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BIG MOMENT: **Pacifica Christian's Head Coach Julian Chavez celebrates after his team defeated Firebaugh Tuesday at North Venice Little League.**

HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL

Pacifica Christian bound for CIF-SS final

BY DANIEL ARCHULETA
Managing Editor

VENICE With two outs in the bottom of the seventh and down a run, Pacifica Christian's Head Coach Julian Chavez was still optimistic his team could pull out a victory.

"I knew that if Athen [Shelp] got on, we'd win the ball game," Chavez said of the pressure-packed situation.

Apparently, Chavez was onto something as Shelp was hit by a pitch, extending the Seawolves' season. A pair of batters later it would be Athen's younger brother, freshman Tucie Shelp, who would stroke a single to left field with the bases loaded scoring a pair of runs to win the CIF-Southern Section Division 7 semifinal, 11-10, over Firebaugh on Tuesday at North Venice Little League.

The win propels Pacifica Christian to the final on Saturday at UC Riverside. The

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Police release sketches of assault suspects

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Editor in Chief

PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITY Santa Monica police have released sketches of two people wanted for questioning in connection with an assault on Main Street that left a man in a coma.

The assault occurred on May 6 around 1 a.m. in the 2900 block of Main Street, said SMPD Sgt. Richard Lewis. The victim was drunk and collided with a man who had just left O'Brien's Irish Pub. The man became upset and pushed the victim several times, knocking him to the ground where he struck his head against the concrete.

The victim, a 46-year-old white male, was transported to a local hospital where



Courtesy SMPD

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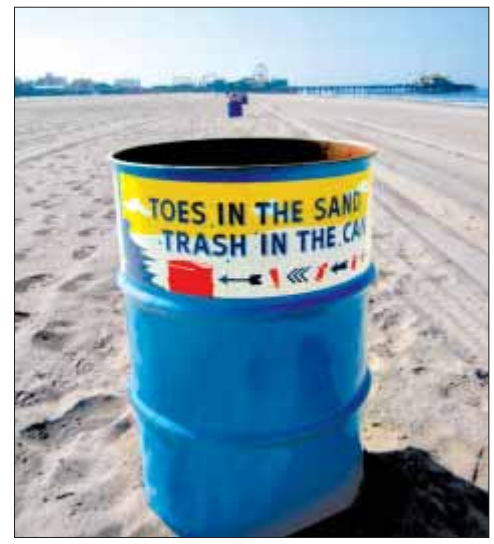


Photo courtesy City of Santa Monica

TOSS IT: **New 'smart' trash cans have been deployed on Santa Monica State Beach.**

'Smart' beach trash cans debut

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Editor in Chief

SM BEACH Aiming to encourage more people to dispose of their trash properly while visiting Santa Monica State Beach, City Hall and environmental watchdog Heal the Bay have teamed up to create 500 new trash cans that combine traditional marketing techniques and the latest smartphone technology.

The dark blue cans, which are wrapped in colorful artwork with the slogan "Toes in the sand, trash in the can," includes a QR code linking smartphone users to the new Santa Monica Beachcast, a mobile website that features a variety of local content, including tips on how to keep the beach clean, a chance to sign up for beach cleanups with Heal the Bay, the latest weather and water quality conditions, community Twitter updates and emergency contacts.

Users will also be able to upload and share their favorite photos of the beach, with the ultimate goal being to highlight the beauty of the beach, and in turn, provide the community with a stronger sense of pride and connectivity to the ocean and each other, city officials said.

"Our beaches are wild open space, as famous as any national park, and protecting them is one of our highest priorities," said

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OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Wednesday, June 1, 2011

Bugliosi in person
Main Library, MLK Auditorium
601 Santa Monica Blvd., 7 p.m.
The Santa Monica Public Library presents a special evening with author Vincent Bugliosi. Regarded by many as America's best prosecutor, Vincent Bugliosi has also made his mark on the publishing world with such provocative and controversial books as "Helter Skelter," "Outrage: The Five Reasons O.J. Simpson Got Away With Murder" and "The Prosecution of George W. Bush for Murder." Now he returns to discuss his latest book, "The Divinity of Doubt: The God Question." Sure to ignite fierce debate, Bugliosi's new book takes on both true religious believers and hardened atheists and posits that both sides are wrong. A book sale and signing will follow the author's presentation. This author event is presented free to the public. Tickets for auditorium seating are required. Tickets will be released one hour prior to program on the day of event. One ticket per guest. Guest must be present to receive a ticket. The library is wheelchair accessible. For special disabled services, call library administration at (310) 458-8606 at least one week prior to event. For more information on this and other public programs, visit www.smpl.org or contact the library at (310) 458-8600.

Bike it!
Citywide
Ditch the car and hop on the bicycle for Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District's Bike It! Day. Over 3,000 people participated in last October's district-wide event and organizers are hoping to top that record. For maps showing routes to each school go to www.bikeitday.com. Sustainable Streets will also offer a bike skills brush-up class during home-base at the middle schools. In addition, we will host a free bike skills workshop on Saturday, May 21, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Samohi, which offers rules of the road, tips on selecting safer routes to school, basic bike maintenance and bike skills practice to help avoid crashes.

Thursday, June 2, 2011

Truth behind Area 51
Main Library
601 Santa Monica Library, 7 p.m.
In her hotly anticipated new book, Los Angeles Times investigative reporter Annie Jacobsen pulls back the curtain of secrecy and reveals the uncensored history of the controversial Area 51. Based on recently declassified documents and unprecedented access to military and intelligence personnel who worked inside the base, "Area 51: An Uncensored History of America's Top Secret Military Base" is sure to stir a provocative and important conversation among readers. A book sale and signing will follow the author's presentation. For more information, call (310) 458-8600.

Summer sing
Main Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd., 11 a.m.
Soar into summer with the return of the Lyric Chorus. The 20-plus member chorus will put you in the mood for summer with their performance of songs of the season and Broadway tunes. For more information, call (310) 458-8600.

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310-458-7737 or submit to editor@smdp.com

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CORRECTION

In "Paddling at the Pier" (Tuesday, May 31), it should have stated that Honolua Surf Company partnered with the Santa Monica Pier to put on the Paddleboard Race and Ocean Festival.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

CITY HALL

Commissioners wanted

The Commission on the Status of Women is accepting applications for three open seats.

Established in 1981, the commission acts in an advisory role to the City Council and City Manager's Office on matters pertaining to women and girls in Santa Monica.

The commission meets on the third Wednesday of every month at the Ken Edwards Center, located at 1527 Fourth Street, at 7 p.m.

With a total of nine members, the commission is actively putting into practice its 2010-15 Strategic Plan outlining the following key priority areas for women and girls in Santa Monica:

• Continuing to gather and understand data about girls and women in Santa Monica;

•Creating awareness of domestic violence and safety issues;

•Supporting mentoring and leadership opportunities;

• Fostering career, political and volunteer opportunities; and

• Identifying and publicizing resources in Santa Monica.

Candidates must be residents of Santa Monica and committed to attending meetings, and participate in additional projects as necessary to achieve the Strategic Plan.

Applications and information are available at City Hall, 1685 Main St., at the information booth in the lobby or in the City Clerk's Office, Room 102. Applications can be mailed. Call (310) 458-8211 for more information. Apply online at smgov.net/cityclerk.

Applications are also accepted on an ongoing basis for future vacancies. Only the candidates appointed will be notified.

KEVIN HERRERA

PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITY

DUI checkpoint update

Santa Monica police arrested two people Friday for driving under the influence during a sobriety/driver's license checkpoint.

SMPD Sgt. Richard Lewis said a total of 1,616 vehicles drove through the checkpoint, the location of which was not released by law enforcement. Of those, 352 drivers were screened and 12 field sobriety tests conducted.

Eight drivers were cited for driving without a license and their vehicles were impounded.

The checkpoint, the third conducted over the last 12 months as part of an effort to reduce the number of people killed or injured in alcohol-involved crashes, was paid for by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

Statewide, traffic deaths declined by 23 percent, from 3,995 in 2007 to 3,081 in 2009. Total traffic fatalities are at their lowest levels in six decades. DUI deaths declined by 16 percent, from 1,132 in 2007 to 950 in 2009, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's Fatality Analysis Reporting System.

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PROUD MOMENT

Brandon Wise *brandonw@smdp.com*

Veteran officer Jay Trisler is sworn in as a lieutenant as his wife Annette pins on his badge on Tuesday at City Hall during the Santa Monica Police Department's swearing in ceremony. The event also swore in new officers to the department.

Mountain View homes get green carpet treatment

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

STEWART STREET A crowd of city officials, builders and residents gathered in the Mountain View Mobile Home Park for the unveiling of 11 new manufactured homes that further the evolution of the city-owned park from outdated to cutting edge.

The new homes, which come in a variety of sizes and configurations, are ultra-green, and comprised of a number of energy efficient and eco-friendly technologies that have never been combined in manufactured homes before.

"So many things have been combined to make this project unique and it is important to understand that although these units are small in dimension, they are huge in innovative thought and design," said Rob Loomis, the sales manager for California-based Golden West Homes, who built the units.

To push the point further, a green carpet led spectators who wanted tours into the new buildings to see the improvements Loomis described.

The units come equipped with solar cells on the roof to produce power, a solar thermal water heater, energy efficient appliances and an overall Energy Star rating for the shell or "envelope" of the home itself.

Each was created using sustainable, renewable or recycled materials, and are insulated to the max.

"What people may not understand is that these homes won't draw one kilowatt of electricity," said Councilmember Bobby Shriver, a main proponent of the project.

The homes come with a rent-to-own financing option, and were built using a mix of federal funding and local redevelopment dollars to make them affordable for low-income tenants.

The City Council approved a $9.2 million expenditure to help with the financing program for a maximum of 54 manufactured homes at the park in December 2010.

By taking advantage of that deferred payment loan option, residents could be eligible for loans of up to 50 percent of the cost of a new unit.

Five families already live in the new units, with three more set to move in this week.

Bill and Naniek Smith, a couple that have lived in the park for decades, are happy recipients of one of the new units.

The Smiths moved into the new home a month ago, leaving behind their 50-year-old trailer which had seen better days.

"Every time we turned on the microwave, we blew a fuse!" Bill Smith said.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Parents have a choice

Editor:

In ancient Israel, a stillborn male baby's corpse had to be circumcised at the graveside. If there was a history of hemophilia in the family, the third son was excused from the operation, but only after two previous sons had hemorrhaged to death – ample proof that the rite was nothing more than a superstitious blood sacrifice performed without anesthesia on a helpless infant.

The real tragedy of this, the most frequent surgical procedure in the U.S., is that many parents do not understand that it is an elective procedure not required by hospitals for their birth services and that it is irreversible so that only later in life does a man become aware that he was a hapless victim of misguided parents thinking that it was a beneficial procedure.

Ben Edward Akerley
Los Angeles

Peace and quiet

Editor:

Dear City Hall,

Once again we are awakened by loud helicopter engine noise, at 6:45 a.m. and lasting past 7:05 a.m. on May 30.

Exposure to noise can do much more than make you deaf. There is a growing body of literature indicating that noise exposure can induce hypertension and ischemic heart disease, annoyance, sleep disturbance, and decreased school performance. Air traffic noise has been shown to cause considerable disturbance and annoyance in exposed subjects. Evidence linking noise to changes in the immune system and birth defects is more limited, however.

Children, as a group, could be more vulnerable to noise because of its ability to interfere with learning at a critical developmental stage and because children have "less capacity than adults to anticipate, understand and cope with stressors." A 2005 study of nearly 3,200 children in Europe, aged 9-10, found that a chronic environmental stressor – like aircraft noise – could impair cognitive development in children, specifically reading comprehension.

Noise contributes to disturbances in mental health. It may cause or contribute to anxiety, stress, argumentativeness, nausea, headache, nervousness and a host of other adverse health effects. Noise has even been associated with an increase in aggressive behavior.

The city of Santa Monica deserves peace and quiet. The residents that vote in our council elections deserve peace and quiet. The children that live, go to school and play in Santa Monica deserve peace and quiet.

Please help us limit any helicopter traffic over the city of Santa Monica. Help us be the leading edge, a model city of peace that is biased toward the betterment of the human being.

John Petros
Santa Monica



Your column here

Clare Coleman

Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Family planning must be protected

IF YOU'RE AN AVERAGE WOMAN, YOU want two children, according to various surveys. That means you'll spend about five years of your life trying to become pregnant, being pregnant or recovering from pregnancy, and 30 years trying to avoid it.

You can do that thanks to the June 1965 landmark Supreme Court decision Griswold v. Connecticut, which affirmed the right of married couples to use contraceptives -- and more importantly, recognized an individual's right to privacy in family planning matters. Universal usage and acceptance of contraceptives followed, transforming the lives of millions of Americans.

The Griswold case was a catalyst for our national family planning program — Title X of the Public Health Service Act — the only dedicated source of federal funding for family planning services. Created in 1970, Title X provides access to family planning for all, without regard to economic circumstances.

Today, contraceptives are an important part of family life in America, so much so that 98 percent of us have used birth control at some point in our lives, and we mostly take it for granted.

We shouldn't. During the recent battle in Congress over funding the government, the House of Representatives voted to eliminate Title X. Opponents of family planning used a mixture of misinformation and innuendo to entangle family planning in their anti-abortion war, ignoring the fact that Title X saves the government some $3.4 billion every year by preventing unintended pregnancies, nearly half of which would likely have ended in abortion. The Senate saved the program, but another attempt to kill Title X is certain this year. When it comes, Americans must recognize that access to basic primary and preventive care is being threatened.

Title X funds 4,500 nonprofit- and government-run sites nationwide: most are county and local health departments. The rest are hospitals, family planning councils and other private nonprofit agencies. These agencies are required to provide preventive and primary health care services including pelvic exams and Pap tests; pregnancy testing; screening for high blood pressure, anemia, diabetes and cervical and breast cancer, and for sexually transmitted infections including HIV; basic infertility services; health education; and referrals for other health and social services — as well as contraceptives and counseling about them.

These are the facts of life: According to new Guttmacher Institute research, unintended pregnancy costs U.S. taxpayers approximately $11 billion a year. Without publicly-funded family planning services, these costs would be 60 percent higher. In 2008, services at Title X centers helped prevent 973,000 unintended pregnancies that would likely have resulted in 432,600 births and 406,200 abortions. The centers also performed 2.2 million Pap tests, 5.9 million STI tests and a million confidential HIV tests in 2009 alone.

EVERY DOLLAR INVESTED IN PUBLICLY-FUNDED FAMILY PLANNING AVERTS NEARLY $4 IN MEDICAID COSTS.

Seventeen million people need some assistance in order to get this important care, but today, Title X is funded to cover just over 5 million of those in need. There are always more patients than subsidies. Seventy percent of the individuals seen at Title X-funded health centers have incomes at or below the federal poverty level -- meaning they earn less than $10,830 per year. Many of them are working young adults, living paycheck to paycheck. They count down the days until they get paid and are just one unexpected problem from disaster — if the car engine light comes on; the childcare center raises its fees; or their hours are cut.

Six in 10 women who get care from Title X consider it their usual source of health care, and for many it is their only source. Patients under the federal poverty level receive services at no cost to them; those who make over $10,830 a year are provided services on a sliding fee scale according to income.

Although no patient is turned away because of an inability to pay, Title X actually saves money for the government. Every dollar invested in publicly-funded family planning averts nearly $4 in Medicaid costs. Given its proven effectiveness, it only makes sense that the Obama administration should include contraceptives in the women's health preventive services benefit under the Affordable Care Act.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has cited family planning as one of the 10 great public health achievements of the 20th century, and Title X funding is essential to our effort to prevent unintended pregnancies and improve public health while saving taxpayers billions of dollars a year.

As the states struggle with growing budget shortfalls, continued funding for Title X should be recognized for what it is: an essential part of America's health care system.

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New $105M high school in Riverside to stay closed

ASSOCIATED PRESS

RIVERSIDE A Southern California school district spent $105 million on a new state-of-the-art high school, but after three years of funding cuts doesn't have the money to operate it.

The Alvord Unified School District in Riverside was supposed to open the new Hillcrest High School in September to relieve overcrowding at another high school. But the district can't afford to hire staff and pay the costs to open it, the Los Angeles Times reported Tuesday.

"We simply can't do it," Superintendent Wendel Tucker told Fox 11.

The school board postponed the opening until the 2012-13 school year, but there's no guarantee the district will be able to afford opening it then, either.

"It's extremely frustrating," board member Greg Kraft told the Times. "We made a promise to the community, and I think we need to keep it."

The board decided to build the school five years ago to send the overflow from the 3,400-student La Sierra High School, where classes average 33 to 37 students and lunch periods and assemblies are staggered.

But since then, the district has seen its $130 million budget slashed by $25 million. Forty teachers have been laid off, and numerous other cutbacks made.

Hillcrest, which was funded through a voter-approved bond issue, was built with a robotics lab, smart boards in every classroom, a state-of-the-art performing arts center and wireless Internet.

Tucker said the district will save about $3 million by delaying Hillcrest's opening, but will have to spend about $1 million of that in security and maintenance on the empty campus.

"Hillcrest High is a perfect example of what's wrong with state funding right now," Leigh Hawkinson, president of teachers union Alvord Education Association, told the Times.

Students said they were disappointed they would have to attend La Sierra for at least another year.

"I was kind of bummed because I really wanted to go" to Hillcrest, incoming ninth-grader Jacob Barrera told the Times.

FBI expanding probe of L.A. building department

ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES The FBI and the city of Los Angeles are expanding corruption investigations into the Department of Building and Safety, where two former inspectors pleaded guilty to taking bribes, it was reported Tuesday.

FBI agents want to go "as wide and as high as they can" in their probe, including looking at departmental supervisors, the Los Angeles Times reported, citing a confidential memo from city General Manager Robert "Bud" Ovrom to Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa.

"It is bad enough that these incidents happened," Ovrom said in the May 10 memo. "It is perhaps even worse that our supervisors never caught this blatant illegal activity."

Former inspectors Hugo Gonzalez and Raoul Germain pleaded guilty earlier this month to federal charges that they accepted $15,000 in bribes to approve construction work they never inspected. Their arrests were the result of an FBI sting operation.

The city also is investigating. Two employees were placed on administrative leave and one of them has retired, according to Ovrom's memo.

The department also is looking at 10 other workers and could expand to include private contractors and land use consultants who work closely with departmental employees, he said.

Officials will try to determine whether "illegal collaboration or poor supervisory skills" contributed to the misconduct, Ovrom wrote.

The loss of many top managers to a budget-slashing early-retirement program may be a factor because replacements may not have received adequate training, Ovrom's memo said.

"During the last three years the department's workforce has been reduced by 150 positions, Ovrom said.

However, "more money is not the panacea" and Villaraigosa has told Ovrom to make reforms that include installing an internal investigations unit, Deputy Mayor Sarah Sheahan said in a statement.

"If Mr. Ovrom has an issue with supervisors, we expect him to solve it," Sheahan said. "The mayor expects every general manager to run a tight ship.".

The Q Line

Circumcision or not?

A San Diego-based group that opposes circumcisions for newborns has filed paper work in Santa Monica to place a measure on a future ballot that would ban the practice.

So, this week's Q-Line question asks:
Do you support a ban on circumcision?

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FOR THE ANIMALS

Photo courtesy Dominic Greg Greco

Animal rights activists protest the use of live animals in experiments at UCLA on Memorial Day for National Day of Mourning for Animals in Laboratories during a staged funeral procession on the Third Street Promenade. The activists have for years claimed the experiments are cruel.

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he remains in critical condition with major head trauma.

The suspect is described as an African-American male, 25 to 30 years old, approximately 5 feet 10 inches tall with a muscular or stocky build, medium to dark complexion, wearing a white "V neck" shirt and dark jeans.

The suspect was in the company of a white female, mid to late 20s, 5 feet 5 inches and weighing around 130 pounds. Witnesses said she had long blond hair pulled into a ponytail, fair to light complexion, wearing a light colored blouse with shoulder straps and unknown colored pants.

Based on statements from witnesses, it is likely that the suspect frequented both O'Brien's and the bar immediately to the north, Main on Main, prior to the assault, Lewis said. The sketches released by police are based on an eyewitness' description.

Police are asking for the public's help in locating the suspect and the female companion. Those with information are urged to contact the SMPD at (310) 458-8495, or Det. Michael Bambrick at (310) 458-8932 or Sgt. Ira Rutan at (310) 458-8959.

Any one who wants to remain anonymous can contact WeTip at (800) 78-CRIME (1-800-78-27463), or Crime Stoppers at (800) 222-TIPS or wwwlacrimestoppers.org. Callers may be eligible for a reward, up to $1,000 for providing information that leads to an arrest and conviction.

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CANS
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Dean Kubani, City Hall's director of the Office of Sustainability and the Environment. "This collaborative effort puts an exciting new twist on the vital public works infrastructure we provide every day to ensure that we 'keep it out of the sand.' We think we have the smartest beach trash can in America today."

The cans are the brainchild of global advertising firm DDB LA, which works closely with Heal the Bay, donating their inspiration and talents to the effort.

"We believe the trash cans are an underutilized vehicle that have great potential to deliver current information that people can use and share, while spending a day on the beach," said Matt Reinhard, executive creative director with DDB LA.

Matt King, a spokesman with Heal the Bay, hopes the new website will be used by people when they are not at the beach and in turn keep them focused on protecting the environment.

"We want people to stay connected to the ocean, even when they aren't right next to it," King said.

By using QR (short for quick response) codes, which consist of black modules arranged in a square pattern on a white background and can be read with camera phones, city officials believe they can better target youth who are familiar with the latest smartphone technology and therefore encourage the younger generation to be more environmentally friendly.

This isn't the first time Santa Monica has decorated its trash cans to encourage a change in public behavior. In 2005, City Hall used Mr. Butts, a character from Garry Trudeau's comic strip "Doonesbury," to remind visitors about the smoking ban on the beach and the need to deposit cigarette butts in trash cans and not bury them in the sand.

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>
> **Dean Kubani,**
> Director of the Office of Sustainability and the Environment

Despite the efforts, litter on local beaches is still a problem. Paul Davis, the beach maintenance supervisor for City Hall, said his crews still collect plenty of trash daily. He estimated that only a third of trash collected comes from trash cans, while the remaining two-thirds is found in the sand.

City officials said printing stickers with the new slogans and ordering replacement trash cans, which is done annually because of wear and tear, cost roughly $20,000.

The trashcans were in place for the Memorial Day weekend.

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BASEBALL
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Seawolves' opponent will be the winner of the Animo Leadership and Dunn game also played on Tuesday. The score of that game was not available at presstime.

"It was one of the best games I've ever been associated with," Chavez said.

The appearance in the final is just the latest in a string of accomplishments for the team, playing its third season of organized baseball — all under Chavez.

In the team's first season, they made a surprise run to the second round of the playoffs before elimination. Last year, the Seawolves reached the semifinals where they lost to eventual champ Cornerstone. This year may have taken the team to new heights, but Chavez is careful to remind his guys to not let the win get to their heads. Yet, he's careful to acknowledge what a sweet run it's been.

"The guys have grown up," Chavez said of his core group of juniors who have been together since the inaugural season. "They have improved since they were freshman."

Fittingly, it was junior Kevin Hammer who scored the winning run. This year's co-most valuable player of the Heritage League has been a key on each of the Seawolves' playoff teams.

The victory avenges an earlier loss to Firebaugh, a game that Chavez said played a part in motivating the Seawolves for the rematch.

"[Firebaugh is] a good team, they kicked our butts earlier this year," he said. "It helped having seen them before. I didn't want [my team] to be scared because they shut us down last time."

With the final looming, Chavez hasn't decided who will start on the mound on Saturday. But, as he deliberates who will get the nod, he knows that there's something behind his team's run to the finals.

"Not sure if there is a secret to winning," Chavez said, "but having fun playing great baseball is a good way to start."

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GOOD TIMING: **Pacifica Christian's Tucie Shelp gets the game-winning hit in the bottom of the seventh inning against Firebaugh on Tuesday at North Venice Little League,**

HOMES
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Now, with the help of City Hall and rent control, the Smiths are able to live in the modern unit with only a Social Security check for support.

"Thank you very much," Naniek Smith said. "It's beautiful and wonderful for us. Like heaven."

The strides taken in manufacturing and design might never have been possible without an unlikely confluence of events.

City Hall put out the request for proposal for the project in the midst of the housing collapse when manufacturers started scrambling for projects of any size and description.

On top of that, in April 2010, Arizona passed a stringent immigration law, which allowed police officers to request proof of citizenship for those they suspected of being undocumented.

Santa Monica's City Council voted to avoid contracts with companies based in Arizona and ban official travel there in protest, which removed competition for the mobile home contract from Arizona company Cavco West.

Cavco West was the lowest bidder on the project.

Builder Golden West got the manufacturing portion of the contract, and Santa Monica-based Marmol Radziner Prefab became the architects of the project.

"The fact that we would have virtually all the available manufacturing facilities in the southwestern United States competing for a project of this size and scope showed how truly the housing market has suffered and home orders for our manufacturing facilities are running at a fraction of their capacity," Loomis said.

The two companies had extra time to devote to the project because of the down economy which had slowed building to a halt, and out of that, a new wave of manufactured homes was born.

"This project is an exciting, unique opportunity to create a modular design for sustainable living using energy efficient materials in a unique way," said Todd Jerry, chief operating officer with Marmol Radziner Prefab.

The companies hope to bring the new designs to a wider market after their success in Santa Monica.

On the fringes, just outside the several dozen folding chairs set up for spectators, were a group of disgruntled residents who, for various reasons, were unhappy with the new development.

Some held signs reading "Boot Leg Housing," referencing what they saw as unequal treatment regarding permitting, while others just observed with crossed arms.

Claudia Garcia, an eight-year resident of the park, now lives next to one of the new units.

She's not against the development, but she and other residents question the way city staff have gone about installing the units so far.

The one next to her was placed in such a way that city officials informed her that a fence, which has stood on her property as long as she's been there, needed to go.

She received a notice saying that she had 14 days to remove it, or it would be removed for her.

The fence is the only barrier between her yard and one of the roads of the park. When a section was taken down, her young daughter ran out of the home and was almost hit by a car, Garcia said.

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TAKING A LOOK AROUND: **Visitors walk through unit 77, a new 'green' mobile home, during a celebration at the Mountain View Mobile Home Park on Tuesday afternoon.**

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Luxury Lemons

It is estimated that over 150,000 vehicles per year sold in the U.S. are lemons. The simple truth is whether you have purchased or leased an Aston Martin, Porsche, BMW, Toyota or even a Yugo, your car can very well be a "lemon."

What exactly is a lemon?

A lemon is a vehicle with serious warranty defects that a manufacturer cannot repair in a reasonable number of attempts. To have a claim under California's Lemon Law your vehicle, whether purchased or leased, new or used: (1) needs to be covered by a warranty; (2) the problems need to manifest while the vehicle is under warranty; and (3) the manufacturer needs a reasonable opportunity to repair your vehicle.

(1) What is a serious defect?

A serious defect is one that substantially impairs the safety, use or value of the vehicle. An example of this would be a vehicle that has an engine that stalls out while driving or a transmission that drops out of gear unexpectedly. In these types of cases, the manufacturers are quick to respond as the defects substantially impair the safety, use, and value of the vehicle.

More difficult situations are when the vehicle's problems are deemed minor such as when a GPS system does not work properly. If you purchased your car with GPS and you you drive the same route to and from work every day, your GPS not working properly will unlikely be deemed a serious defect. If on the other hand, you are a real estate salesperson and you purchased the vehicle because you rely on the GPS for work, the fact that the GPS does not work is arguably a serious defect.

Often times, the manufacturers will argue that your vehicle's defects are minor and that you are not entitled to protection by the Lemon Law. Thus, it is imperative that you have a legal representative on your side who understands your specific situation.

(2) What constitutes a reasonable number of repair attempts?

Allowing the manufacturer of your vehicle with a reasonable opportunity to repair your vehicle means taking your car to an authorized dealership, explaining the problems, and allowing them to repair or attempt to repair the problems.

A reasonable number of attempts depends on the seriousness of the problems. The Lemon Law presumes that a vehicle is a "lemon" if the following criteria are met:

1. The manufacturer has made four or more repair attempts to repair the same warranty problem; or
2. The manufacturer has made two or more repair attempts to repair a warranty problem that is likely to cause death or serious bodily injury if the vehicle is driven; or
3. The vehicle has been out of service for more than 30 days, not necessarily all at the same time, while being repaired for any number of warranty problems.

What should I do if I suspect my vehicle is a lemon?

If you are experiencing problems with your vehicle, take your vehicle in for service immediately and completely describe the problems. Make sure to review the repair order and that it accurately demonstrates the following:

1. The problems that you are experiencing with the vehicle;
2. The mileage on the odometer at the time of repair;
3. The dates your vehicle was in the repair shop; and
4. The date the vehicle was returned to you.

Your repair orders make your case. Thus, make sure to always receive copies of your repair orders and keep each and every one.

If the manufacturer does not believe your car is a lemon, you still may have rights. Excessive repairs to your vehicle may result in a negative effect on the value of your vehicle. Because of this, you may be entitled to the diminution in value of your vehicle, which is the difference between the price that you paid and the actual price of the vehicle that you received.

Under California's Lemon Law, there is a fee-shifting provision. This means that if your vehicle is deemed to be a lemon, the manufacturer is required to pay all of your attorneys' fees and costs. Thus, you should not work with an attorney who attempts to take a percentage of your recovery. Whatever attorney you decide to work with should have a no-recovery/no-fee agreement, and the retainer should not include any provisions regarding compensation in the form of a percentage of your recovery.

How long will the lemon law process take?

The vast majority of lemon law cases can be resolved informally. This means that your case will most likely be resolved without filing a lawsuit and usually within 90 days of contacting an attorney. In order to maximize the recovery that you receive, it is important that you discuss your case with an attorney as soon as possible so that he/she can provide you with proper guidance from the outset of your case.

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Coachella festival adds second weekend

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LOS ANGELES Coachella festival organizers are doubling the annual music extravaganza.

Coachella Valley Music and Arts Festival organizers say next year's festival will be held in Indio, Calif., over two weekends on April 13 to 15 and April 20 to 22.

The separate events are expected to feature the "same lineup, same art, same place, different people."

This year's three-day event included headlining acts such as Kanye West, the Kings of Leon, Arcade Fire.

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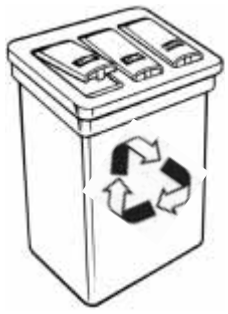
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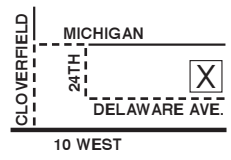


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Predicting 2011 hurricane season not an easy task

TAMARA LUSH
Associated Press

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. The tough task of guessing what hurricane season will look like could be even more difficult this year for forecasters, who won't be able to rely on the relatively predictable forces known as El Nino and La Nina.

So far, the National Hurricane Center in Miami is predicting that the season that begins on Wednesday will be busier than normal, with as many as 18 named tropical storms, three to six of them major hurricanes.

El Nino and La Nina — warming and cooling trends in the ocean that can either rev up hurricanes or suppress them — are expected to be essentially neutral, complicating any predictions. The last time temperatures were neutral was 2005, when hurricanes Katrina and Rita hammered the Gulf Coast with lethal results.

"With a strong La Nina or El Nino year, the forecast is much easier," said Dan Kottlowski, senior meteorologist at AccuWeather.com. "Since we don't have a strong signal toward El Nino or La Nina, there's somewhat more uncertainty in trying to determine how strong this season will be."

The La Nina effect is a cooling of Pacific Ocean waters near the equator. It decreases wind shear in the Atlantic and can give storms extra giddyap as they form. It has been linked to above-average hurricane seasons in the Atlantic. But it appears to be weakening.

The opposite phenomenon, El Nino,

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City of Santa Monica

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA CITY COUNCIL

SUBJECT: Consideration of proposed resolution to automatically adjust the Affordable Housing Base Unit Fee for new market-rate multifamily development pursuant to Santa Monica Municipal Code Section 9.56.070(b)

WHEN: Tuesday, June 14, 2011
6:30 P.M.

WHERE: Santa Monica City Hall, Council Chambers, Room #213
1685 Main Street
Santa Monica, California

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The City Council will conduct a public hearing regarding the proposed adoption of a resolution which would automatically adjust the Affordable Housing Unit Base Fee that developers of multi-family projects may pay to the City pursuant to Section 9.56.070(b) of the City's Affordable Housing Production Program. The existing Affordable Housing Unit Base fee for new market rate apartments of $26.79 per square foot would be increased by $0.56 per square foot of floor area and the existing Affordable Housing Unit Base fee for new market rate condominiums of $31.28 would be increased by $0.66 per square foot of floor area. Effective on August 15, 2011, the adjusted Affordable Housing Unit Base fee would be $27.35 per square foot of floor area for new market rate apartments and would be $31.94 per square foot of floor area for new market rate condominiums.

The adjustments to the Affordable Housing Base Unit Fee reflect changes in land and construction costs based on a methodology adopted by the City Council on June 13, 2006. An explanation of this methodology and the resulting adjustment to the fee are set forth in a letter prepared for the City by HR&A Advisors, Inc. (HR&A). A copy of this letter is now available at the City Clerk's Office in Room 102 of City Hall, 1685 Main Street, Santa Monica, California or the Housing Division Office at 1901 Main Street, Suite B, Santa Monica, California. This information is also available on the City's web site (Housing and Redevelopment section).

HOW TO COMMENT:
The City of Santa Monica encourages public comment on this matter. You or your representative, or any other persons may comment at the City Council's public hearing or by writing a letter.

Letters should be addressed to:

Mayor and City Council
City Hall
1685 Main Street
Santa Monica, CA 90401

MORE INFORMATION
Further information may be obtained from the City Housing Division at the address above or by calling (310) 458-8702.

The meeting facility is wheelchair accessible. If you have any special needs such as sign language interpreting, please contact the Office of the City Clerk at (310) 458-8211.

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
Esta es una noticia de una audiencia pública para aumentar la tarifa sobre el desarrollo de alojamiento "multi-familiar" en Santa Monica. Si deseas más información, favor de llamar a la División de Viviendas al número (310) 458-8702.

CANES
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warms Pacific waters, increases wind shear and can blow storms apart. But El Nino isn't happening this season.

La Nina helped make last year the third-most active hurricane season on record, said meteorologist Jeff Masters, who writes a popular weather blog. Last year, there were 19 named storms, 12 of which became hurricanes, including Earl, which sideswiped North Carolina just before Labor Day weekend and was the first hurricane to threaten New England since 1991.

The seasonal average is 11 named storms, including six hurricanes, two them major.

Meteorologists say La Nina also contributed to this past winter's barrage of blizzards in the northern United States, heavy summer flooding in Australia and recent tornadoes in the Southeastern U.S. But those events are no indication of what hurricane season might be like.

Even though La Nina's cooling effect is expected to end by June or July, the federal Climate Prediction Center says it could continue to affect weather for months.

To be sure, there were other important factors that caused last year's tropical storms to form and strengthen: record warm Atlantic waters, low barometric pressure in the Caribbean Sea and favorable winds coming off Africa. Forecasters also looked at something called the "multi decadal signal," or weather patterns that tend to last several decades. Since 1995, the Atlantic basin has been in a pattern of high activity.

Meteorologists use all of these patterns, tools and data to predict the storm season, which runs through Nov. 30.

The National Hurricane Center released its seasonal hurricane forecast May 19, while another prominent group of forecasters from the University of Colorado has already predicted that 2011 will have 16 named storms, nine hurricanes and five major hurricanes.

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> **Dan Kottlowski,**
> Senior meteorologist at AccuWeather.com

The hurricanes could inflict more misery on places like Louisiana and Alabama that have been plagued by flooding and deadly twisters this spring.

Ultimately, experts say, people should take note of the seasonal forecasts but not rely on them. Having an emergency kit and an evacuation plan is important even if the season isn't expected to be active.

Said Kottlowski: "You prepare for the worst, regardless of what the forecast is."

Marshall Gaines, 75, recently moved from Maine to a barrier island on the Gulf of Mexico near St. Petersburg. He visited city hall and was given him a brochure on what to do to prepare for a hurricane — none of which he has done yet.

He said that his top hurricane-season priorities are stockpiling water and batteries, obtaining renter's insurance and determining which shelters or hotels take pets in case he and his two dogs must evacuate.

"I'm not too worried, I guess," he said. "I'm planning on getting the basics. Certainly, hurricanes are a possibility."



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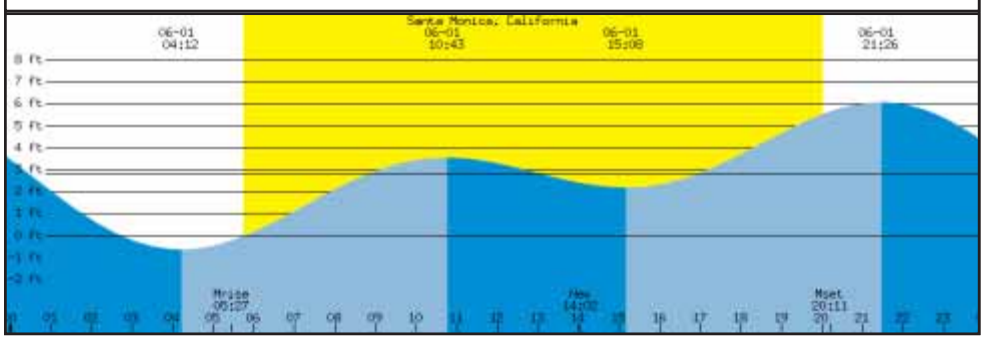
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NW swell come ashore, hitting SB/VC early in the day, and finally SD mid to late morning. Size should run head high at most west facing breaks with pluses at standouts going about 2' overhead.

Long Range Synopsis

NW is expected to back off a bit, more along the lines of chest to at times head high for west facing breaks.

Tide Forecast for Today in Santa Monica



BEACH REPORT CARD

NORTH LOS ANGELES COUNTY

Grades for this report are based on monitoring data from the previous 30 days up to the ending date of **May 25, 2011**

HEAL THE BAY - 1444 9th Street, Santa Monica, CA 90401 - www.healthebay.org - brc@healthebay.org - 800 HEAL BAY

QUICK STATS (for the last 30 days)

- Number of sewage spills -- 1
- Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0
- Number of wet days -- 5
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 27 / 8
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 0 / 0

The Beach Report Card is made possible by: The Diller – von Furstenberg Family Foundation, Grousbeck Family Foundation, simplehuman, LucasGUY, SMA

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
Los Cerrillos Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth.	C	ns
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	ns
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechuza 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 Rominez Canyon Creek mouth.	A	ns
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	F	F
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
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	F	A+
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	A+	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	B
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain.	C	F
Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms).	A+	ns
Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain.	A+	C
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	B
Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth.	A	F
Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain.	A+	D
North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach.	A+	A+
Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of D&W jetty).	A+	ns
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
- **WET** -- grades for days of recorded rainfall and the following 3 days
- **ns** -- no sample taken

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

The Beach Report Card is an indication of past water quality and is not a warranty of the current safety of those areas surveyed. Our lawyers are happy.

Heal the Bay is a non-profit environmental organization dedicated to making Santa Monica Bay and Southern California coastal waters safe and healthy for people and marine life.

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NOTICE OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE Santa Monica Pier Restoration Corporation Board of Directors

Wednesday, June 1, 2011– 6:30 PM
Ken Edwards Center, 1527 4th Street
Santa Monica, CA 90401

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.

CITY OF SANTA MONICA NOTICE INVITING REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Santa Monica invites sealed Request for Proposals (RFP) for:

RFP: Develop a Zero Waste Strategic Plan

The City of Santa Monica is seeking the services of qualified firm(s) to submit proposals to develop a zero waste strategic plan. Project shall include a waste characterization study, development of zero waste programs, financial analysis of programs and effect of plan on rate structure. A copy of the RFP can be downloaded at:

http://vendors.planetbids.com/santamonica/bidframe.cfm

Please submit three (3) copies of your entire proposal to Resource Recovery & Recycling, Attn: Kim Braun, at 2500 Michigan Avenue, Santa Monica, CA 90404 by 4:00 PM on Thursday, June 30, 2011.

For further information, please contact Kim Braun, Resource Recovery & Recycling Manager at (310) 458-2223 or @ kim.braun@smgov.net.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA CITY COUNCIL

SUBJECT: Consideration of proposed resolution to automatically adjust the Affordable Housing Unit Development Cost for new market-rate multifamily development pursuant to Santa Monica Municipal Code Section 9.56.070(c)

WHEN: Tuesday, June 14, 2011
6:30 P.M.

WHERE: Santa Monica City Hall, Council Chambers, Room #213
1685 Main Street
Santa Monica, California

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The City Council will conduct a public hearing regarding the proposed adoption of a resolution which would automatically adjust the Affordable Housing Unit Development Cost that developers of multi-family projects may pay to the City pursuant to Section 9.56.070(c) of the City's Affordable Housing Production Program. The existing Affordable Housing Unit Development Cost of $281,100 would be increased by $5,903. Effective August 15, 2011, the adjusted Affordable Housing Unit Development Cost would be $287,033.

The adjustments to the Affordable Housing Base Unit Fee reflect changes in land and construction costs based on a methodology adopted by the City Council on June 13, 2006. An explanation of this methodology and the resulting adjustment to the fee are set forth in a letter prepared for the City by HR&A Advisors, Inc. (HR&A). A copy of this letter is now available at the City Clerk's Office in Room 102 of City Hall, 1685 Main Street, Santa Monica, California or the Housing Division Office at 1901 Main Street, Suite B, Santa Monica, California. This information is also available on the City's web site (Housing and Redevelopment section).

HOW TO COMMENT:
The City of Santa Monica encourages public comment on this matter. You or your representative, or any other persons may comment at the City Council's public hearing or by writing a letter.

Letters should be addressed to:

Mayor and City Council
City Hall
1685 Main Street
Santa Monica, CA 90401

MORE INFORMATION
Further information may be obtained from the City Housing Division at the address above or by calling (310) 458-8702.

The meeting facility is wheelchair accessible. If you have any special needs such as sign language interpreting, please contact the Office of the City Clerk at (310) 458-8211.

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
Esta es una noticia de una audiencia pública para aumentar la tarifa sobre el desarrollo de alojamiento "multi-familiar" en Santa Monica. Si deseas más información, favor de llamar a la División de Viviendas al número (310) 458-8702.

MOVIE TIMES

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

Call theater for information.

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

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

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

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

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

Bridesmaids (R) 2hrs 05min
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, 7:30pm,10:10pm

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
12:45pm, 4:00pm, 7:15pm, 10:30pm

Bridesmaids (R) 2hrs 05min
10:40am, 1:40pm, 4:35pm, 7:35pm, 10:40pm

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

Metropolitan Opera: Die Walk√°re Encore (NR) 5hrs 30min
6:30pm

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

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.
(310) 395-1599

Thor (PG-13) 1hr 54min
1:50pm, 7:35pm

Kung Fu Panda 2 (PG) 1hr 31min
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Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides (PG-13) 2hrs 17min
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Fast Five (PG-13) 2hrs 10min
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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

At home tonight, Pisces

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ You might sense a change in the wind. Make it a point not to push so hard right now, especially if you hit an obstacle or two. You come from a very optimistic space. Stay there and let events dominate. Tonight: Allow your energy level to dictate your choices.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ Refuse to make political commitments of any sort. Your ability to read between the lines could be off. Investigate opportunities, but know there are more coming. Play the waiting game. You might have a special opportunity coming forward in the next few months. Tonight: In all things, be moderate.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ You might experience today's Eclipse in your energy level. Know not to push. Respond to your sagging energy level. You know what is needed, but what you don't know about are the unpredictable twists. Center on where in your life you want a new beginning. Tonight: Do your thing.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★ More than any other sign, you feel the ebb and flow of the Moon through different phases and signs. Today's Eclipse could be exhausting. Take care of yourself, and if you need to, become a recluse. A little downtime never hurts. Tonight: R and R.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★★ What you believe would never happen just might. You might not see that as a possibility, but be open. Much energy surrounds your friends and a meeting. Play it as low-key as you can. Tonight: Continue the easy, relaxed pace.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Your ability to lead or to perform to the max might be tested. What is key to your success is not to get into a disruptive, devil-may-care mode. Giving does not always mean opening your wallet. Share your innate talents. Tonight: Till the wee hours.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★★ Let your creativity emerge, but don't react. You might want to plan a trip, or you might have no intention of going away, but matters dealing with those at a distance are up for grabs. Be open to change. Drop rigidity. Tonight: Hop on the Net.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★★ Build on a relationship, but allow the other party to take the lead. Don't assume that you know what this person wants. The apple cart could be upset if you do. Allow this person to empower him- or herself. Tonight: Take another person's cue.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Not everyone is on the same page as you. It is also very likely no one always will be. Letting go and allowing others the space to be is difficult for the fiery Sag. You will see what happens as a result. Tonight: Say "yes" to living.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ You might want to reconsider a situation and head in another direction. Investigate what is happening in a day-to-day situation, but refuse to make a decision of any sort. A radical and unanticipated change could be on the way. Tonight: Easy works.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ What had been a given might no longer be. If you can relax and watch what happens, you might be delighted by the outcome. Changes might not happen at the pace you want. A new beginning becomes a distinct possibility. Listen and share more. Tonight: Ever playful.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ Home and hearth are subject to some wild, dynamic changes. In several months, you could be looking at a transformed issue, if not situation. Be willing to make that extra effort to allow everything to work, and in this case, it might look like lying back. Tonight: At home.

Happy birthday

This year, you begin anew in a key aspect of your life. This new beginning will come from a surprising closing off. Listen to news that heads in your direction. You often will discover that there is much more to the initial statement that comes forward. If you are single, you are likely to meet someone quite special who encourages you to change your status. If you are attached, as a couple you might add to your relationship in some way. A fellow GEMINI could be quite tantalizing and challenging.

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



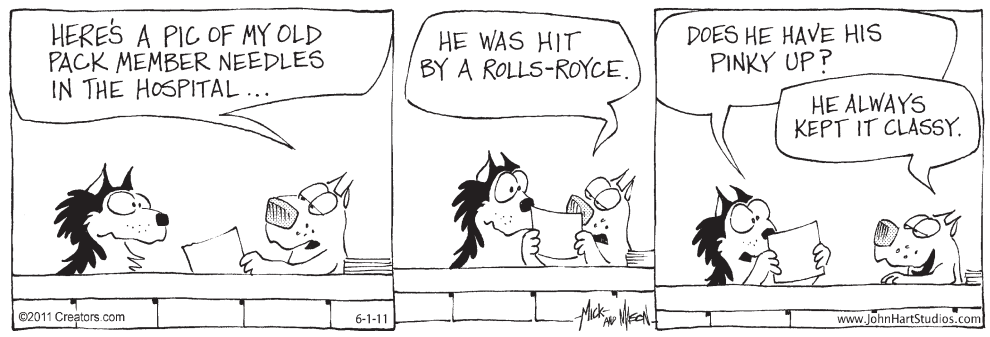
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By Mick and Mason Mastroianni



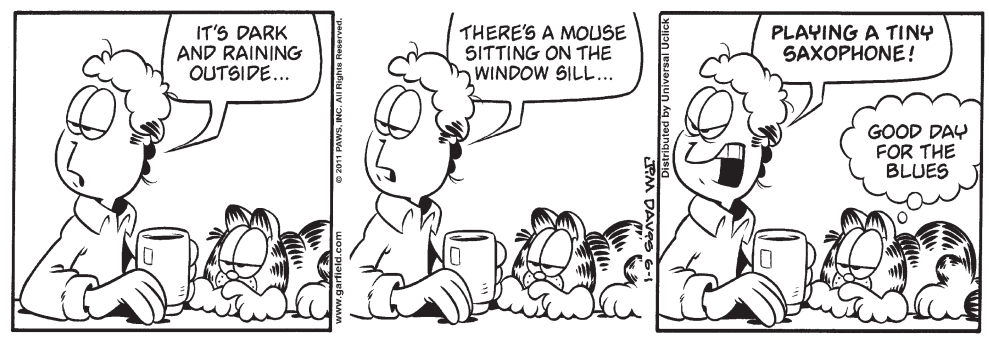
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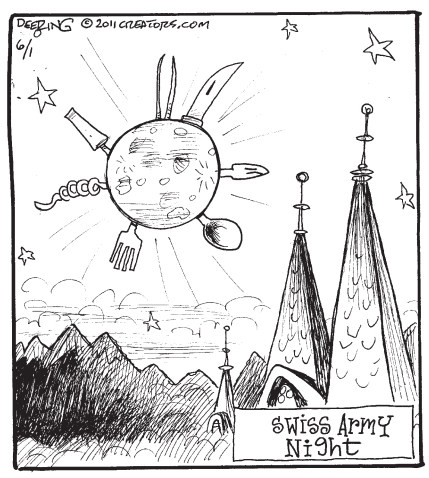
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By John Deering



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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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

9	6	3	7	8	2	4	5	1
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ACROSS

1 Church doctrine
6 Junk, for one
10 Dodge
11 Mob
12 Fashionably dated
13 44th president
14 Loyal
15 Cowboy's coat
16 Fall behind
17 Mayday call
18 USN rank
19 Lunar events
22 Young one
23 Bath need
26 Squashed circles
29 Porker
32 Tipsy
33 Touch lightly
34 Decreased?
36 Layered mineral
37 Fragrant wood
38 Seer's deck
39 Macramé features
40 Tea-party crasher
41 Hardens
42 Furry creatures

DOWN

1 Shoot forth repeatedly
2 Ham it up
3 Turned unpleasant
4 Deep mud
5 Commotion
6 Fishing aids
7 Make speeches
8 Jingle writers
9 Eye drops
11 Watched another's home
15 Uno doubled
17 Bee people
20 Mamie's mate
21 Soak up
24 Ache battler
25 Showy bird
27 Chapeau
28 Declares
29 Chooses
30 Dancer Castle
31 "Waiting for —"
35 D.C. team, familiarly
36 Niger neighbor
38 Scot's topper

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Yesterday's answer

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DAILY DERBY: 1st: 04 Big Ben 2nd: 06 Whirl Win 3rd: 02 Lucky Star RACE TIME: 1:40.15

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Imprisoned rapist Troy Fears, 55, had another four years tacked onto his sentence in April by a federal judge in Phoenix after he was convicted of swindling the IRS out of $119,000 by filing 117 fake tax returns from 2005 to 2009. According to prosecutors, IRS routinely dispatched direct-deposit refunds while indifferent to matching the payment recipient with the person whose Social Security number was on the return. (In fact, Fears was caught not by the IRS but by a prison guard who happened upon his paperwork.)

■ Apparently, the federal government failed to foresee that fighting two wars simultaneously, with historically high wound-survival rates, might produce surges of disability claims. Just in the last year, according to an April USA Today report, claims are up over 50 percent, and those taking longer than two months to resolve have more than doubled. (Tragically, Marine Clay Hunt, who was a national spokesman for disability rights and who suffered from post-traumatic stress, killed himself on March 31, ultimately frustrated that the Department of Veterans Affairs had lost his paperwork. "I can track my pizza from Pizza Hut on my BlackBerry," he once said, "but the VA can't find my claim for four months.")

TODAY IN HISTORY

1779 Benedict Arnold, a general in the Continental Army during the American Revolutionary War, is court-martialed for malfeasance.

1792 Kentucky is admitted as the 15th state of the United States.

1794 The battle of the Glorious First of June is fought, the first naval engagement between Britain and France during the French Revolutionary Wars.

1796 Tennessee is admitted as the 16th state of the United States.

WORD UP!

leitmotif \LYT-moh-teef\ , noun;
1. In music drama, a marked melodic phrase or short passage which always accompanies the reappearance of a certain person, situation, abstract idea, or allusion in the course of the play; a sort of musical label.

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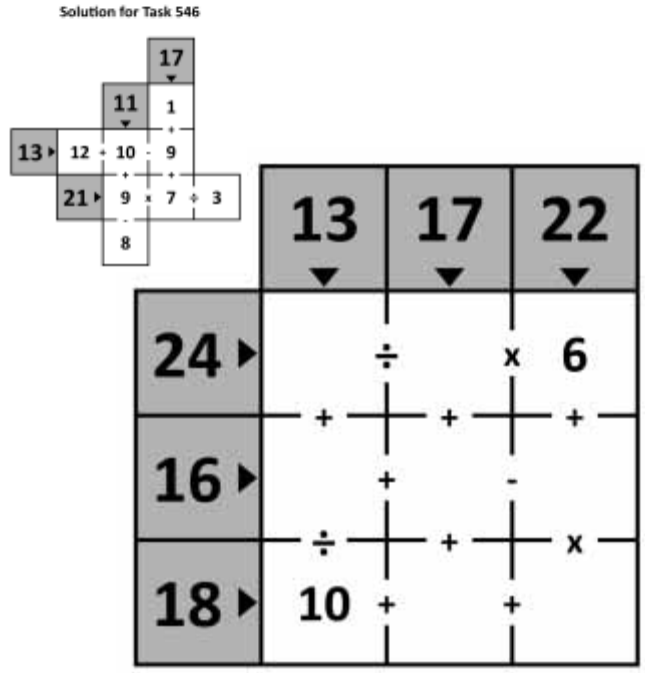
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