Iraq. The event took place on Santa Monica's Muscle Beach.

Arrests made in series of robberies

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Editor in Chief

PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITY Santa Monica police officers, with the help of the Los Angeles Police Department, apprehended three men believed responsible for a string of street robberies that occurred in Santa Monica, West Los Angeles and the San Fernando Valley, authorities said Thursday.

SMPD Sgt. Richard Lewis said the three male suspects were arrested May 18 by officers with the LAPD's West Valley Division after they received a suspicious persons call.

The three suspects were identified as Ali Karimi, 19, of Chatsworth; Theophilus Marcoe Ammons, 19, of Rialto; and a 16-year-old male from Northridge.

The first robbery occurred on May 14 at 3:30 p.m. in the 600 block of Adelaide Avenue, Lewis said. A woman told officers that she got off a bus at the corner of Seventh Street and San Vicente Boulevard and was walking to work when the three suspects approached, one with a knife, and took her property. The suspects fled in an older model Mercedes Benz. A partial license plate number was obtained.

Later that day, the Beverly Hills Police Department received a report of three suspicious men matching the suspects' descriptions driving a Mercedes around town. Police said the men left the city when they saw a resident watching them. As the investigation continued, detectives learned that the same suspects and vehicle committed an armed robbery later that day in the San Fernando Valley.

On May 17, Lewis said another street robbery was reported at approximately 11 p.m. in the 1200 block of Second Street in Santa Monica. In this robbery, two African-American males approached the victims and demanded they hand over their property. One of the suspects had a gun. The suspects fled in the same older model Mercedes. At that point, investigators believed the two Santa Monica robberies were related.

Approximately 90 minutes after that robbery, another was reported in the LAPD's Wilshire Division. Investigators with both law enforcement agencies combined forces and all three suspects were linked to the robberies, Lewis said.

The investigation is ongoing.

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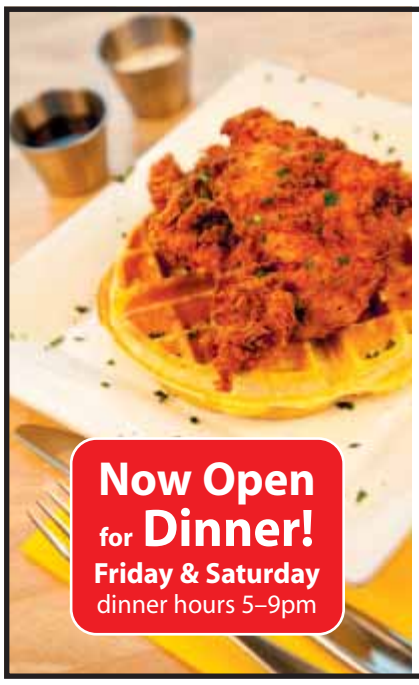


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What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Friday, May 27, 2011

'Giselle'
The Broad Stage
1310 11th St., 7:30 p.m.
Celebrate Los Angeles Ballet's fifth season with "Giselle." The beloved full-length romantic ballet makes its LAB debut. For more information, call (310) 434-3200. This production also takes place on Saturday at 6 p.m., and Sunday at 2 p.m.

'Sand in the Air'
Morgan-Wixson Theatre
2627 Pico Blvd., 8 p.m.
When a young doctor in a remote factory town on the Tex-Mex border is accused of sexual misconduct in his consulting rooms he learns that corporate politics can override the course of justice in "Sand in the Air." With satirical humor, the play explores the ever-increasing limits and distortions of personal freedom in a world manipulated by corporate and political controls. The play is inspired by an actual Texas court case. For more information, call (310) 828-7519.

'Locked and Loaded'
Santa Monica Playhouse
1211 Fourth St., 8 p.m.
"Locked and Loaded," Todd Susman's first published play, stars stage and screen personalities Paul Linke, Andrew Parks, Tarina Pouncy, Terasa Sciortino and Sandra Thigpen and is helmed by award-winning director Chris DeCarlo. For more information, visit santamonicaplayhouse.com.

Saturday, May 28, 2011

Symphony's season finale
Santa Monica Civic Auditorium
1855 Main St., 7:30 p.m.
Join the Santa Monica Symphony for its last concert of the 2010-11 season. Its very own concertmaster, Michael Emery, will be the featured soloist for this evening of music. Program includes Mahler's "Totenfeier" and Tchaikovsky's "Symphony No. 5." UCLA musicology professor Raymond Knapp will present a pre-concert lecture beginning at 6:30 p.m. Admission is free. For more information, call (310) 395-6330.

'Java Drama 2'
Samohi's Barnum Hall
600 Olympic Blvd., 8 p.m. & 8 p.m.
"Java Drama 2" presents two different shows. Each one is chock full of music, dance, one-act plays, videos, puppetry, artwork, monologues and poetry. Not to mention delicious desserts and fresh-brewed espresso drinks served café style by theatre student wait staff. For more information, call (310) 395-3204 ext. 71239.

Massive yard sale
Euclid Street, between Pico and Ocean Park boulevards
9 a.m. — 1 p.m.
There will be a massive yard sale held along an 11-block stretch of Euclid Street. Organizers say the epicenter of the sale will be Euclid and Pine.

CityRace: Santa Monica
Santa Monica Pier
10 a.m. — noon
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FOR THE ARTS

Stephanie Salvatore *news@smdp.com*

Laura Martino (right) and Danielle Grossman of the Whole Foods marketing team on Wednesday present Santa Monica Museum of Art's Elsa Longhauser with an $8,375 check which came from 5 percent of net sales from all three Santa Monica-based Whole Foods markets during Community Giving Days. SMMoA will put the contribution toward education, exhibitions and outreach programs.

State revamps sex-offender tracking

DON THOMPSON
Associated Press

SACRAMENTO Buried under a tidal wave of electronic data, California parole agents next week will significantly change how they monitor and respond to alarms from tracking devices that are affixed to released sex offenders, The Associated Press has learned.

An internal California Department of Corrections report obtained by The AP found that parole agents spend 44 percent of their work weeks reviewing the computer-tracked movements of parolees, and just 12 percent in the field.

They'll get some relief on Wednesday, when the companies that provide the satellite-linked ankle bracelets will begin screening the tens of thousands of electronic alarms that flood in each month. The companies will forward the most serious alerts to parole agents while weeding out those that signal more mundane problems such a low battery or lost cell phone signal.

Corrections officials fear parole agents' lack of personal contact can embolden released sex offenders to harass their previous victims or commit new crimes. They are seeking to minimize the sort of information fatigue that inadvertently helped paroled rapist Phillip Garrido keep a kidnapped woman captive for 18 years.

"The whole purpose of trying this out is to enable the parole agents to focus more on direct supervision," corrections department spokeswoman Terry Thornton said.

The companies that provide the GPS equipment also will screen the alerts in selected areas and attempt to contact parolees if, for instance, their bracelets have lost contact or the battery has run low. Parole agents will be contacted if the parolee cannot be reached or if an alert signals a danger, such as a parolee getting too close to a victim's home.

A team of parole officers and other department employees will oversee the program and work with local law enforcement agencies to see if parolees' GPS-tracked movements can help solve crimes.

California tracks more paroled sex offenders with GPS than any other state, at a cost of $60 million a year.

While each offender has been strapped with an ankle bracelet since January 2009, the corrections department began requiring agents to do even more remote supervision of parolees in response to their failure to catch Garrido. The released sex offender kidnapped Jaycee Dugard and fathered two children with her while imprisoning her in a backyard shack of his home in Antioch.

Subsequent reviews detailed how parole agents ignored hundreds of alerts that showed Garrido violated his curfew.

Assembly limits use of fingerprints to arrest immigrants

ADAM WEINTRAUB
Associated Press

SACRAMENTO Democrats in California's Assembly joined other states Thursday in questioning the federal system that uses fingerprints to check the immigration status of people picked up by police.

The Assembly approved AB1081 on a 43-22 party line vote after heated debate over public safety and whether the measure would help or hurt it.

The bill would add new restrictions and let counties opt out of the state agreement on use of the Safe Communities automatic fingerprint program to screen for citizenship and criminal background.

The legislation now moves to the state Senate.

Other states have taken similar steps amid complaints the program is supposed to help deport convicted felons but has also swept up crime victims, witnesses and people who were arrested but never convicted.

Assemblyman Tom Ammiano, D-San Francisco, argued that his bill would protect public safety because immigrants would be more willing to report crime if they didn't fear deportation.

The fingerprint program "has actually harmed public safety and seriously undercut community policing strategies," he said.

Comparing fingerprints against federal records under the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement program led to the deportation of nearly 36,000 undocumented immigrants from California from October 2008 through February 2011, according to an analysis of the bill by legislative staff.

However, 27 percent were not criminals, and 41 percent were considered low-level offenders.

Opponents said the bill would leave criminals free who should be deported.

"This bill expands the concept of sanctuary cities to sanctuary counties," said Assemblyman Tim Donnelly, R-Twin Peaks, who helped found a Minuteman chapter in Southern California and introduced a bill that echoed major elements of Arizona's controversial immigration enforcement bill. That California bill was shot down this session in committee.

Donnelly cited a 2008 San Francisco case in which three members of a family were shot to death by a gang member who was an illegal immigrant and had been released from custody as a juvenile.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Ban circumcision

Editor:

If the proposed ban on circumcision of minors succeeds, it will mark a superb win against one of the largest breaches of human rights still perpetrated in the USA today. Circumcision is dangerous, medically unnecessary, catastrophically painful and in breach of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the U.N. Convention on the Rights of the Child.

Circumcision does not prevent AIDS, is not more "hygienic," does not make the penis somehow "look better," reduces penile health by causing drying and abrasion of the glands, ruins sexual pleasure and function and crucially, causes the deaths of 300 boys in the USA annually, all at the cost of $2 billion. As such it cannot be recommended on medical grounds. And, it should not be allowed on religious grounds, either.

The Supreme Court of the United States rules that the parents' freedom of religious belief does not extend to committing harmful acts on their children. Furthermore, the Quran does not require it, and a growing number of Jews are realizing that circumcision of babies violates their religion's ethics.

It is imperative that parents are informed of these facts so they can support the motion when it comes to ballot and protect their sons.

Eleanor Smith
Norwich, United Kingdom

Courtesy must be earned

Editor:

Let me tell you about bike riders in Culver City. They ride three abreast down the street, do not obey stop signs, signals and do not yield the right of way to pedestrians.

Bike riders are supposed to obey traffic rules like cars, but do not. They think they have an entitlement to break the law, that's why there are so many bikers hit by cars, especially in Santa Monica. When I used to take my granddaughter to school and drove down Ocean Avenue, the bike packs used to come down the street four and five abreast and turn on San Vicente Boulevard and didn't bother to observe any traffic signs. There is never a policeman around when this happens.

I don't drive to Santa Monica anymore, mainly because of the traffic and I can get what I want in Culver City or West Los Angeles. But back to bike riders, when they start observing the rules of the road then maybe drivers will become more courteous to them.

Jackie Kestler
Culver City



Laughing Matters

Jack Neworth — **Send comments to editor@smdp.com**



Photo courtesy David L. Coffin

SHE DID IT: **After 10 years, Jennifer Coffin received her B.A. degree from CSUN.**

Jenny graduates, we all graduate

ANYBODY WHO FOLLOWS THIS COLUMN knows that occasionally I vent about what I perceive to be injustices. (OK, maybe it's more than occasionally.) But today I'm proudly writing about my eldest niece, Jennifer. You see, 45 years ago Jenny was born deaf and blind in one eye (from German measles) and on Wednesday she graduated from Cal State Northridge. So I can almost assure you that this column will be rant-free. (Hopefully.)

Fortunately, as a society, we have also graduated, to some degree. (No pun intended.) I'm talking about people's attitudes toward those with special needs and challenges. As Steve, a disabled friend, jokes, "If you have to be in a wheel chair, this is probably the best time to do it." (A tragic example of "attitude" is that decades ago deafness was commonly referred to as "deaf and dumb.")

As it happens, Jenny began grade school right here in Santa Monica in 1971. From personal observation, I can attest that our school system wasn't really equipped to accommodate hearing impaired children. In a way, even the John Tracy Clinic, perhaps the most famous hearing loss treatment center in the country, let Jenny and her parents down. They rejected her because she had two impairments, hearing and vision.

All her life, my niece had battled the odds. In addition to the challenges growing up, as an adult she contracted Ménière's disease, causing vertigo so severe she was basically bed-ridden for two years. Thankfully, a Cochlear implant operation brought the vertigo under control.

Just three years ago, at CSUN, Jenny had to deal with someone's ignorance — a professor no less. He inadvertently sent her an e-mail which he intended for his teaching assistant. Complaining about deaf students, the professor wrote a limerick making fun of my niece. (One that he's fortunate I didn't get a chance to respond to in person.) But, focused on her degree, Jenny insisted that our family forgive him and, amazingly enough, his class became her all-time favorite. Go figure.

Jenny credits much of her determination to the support from her parents, Brenda and Dave, from her husband (also named David) and her younger sister, Erin, who recently got her master's in psychology. (And also got engaged!)

In addition, Jenny credits a teacher at Pierce College who reached out. She persuaded Jennifer to attend a rigorous year-long reading program which gave her the skills to compete with hearing students. But it was the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 that provided the help that Jennifer needed.

UNTIL A.D.A., COLLEGE FOR JENNY HAD BEEN LIKE PUSHING A BOULDER UPHILL. SHE COULDN'T HEAR THE PROFESSORS' LECTURES NOR, IN MOST CASES, GET CLOSE ENOUGH TO READ THEIR LIPS.

Until ADA, college for Jenny had been like pushing a boulder uphill. She couldn't hear the professors' lectures nor, in most cases, get close enough to read their lips. But after ADA, schools had to provide interpreters for deaf students.

So it was that, in 2008, Jennifer returned to CSUN and could see a path for herself, albeit one step at a time. This past Wednesday, when she participated in CSUN's graduation ceremony, she took the last step on that journey.

But there will be other journeys for Jennifer. As she begins her job search as a college graduate, she's hoping to get one helping others, perhaps deaf students who are facing the same difficulties she did many years ago. Then Jenny could make a difference like her teacher at Pierce.

In these budget-cutting times I doubt if ADA legislation would ever pass. Apparently giant oil corporations will always get their subsidies but the disabled can't afford high-priced lobbyists. Whoops, this is sounding dangerously close to a rant. So I'll end by just saying, "Congratulations Jenny, love Uncle Jack."

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SMDP EDITORIAL

Allow Yahoo! Center to continue parking business, but at a price

The owners of the Yahoo! Center are asking the City Council to allow them to continue leasing more than 1,000 parking spaces to people like Saint John's Health Center and local car dealers, something they have been doing illegally under the terms of their development agreement for at least a decade. They say they have enough spaces to satisfy demand from their tenants and their employees and will be able to lease those spaces without creating a parking crunch.

The Daily Press is in favor of leasing because shared-parking is a key component of the Land Use and Circulation Element, a planning document that will dictate development in Santa Monica for at least 20 years. However, we will only support the amendment to the development agreement if residents get something substantial in return (we're talking cash money) and the council is provided with estimates on how much the owners stand to make from the parking so it can determine the amount of benefits the city should receive. Currently, the owners of the Yahoo! Center have yet to make that information public and it doesn't look like they will.

The developers of the Yahoo! Center entered into a development agreement in 1981. In exchange for higher, denser buildings, the developers were required to build underground parking and provided the community with a childcare center, a 3.5-acre park, community rooms, nearly $3 million worth of art and social service benefits through park and community room maintenance, a traffic signal, street lighting and turn lane improvements, 51 units of affordable housing, and more than $2 million for City Hall's housing fund.

The center was also not allowed to charge tenants for parking, something the community wanted out of fear that if employees had to pay, they would park on residential streets. Since the developers want to remove that community benefit and charge new tenants, the community should get something in return. The center has proposed a pretty substantial transportation demand management program which includes things like carpooling, convenient parking for cyclists, and reimbursements for taking public transit.

While all those things are great, they are not enough. LUCE will require, and many employers already do, transportation demand management programs, so offering that as a community benefit carries little weight with us. The center should be doing it regardless. We want cash, perhaps a certain percentage of parking revenues on top of the parking tax already collected, which could be used to pay for the Big Blue Bus, shuttles to ferry Saint John's employees to the hospital, more bike lanes or other transportation improvements to help combat traffic congestion.

We believe cash is the way to go because it is obvious that City Hall cannot be trusted when it comes to monitoring development agreement compliance. We've seen it with the Dorchester, we've seen it with the Arboretum and Saint John's, which is trying to get out of building a parking structure, a more than $30 million investment. Former planning director Suzanne Frick dropped the ball, as did the members of the City Council, who failed to properly manage these agreements. If it wasn't for current Planning Director Eileen Fogarty digging into these agreements, who knows how long City Hall would have turned a blind eye.

Cash is best because city officials seem to really pay attention to the almighty dollar. For example, while the owners of the Yahoo! Center were illegally leasing parking, they were paying a parking tax to City Hall for at least seven years. So, City Hall was accepting money from an illegal operation (under the development agreement) and either didn't recognize it or decided to let it continue because cash rules everything around us. It's pretty ridiculous when looking back on the situation. Apparently, no one in planning was communicating with finance.

With that in mind, let's make it simple for City Hall. Keep your eyes on the money. Let the Yahoo! Center lease its surplus parking, with the caveat that they must stop if demand rises, and have it pay the parking tax plus a community benefit fee that is restricted for transit/transportation uses. That would be best. Come on, council. Do your job, hold people accountable and stick up for the residents. We're pretty sure that if residents were doing something illegal for 10 years, they wouldn't get a hearing, more like a form letter saying cease and desist or pay a major fine (remember the hedges). Treat the Yahoo! Center the same way. Don't back down, be stern and let's get a benefit that truly helps the community, not another community room or more public art.

The Q Line

Giving to the schools

The SMMUSD Board of Education last week voted to reconvene a citizen-led committee to look at the possibility of a future parcel tax and bond measure to fund local schools.

So, this week's Q-Line question asks: Would you support either a parcel tax or a bond measure, or has the district gone to the well too many times?

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CRIME WATCH
BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

Drugs, shoplifting keep cops busy

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SUNDAY, MAY 22, AT 6:55 A.M.,
Santa Monica police officers were on patrol in the 1300 block of Stanford Street when they saw a gold Lexus RX commit a traffic violation. Officers pulled the driver over to issue a ticket. They asked for the driver's ID, but he did not have one. Officers determined the driver was on parole for narcotics and believed he was under the influence of a controlled substance. He was arrested and booked for being under the influence of a controlled substance. He was identified as Peter Carmine Goller, 45, of Los Angeles. His bail was set at $25,000.

SATURDAY, MAY 21, AT 10:32 P.M.,
Officers were on patrol on the 800 block of Grant Street when they spotted a woman whom they believed was unable to care for herself. Officers made contact with the woman, who said that she recently smoked crystal meth and produce a glass pipe that was in her possession, police said. Officers placed the suspect under arrest for possession of drug paraphernalia. She was identified as Marissa Alea Price, 19, a transient. Her bail was set at $250.

SATURDAY, MAY 21, AT 8:30 P.M.,
Officers working the Third Street Promenade on foot were flagged down by security at the Apple store regarding a woman causing a disturbance. Officers went to the store and made contact with employees who said the woman entered the store and began yelling and cursing. When asked to leave, the woman allegedly began yelling that security stole something from her and that she was going to sue the store. Management asked officers to have the suspect leave. She refused and was placed under arrest for trespassing. She was identified as Kathleen Martin, 55, a transient. Her bail was set at $5,000.

FRIDAY, MAY 20, AT 3:10 P.M.,
An officer assigned to the transit detail was in the area of Aviation and Imperial boulevards in Los Angeles when he saw a man whom he recognized from prior arrests inside the Green Line Bus Terminal smoking marijuana. Officers were called and they detained the suspect. Officers searched him and discovered more pot, prescription drugs belonging to another person and two live shotgun shells, police said. The suspect was placed under arrest for possession of a controlled substance, being a convicted felon in possession of ammunition, possession of marijuana and warrants. He was identified as Rene Banuelos, 26, of Inglewood. His bail was set at $50,376.

FRIDAY, MAY 20, AT 1:14 P.M.,
Officers responded to the 300 block of Colorado Avenue — Sears — regarding a shoplifter in custody. When officers arrived, they made contact with the store's security who said they saw the suspect enter the store and place several items in an empty Sears bag that she brought with her into the store. The suspect then purchased some shoes and left the store without paying for the other items in the bag. She was detained by security and roughly $700 worth of merchandise was recovered. Officers transported the suspect to jail and she was booked for petty theft and released with a citation. She was identified as Manuela Conceptio Suchite, 59, of Los Angeles.

THURSDAY, MAY 19, AT 1:30 P.M.,
Officers responded to the 1900 block of 19th Street regarding a report of a family disturbance. When officers arrived, they made contact with the alleged victim who told officers that she was involved in an argument with her son when he grabbed her by her jacket and pushed her into a wall. The suspect then began to shake the victim and eventually threw her to the ground, police said. The suspect then left and the mother called police. Officers located the suspect and he was arrested for battery. He was identified as Calvin Denard Neal-Vaughn, 22, of Santa Monica. His bail was set at $20,000.

TUESDAY, MAY 17, AT 3:30 P.M.,
Officers responded to the 300 block of Colorado Avenue — Sears — regarding a report of an employee stealing from the company. When officers arrived, they made contact with store security who said they saw the employee void a customer's transaction and then issue a gift card for $500 to the same customer, who walked out of the store with the merchandise and the gift card. The employee allegedly admitted to allowing a friend of his to come into the store and select things they both wanted. He then conducted a false transaction at the register and issued the gift card as a favor, police said. The suspect was placed under arrest and booked for burglary. He was identified as Kentrell Williams, 21, of Hawthorne. His bail was set at $20,000.

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DISASTER
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Manager's office.

It would be staffed by three full-time employees, an Emergency Services Manager brought in from the police department, an Emergency Services Coordinator from the fire department and a new administrative assistant.

City Manager Rod Gould tapped Lt. Ken Semko, a 20-year veteran of the police department, for the management position, saying that he had shown "dramatic leadership" in the area of disaster-readiness.

It's not a topic that people are comfortable thinking about, Semko said.

"Recent events around the world and over the last week in the South and in Missouri and Alabama are really stark reminders that something can happen on any given day, and we don't want our community to be unprepared," he said.

Although scientists have no credible way of predicting earthquakes, a study conducted by UC Irvine and Arizona State University seismologists found that the San Andreas fault, located 100 miles north of Los Angeles, is long overdue for a quake.

Gould noted that he's experienced floods, fires, earthquakes and riots in the four other cities he's worked in.

"If you're not prepared, it's a matter of risking lives and property," he said.

There are four main categories or stages when it comes to responding to a disaster, Semko said — mitigation, preparedness, response and recovery.

"Our public safety in the city is tremendous," he said. "Where we need to improve is our overall preparedness, both as a city and community as a whole."

According to a recent community survey, only 19 percent of the 407 residents surveyed had seen or heard anything about City Hall's previous effort, the Disaster Assistance and Response Training, or DART.

That program teaches people how to make themselves and family members safe while in their homes or apartments, Semko said.

Even fewer had heard about I've Got 7, a program focused on making sure that families have seven days worth of supplies on hand in case of disaster.

It's hard to stress the importance of having supplies on hand, Semko said.

"We may not have immediate help, and there may not be food and water readily available," Semko said. "They have to be prepared to take care of themselves for the first couple of days after a major disaster."

Should it be approved by the City Council at its June 21 meeting, the office would focus on public service announcements and outreach by going out to neighborhood groups, speaking to the news media and holding community meetings.

Beyond getting more people involved in the DART and I've Got 7 programs, the office envisions a 28-hour course called Citizen Emergency Response Team, or CERT, which would train civilians to respond as a unit to disasters in specific neighborhoods.

That program could launch as soon as early 2012.

For more information on the DART and I've Got 7 programs, and the next training dates, visit www.santamonicafire.org.

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be over the next 20 years," Kubani said. "It's not variable with the market. The rates for renewable energy are pretty reasonable."

Kubani's team got the idea for the fund three or four months ago when it went looking for a company that would install solar panels on city-owned buildings.

The costs were prohibitive, Kubani said.

"The bids we did get, and we didn't get very many, were very expensive," Kubani said. "It would have doubled what we pay for power right now."

Although the proposed fund could be used for private businesses and individuals, City Hall would benefit hugely from the program because as a government agency, it can't receive tax credits available to individuals.

Ballpark costs for photovoltaic displays on a rooftop are $5 to $6 per watt of energy produced, Kubani said, which puts costs for the 70 kilowatt system installed on one of the city-owned businesses at the Santa Monica Airport at approximately $400,000.

It's hard to say at this point how much money such a proposal would save city coffers, since private businesses haven't had a chance to create full-fledged proposals, Kubani said.

"We're at the very early stages of this," Kubani said. "We really have to see what kind of money comes in. We're putting together a [request for proposal] for financial firms and consultants to come in and establish the fund."

Consultants hired by the office estimate that the fund could see anywhere from $10 million to $100 million in investments because of Santa Monica's reputation as a progressive city.

At least one Santa Monica company, Pure Power Advisors, has expressed interest in the concept, and, according to Kubani, has had experience setting up similar funds elsewhere.

Representatives from Pure Power Advisors did not want to comment for this article while the status of their application is uncertain.

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Los Angeles World Airports says in a news release that the expected 810,652 travelers is a 5.4 percent increase over last year's four-day holiday period. Friday and Monday are the busiest holiday period travel days.

The increase is due to new flights to overseas destinations, a recovering national economy and additional flights.

During the summer travel season beginning Friday through Labor Day, airport officials estimate nearly 18 million passengers will pass through Los Angeles International Airport, an increase of 5.7 percent over last year.

Frisco bans unsolicited Yellow Pages drop-offs

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SAN FRANCISCO San Francisco has banned the unsolicited distribution of Yellow Pages with the first such ordinance in the nation.

The San Francisco Chronicle reports that Mayor Ed Lee quietly signed the ban into law on May 19 to cut the number of unwanted phone books being dropped into city neighborhoods.

The Local Search Association, a commercial phone book industry trade group, has threatened to sue, saying the ban violates its members' rights.

David Chiu, president of the city's Board of Supervisors, said the ban was needed because the unsolicited books degraded the environment and blighted neighborhoods.

The law is scheduled to take effect next year and will bar companies from leaving unsolicited books on porches without the permission of the residence or business.

Seattle passed an ordinance last year that created a registry that allows residents to opt-out of receiving the books. A federal judge this month upheld the ordinance after a challenge from publishers.



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MOVIE REVIEW

Allen's 'Midnight in Paris' hits mark

BY CYNTHIA CITRON
Special to the Daily Press

If Ernest Hemingway saw Paris in the 1920s as a movable feast, Woody Allen, nearly a century later, sees it as a great big bowl of jelly-beans: colorful, sweet, and totally addicting.

From the first notes of jazz (can that be Allen playing jazz clarinet?) as backup to the mesmerizing montage of Paris street scenes shot by cinematographer Darius Khondji, Allen's latest film, "Midnight in Paris" reveals itself as a delicious, larger-than-life, over-the-top visual and emotional treat.

Owen Wilson, he of the squishy nose, plays Gil, a wide-eyed and winsome screenwriter who aspires to be a novelist. Accompanying his devastatingly bitchy fiancee (Rachel McAdams) and her overbearing parents to Paris, he becomes enraptured by the mystique of the city and longs for what he considers its golden era: the vibrant art scene of the 1920s.

Picked up at midnight by a bunch of partygoers in an ancient taxi, he accompanies them to a raucous party where Cole Porter plays the piano and Scott and Zelda Fitzgerald befriend him. A dazzling series of cameos features nearly everyone who was anyone in that period: Picasso, Degas, Bunuel, the matador Belmonte, a flamboyant Dali, and, best of all, a hilarious Hemingway who literally parodies himself by delivering terse and pithy homilies that might possibly work if written, but certainly don't as speech.

And then there's Kathy Bates, who, as Gertrude Stein, sits beneath Picasso's famous portrait as she mentors all who come to pay her homage. Though her conversation bears no hint of the inscrutable stream-of-consciousness that permeates Stein's writing, Bates is wonderful and motherly, and even looks the part.

"Midnight in Paris" is an arts and literature junkie's delight, with obscure references and insider comments that challenge your knowledge of the period, as when a beautiful woman talks about her disastrous affair with an "Italian-Jewish artist." Modigliani, you say to yourself, just before Gil does.

As the story progresses, you wonder if Gil will succumb to the fantasy of Paris' golden era and elect to stay there. And if Adriana (Marion Cotillard), his potential love interest, will relinquish her yearning for what she considers Paris' golden age: the Belle Epoque of the 1890s.

Fanciful as it is, the message of "Midnight in Paris" is clear: yearning backwards is impractical, the past is inaccessible, and time travel isn't a solution. You are where you are and you are when you are. If in the end all we have is Woody Allen's Paris in the 21st century, that's plenty good enough for me.

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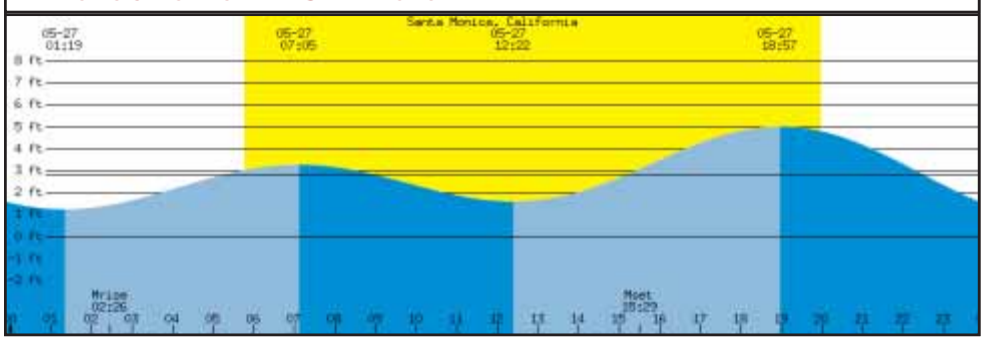
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Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth.	C	ns
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	ns
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechasa and Las Alisos creeks.	A+	A+
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	A+	A+
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth.	C	ns
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	D	ns
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	A+	A+
Paradise Cove Pier at Rommer Canyon Creek mouth.	A	ns
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	F	ns
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	A	ns
Solstice Canyon at Don Blocker County Beach.	F	D
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth.	A	ns
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd..	F	F
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	ns
Surfrider Beach (breach location)- daily.	F	F
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	F	ns
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	A	A+
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero).	A+	D
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs.	F	ns
Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach.	B	A+
Tuna Canyon.	A+	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	F	F
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A	F
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Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	A+	ns

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence.	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain.	A+	F
Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain.	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua).	A+	F
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain.	A+	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain.	A+	ns
Santa Monica Municipal Pier.	A	F
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain.	A	F
Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms).	A+	ns
Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain.	A+	F
Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain.	A+	A+
Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain.	A+	ns
Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain.	A+	C
Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south.	D	ns
Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St..	F	ns
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	D
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Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain.	A+	F
Dockweiler Beach- opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant.	A+	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain.	A+	ns

LEGEND

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

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ns -- no sample taken

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Notice is hereby given that a Special Meeting of the Santa Monica Pier Restoration Corporation the Board of Directors will be held on Wednesday, June 1, 2011 at 6:30 PM

No other business will be conducted at the Meeting.

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA PLANNING COMMISSION

City of Santa Monica

SUBJECT: A Public Hearing will be held by the Planning Commission on the following:

An amendment to the 2005 Civic Center Specific Plan (CCSP) to revise the maximum floor area permitted for the Early Childhood Education Center (ECEC), from 12,500 square feet to 16,000 square feet, without modifying the program capacity (100 children), in order to accommodate the development of the facility as a teaching center under the auspices of Santa Monica College (SMC). Revise the site layout to eliminate a surface parking lot and locate the ECEC at the corner of 4th Street and Civic Center Drive with dedicated short-term parking spaces for drop-off/pick-up of children and shared parking in the Civic Center Parking Structure. Recommendations will be forwarded to the City Council. [Planner: Liz Bar-El, AICP] LOCATION: CCSP Plan area; portion located west of 4th Street, south of Civic Center Drive. APPLICANT: City of Santa Monica.

The Planning Commission will also review the Proposal for Palisades Garden Walk and City Hall Town Square. LOCATIONS: 1685 and 1700 Main Street.

WHEN: **Wednesday, June 8, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.**

WHERE: Council Chambers, City Hall
1685 Main Street
Santa Monica, California

HOW TO COMMENT
The City of Santa Monica encourages public comment. You may comment at the Planning Commission public hearing, or by writing a letter or e-mail. Information received prior to the hearing will be given to the Planning Commission at the meeting.

MORE INFORMATION
If you want additional information about the meeting agenda, please contact Kyle Ferstead, Planning Commission Secretary by e-mail at kyle.ferstead@smgov.net or by telephone at (310) 458-8341. The Zoning Ordinance is available at the Planning Counter during business hours or available on the City's web site at www.smgov.net/planning. The meeting facility is wheelchair accessible. If you have any disability-related accommodation request, please contact (310) 458-8341, or TYY Number: (310) 458-8696 at least five (5) business days prior to the meeting. Santa Monica "Big Blue" Bus Lines #1, #2, #3, and #8 serve City Hall. Pursuant to California Government Code Section 65009(b), if this matter is subsequently challenged in Court, the challenge may be limited to only those issues raised at the Public Hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of Santa Monica at, or prior to, the Public Hearing.

ESPAÑOL
Esto es una noticia de una audiencia pública para revisar applicaciónes proponiendo desarrollo en Santa Monica. Si deseas más información, favor de llamar a Peter James en la División de Planificación al número (310) 458-8341.



MOVIE TIMES

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

Singin' in the Rain (NR) 1hr 43min
7:30pm

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

Priest (PG-13) 1hr 27min
11:45am, 4:50pm, 10:10pm

Rio (PG) 1hr 36min
11:00am, 1:40pm, 4:20pm, 6:50pm, 9:30pm

Hangover Part II (R) 1hr 42min
10:30am, 1:10pm, 3:50pm, 6:20pm, 9:00pm

Something Borrowed (PG-13) 1hr 43min
2:10pm, 7:30pm

Bridesmaids (R) 2hrs 05min
9:45am, 12:50pm, 4:00pm, 7:00pm, 10:00pm

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

Hangover Part II (R) 1hr 42min
11:30am, 2:10pm, 4:50pm, 5:50pm, 7:30pm, 8:30pm, 10:10pm, 11:10pm

Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides (PG-13) 2hrs 17min
11:45am, 2:50pm, 6:15pm, 9:30pm

Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides in Disney Digital 3D (PG-13) 2hrs 17min
9:30am, 12:45pm, 4:00pm, 7:15pm, 10:30pm

Bridesmaids (R) 2hrs 05min
11:00am, 2:00pm, 5:00pm, 8:15pm, 11:15pm

Thor 3D (PG-13) 1hr 54min
10:30am, 1:20pm, 4:10pm, 7:00pm, 10:00pm

Kung Fu Panda 2 3D (PG-13) 1hr 31min
10:00am, 10:50am, 12:30pm, 1:10pm, 3:00pm, 3:30pm, 5:30pm, 8:00pm, 10:30pm

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Incendies (R) 2hrs 10min
1:10pm, 4:10pm, 7:10pm, 10:10pm

Beaver (PG-13) 1hr 31min
9:55pm

I Am (NR) 1hr 16min
1:00pm, 5:30pm

Midnight in Paris (PG-13) 1hr 28min
1:00pm, 2:00pm, 3:20pm, 4:30pm, 5:40pm, 7:00pm, 8:00pm, 9:30pm, 10:15pm

How to Live Forever (NR) 1hr 32min
3:10pm, 7:40pm

AMC Criterion 6
1313 Third St.
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Thor (PG-13) 1hr 54min
1:50pm, 7:35pm

Kung Fu Panda 2 (PG) 1hr 31min
11:30am, 2:00pm, 4:30pm, 7:15pm, 9:45pm

Hangover Part II (R) 1hr 42min
11:00am, 1:40pm, 4:20pm, 7:00pm, 9:40pm

Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides (PG-13) 2hrs 17min
11:45am, 3:30pm, 6:45pm, 10:00pm

Fast Five (PG-13) 2hrs 10min
10:30am, 1:35pm, 4:40pm, 7:45pm, 10:50pm

Thor 3D (PG-13) 1hr 54min
11:10am, 4:45pm, 10:30pm

Cave of Forgotten Dreams 3D (G) 1hr 30min
10:35am, 12:55pm, 3:20pm, 5:40pm, 8:00pm, 10:15pm

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

Don't overindulge tonight, Pisces

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Lately you surprise people more. You often wonder which way to go, as you draw seemingly different responses than you intended. The issue might be you! Ask a friend for feedback. Tonight: As you like.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ Maintain a low profile. You are likely to encounter negativity otherwise. Fatigue also could be playing a bigger role in your day than you realize. Changing plans could be a source of tension. Tonight: Do your thing.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ You might have several knee-jerk reactions. Examine each situation. You know what works; now follow through. Make a decision, ignoring the push and pull of others. Tonight: Still weighing the pros and cons of doing this or that.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★ You would be well advised to sit down and relax in a tense situation. Your response to pressure will only add to the difficulty and unpredictability of the present situation. Move with the moment, knowing what is possible for you. If you feel tense, it is for good reason. Not everyone is able to juggle like you do. Tonight: Out late.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ You might be much more adventuresome than many of your friends. Part of this willingness comes from the possibility of a mini trip or vacation on the horizon. A friend also might be coming into town. You try to juggle the here and now, yet you really want to be long gone. Tonight: Opt for something different.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★ Clearly, someone is trying to lure you to his or her camp. You cannot go unless you feel there is a real agreement. The juggling of this situation ultimately could drain you far more than you would like. Try to leave the situation as quickly as possible. Tonight: Make choices for you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ You might feel that you must take a stand, but do it only for you, not others. People could be more quirky and unpredictable than usual. You want to be able to pull back and not get involved. Your integrity paves a unique path. Tonight: Celebrate with a friend.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ You can do only so much. In many ways, you are the workhorse of the zodiac. Recognize when enough is enough and there is no other path than the present one. Incorporate new technology. The unexplained or unexpected might not necessarily be bad. Tonight: If you are tired, head home.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★★ Take into account everything that you must do, and then creatively tackle just that. Often, we just do, without approaching a situation with an eye to efficiency. Try this approach in other areas of your life. Tonight: Flirt the weekend in.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ You might consider calling it an early day. You often push beyond normal limits, exhausting yourself. This process cannot be endless, and you do need time to stop, detach and relax. Tonight: Happily greet the weekend.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ You might want to screen your calls if you are to accomplish anything. A good sense of organization could shorten your workdays and allow more time for the Aquarian spirit to socialize. Tonight: With friends.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ Be sensitive to not only your budget but also to another person's limits. You can accomplish only so much, so fast. Understanding evolves between you and an associate after being unusually uptight and nontrusting. Know what is reasonable as opposed to what you want! Tonight: Tame a tendency to overindulge.

Happy birthday

This year, you face challenges head-on. Continue to process. Today's choices will be very different in a year. Often you become overly serious with loved ones. Relax. You cannot control anyone else. If you are single, the person you might choose to relate to could be hard on you. You also can choose not to relate. If you are attached, the two of you need special time together as a couple. ARIES is always a friend.

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



MYSTERY PHOTO

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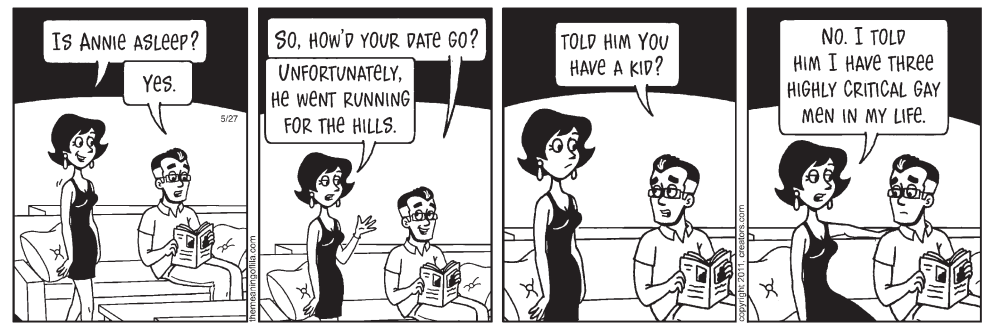
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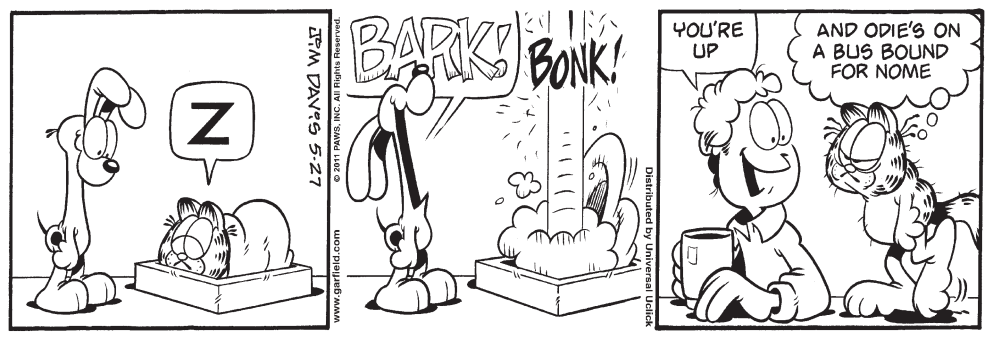
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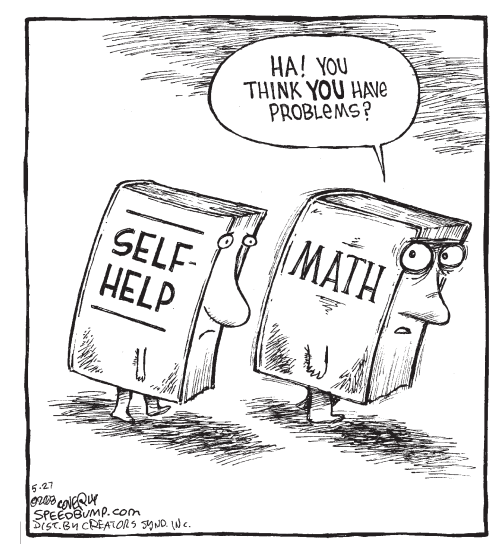
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By Dave Coverly



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 ★★★★

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

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

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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18 Folks who owe
20 United
21 Talks drunkenly
22 Kitchen nuisance
23 Acct. addition
24 Bro or sis
25 "Peter Pan" pooch
27 Hero with a sword
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39 Big wave
40 Pants part
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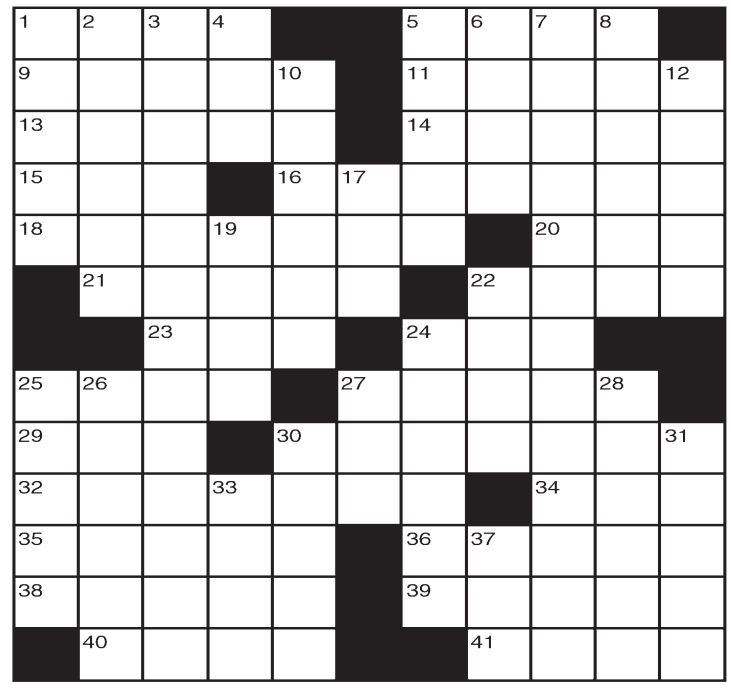
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4 It's a blast
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22 Affecta-tion
24 Stops being silly
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31 Some nobles
33 "Diana" singer
37 — Jima

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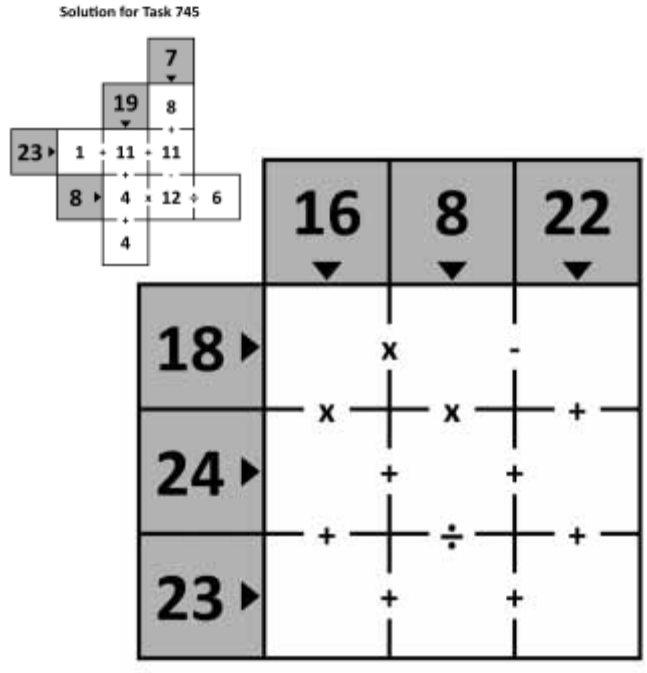
• The numbers you insert into the grid must satisfy the Equa demands both horizontally and vertically.

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2, 2, 2, 7, 8, 9, 10, 10, 11

Solution for Task 745



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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Wheeee! (1) In March, in Pierce County, Wash., a sewer worker, 37, came loose from a safety line and slid about 3,000 feet through a 6-foot-diameter sewer pipe at the Chambers Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant. He "could have drowned," according to one rescuer, but he was taken to a hospital with "minor injuries." (2) Firefighters in Gilbert, Ariz., rescued Eugene Gimzelberg, 32, in March after he had climbed down a 40-foot sewer hole -- naked. Gimzelberg said he had smoked PCP and marijuana and consumed hallucinogenic mushrooms. He was hospitalized in critical condition.

■ Jacob Barnett, 12, an Asperger's-syndrome-fueled math genius who maxed out on the Wechsler Intelligence Scale for Children and is now enrolled at IUPUI (Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis), told an Indianapolis Star reporter in March that his next project is about proving the Big Bang theory all wrong. But if not the Big Bang, asked the reporter, how do we exist? Said Jacob, "I'm still working on it." "I have an idea, but ... I'm still working out the details." (Hint: Jacob's major point of skepticism is that the Big Bang doesn't account neatly for carbon.) Said his (biological) mother, Kristine Barnett, 36: "I flunked math. I know this did not come from me."

TODAY IN HISTORY

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1918 Moldova and Bessarabia join Romania.

1938 Second Sino-Japanese War: The Battle of Taierzhuang takes place.

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1945 World War II: Operation Starvation, the aerial mining of Japan's ports and waterways begins.

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noun:
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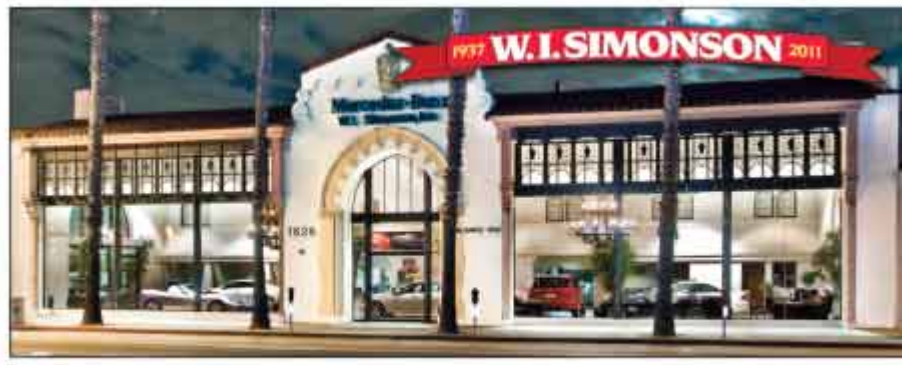
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