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Park gets thumbs up; Town Square, not so much

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL "Fantastic." "We're really lucky to have it." "There's nothing bad I can say."

Rarely does the Planning Commission come out with such universally glowing commentary about any project, but such was the vein of discussion at Wednesday's meeting during the presentation of the Palisades Garden Walk public park planned for the Civic Center.

The 6-acre park, being built at a cost of $46.1 million in redevelopment funds, is broken down into four main hills, which will be terraformed out of soil from the nearby Village housing development and divided by two main paths that cross diagonally through the park.

Each hill will have a theme. Garden Hill will feature specimen plants with interweaving paths, a grove of mature ficus trees called "The Three Amigos" and the Moreton Bay fig tree, affectionately called "Morty."

West of Garden Hill lies Gathering Hill, a large lawn and stepped seating area that

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SeaWorld Animal Ambassador Melane Angeles holds Spike, an American alligator, so students at Franklin Elementary School can get a good look. The director of the SeaWorld Animal Ambassadors Program, David Jackson (top left), talks about their mission to help animals in need on Thursday afternoon. The Animal Ambassador Program was created to inspire kids and adults to make a 'world of difference.'

Pier announces performers for Dance Series

BY DANIEL ARCHULETA
Managing Editor

SM PIER Music lovers will be dancing like Egyptians this summer at the Santa Monica Pier.

The pier's 27th annual Twilight Dance Series (TDS) features an eclectic mix of acts highlighted by 1980s pop group The Bangles, the Daily Press learned Thursday.

"I feel really good about what has taken place," said Steve Gibson, the interim executive director of the Santa Monica Pier Restoration Corp., which manages and promotes the landmark. "I think the community will be excited about this year's concerts, too."

The series of 10 free concerts begins July 7 with a show dubbed The SaMo Mambo, featuring Grupo Fantasma and Oscar Hernandez's L.A. Salsa Allstars. The night begins with free salsa lessons.

Gibson, who is overseeing his first year of the TDS, said he's most proud of the fact that the PRC didn't have to resort to asking the City Council to help subsidize the events. Last year, pier officials, afraid that sponsorships alone wouldn't cover the 2010 slate of shows, went to the council for emergency funds to cover the cost of the concerts.

The council obliged, and ultimately gave the PRC $85,000 to subsidize the venerable series that got its start as a fundraiser to rebuild the pier after a massive storm hit in 1983.

Gibson didn't want a repeat of '10 and went to work signing up sponsors for this year's series. For the first time in TDS history, Gibson was able to ink a presenting spon-

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Patients allege doctor engaged in inappropriate conduct

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Editor in Chief

WILSHIRE BLVD Two former patients of a breast cancer specialist at Santa Monica-based Woman's Breast Center filed a civil lawsuit alleging he engaged in inappropriate and offensive conduct during examinations.

The suit was filed in Los Angeles Superior Court on Wednesday by Angela Crickman and Lisa Grebe. They are suing Dr. Lawrence Resnick, a well as Peak Health Medical Group Inc. and Bay Area Community Medical Group Inc. for referring them to Resnick.

The women are claiming that Resnick "engaged in sexually offensive, flirtatious and suggestive conduct and made unwanted advances." Crickman said the doctor told her, "You have really pretty eyes," and "Your breasts are perfect. Just perfect," according to the complaint.

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Selena Gomez live
Santa Monica Place
Third Street and Broadway, 2 p.m.
Teen singing sensation Selena Gomez launches a 10-city mall tour themed to her new film "Monte Carlo." There will also be a Q&A session with the young star. For more information, call (310) 260-8333.

'A Memory of Two Mondays'
Ruskin Group Theatre
3000 Airport Ave., 8 p.m.
The Ruskin Group Theatre presents the opening night of Arthur Miller's "A Memory of Two Mondays." During a time of 25 percent unemployment, Arthur Miller's play conjures the dreams of a young man yearning for a college education and a life beyond the hopelessness of the Great Depression. This play will run through July 25. For more information, visit ruskingroupetheatre.com.

Contemporary Crafts Market
Santa Monica Civic Auditorium
1855 Main St.,
10 a.m. — 6 p.m.
The Contemporary Crafts Market will be returning as the West Coast's premiere event for one-of-a-kind functional and decorative crafts. This year's market will feature the distinctive works of over 250 of the nation's finest artists, ranging from intricate jewelry, unique glassware and ceramics to hand-painted textiles, custom furniture, mixed-media creations and much more. All items on display and for sale have been jury-selected for their exceptional quality. The show runs through Sunday. For more information, call (310) 285-3655.

Astronomical talks
New Roads School
3131 Olympic Blvd., 7:30 p.m. — 9:30 p.m.
The Santa Monica Amateur Astronomy Club presents a night of cosmic talk. Topics discussed include: Robert Lozano's "Cassini and Iapetus"; Thor Dockweiler's "The Salt Ring of Saturn" and "Recent Developments in Determining Distances with Supernovae." For information, call (310) 495-7595.

Saturday, June 11, 2011

Hope & Unity Awards Gala
Sheraton Delfina
530 Pico Blvd., 6 p.m. — 9 p.m.
Join the Pico Youth & Family Center as it reflects upon the achievements of local youth and celebrates the mentors in our community who positively impact their lives. For more information about this gala event, visit www.picoyouth.org.

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Report: Ex-L.A. Coliseum exec had side deals

ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES A former events manager of the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum Commission made tens of thousands of dollars from side deals with companies that used the Coliseum or the Sports Arena, including Coca-Cola and TV show producers, it was reported Thursday.

Todd DeStefano runs two private companies, LAC Events and Private Event Management. Each paid him more than $100,000 last year, according to four years of state financial disclosure filings cited by the Los Angeles Times.

The companies were paid $10,000 or more by Coca-Cola last year — the same year DeStefano signed a contract giving the company the rights to sell its products at Coliseum events, the Times said.

However, he was not authorized to make such a deal, John Sandbrook, interim general manager of the Coliseum commission, told the Times.

Other payments of $10,000 or more came from Southern Wine & Spirits, the television show "American Gladiator," the production company for the movie "An American Carol," and Tool of North America, a Santa Monica company that shoots commercials, the Times reported.

One company also received payments from a producer of rave concerts and the University of California.

The University of California, Los Angeles, paid the company $11,248 in 2008 and $13,295 in 2010 to provide drinks at receptions before Coliseum games between UCLA and the University of Southern California, UCLA spokesman Phil Hampton told the Times.

The Coliseum is USC's home stadium.

In addition, the Times said that beginning in 2006, DeStefano was guaranteed a 10 percent cut of contracts between the commission and businesses that advertised at or shot movies, TV programs and commercials at the Coliseum and Sports Arena.

"This was not secretive," James Blatt, an attorney for DeStefano, told the Times. Blatt said DeStefano generated business for the commission and his extra income was justified.

DeStefano quit his job in January. He has denied wrongdoing but remains under investigation by the Los Angeles County district attorney's office and state Fair Political Practices Commission.



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HIGH TECH: **Santa Monica Boys & Girls Club member Matthew Womble (right) does research for school as employee Floyd Bailey (center) shows Blair Herter from G4 TV around the new computer room at the Santa Monica Boys & Girls Club on Lincoln Boulevard Wednesday afternoon.**

Boys & Girls Club announces new tech program

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

LINCOLN BLVD With the snip of a pair of average-size scissors, the Boys & Girls Club of Santa Monica on Wednesday cut the ribbon on its Club Tech Center of Excellence, an upgrade in hardware and software for its kids, courtesy of Microsoft.

The investment in 12 new computers, all fully-loaded with Microsoft Office 2010, robotics programming, game development and other state-of-the-art software, represents the latest evolution in Club Tech, a program initiated in 2000 by a $100 million donation from Microsoft.

The Boys & Girls Club of Santa Monica has one of only 10 programs that get the designation Center of Excellence, said Tyler Bryson, general manager for Enterprise and Partners Group for the southwest district of Microsoft.

"Santa Monica was chosen because of what goes on here," Bryson said.

It took a handful of 13-year-old club members two days to set up the new stations, which are capable of running four stations off of one very-powerful computer.

Kids get the ability to arrange themselves in a square pattern, which not only saves space, but encourages collaboration on everything from projects to games, said Roy Shioda, tech director for the center.

"It's really valuable," he said.

It's easy to see the difference — on the eastern end of the tech center are the older machines, lined up side by side against the far wall. On the opposite side of the room, the new computers are clustered so that each user can see all of the others.

Not visible is the processing unit, which runs all four stations independently of one another.

Boys & Girls Club members Deron and Kyle, both 13, helped set up each of the new machines. (Boys & Girls Club is not allowed to release last names of youth members.)

"We basically gave them a blueprint, said this is how it should look, and they put them together," Shioda said.

They use the machines to do projects like designing T-shirts, Kyle said.

Microsoft has a long-standing relationship with the Boys & Girls Clubs of America because it has an interest in promoting learning, Bryson said.

"We think the Boys & Girls Club of America aligns with our vision to educate and empower the next generation of tech users to reach their full potential," Bryson said.

This kind of outreach helps reinforce learning that starts in local schools, said Celeste Alleyne, citizenship director for the west region.

"They can come here after school and learn more," she said.

The progress made with the less-advanced technology was already amazing, and the new materials will help club members excel, said Aaron Young, chief executive officer of the Boys & Girls Club of Santa Monica.

"We're going to be able to take it to the next level with all our kids," Young said.

For Mayor Richard Bloom, an alumni of the organization, the center is one more sign that Santa Monica is a city of excellence, that strives to improve its facilities for kids and adults alike.

"There is a deep need for a facility like this," Bloom said.

The Boys & Girls Club took root in Santa Monica 66 years ago. It currently serves 7,000 youth through memberships, which cost $20 per year, and community outreach.

Children come from all over the county, including Santa Monica, Venice, West Los Angeles and Inglewood.

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Lot of laughs

Editor:

Have not laughed at a SMDP front page headline since April first! "Backer of circumcision ban pulling out," page 1, June 7.

It may be too late. Backer did not intend to get into religious aspect! Then backer may not want to consult with the pope about the success of rhythm and the withdrawal method.

Dorian Nguyen
Santa Monica

Out there

Editor:

With all the evidence against him, I just can't understand why Congressman Weiner has decided to stick it out.

Virginia Isaacs
Santa Monica





SMDP EDITORIALS

Right idea, bad execution

The Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District's Board of Education last week made the right move when it decided to change its substance abuse policy allowing students who are caught drinking or doing drugs the opportunity to regain certain privileges, including the right to participate in graduation ceremonies, by completing a five-day suspension, 40 hours of community service and substance abuse counseling. Some even have to attend a 12-step program.

The old policy was not equitable. Those students who were busted at the beginning of the school year would not miss graduation, one of the most important moments in a student's life, because the probationary period only lasted 10 weeks. Those caught in the second semester, however, could.

By allowing students to regain privileges like participating in athletics or music programs, it gives them another incentive to complete their probation. It also teaches them that making a mistake has consequences, but that trust and honor can be earned through commitment to do right.

What we don't like is the way the change came about. A trio of 18-year-old seniors at Santa Monica High School were caught with beer while at a pub in England, where they were visiting as part of a choir trip. The three teens, while legally allowed to drink overseas, signed a document before leaving stating they would abide by the school's code of conduct while on the trip. They knew they were doing wrong, but went ahead and broke the rules anyway. And because of that, they were punished.

But since these kids' families had the means to hire attorneys and had connections on the school board, they were able to force a change in policy. The change needed to happen, but doing so because of three kids and their very vocal parents sends the wrong message, as does making the change in policy temporary, expiring at the end of June. That action says to other kids in the district that if you do wrong, it doesn't really matter as long as you have money and know the right people. What the board should have done is keep the policy in place through the end of the school year and then made the change, effective in the fall. That would give school board members and staff a summer to study the issue further and come up with a firm policy that is equitable.

For once, SM not on cutting edge

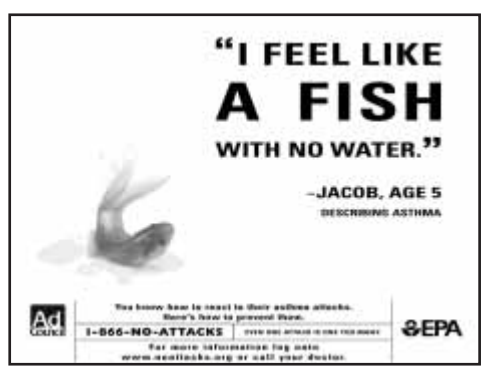
While Santa Monica may be considered by some to be a bike-friendly city, there is clearly more that can be done to make it safer to ride. Drivers need to be more aware of the law and pay closer attention to the road and the cyclists who share it. The same goes for cyclists, which is why the Daily Press was excited to see Huntington Beach create a traffic school for cyclists who break the law, the first city in the state to do so. Some counties, including Santa Cruz and Marin, offer traffic school for bicyclists, but court permission is required first. In Huntington Beach, violators will not need permission or go to court if they elect to take the city's offer. We feel Santa Monica, which prides itself on being on the cutting edge, should do the same.

Currently the Santa Monica Police Department does not offer a traffic school for cyclists. The Daily Press would like to see the SMPD offer a school maybe once a month or every other month, depending on demand, and have the class paid for by cyclists attending. In Huntington Beach, violators are charged $50 to cover cost of the class, which also waives any other fees or fines. The class is not offered to those who are caught riding while under the influence of drugs or alcohol, which is appropriate. The class would be for those riders who are caught cycling on sidewalks or running stop signs, etc.

We believe this is a good idea because not only would it set Santa Monica apart from most cities, helping us retain our "cutting edge" and "bike friendly" image, it would help educate cyclists about the rules of the road. Many casual riders have no idea that they must follow the same laws as drivers. Traffic school would certainly help. Currently there is no education component. Cyclists are ticketed and forced to pay heavy fines.

Traffic school could also go a long way in healing the strained relationship between some cyclists and cops stemming from increased enforcement during Critical Mass rides in 2007. The SMPD cracked down hard, seemingly with the goal of shutting the popular ride down. And it worked. Critical Mass in Santa Monica, which used to take place every month on a Friday and included scores of cyclists looking to ride together and take back the streets, if for just a few hours, is now nonexistent. Bikers were afraid of being ticketed or arrested. While enforcement was needed, sometimes it seemed overzealous. There was bad blood, and tension still exists. Traffic school would bring cyclists and cops together, allowing them to communicate and interact in a less stressful and confrontational environment and help break down walls. The Citizen Police Academy is a great example of that. It helps residents learn more about what cops deal with every day and, at least for us, see them not just as officers, but as human beings as well.

Come on City Hall, let's follow Huntington Beach's lead and start a traffic school for bicyclists.





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Laughing Matters

Jack Neworth

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Wieners in the news

IF THIS WEEK'S COLUMN SEEMS A LITTLE goofy, I'm blaming "circumstances beyond my control" (which is the only excuse I could think of on such short notice).

It all began a week ago when I glanced at a Daily Press headline about a possible ban against circumcision in Santa Monica for males under the age of 18. (All I can say for over-18 males seeking circumcision, they would be well advised to insist on beaucoup anesthesia.)

My immediate reaction to the headline was, "Is it April 1 again?" (The Daily Press runs a joke issue on April 1, which I'm embarrassed to admit, I've fallen for … twice!)

But this story was real. In fact, when I first began to write about it, at that very moment there were well-meaning Santa Monicans gathering signatures to qualify the ban for the 2012 ballot.

The bill, known as "MGM" (Male Genital Mutilation, not the movie studio) only needed 6,000 signatures. Supporters, led by children's rights advocate and mom of two, Jena Troutman, believed they'd get twice that number.

But just as I got my head wrapped around MGM (meaning I had written some decent jokes) Ms. Troutman withdrew the initiative, making my column as relevant as another photo of Rep. Anthony Weiner in his boxers.

Let's face it, it's been a tough week for private parts, especially Democratic ones. (Then again U.S. Sen. David Vitter (R-LA) didn't resign after using prostitutes in two states and was known as "diaper boy," or rather, Senator Diaper Boy.)

The MGM bill is already on the 2011 San Francisco ballot. And should it pass imagine the plight of mohels (people who perform Jewish circumcisions) forced to go underground, or the horrors of a back alley bris. (The rite of circumcision.) I think the sound I just heard was some readers groaning.

So, on Tuesday, I was sans column with 48 hours until deadline. I decided to find Ms. Troutman to learn why the change of heart. (And if maybe she had an 800-word column under a couch cushion.)

Graciously, Jena explained that her intention from the start was to focus on whether circumcisions are medically beneficial. She also wanted to protest Jamaal Coleson Jr.'s circumcision-related death on May 11 in New York City.

But, with a 24-hour news cycle, Jena was besieged with camera crews and reporters, many of whom sensationalized the story and took her remarks out of context, or so she claims. Giving her unwanted publicity, the NY Times even ran Jena's photo.

In the meantime, unbeknownst to Jena, some favoring the MGM bill in San Francisco were linked to alleged anti-Semitism — activity Jena strongly condemns.

The group published comic books entitled "The Monster Mohel," featuring a grotesque character known as "Foreskin Man." It was created by Matthew Hess, founder and president of MGM (who hasn't returned my calls and is probably not in line for a B'nai B'rith Man of the Year award).

Given the unanticipated pressures, Jena officially withdrew her proposition. She did so because the proposition had become so divisive, which was the last thing she wanted.

But all's well that ends well. Jena received praise from various Jewish leaders for removing the proposition. The truth is she didn't draft the language and would have preferred the bill have an exemption to the millions (primarily Jews and Muslims) for whom circumcision is a centuries-old religious ritual.

By chance during all of this, I ran into Jon Mann. (Jon has run for a Santa Monica City Council seat a record 10 times and 2012 will likely make it 11.) As a child Jon spent time in an orphanage, and at age 7, involuntarily underwent a circumcision. (Ouch!) I cringed just listening to Jon's description.

At Jon's request, I did some research into circumcision and discovered that there are certainly two sides to the issue. While I absolutely think it should be a parent's decision and not the government's, there is a substantial amount of reputable information questioning the medical need for circumcision. I would think that expectant parents would do well to avail themselves of all the information.

For example, in 1999, the American Academy of Pediatrics issued a report on circumcision. It didn't endorse or reject circumcision but it did list the pros and cons, some of which are quite surprising.

Meanwhile, Jon is against circumcision for all the traditional medical reasons and one less-mentioned which you could say is medically related. Jon's concerned that circumcision, which removes the foreskin, also reduces the amount of skin to become engorged when the penis gets erect. (Clearly, Jon is of the opinion that every little inch counts.)

Now that I think about it, maybe Jon's unique view may be more information than you wanted to know. Then again, I warned you this column might be a little goofy. OK, a lot goofy.

JENA TROUTMAN'S website is wholebabyrevolution.com. Jack can be reached at Jnsmdp@aol.com.

The Q Line

Happy birthday, St. Monica

St. Monica Catholic Church this past weekend kicked off a year-long celebration of its 125th anniversary.

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A passive case of seduction

SEX! SEX! SEX!

OK, now that I've got your attention, let's talk about English.

That's Maria Gobetti's message in playwright Lissa Levin's "Sex and Education," now having its West Coast premiere at the Victory Theatre Center.

Gobetti plays Ms. Edwards, a once-enthusiastic English teacher who is leaving the profession after 36 years, totally disillusioned by what she sees as the futility of trying to teach students who are not interested, not engaged, and not responsive.

On the day of her final final exam she intercepts a note that the high school's basketball star, Joe, (Kanin Guntzelman) has written to his cheerleader girlfriend (Jessica McKee). It's a crudely written note full of trash talk. And, as she labels it, "profanity in bulk." It also contains a clumsy plea for sex from his girlfriend, who has been putting him off by protesting that she's "not ready."

Ms. Edwards, who by this time feels she has nothing to lose, decides to keep him after school to see if she can make a dent in his indifference to language and grammar. And from here on, it is less a play than a well-constructed English lesson. Overly wordy, consistently witty, and only occasionally tedious.

The grammatical points are intricate, sometimes convoluted, but always well made, even though there are too many of them. And the arguments about what it means to be an educated person are thought-provoking and bordering on profound. As, for example, when Joe, angered by Ms. Edwards' disparagement, launches a full-scale explanation of the intricacies of basketball, delivered with brilliance, passion, and perfect grammar.

Ms. Edwards holds him in thrall by threatening to fail him, which would mean that he would forfeit his basketball scholarship to college. Initially hostile and arrogant, Joe gradually comes to understand that she is serious and begins to acquiesce to her demands. She wants him to rethink his message and reframe it in a way that would be irresistibly persuasive to his girlfriend.

Meanwhile, the girlfriend (she doesn't have a name, she is just called "the cheerleader") bounces in and out, emphasizing each grammatical point with a rousing cheer, a flash of pompoms, and an exuberant smile. McKee is adorable; she brightens the room every time she enters it.

Guntzelman, too, is wonderful. Earnest, frustrated, and eventually triumphant, he is spot-on and delightful to watch. As an actor, he trained at the New York Film Academy and has specialized in comedy and improv, but probably his major achievement is having playwright Levin and Dan Guntzelman, director of this production, for his parents.

As for the third member of this ensemble, Maria Gobetti, she is the consummate actress, bringing rigid discipline, humor, and pathos to this key role. As Ms. Edwards she is every student's nightmare — and eventual guru.

"Sex and Education" will continue its run at the Victory Theatre Center, 3326 West Victory Blvd. in Burbank, Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 4 p.m. through July 10t. Call (818) 841-5421 for reservations.

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'Super 8' challenges 'X-Men'

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For The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES Paramount's debuting "Super 8" should have a very close encounter with Fox's "X-Men: First Class" at the nation's theaters this weekend, with both films expected to gross in the mid-$20 million range.

"Super 8" brings together two powerhouse filmmakers, with director J.J. Abrams and producer Steven Spielberg collaborating on this alien epic — one of the few non-sequel and truly original action films to be released this summer. Reminiscent of Spielberg's "E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial" and "Close Encounters of the Third Kind," the ensemble teen adventure could have a slight edge, thanks to the revenue benefit of 240 IMAX screens and early promotional screenings at 325 theaters intended to generate positive word of mouth via Twitter.

But not to be ignored, the super-heroes of "X-Men" have solid momentum going into their second weekend after a $120 million worldwide debut. By Sunday night, the fifth film in the franchise should push past $100 million in North America.

Warner Bros.' comedy juggernaut "The Hangover Part II" is poised to have another great showing in its third weekend out, with a third-place finish of around $15 million. The R-rated raunch-fest has enjoyed an incredible worldwide run and by Sunday night, will party past $200 million in North America and $350 million globally.

Dreamworks' "Kung Fu Panda 2" from Paramount Pictures will punch and kick its way to a fourth-place finish in its third weekend, with a domestic gross in the low teens. A PG-rated film in 3-D, this "Panda" also has global appeal as it nears the $300 million mark in worldwide revenue.

Disney's "Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides" is a worldwide phenomenon, sailing toward $800 million globally and pushing the franchise total to over $3.5 billion. A fourth weekend gross of around $10 million in North American will give Jack Sparrow and friends a swashbuckling domestic total of more than $200 million.



CRIME WATCH
BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

Cops arrest man in connection with rape of unconscious woman

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

SUNDAY, JUNE 5, AT 3:05 A.M.,
Santa Monica police officers responded to a rear parking lot located in the 2700 block of Neilson Way regarding a possible sexual assault in progress. When officers arrived, they made contact with a man and a woman who was obviously intoxicated. The woman was nude from the waist down and unable to take care of herself, police said. After assisting the victim, officers interviewed several witnesses and determined that the man in custody sexually assaulted the unconscious female behind a trash dumpster. The assault stopped when the witnesses walked by. The victim was transported to a nearby hospital for treatment. Officers placed the suspect under arrest and he was booked for rape of a drugged victim. The suspect was identified as Joseph Hinojos, 22, of Reseda. His bail was set at $100,000. The investigation is ongoing, police said.

THURSDAY, JUNE 2, AT 3:03 A.M.,
Officers responded to the 1800 block of Lincoln Boulevard — 7-11 — regarding aggressive panhandlers in front of the store. When officers arrived, they detained one of the suspects, who was allegedly too intoxicated to care for himself. The suspect was placed under arrest and booked for public intoxication. He was identified as Patrick Gallagher, 47, a transient. His bail was set at $250.

THURSDAY, JUNE 2, AT 4:47 P.M.,
Officers responded to the 1600 block of Santa Monica Boulevard regarding a report of an assault that just occurred. When officers arrived, they made contact with the victim who told them that she was walking on the south sidewalk of Santa Monica Boulevard when the suspect, who was walking in front of her, stopped and began doing jumping jacks. The woman told officers that she asked the man if she could pass by him and he allegedly turned towards her and tried to slap her across the face. The woman partially blocked the assault and was struck in the hands. A witness from a local store confronted the suspect, who verbally berated them. As the suspect started to walk away, he turned and tried to spit on the witness, police said. Officers detained the suspect and he was booked for assault and battery and a probation violation. No bail was set. He was identified as Voyle Coleman, 28, a transient.

FRIDAY, JUNE 3, AT 8:38 P.M.,
Officers were in the area of Main and Hill streets making contact with those who were camping illegally when they saw a suspect in possession of property that did not belong to him. Officers made contact with the suspect, who admitted to taking a shopping cart from a local grocery store to use as his personal storage, police said. Officers placed him under arrest for theft and possession of lost property and an outstanding warrant. He was identified as Daniel Holland, 49, a transient. His bail was set at $1,101.

SATURDAY, JUNE 4, AT 1:10 A.M.,
Officers were on routine patrol in the south alley of the 800 block of Bay Street when they stopped a bicyclist for riding at night without a light. During the stop, the suspect allegedly told officers that he was in possession of several different drugs. Officers searched the suspect and recovered heroin, methamphetamine and cocaine. The suspect was identified as John David Hanson, 40, a transient. Bail set at $10,000.

SATURDAY, JUNE 4, AT 2:20 A.M.,
Officers responded to the area of Fourth Street and Broadway regarding a robbery that just occurred. When officers arrived, they made contact with two women who said they were walking east on Broadway when they were suddenly attacked from behind by two other women. The suspects were trying to grab the victims' purses, police said. The victims resisted and, after a long struggle, one of the victims had her purse taken from her. When officers arrived, one of the victims told them that she saw the suspects run into Parking Structure 7. Officers secured the structure and after a few minutes located a car with two women inside who matched the description of the suspects. They were detained, along a third suspect in the car. Officers searched the vehicles and said they found a loaded handgun, which they believed belonged to the third suspect, a man. Both women and the man were placed under arrest and booked for robbery. The man was also booked for carrying a concealed weapon inside a vehicle, carrying a loaded firearm in public and for participating in a criminal street gang. The suspects were identified as Evenlyn Robles-Salazar, 18, of Los Angeles; a 17-year-old juvenile from Inglewood; and Daniel Moreno, 19, of Sherman Oaks. Moreno's bail was set at $90,000. Robles-Salazar's bail was set at $50,000, and the female juvenile was detained with no bail at a facility for youth.

SUNDAY, JUNE 5, AT 10:46 A.M.,
Officers responded to the 600 block of Santa Monica Boulevard regarding a report of someone ramming parked cars with a shopping cart. When officers arrived, they made contact with a man who matched the suspect's description and was pushing a shopping cart full of personal belongings. Officers determined the suspect was too drunk to take care of himself and placed him under arrest for public intoxication. While trying to place him inside the patrol vehicle, police said the suspect kicked an officer in the leg. The suspect was eventually booked for battery on a police officer, public intoxication and a parole violation. No bail was set. He was identified as David Perkins, 50, a transient.

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sor for the entire run. OneWest Bank will be the main sponsor.

He added sponsors for individual nights, bringing in roughly $240,000 for his efforts.

The funds raised don't cover the entire amount needed, with the rest coming from PRC coffers.

"We have not gone to this council this year and will not," Gibson said. "Thankfully, they helped last year, and we're appreciative of that."

This year's fundraising effort is even winning people over at City Hall.

"We are delighted with the business community's commitment to the Twilight Dance Series," said Mayor Richard Bloom. "Their efforts help to preserve the cultural heritage of Santa Monica and, with their contributions, we will continue to enjoy free summer concerts at the pier."

Gibson may have taken a different path with the business side of the TDS this year, but he's mindful to continue the tradition that began years ago. He said that he was committed to continue the legacy of the series that will, to the public, look and feel like past years.

He added that most of the changes were internal. A major effort was made to include more staff members in the decision making process from the early phases of planning.

"It continues what has been," Gibson said. "But, it is more financially stable than it has been in the past."

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- **July 14, 80's Pop:** The Bangles and Caracol
- **July 21, Australia Rocks the Pier!** (presented by the Australian Consulate and Cotton On): Missy Higgins and Kim Churchill
- **July 28, Reggae/Ska:** Slackers and Star Pool (plus the finalists of Rusty's Surf Ranch emerging artist competition)
- **Aug. 4, (presented by Cirque du Soleil):** TBA
- **Aug. 11, La Monica Ballroom Then & Now:** Royal Crown Revue, Orgone, and Ameera
- **Aug. 18, Making Waves:** A Night of Surf Guitar: Duo-Tones, Slacktone, and The Eliminators
- **Aug. 25, Tango on the Timbers:** Milongatron, (tango lessons start at 6 p.m.)
- **Sept. 1, Americana:** Dawes (plus the winner of Rusty's Surf Ranch emerging artist competition)
- **Sept. 8, New Orleans Funk & Blues** (presented by Bloomingdales): TBA

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planners hope will accommodate large social and cultural events.

To the northeast is a child play area in Discovery Hill with universally accessible play features and shaded tree grove with picnic tables and seating. A gateway on the south edge of the hill connects the park to the nearby Village development.

Finally, Grand Hill will offer dramatic views overlooking Ocean Avenue, the Santa Monica Pier and the ocean beyond. It rises 18 feet above the natural grade, making it the highest point in the park.

Three overlook structures, which look like cages of spun metal, will be positioned on two of the highest hills in the design, and one at grade near Garden Hill overlooking Interstate 10 and down Second Street.

Two water features linked by a continuous water runnel will be placed near Main Street and at Ocean Avenue.

The design of the park also incorporates drought-tolerant native plant species to reduce its ecological footprint and large groups of trees scattered throughout for shade and aesthetic.

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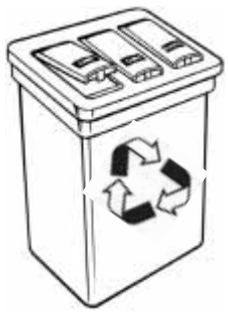
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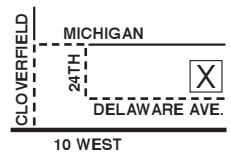


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Grebe claims Resnick went so far as to kiss her on the cheek after a breast exam.

"It affected them seriously from an emotional and psychological standpoint," said Greg Helmer, the attorney representing Crickman and Grebe. "They are absolutely fearful and cautious about who they see for breast exams."

The women included the medical groups in the lawsuit because they feel the organizations should have known Resnick was reprimanded by the Medical Board of the State of California for engaging in unprofessional conduct and therefore should not have referred the women to him, according to the complaint.

Resnick was reprimanded by the board in 2008, according to records provided by the plaintiffs, however, a search of the medical board database showed no disciplinary action was taken. That's because Resnick fought the action and it was ultimately thrown out, various sources said.

A spokesperson for the board could not comment on the case because it was dismissed. A public reprimand is the lowest form of discipline that can be administered by the board.

Russell Iungerich, Resnick's attorney, said the lawsuit was "frivolous" and that at no time did the doctor do anything inappropriate. He believes some of the allegations made are beyond the statute of limitations.

"It's a strange thing because the doctor always tries to put women at ease," Iungerich said. "He's a leading specialist dealing with women who are very concerned about whether or not they have breast cancer. … The stuff they filed on is garbage."

Peak Health released a statement Thursday saying the allegations are "completely without merit."

"Peak Health Medical Group is a private group of physicians contracted to provide primary care service to the health maintenance organization (HMO) Bay Area Medical Group, who in turn retains the obligation to appropriately select and credential their contracted specialist," the statement read. "Peak Health has no influence over the selection process. Peak Health intends to defend itself from these allegations … ."

Bay Area Medical Group was acquired by UCLA Medical Group in February. A spokesperson for UCLA said the organization is "not a party to this lawsuit and we have no comment."

Helmer said the defendants will most likely be served with the suit in the next few days. They will have 30 days to respond.

"These are allegations at this point," Helmer said. "We hope we will be able to present them to a jury and then let the jury decide."

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Commissioners had few complaints about the look and execution of the project, expressing concern only over the safety of the overlook cages, which seemed like prime targets for adventurous children.

"Is there some kind of safety feature?" asked Commissioner Ted Winterer.

Miriam Mulder, City Hall's architecture services manager, assured him there would be rails, not visible in the artist renderings in the presentation, as well as something to prevent kids from climbing up the sides of the cages.

"The design for the park is fantastic," said Chair Jim Ries. "I hope it's built soon enough that my son is still young enough that I can use the slide and not look crazy."

TOWN SQUARE DESIGN DISSED

The Garden Walk might have stolen the show Wednesday if not for the commissioners' abject disapproval of the proposal for an adjacent parcel, called Town Square, which would re-imagine the space immediately in front of City Hall.

That design is on its fourth iteration with the firm James Corner Field Operations, and, in Chair Pro Tem Gerda Newbold's words, it's become "less beautiful over time."

"It doesn't seem like a Town Square," Newbold said. "It's dead space, cold and harsh."

At present, the design pares back trees from the front of City Hall in order to frame the entire building. A rectangular water feature would run around the existing rose garden, planted by the Gold Star Mothers in 1951, and benches and planters will go around the outside.

Commissioners worried about a lack of shade and inaccessibility if unbroken planters ring the site.

The design of the benches, placement of commemorative plaques, species and color palette of plant life and a safety rail all have to come back before the Landmarks Commission for approval.

Planning commissioners seemed to lay much of the blame for the lacking design at the feet of the Landmarks Commission, which in January intervened to designate certain features of the City Hall grounds as historically essential to the design.

Although the physical City Hall building, constructed in 1939 by the Public Works Administration, was landmarked in 1979, the landmark status didn't point out specific features on the grounds around the structure that ought to be preserved.

The Landmarks Commission identified 16 features, including everything from the scoring pattern on the concrete sidewalks to remnants of a retaining wall near the freeway as historically significant.

The commission chose to supplement what was previously designated in the landmark determination by including specific defining features, said Chair Pro Tem Ruth Shari.

That decision came six months after the process had begun and the city had solicited opinions from community members over the course of three open meetings, which had produced the other three designs discussed at the Planning Commission meeting.

"I'm very disappointed that community process has been taken away," Ries said. "One community meeting had more members present than the Landmark Commission."

Planning commissioners also took issue with the large expanses of lawn and dearth of trees in the Town Square, calling the design inconsistent with the eco-friendly and sustainable talk put forward by City Hall.

"We need to walk the walk a little bit as a city," Ries said.

The commissioners couldn't take formal action, but their comments will be sent on to the City Council, which will hear the matter at its June 14 meeting.

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New draft political maps make debut

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SACRAMENTO Californians will get their first look today at political maps being drafted by an independent citizens panel, a process that is expected to influence the kind of politicians sent to Sacramento and Washington.

The 14-member California Citizens Redistricting Commission was established by voters under Proposition 11 in 2008 in response to gerrymandering by lawmakers. Voters favored switching to an independent commission to draw legislative maps after state lawmakers used the process for decades to protect their own incumbents and their parties.

Supporters hoped the new process would encourage the election of more moderate politicians and thus reduce political gridlock.

The commission will release the first draft of maps Friday and hand in a final version in August.

"I think a big factor in the low registration and low voting rates in California among some communities is disenchantment with the political process. And a big source of that disenchantment is the fact that people feel that politicians have chosen their voters instead of the other way around," said Maria Blanco, a commissioner from Los Angeles. "The measure of success will be whether we see more people ... willing to participate in the political process."

The process is being closely watched because California has one of the few citizen-led panels in the nation. It also has implications for state legislative and congressional districts.

According to the National Conference of State Legislatures, most state maps have their political boundaries drown by the Legislature or commissions appointed by the parties or governors. Arizona's model comes closest with five commissioners selected at random.

California's citizens commission was created in a lengthy process overseen by the state auditor's office. The commissioners were chosen from an initial field of about 30,000 applicants and reflect the state's racial diversity.

The panel will draw the maps for all 120 state Senate and Assembly districts, the state's 53 congressional districts and for the districts represented on the five-member Board of Equalization, which collects state sales taxes, vice taxes and fees, and hears appeals on tax disputes. Last November, voters rejected a ballot initiative that sought to eliminate the commission.

Commissioners are being paid $300 a day plus expenses each time they meet.

Paul Mitchell, president of Redistricting Partners, a consulting firm in Sacramento, said the public will like some of what it sees, but not everything.

"On the input, I would give it high marks — the public nature of it, the hearings. You've got extremely smart people on the commission. They're doing the right things," Mitchell said.

"My belief though is it's not going to meet the expectations of the public. Maybe the public had expectations that they voted for these sets of initiatives and the result was going to be that they were going to have all these districts be square boxes and every district was going to be competitive — and that's not happening."

Previous gerrymandering of political boundaries had left the state with oddly shaped districts and little turnover between the parties.

Tony Quinn, an expert on California political races, said the commission will release an adequate first draft, but there still will be room for improvement. He said while the Assembly and congressional maps look good, the Senate maps need to be cleaned up.

For example, he said one Senate district runs from Lodi, a conservative agricultural community in the Central Valley, to Marin County, a liberal hotbed.

"I think the Senate maps show a Democratic bias," said Quinn, co-editor of the California Target Book, which analyzes state legislative and congressional races.

Blanco said she expects the commission to get a lot more public input once the first draft is released.

The maps will try to string communities together but will need to follow the landmark Voting Rights Act of 1965 in response to the civil rights movement.

Former L.A. school official ordered to repay PTA

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LOS ANGELES A former Los Angeles school administrative assistant who misappropriated public funds from an elementary school and its Parent-Teacher Association has been ordered to pay more than $116,000 in restitution.

Prosecutors say 47-year-old Lisa Ann Castro was ordered Wednesday to pay $93,400 to the Los Angeles Unified School District and $23,000 to Halldale Elementary School in Torrance.

She was responsible for two school accounts and was also treasurer of the PTA with access to its checking account from 2005 to 2009.

Castro pleaded guilty in February to misappropriation of public funds and was sentenced to two years in state prison.

As part of a plea deal, prosecutors dismissed embezzlement and forgery counts.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
FOR ADOPTION OF THE CITY'S GANN APPROPRIATIONS LIMIT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2011-12 IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE XIIIB OF THE CALIFORNIA CONSTITUTION AND GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 7910

The City Council of the City of Santa Monica will hold a public budget hearing on June 28, 2011. The council meeting will begin at 5:30 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers, 1685 Main Street, Santa Monica, California. All citizens are invited to attend and provide the Council with written and oral comments and ask questions concerning the City's GANN appropriations limit (California Constitution Article XIIIB; Government Code Section 7910). At the meeting on June 28th, the City Council will adopt a resolution for the determination of the GANN Appropriation Limit for fiscal year 2011-12.

The detailed calculation of the FY 2011-12 GANN Appropriations Limit can be inspected by the public in the City Clerk's Office at City Hall or viewed on the Internet at www.smgov.net. City Hall is open from 7:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday, and from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. on Friday, June 10th and 24th. City Hall is closed on Friday, June 17th.

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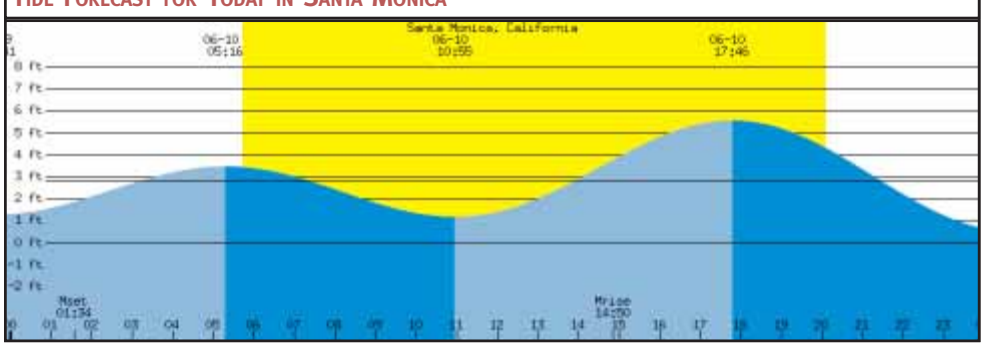
Swell Forecast

SW swell drops to waist to chest as NW wind swell remains minimal.

Long Range Synopsis

Should see a slight increase at south facing breaks, about chest high.

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 31, 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 -- 28 / 8
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 0 / 0

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

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth.	F	ns
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	ns
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechasa and Las Alisa creeks.	A+	A+
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	A+	A+
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth.	A	ns
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	D	ns
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	A+	A+
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez 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.	C	ns
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd..	D	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.	A	ns
Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach.	A	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.	B	A+
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	A+	ns
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.	B	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.	A	ns
Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St..	A	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
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.

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Crews protect resort town from massive Arizona fire

BOB CHRISTIE
SUSAN MONTOYA BRYAN
Associated Press

SPRINGERVILLE, Ariz. Fire crews working feverishly overnight managed to protect most of a mountain resort town threatened by a massive wildfire in eastern Arizona, but some homes were lost, officials said Thursday.

Fire information officer Suzanne Flory said overnight operations went well, particularly in the community of Greer, where the blaze had made a significant run Wednesday.

"Firefighters had a good stand and were able to protect the main part of town, but structures were lost," Flory said.

At least a half-dozen homes or cabins burned as the fire moved through the east side of Greer, said Jim Whittington, another fire spokesman.

On Thursday, crews remained in the picturesque valley protecting hundreds of homes, cabins and lodges.

Winds were expected to blow toward the east instead of the northeast later in the day, and that could challenge efforts to contain that flank of the fire, which has spread to within a half-mile of the New Mexico line.

"We know it's going to grow today, because there's a lot of uncontrolled fire line out there, there's a lot of heat out there and there's a lot of vegetation," Whittington said.

An air tanker and helicopters were to be joined by a DC-10 that can lay a line of retardant 100 yards wide and a mile and a half long to beef up lines around the resort community, which was still in danger.

"I just thank God I haven't heard of any injuries, and thank God they were able to stay in there and do what they can to protect Greer - it's such a beautiful area," said Allan Johnson, who owns Molly Butler Lodge and manages dozens of rental cabins there.

Based on better mapping, federal officials released an updated size of the massive blaze that started May 29 and has prompted the evacuation of several mountain communities.

The fire has scorched 525 square miles, mostly in ponderosa pine forest, down from 607 square miles reported Wednesday. It remained the second-largest fire in Arizona's history.

Fires officials said there appears to be no immediate threat to power lines carrying electricity from Arizona to New Mexico and west Texas. But a fiber-optic line could be damaged, cutting phone, cell phone and Internet service to the area around the fire.

In New Mexico, many residents in the community of Luna said they chose to stay even after being told to prepare to flee. Many mowed or watered lawns and removed debris, while crews bulldozed lines and set backfires to build a border of fire protection.

Crews also were concentrating on Nutrioso, where the fire was active the day before. Flory said they should be helped by weaker wind gusts.

"We expect to have less wind, less chance for growth and less spotting," Flory said.

A spot fire at the edge of the larger blaze prompted the few residents left in Springerville and the neighboring community of Eagar to flee. That caused officials to worry about the prospect of the fire hooking around a bulldozer line and a burned-out area and racing toward town.

Apache County sheriff's deputies and other law enforcement officers went house-to-house in Springerville looking for remaining residents. About 7,000 people live in Springerville, Eagar and surrounding areas, although many had left before the sheriff ordered the full evacuation.

At Reed's Lodge along Springerville's main street Wednesday, Daric Knight made sure no embers landed on his wood shingles. Knight's family has owned the lodge for decades.

"I've seen lots of fires, but nothing like this," he said.

The blaze destroyed 11 buildings, primarily in the Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest, before the losses in Greer. No serious injuries have been reported.

Firefighters had spent the past two days trying to create a line where they could defend the towns. They used bulldozers to scrape off vegetation and hand crews to remove other fuels. The line hasn't been breached, but officials were worried about spot fires.

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Hangover Part II (R) 1hr 42min
11:10am, 1:45pm, 4:30pm, 7:15pm, 10:00pm

X-Men: First Class (PG-13) 2hrs 11min
11:45am, 3:00pm, 6:15pm, 9:30pm

Empire of Silver (Baiyin diguo) (NR) 1hr 52min
11:15am, 2:00pm, 4:45pm, 7:30pm, 10:20pm

Bridesmaids (R) 2hrs 05min
12:40pm, 3:40pm, 6:40pm, 9:40pm

AMC 7 Santa Monica
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(310) 451-9440

Hangover Part II (R) 1hr 42min
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X-Men: First Class (PG-13) 2hrs 11min
9:30am, 12:45pm, 4:00pm, 7:15pm, 10:25pm

Super 8 (PG-13) 1hr 52min
9:50am, 11:00am, 12:40pm, 1:55pm, 3:35pm, 4:50pm, 6:30pm, 7:45pm, 9:25pm, 10:40pm

Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides in Disney Digital 3D (PG-13) 2hrs 17min
11:45am, 3:00pm, 6:15pm, 9:35pm

Bridesmaids (R) 2hrs 05min
10:30am, 1:30pm, 4:25pm, 7:30pm, 10:35pm

Kung Fu Panda 2 3D (PG-13) 1hr 31min
11:30am, 2:00pm, 4:30pm, 7:00pm, 9:30pm

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

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

First Grader (NR) 1hr 45min
1:55pm, 4:40pm, 7:20pm, 9:55pm

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

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

Thor (PG-13) 1hr 54min
11:00am, 1:50pm, 4:40pm, 7:30pm, 10:20pm

Kung Fu Panda 2 (PG) 1hr 31min
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Judy Moody and the Not Bummer Summer (PG) 1hr 31min
10:00am, 12:25pm, 2:50pm, 5:20pm, 7:45pm, 10:10pm

Cave of Forgotten Dreams 3D (G) 1hr 30min
11:30am, 2:00pm, 4:30pm, 7:00pm, 9:30pm

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Could be a very late night, Cappy

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★★ Reach out for others and expect the unexpected. Others simply cannot help themselves. Extremes mark your actions because of an unusually intense feeling that you might be suppressing. Know what is happening with others. Tonight: A talk needs to happen. Don't fight it.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ Your ability to understand the mechanics of what is going on around you might surprise you. You might find a situation quite distorted and difficult to handle. Tonight: Keep communication open.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ You have many thoughts and ideas. You might not hesitate to share them with others. You can be quite charming and still make your point. Work on delivering your message in that manner. Think "weekend" when speaking to a friend. Tonight: Paint the town red.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ You could be in a very unusual situation. This is the end result of pressure and a need to do projects and handle situations in a certain manner. If you are feeling too limited, say so and move forward. Tonight: In the thick of things.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★★ As usual, your style makes all the difference in how a message is received. You have a way of saying sometimes unpleasant statements that people don't really hear until later. Try not to be stern with a child or loved one. Tonight: Say "yes" to an invitation.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ You might want to rethink your finances before you give the go ahead. This decision could involve your friends or work. No matter what, be careful. A child or loved one could be pushing your boundaries. Please, no risks. Tonight: Moderation goes far.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★★ You have a lot going on with you. Understand your limits and don't cross them until you are sure you want to. You have a very stern or serious manner that often belies the softness within. Tonight: Support yourself and do absolutely what you want.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★ You might not choose to discuss much that is occurring. Someone might pressure and push you beyond your limits. Don't get into a power play. Just don't play. Stay centered. If it is necessary to distance yourself, so be it. Tonight: Once more, not to be found!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★★ Zero in on what you want. Allow more give-and-take between you and others. Meetings, if you have any, could be the vehicle for change and support with some key projects. Don't fall for another person's manipulation. Tonight: Where the fun is.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ You could be far more pushy than you realize. Go for more of what you want and feel is necessary within your professional circle. A little diplomacy goes far -- try it. You will get more cooperation in the long run. Tonight: Could be a very late night!

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ Instead of thinking of someone at a distance or dreaming about him or her, make that special trip, or just pick up the phone. Explore the many options or paths to your desired results. Don't allow your inner negatives to color your thinking. Tonight: Follow the music.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ You could see a matter far differently from a partner. Rather than going to battle, see where both visions have a commonality. Together you could be a stronger force. Let go of having to have everything turn out your way. Tonight: Go until you drop.

Happy birthday

This year, tap into your creativity more often. You have the capacity to find solution after solution. Sometimes a partner pushes hard. Avoid being as stubborn or as controlling as he or she is. Learn not to play the game and to stay centered. If you are single, you have many very interesting choices. Date until you are really sure of yourself. Know that your charisma is high. If you are attached, the two of you start acting like young lovers again. Enjoy this period. LIBRA has a nice style when he or she tries to coax you!

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

Dogs of C-Kennel

By Mick and Mason Mastroianni



The Meaning of Lila

By John Forgetta & L.A. Rose



Garfield

By Jim Davis



Strange Brew

By John Deering



Speed Bump

By Dave Coverly



Sudoku

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

Difficulty Level ★★★★

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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	1	3	4	8	2	5	6	7
8	4	2	7	6	5	3	1	9
5	7	6	1	3	9	2	4	8
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3	6	4	5	2	7	8	9	1
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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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1 Grant's successor
6 Goes to sea
11 In the area
12 As expected
13 "Little House" girl
14 Deli fixture
15 Ethanol source
17 Woes
18 Cote cries
20 Early shepherd
22 Fancy vase
23 Watt and Newton, for two
26 Arrangement
28 Heavyset
29 Melancholy
31 Mex. neighbor
32 Folding money
33 Low card
34 Rose on the diamond
36 Exact match
38 Earth colour
40 City on the Missouri
43 Barbershop offering
44 Tart fruit
45 Travel stop
46 Set loose

DOWN

1 Actor Linden
2 Lawyers' org.
3 Early Beatles song
4 Mark replacers
5 Flag feature
6 Urgent call
7 Age-old
8 Early Beatles song
9 Temporary calm
10 Spots
16 Carpet feature
18 Smooch
19 Scope
21 Office leader
23 Fencing weapon
24 Inspiration
25 Order to Spot
27 Rattle
30 Speedy plane
33 Oven feature
34 Luxurious
35 Cave sound
37 Pack member
39 Long fish
41 Garden tool
42 In addition

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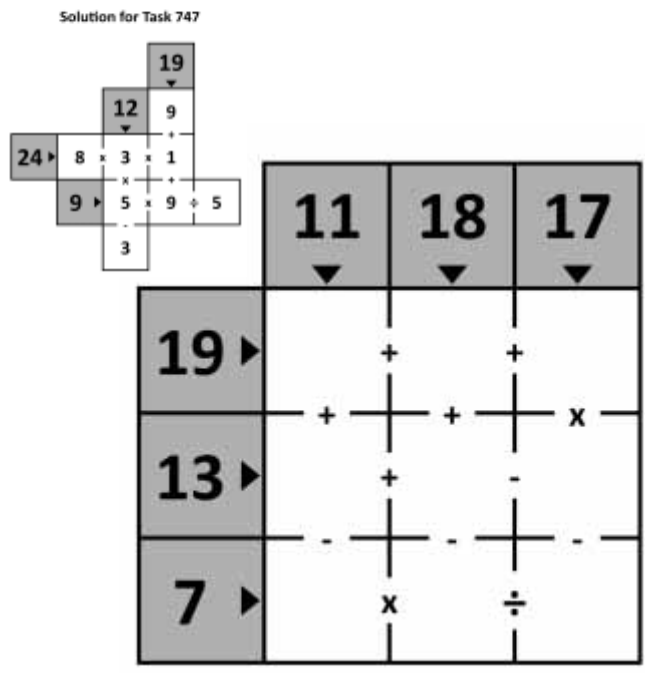
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Solution for Task 747



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DAILY DERBY: 1st: 11 Money Bags 2nd: 08 Gorgeous George 3rd: 12 Lucky Charms RACE TIME: 1:46.02

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ "Dog Stylist" Dara Foster ("I show people how to live together with their dogs in a stylish way") told a TV audience recently that some dog owners are dressing their pooches in "'80s-inspired punk," "giving way to a grunge movement in dog fashion -- I swear to God." The ubiquitous TV guest and apparel designer estimates that since Americans already spend $47 billion a year on pets, they need more than ever to know what's hot -- fluorescent styling gel, for example, and precooked meals for dogs, and owners getting matching tattoos with their dogs, and a recently spotted synthetic mullet wig for dogs.

■ (1) To hype attendance for Easter services this year, Lindenwald Baptist Church in Hamilton, Ohio, raffled off $1,000 on Easter Sunday. As a result, attendance more than doubled, to 1,137 (including 1,135 raffle losers). (2) A month earlier, Pastor John Goodman of the Houston Unity Baptist Church tried a different approach, calling on parishioners to cede their income-tax refunds to the church and warning that anyone who failed to come to the aid of the church is a "devil" and could be refused communion.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1973 John Paul Getty III, grandson of billionaire J. Paul Getty, is kidnapped in Rome, Italy.

1977 James Earl Ray escapes from Brushy Mountain State Prison in Petros, Tennessee, but is recaptured on June 13.

1977 Apple ships its first Apple II personal computer.

1980 The African National Congress in South Africa publishes a call to fight from their imprisoned leader Nelson Mandela.

1996 Peace talks begin in Northern Ireland without the participation of Sinn Féin.

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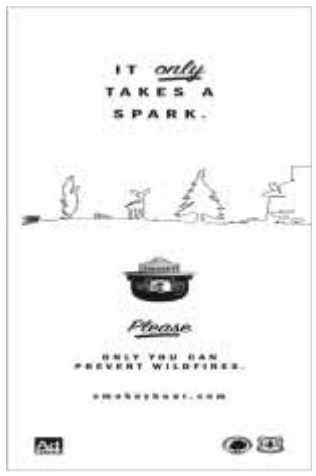
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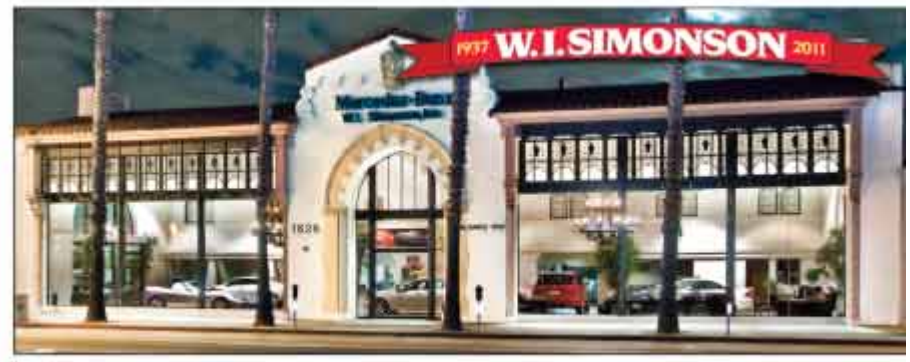
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