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Long-awaited restrooms still on the make

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

BEACHSIDE As Memorial Day came and went, Santa Monicans near the seashore might have wondered whatever happened to those eight new restrooms promised for Santa Monica Beach.

The restroom replacements were the result of a 2006 settlement agreement between the California Department of Parks and Recreation and parties in a class-action lawsuit that claimed that the condition and design of the facilities violated the Americans with Disabilities Act.

In accordance with the settlement, City Hall chose to replace eight facilities on Santa Monica State Beach, which is owned by the state and operated by local government.

Five of the restrooms lie south of the pier on Ocean Front Walk, and the other three are north on Palisades Beach Road.

The facilities were supposed to be finished by Memorial Day, but that didn't happen.

Now, with school everywhere either done or nearing completion, and a city famed for its beaches and sun preparing for the onslaught of summer tourists, functioning

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House race campaign ad draws bipartisan ire

MICHAEL R. BLOOD
AP Political Writer

LOS ANGELES A crudely produced video depicting gun-toting black gang members spanking a white, bikini-clad California congressional candidate set off a bipartisan furor Wednesday and illustrated how the power of the anything-goes Internet is influencing political campaigns.

Democrat Janice Hahn, who is portrayed in the ad as a gyrating pole dancer, called the 90-second spot vulgar, racist and sexist. Her

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Developer yells Yahoo!

City Council lets development agreement violator off the hook

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL Auto dealerships, hospitals and small businesses in the MidCity area rejoice — your off-site parking at the Yahoo! Center is safe.

In a 5-2 vote Tuesday, the City Council legitimized Equity Office Properties' questionable practice of leasing over 1,000 parking spaces to non-tenant businesses, something that had been going on for over a decade illegally under terms of their development agreement.

In return, the company agreed to apply a traffic demand management program (TDM) across the board to help reduce the impact of workers coming to and from their job sites. TDMs include carpooling and increased use of public transit.

Right now, City Hall only requires TDMs for large employers, and the only way to win this benefit is through the development agreement process.

"The amendment and TDM plan would apply to the entire facility, to larger and smaller employers," said City Planner Roxanne Tanemori. "The city would be getting more compliance than currently."

It was an unpopular move with residents who believe the parking is a community benefit that should not be used to pad the center's profit margin, but councilmembers for the amendment said that the center was providing plenty of perks, and that the

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GLAD GRADS

Brandon Wise *brandonw@smdp.com*

Students wave to their family members and friends as they walk to the Santa Monica College 2011 graduation ceremony at Corsair Field on Tuesday afternoon. The commencement address was given by Dr. Robert Birgeneau, Chancellor of the University of California at Berkeley.

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1527 Fourth St., 9:30 p.m. — 12:30 p.m.
Learn about the many volunteer opportunities at senior service provider WISE & Healthy Aging during this orientation.
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Friday, June 17, 2011

Take the tour
Main Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd., 12:30 p.m. — 1:30 p.m.
If you haven't been to the Main Library, now's your chance. Docent led tours are offered the third Friday of each month. Docents are able to adapt the tour to focus on various aspects of this LEED (Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design) gold rated building.

Dermatologist to the stars
Barnes & Noble
1201 Third Street Promenade
Join renowned celebrity dermatologist Dr. Ava Shamban for the launch of her new book, "Heal Your Skin: The Breakthrough Plan for Renewal." She will talk about her book and participate in a Q&A session. Dr. Shamban's approach to skin care and life has made her the go-to person for issues beyond lasers and fillers. Best recognized as the "Extreme Makeover" dermatologist, today she is a regular on the Emmy-winning daytime talk show, "The Doctors."

Saturday, June 18, 2011

Huck Finn Day
Boys & Girls Club of Santa Monica
1238 Lincoln Blvd.,
11 a.m. — 2 p.m.
The Santa Monica Jaycees presents its annual Huck Finn Day complete with activities, prizes, a bouncy house and a pie eating contest. When else can a Mark Twain classic come to life?
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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

CITYWIDE

No more free parking

Come July 1, those driving hybrid cars with the yellow "clean air" decals will no longer be able to park for free at meters in Santa Monica, city officials announced Wednesday.

The change comes as a result of the legislature abandoning a program that allowed drivers of those hybrids to use car pool or high-occupancy lanes even though they had no other passenger in the car. Those hybrid vehicles no longer meet strict California emission standards, officials with the Department of Motor Vehicles said.

The next generation of clean air stickers, which will be green, is anticipated to be released in January 2012. They will also allow solo drivers in as many as 40,000 advanced technology vehicles, which meet even stricter standards, to use carpool lanes.

So far, only one car can meet those standards, a Toyota Prius enhanced plug-in hybrid, according to the California Air Resources Board.

In 2002, the City Council adopted regulations exempting all alternative fuel vehicles displaying clean air decals from payment at parking meters as a way to encourage more people to buy alternative fuel and hybrid vehicles. The change did not exempt people from parking time limits or from paying to park at lots or structures.

KEVIN HERRERA

CITY HALL

Watch it when you want

CityTV 16, Santa Monica's government access television station, has recently launched a new web site that allows people to watch their favorite local shows live or on demand.

Fans of "Cheap Eats," Get Out!" and "Santa Monica Update" can watch old episodes whenever they like and can watch a CityTV 16 live stream on their smart phones and computers.

Additional features include a direct link to live coverage of City Council meetings, up-to-date video podcasts from shows, a scrolling rolodex consisting of all CityTV programs, and a schedule for Little League airtimes so you can catch the kids in action.

Users can now access and view a vast library of podcast video clips that range from 2 to 15 minutes in length. The new site also contains show synopses and a daily television schedule for CityTV programming. CityTV's new features can be visited at www.citytv.org.

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Photo courtesy TSM

THE FOUNDATION: **(Left to right) Andy Lau, Eugene Tee, Jordan Wilimovsky and Mun Hon Lee have combined to help make Team Santa Monica a burgeoning powerhouse.**

Something in the water

Coach has swim team making waves

BY DANIEL ARCHULETA
Managing Editor

DOWNTOWN In less than a year, swimming coach Dave Kelsheimer has given Team Santa Monica an Olympic feel.

Since coming back to the states from Australia in September of 2010 to coach the team that often works out at Santa Monica College, Kelsheimer has brought an aggressive coaching style to TSM that has already yielded improved times and even a qualifier for the U.S. Olympic trials.

Eugene Tee, who followed the coach to the states, has qualified for both the U.S. and Australian trials in the 400 meter medley, giving much of the credit to his globe trotting coach. Both trials take place next year.

"I owe Dave a lot," Tee said while the team was in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. for a meet. "He's really changed my life.

"I never thought I'd be at this level before meeting him."

Tee, who attends St. Monica Catholic High School, lives with a host family here in Santa Monica. He said that Kelsheimer helped arrange his accommodations with the family of a teammate.

Ironically, Kelsheimer gives much of the credit for TSM's rebirth to the 17-year-old swimmer he first met six years ago in Melbourne. He said that having an athlete like Tee in the pool gives his other swimmers the notion that reaching the Olympics isn't a pipe dream.

That competitive environment seems to be rubbing off.

"For all of these guys, it has been a real acceleration of their progress," Kelsheimer said. "This is a first-hand example of what is possible.

"Our training sessions are very tough. I'm very humbled by the leap of faith these kids have taken."

In addition to Tee's accomplishments, TSM has produced three Senior National Team qualifiers and four Junior National Team qualifiers. Kelsheimer thinks this is just the beginning. But, before anybody can rise to Tee's level, it will have to come at a price.

Kelsheimer, who candidly admits to toning down his coaching style from his early days, is still quite the task master.

"I'm pretty intense," he said. "You try to keep your energy focused on what you need to work out."

He said that begins with innovative techniques he first honed while coaching

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Student heads to NASA for research project

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

SMC Santa Monica College student Avital Levi is ready to float in space — and find a better way to fuel nano-satellites.

The 20-year-old honors student, who is heading to USC this fall as an electrical engineering major, left Wednesday for a special 10-day NASA program for college students in which she will get training in weightlessness and will also conduct research in the microgravity environment.

Levi is part of a four-member team of community college students who will join other students from universities throughout the United States attending the Reduced Gravity Student Flight Program at NASA's Johnson Space Center in Houston. (Hers is the only team made up of community college students; all the rest are from four-year universities.)

Her team's project is to investigate the effect of microgravity on the wetting of proton-exchange membranes so as to develop a more effective method of fueling nano-satellites.

In the flight training, she will board an airplane that follows a parabolic flight path, which will subject her to alternate weightlessness followed by hypergravity — 1.8 times the force of normal gravity.

"I'm excited," she said before leaving. "I'm interested to see if I can withstand those conditions."

This is the second time Levi is participating in a NASA program. Last fall, through the National Community College Aerospace Scholars, she spent three days at the Johnson Space Center with students from around the nation who worked in teams to build a pro-

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LEVI

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Disrespecting the dead

Editor:

Dear Mayor Bloom,

I attended the Memorial Day services at Woodlawn Cemetery on May 30, 2011, and would like to share my thoughts with you regarding the service. The service on the whole was very good. However, there are a few negative aspects of the same.

It was disrespectful to have a food truck on the grass of Elks Rest, it is inappropriate selling food during the memorial ceremony and interrupting the honored keynote speaker's address, and the noise from the truck and people buying food was loud and distracting during the presentation of wreaths by community organizations. This is a memorial service honoring the fallen men and women who have paid the ultimate sacrifice for our country. It is not a picnic. If food has to be sold at all, it would be more appropriate to sell it before or after the ceremony, not during the ceremony, but in no case have the food truck on the grass between four graves. The cemetery allowed the vendor to drive his food truck over graves to get that spot, move the flag of the United States and move the Elks flag to park where they did. They removed the flag holders and when they put the flags back up, they put the flags up backwards, having little or no regard for the flag of our country.

As a side note, in the 71 years that Santa Monica Elks put on the service at Woodlawn Cemetery, never once did they show such disrespect to the U.S. flag, to the men and women who gave the ultimate sacrifice for our country, or to the Elks by having such a blatant display such as this food truck sitting on Elks Rest. Food was not sold at the cemetery on such a solemn day. Instead, the Elks always invited the public and all the guests there at the cemetery to the Elks Lodge for a BBQ after the services. It wasn't until last year when the city of Santa Monica ousted the Elks and decided to put on a Memorial Day service of their own that such an atrocity took place.

I am writing to you in hopes that next year's Memorial Day service is finely tuned so as not to be disrespectful to the families of those who are buried in Elks Rest, to those who gave the ultimate sacrifice, to the American flag and especially to the keynote speaker.

Margaret Pickett
Santa Monica

All the right moves

Editor:

On Tuesday night, the City Council rose to the challenge and delivered on the highest expectations of the community aided by many pubic comments. They approved excellence instead of allowing a small minority to impose their narrow views.

In reviewing the latest iteration for the Town Square we were struck by the peeling away of liveliness, public amenities, and sustainability. The Landmarks Commission's strict view of historical significance which, through old photographs looked to us like a wasteland, became a strong arm end-run around the inclusive public process fully embraced throughout many public workshops. The City Council approved "quality design" rather than "design by committee" allowing James Corner Field Operations to fulfill his larger vision to connect and enliven the Town Square to the park at Palisades Garden Walk. This is a triumph for the discourse of reason and to the visitors and the citizens of Santa Monica.

Linda Jassim and Gwynne Pugh
Santa Monica





Life Matters

JoAnne Barge & Katrina Davy Send comments to editor@smdp.com

A special ode to fathers

WITH FATHER'S DAY SWIFTLY approaching, I can't help but think about what it might mean to be a father. Being a woman, I can only imagine, and then of course I have to think, well there are so many different types of fathers out there.

Some run for the hills and don't even claim their children. Others fall in love with their kids and then have unfortunate divorces where their relationships change forever. Many of my patients have talked about losing their fathers through a divorce and wishing, actually longing, to be close to them. In these situations, the father often remarries and unless everything is handled really well, delicately integrating and blending new members, then dad can be perceived as having a new family and the kids are left out.

Our divorce rates are high here in the U.S. About half of all marriages end in divorce. But there are those fortunate families who stay together, work out conflicts and a father really gets to be a father. He is involved with his children, there are family vacations and everyone feels a part of their family.

This lucky family actually takes hard work, not just luck. One of the reasons that the divorce rate is so high has to do with becoming a parent, or for our purposes here, becoming a father.

It's one thing to fall in love and have romance and long talks, to share dreams, walk hand in hand along the beach, and drink chianti together. Everyone knows the intoxicating feeling of falling in love. When this moves to something more serious it can be exciting but also threatening at some level. The commitment being undertaken can feel overwhelming to a man. In fact, the C-word — commitment — is also the R-word — responsibility — for the men who move toward marriage and plan to have families. They usually are the primary breadwinners and are responsible for the family's basic needs.

While marriage is exciting and so is being pregnant for the first time, many psychological changes occur that for many go unnoticed until they have actually taken hold.

When we marry, our internalized images of the family begin to bubble up and take over. This means we start to have expectations of what our marriage and family should look like and expectations regarding what it means to be a good wife/mother and good husband/father. If we are not really clear about what these are and also really good about communicating them to each other, it can spell big trouble for a couple.

When a man is about to become a father, there is a whole host of mixed emotions. It is so exciting to announce to one's family and friends, and to feel it oneself, "we are pregnant." But as the arrival approaches and certainly after the baby is born, other feelings can emerge. Now this once wonderful romantic dyad is becoming a triangle and triangles are difficult to negotiate in the best of circumstances, but an infant cannot be negotiated.

It is not infrequent that fathers feel left out, abandoned, neglected or even worse, used to support this new relationship.

IT IS NOT INFREQUENT THAT FATHERS FEEL LEFT OUT, ABANDONED, NEGLECTED OR EVEN WORSE, USED TO SUPPORT THIS NEW RELATIONSHIP.

"I am nothing more than a paycheck so that she can fix up the baby's room and buy him fancy clothes," one new father told me. He was very embarrassed about his feelings but was also feeling very hurt. He was already talking about divorce. He wasn't treating his wife very well and she, not understanding any of it, was reacting defensively and sarcastically. They were off and running, fighting without knowing why or what they were really fighting over. Fortunately, he had me (or someone like me) to talk to.

He began to understand how normal and common his feelings were and was able to start opening up with his wife. And lucky for him, she loved him and was receptive. They worked it out and moved on, had another child a few years later and are now one of those happy families.

Lots of things can interfere with family life and being a good father. So to all of those fathers who have worked through their fears, normal family conflicts, and dedicated themselves to being a father to their children, we must salute them. I have great sympathy for those who tried their best but didn't have the opportunity to be a family or to be close with their children.

I hope we all take a moment to think about our fathers and be grateful for what we have or had and perhaps to have sympathy for those fathers who simply didn't know how or couldn't do it. It is their loss as well, not just their children's.

Happy Father's Day to all those fathers who are proud of and in love with their kids but should be proud of themselves too.

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Nielsen: Online video viewers watch less TV

RYAN NAKASHIMA
AP Business Writer

LOS ANGELES Americans who watch the most video online tend to watch less TV, according to The Nielsen Co., a finding that overturns a longstanding belief that people who watch more programming do so over all devices.

The ratings agency said Wednesday that starting last fall, it noticed a segment of consumers who were starting to make a trade-off between online video and regular TV. The activity was more pronounced among people ages 18-34.

The finding could be troubling to television networks that have been putting shows online in order to reach new audiences. The hope was they wouldn't diminish viewership on television, where they still make most of their advertising revenue.

Nielsen polled about 2,600 people who said they watched videos online in the first three months of the year, and divided them into fifths based on how much they watch. The fifth that watched the most video online consumed nearly 19 minutes a day, and also watched the least amount of television, at about four hours and 32 minutes a day. The fifth that watched the least online video — at less than a tenth of a minute a day — watched the most TV at 4 hours and 50 minutes.

Nielsen said such a finding doesn't indicate that people are about to drop their pay TV packages to watch video only online, a notion known as "cord cutting." About 91 percent of TV households still paid for a TV subscription in the first quarter, and most of the changes had to do with people switching between cable, telephone and satellite companies.

Overall, TV viewing crept up by 0.2 percent from a year ago to 158 hours and 47 minutes a month, while video watching on the Internet jumped 35 percent to 4 hours and 33 minutes per month. Watching on mobile devices such as smartphones rose 20 percent to 4 hours and 20 minutes a month.

Jack Wakshlag, chief research officer at Time Warner Inc.'s Turner Broadcasting System, said the decrease in TV viewing made by the heaviest watchers of online video was relatively small and "not something we view as destructive or damaging."

He noted that overall viewing went up on all platforms, meaning that Time Warner's "TV Everywhere" strategy of making content available to subscribers on multiple devices was the right one.

Nielsen also found differences based on the ethnicity of audiences.

African-Americans watched the most of any ethnic group on TV and over mobile devices, at nearly 213 hours a month on TV, and 6 hours and 30 minutes on mobile devices. Asians watched the least TV at 100 hours and 25 minutes, and the most online video at 10 hours and 19 minutes.

Hispanics were the most likely to have a smartphone, at 53 percent, followed by Asians at 48 percent, African-Americans at 39 percent and whites at 30 percent.

Nielsen's senior vice president of insights and analysis, Pat McDonough, said the study suggests that advertisers have to cast a wider net to make sure they're reaching the audiences they want.

"The real implication for advertisers is you need to think broadly," she said. "You need to think about reaching people on the screen that they're available on at that time."

SOCAL BRIEFS

LOS ANGELES

Nicaraguan lawmaker arrested

A Nicaraguan lawmaker on Wednesday was denied bail after his recent arrest on a 14-year-old warrant from Florida that accuses him of conspiracy to commit wire fraud and money laundering.

U.S Magistrate Judge John McDermott ordered Alejandro Solorzano to remain behind bars until he's transferred to Miami where he and four others were named in a 33-count indictment that was returned in February 1997.

He and the others are accused of bilking millions of dollars from Egyptian businessman Hossam Aboul Fotouh, who sought $1.2 billion in financing for construction projects, by fabricating bank guarantees.

In September 1995, Solorzano received about $1.2 million that was transferred from his brother, Gabriel Solorzano, to a bank account in Costa Rica that he controlled, according to the indictment. He later wrote a $50,000 check to himself from the laundered funds, authorities said.

Alejandro Solorzano was arrested Sunday at Los Angeles International Airport when he got off a plane from Guatemala and was en route to Taiwan, FBI spokeswoman Laura Eimiller said.

Two other defendants remain fugitives. Gabriel Solorzano pleaded guilty to conspiracy and money laundering in 1999 and was sentenced to 31 months in prison.

Alejandro Solorzano, who is a representative and an executive secretary in the Central American Parliament, was scheduled to appear in federal court Wednesday — his 53rd birthday — for a bond hearing. He previously waived his right to a removal hearing and will be returned to the Southern District of Florida where he faces charges.

A telephone message for deputy federal public defender Asal Akhondzadeh was not returned by Wednesday afternoon.

AP

The Q Line

Rent to own

The Santa Monica Rent Control Board last week approved its annual rent adjustment — a 3.2 percent increase with a ceiling of $52. That means renters can expect to pay more later this year when the increase goes into effect. The board could have approved a 3.5 percent bump or a 2.6 percent bump with a $7 flat fee.

So, this week's Q-Line question asks:
What do you think about the increase? Is it fair or should it be more or less?

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No public trial for Sheen over firing

ANTHONY MCCARTNEY
AP Entertainment Writer

LOS ANGELES Charlie Sheen won't get quite the audience he wanted for his $100 million lawsuit over his firing from "Two and a Half Men" — a judge on Wednesday ruled his case should be handled through private arbitration rather than in a public courtroom.

Sheen's contract with Warner Bros. Television has a valid arbitration clause, Los Angeles Superior Court Judge Allan Goodman wrote in a 21-page ruling. The decision will dampen publicity about the case, which Sheen filed on March 10 — days after he was fired from his starring role on television's top-rated comedy.

The ruling applies to Sheen's allegations against "Men" executive producer Chuck Lorre, whose contract with Warner Bros. also has an arbitration clause.

Sheen had requested the case be heard in public court, and a judge heard arguments on the issue in April.

But Goodman said in his ruling that Sheen was represented by competent attorneys when he signed his contract requiring any disputes to be handled through private arbitration.

The studio cited Sheen's bizarre behavior in interviews and his criticism of Lorre as reasons for the actor's firing.

Sheen's role has been eliminated from the show and Ashton Kutcher will appear next season.

Sheen's spokesman Larry Solters declined comment in an email. A phone message to Sheen's attorney, Marty Singer, was not immediately returned.

"We're very gratified by the court's ruling enforcing the parties' arbitration agreement," Warner Bros. said in a statement.

Lorre's attorney, Howard Weitzman, also welcomed the ruling.

"This matter will now proceed in an orderly fashion as the parties agreed to," Weitzman wrote in an e-mail.

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Future unclear for California's inmate firefighting crews

DON THOMPSON
Associated Press

SACRAMENTO California officials are concerned that a move to save money and reduce the state's prison population will have major consequences during firefighting season, jeopardizing a program that puts 4,300 state prison inmates on the front lines of wildland blazes each year.

The inmate crews provide a vital work force in a state where wildfires burn hundreds of homes and tens of thousands of acres in a typical year and have become even more important as budget cuts have reduced the number of seasonal firefighters employed by the state.

It's the largest such program in the nation, with inmates making up nearly half of California's wildland firefighters. But it's endangered by Gov. Jerry Brown's plan to shift responsibility for tens of thousands of lower-level offenders from state prisons to county jails to save the state money and to comply with a U.S. Supreme Court ruling that upheld a lower court in ordering California to reduce overcrowding in its prison system.

Brown's plan targets lower-level offenders, the same inmates who generally qualify for the prisoner fire camps.

Officials say the program will not be affected this fire season because the inmate shift has not yet been funded. They are hoping county sheriffs will send inmates to the camps in future years, but say that's uncertain.

"It's a tough issue," said Oscar Hidalgo, a spokesman for the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation. "We're doing everything we can to maintain it, either through the counties or even looking very closely at eligibility for those inmates and if we can somehow retain those inmates in fighting fires."

The California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection says the program is even more important because $31 million in budget cuts have eliminated 730 seasonal state firefighters, leaving 2,400.

That means there will be three firefighters on each of the department's fire engines during the peak fire season, down from four, said spokesman Daniel Berlant. The department will keep its 3,300 full-time firefighters despite the budget cuts.

The department's full-time and seasonal firefighters operate fire engines, bulldozers, helicopters and airplanes. But it is the inmate crews that do the dirty, exhausting work of cutting and scraping fire lines with hand tools.

"They go on the front line on the fires. Their job is to go around the perimeter of a fire and clear brush, so we put a doughnut ring around the fire so there's nothing left to burn," Berlant said. "They really are the backbone of firefighting."

Arizona, Colorado, Georgia, Idaho, Mississippi, Nevada, New Mexico, North Carolina, Oregon, South Dakota, Washington and Wyoming are among states that use inmates to fight fires.

But California's inmate firefighter program is larger than many states' entire prison populations, said Alison Lawrence, a policy specialist with the National Conference of State Legislatures.

From the first permanent firefighting camp in 1946, California's program has expanded to 39 state-operated camps and another five run by Los Angeles County. Two of the state's camps are staffed by female inmates and two by juvenile offenders.

Most inmates earn $1.45 a day when they are in training or doing community work projects. They earn $1 an hour when they are called out to fight fires. Many also qualify for two days' credit toward earlier release for each day they spend in the camps.

There are no recidivism studies on fire camp graduates, but Correctional Capt. Rae Stewart, who coordinates the program, said most benefit from the self-discipline, teamwork and vocational training.

"I'm a little older, but you see a lot of kids come in here, they've never worked before," said 53-year-old David Leach, who has spent the last 2 1/2 years as an inmate firefighter based northeast of Redding in Shasta County. "They come in here and develop a good work ethic."

Leach is due to be paroled next month to Los Angeles County and already has a job waiting with a tree service company, building on skills he learned as a firefighter.

Chris Anderson, 38, earned an associate of arts degree and several water treatment licenses during his 4 1/2 years in a firefighting camp, licenses he expects will win him a job when he gets parole in 70 days.

"Behind the walls, it's a lot more stringent, there's a lot more politics," said Anderson, of Red Bluff. "These are guys who are just trying to go home and improve their lives."

The corrections department allowed the inmates to speak with The Associated Press on the condition that they not be asked about their crimes.

In an average year, the inmate firefighters perform three million hours of emergency work and five million hours of community service in total.

The camps cost the corrections department about $47 million annually, Stewart said, but save an estimated $80 million annually for the work they provide, compared to a non-inmate earning $10 an hour.

Berlant said the program costs his agency another $77 million annually, but saves millions of dollars compared to what it would cost to hire professional firefighters at $12 to $14.55 an hour.

Corrections Secretary Matthew Cate said this spring that he hopes county sheriffs continue to send inmates to the fire camps under the law Brown signed in April. Brown sought the realignment to help cut the state's budget deficit and remove up to 40,000 inmates over three years from the nation's largest state prison system, now 162,000 inmates.

The law would give counties responsibility for adult offenders convicted of non-serious, nonviolent and non-sexual offenses. It also is the administration's primary answer to the U.S. Supreme Court's order last month that California reduce its prison population by 33,000 inmates within two years to improve the medical treatment for prisoners.

County sheriffs will have to find places to put all those inmates, Cate said, and under Brown's proposal would have the money to continue sending them to fire camps.

Each of California's 58 sheriffs could respond differently to the influx of inmates, potentially leaving the fire camps short-handed, said Merced County Sheriff Mark Pazin, president of the state sheriffs' association.

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amendment was right in line with City Hall land use policy.

"The benefit of shared parking is so apparent to me, and I think to the community, which is why we built it so deeply into the LUCE," said Councilmember Terry O'Day. "It reduces trips, on-street parking, land dedicated to cars, helps pedestrian orientation, helps retailers and autodealers. It's the apparent value of the shared parking, even if there isn't a dollar value attached to it in this report."

It was that lack of a dollar value that held up council members Kevin McKeown and Bobby Shriver, who demanded to see the financial analysis of how much a TDM would cost the center's owner versus how much the company makes off of parking.

That information was requested by the Planning Commission at its May 19 meeting. The commission recommended that the council deny the application without that analysis.

McKeown agreed, saying that it was necessary to make an informed business decision on the part of the public.

"I'd like to put this off until that information is provided to us," McKeown said. "All of us believe in shared parking, and we all want to make it happen. We need to make it happen fairly for those that live in Santa Monica, and make it happen fairly for the applicant."

Mayor Pro Tem Gleam Davis noted that City Hall would be hard-pressed to criticize the company without taking a hard look at itself.

"It appears to me that the city was complicit in that, because we've been taking revenue from that for all these years," Davis said. "It's hard to point the finger at the developer when we've been benefiting from this violation."

In fact, the center has paid approximately $1.82 million in parking taxes between 2008 and the first quarter of 2011, according to a letter by the center's attorney, Dale Goldsmith.

The leasing, formally discovered during a check of the Yahoo! Center's development agreement, was deemed "out of compliance" with the conditions of the 1981 agreement by the City Attorney's Office.

While lawyers for the company argue that the agreement does not prohibit the leases, in the words of Deputy City Attorney Barry Rosenbaum: "A better reading is that the practice of leasing to off-site tenants is currently not allowed."

In response, the center came to City Hall with an amendment to its agreement, the fifth in the 30 years that the agreement has been in effect, which divested it of the responsibility to provide free parking to the businesses that lease space in the office park, and gives the owners the right to lease out spaces to other businesses.

Goldsmith told councilmembers that the use of the large number of spaces in the half-empty business center was in line with the "shared parking" principle in City Hall's recently-adopted Land Use and Circulation Element, or LUCE.

The concept encourages people and businesses to find ways to use existing parking more efficiently rather than build new parking, which city officials say promotes car use and wastes money, energy and increases traffic.

"Letting these spaces lie fallow would squander these resources and require a commitment to spend more non-renewable resources," Goldsmith said.

While city planners do promote the concept of shared parking, which they say increases walkability, decreases traffic and promotes economic vitality, the owners of the Yahoo! Center have not always been as gung-ho about the concept as Goldsmith's comments suggest.

"They were indifferent at best about going through the DA process and having the ability to have shared parking," said outgoing Planning Director Eileen Fogarty. "We encouraged them strongly because they have all these excess spaces. That was the city's broader view on this application."

The 1 million square foot center does have a lot of extra space, according to a staff report.

Its subterranean garage provides 4,063 parking spaces, nearly a quarter of which it leases out to off-site parties, including Saint John's Health Center and local car dealerships.

A study conducted Dec. 1 and 2, 2010 showed that even at 11 a.m., there were surpluses of nearly 800 parking spaces.

Disgruntled citizens noted that those dates fall on Hanukkah, which might have detracted from the number of parkers present.

The center used that study to push a major reduction in the number of parking spaces it was required to provide to its tenants, also gunning for the ability to charge all of its tenants for the right to park.

Although the principle of the decision lines up with City Council policy, the evisceration of the development agreement process, which forms the basis of LUCE implementation, causes problems, McKeown wrote in an e-mail after the meeting.

"I regret that the council went forward after the applicant declined to provide information requested by the Planning Commission, council members, staff and the public," he wrote. "The precedent is worrisome, and calls for a rethinking of how we intend to handle the dozen or more new development agreements upcoming."

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AD
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Republican rival in the 36th Congressional District, Craig Huey issued a statement saying "our district deserves better."

"The ad was not authorized and not affiliated with my campaign," Huey said. "Whether people agree with my politics or not, anyone who knows me can attest to the fact that I would not participate in something of this nature."

The ad begins by accusing Hahn, who is running for the district that includes Venice, of using taxpayer funds to help free incarcerated gang members, which Hahn's campaign said was unfounded.

The ad was funded by Turn Right USA, which according to government filings is based in suburban Los Angeles. The group is a fundraising arm for conservative filmmaker Ladd Ehlinger Jr., who posted the ad on his website has a track record of producing provocative political ads.

Ehlinger said in a telephone interview the ad will remain on the Web, despite the criticism and calls to remove it. He said the ad has "a kernel of serious to it" but his critics were missing the joke.

"I've always wanted to do a rap video and combine it with a political attack ad and make it so over the top it would drive everyone crazy," Ehlinger said. "If Michael Moore made video showing (Sarah) Palin stripping for conservative Christian nut-jobs, I don't think the other side would be condemning it."

Hahn's campaign said it planned to ask federal regulators to investigate if Huey's campaign had any connection to the ad or its producers.



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ON THE WAY: **The planned beach restrooms are still under construction just south of the SM Pier.**

RESTROOMS

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— and ADA-compliant — restroom facilities seem less like a nice project, and more like a real need.

The $3.78 million project, taken on by the architectural firm Roesling Nakamura Terada Architects, hit delays ranging from long waits for special materials to the inability of contractors to get to the sites to the sheer number of construction locations up and down the beach.

Selective demolition only got started in October, and then cleanup of asbestos and lead-based materials had to begin, wrote Susan Cline, the assistant director of Public Works, in an e-mail.

"However, construction could not begin until early November, when building permits were issued," Cline said.

The contractor hoped that two months could be cut off of construction time to make up for the delays and make the Memorial Day target, but all nine months were needed to finish up, Cline wrote.

All the bathrooms are expected to be open by late July. To make up for the lack of flush toilets, Public Works has put out more portable toilets for beach-users.

In 2010, according to estimates by the Santa Monica Convention & Visitors Bureau, 1.575 million visitors from outside of the L.A. area visited the beach.

When the permanent toilets are done, they won't just be accessible to all, but helpful to a variety of users.

Each will be outfitted with toilet facilities, outdoor sinks and showers, foot washes, bike racks and drinking fountains.

The restrooms themselves will be passively ventilated, meaning that the air moving naturally off the ocean will help keep them fresh, while gravity-induced convection will help keep the buildings cool.

The buildings will be built with the largest face oriented to the north or south to minimize the disruption of the ocean view. The men and women's sides will be side-by-side, separated by the building's spine.

According to an overview on the Santa Monica State Beach website, the structures will be formed of precast concrete panels and anti-slip concrete exterior floors. The roofing will be nearly flat and formed of a mix of concrete panels and metal.

Solid wood doors and a wire mesh form the exposed areas.

The goal was to make the structures durable, easily washed and sustainable, according to the report.

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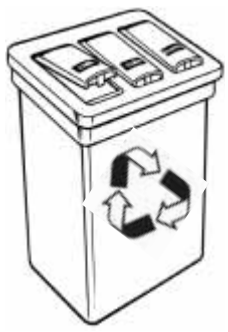
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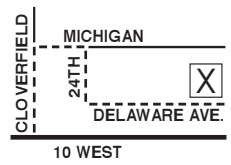
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TSM
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in Australia. He said that TSM is the only team in the U.S. to use physical therapy as a training tool and not just for rehabilitation from injuries or fatigue. He and his physical therapy team design exercises to prevent injury and to enhance performance.

"We want the kids to be effective in training," he said of the process. "We try to fix things before they become problems."

He credits much of the team's recent success to the techniques he's come to use on a daily basis.

"It is all designed to help athletes swim the same distances with less strokes," he added.

That work has resulted in TSM member Jordan Wilimovsky's sudden rise to the national stage. He has qualified for the Senior National qualifier. Andy Lau, a student at Santa Monica High School, is also on the fast track to stardom.

"He's not far off," Kelsheimer said of the swimmer who, like Tee, participates in the 400 IM.

Kelsheimer's path to Santa Monica has contributed to creating his coaching philosophy and it has even put his passport to good use.

In addition to coaching in Australia, Kelsheimer also worked in the Cayman Islands.

During 10 years in the Cayman Islands, Kelsheimer was instrumental in the island nation's entry into Olympic competition. Upon arrival, he was tasked with creating the team from scratch, hoping to have instant success. He soon realized that making Olympic swimmers was no easy job.

In his time with the Cayman Islands team, Kelsheimer was ultimately able to qualify four swimmers for the Olympics. Despite not winning any medals at the Summer Games, he said that he was satisfied with the progress and left the team in January of 2005.

Kelsheimer said that his coaching experience overseas has helped him quickly reshape TSM into a potential national powerhouse. He hopes it pays off quickly as the U.S. Olympic trials are just a year away.

"I don't have any doubt that we'll have more guys there," he said. "These guys are dropping 10, 20 seconds per event."

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NASA
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totype Mars rover.

"At first I thought, 'How can someone like me, who has no experience, design a Mars rover?'" she said. "But I learned a lot doing it, a lot about the history of NASA and how science fits in with the rest of the world. Seeing the effect of NASA on technology was really interesting."

This time around, her team submitted a detailed and technical research proposal, and each student will take on special roles. Levi said the team will be building its own hardware for the research.

The daughter of immigrants who came to the U.S. from Iran via Israel, Levi was born in America and raised in Beverly Hills. A graduate of Beverly Hills High School, she started at SMC in the fall of 2008, taking classes through the SMC Scholars Program, a rigorous program designed for honor students.

It was through the Scholars Program that she heard about the NASA programs.

"I am so grateful to the Scholars Program," she said. "Before I was in it, I knew what I wanted and how to get there, but they really tell you what to do and how to fix mistakes."

Levi, who plans to get a doctorate in electrical engineering and is considering working some day for NASA, has not only maintained an A-minus average at SMC, she has been active in extracurricular activities through the Hillel Club and Chabad. In addition, she is an accomplished musician who has played numerous instruments.

Levi says she has been happy with her time at SMC. "The teachers care," she said. "And they know what they're talking about. Also, I know I can always go and talk to them."

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MOVIE REVIEW

British cinema comes across the pond

BY CYNTHIA CITRON
Special to the Daily Press

DOWNTOWN "Toast" is the first film to come to America in a new independent series called From Britain with Love. Presented by the Film Society of Lincoln Center, the UK Film Council, and Emerging Pictures, the six-film series will be screened one a weekend from June 18 to July 24 at the Laemmle Theaters in Santa Monica, Encino, Pasadena, and Claremont.

"Toast," a melancholy coming-of-age movie, premiered on British TV on BBC1 in June 2010. Based on the memoir of popular English chef and food writer Nigel Slater, it chronicles the boyhood of a lonely, gay young man growing up in the Midlands. His mother (played by Virginia Hamilton) is a perpetually anxious and rather dreary woman who dies of asthma when Nigel is 9. His father (Ken Stott) is a grumpy, off-putting man who nevertheless puts up with solitary dinners of toast, which is the only thing his wife can cook without ruining.

After her death, however, the household is literally taken over by Mrs. Potter (a blowsy blonde Helena Bonham Carter), who cleans the house on her hands and knees while wearing spiked heels and seamed nylons. (She also manages to smoke and wiggle her behind while she scrubs.)

But she can cook. To a household that never ate a vegetable that didn't come out of a can, she brings extravagant multi-course meals and exotic desserts that quickly seduce the elder Slater.

Nigel, who has never been able to attract his father's attention or affection, is appalled to learn that the way to a man's heart is really through his stomach. And so he devotes himself to learning to cook in an attempt to vanquish Mrs. Potter, whom he considers coarse and common. Which, of course, she is. But it is a battle he can never win.

S.J. Clarkson directs the small cast smoothly and makes the frustration of the boy Nigel (Oscar Kennedy) and the grown-up young man Nigel (Freddie Highmore) both moving and engaging. And he has set them in that bucolic landscape of nostalgia and greenery so familiar to lovers of English period dramas.



Photo courtesy BBC

CAST: **Oscar Kennedy and Helena Bonham Carter star in 'Toast.'**

Nigel Slater's best-selling book has been adapted for the screen by Lee Hall, who also wrote the screenplay for "Billy Elliott" and for Stephen Spielberg's "War Horse."

"Toast," which will screen on June 18 and 19 at 11 a.m. is the first of the six films in the series.

SERIES SCHEDULE

- "In Our Name" starring Joanne Froggatt, named Most Promising Newcomer at the 2010 British Independent Film Awards, about a soldier returning home after serving in Iraq, on June 25 and 26.
- "Africa United," the story of three Rwandan children who walk 3,000 miles to the World Cup in South Africa, on July 2 and 3.
- "Third Star," the story of a terminally ill young man whose three best friends take him on a hike to a secluded cove in Wales, on July 9 and 10.
- "NEDs" (Non-Educated Delinquents) on July 16 and 17.
- "A Boy Called Dad," about a boy who becomes a father at 14, on July 23 and 24.

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Metro Briefs

WESTSIDE/CENTRAL

I-405: Countdown To The Closure – July 16-17
Plan ahead, avoid the area, or stay home is the message from public safety officials for the weekend closure of the I-405 Freeway in the Sepulveda Pass – between the I-10 and US-101 – scheduled for July 16-17 for planned demolition of the Mulholland Bridge, part of the freeway improvements project. For latest updates visit *metro.net/405*.

New Metro Bus Schedules June 26
Starting June 26, Metro is making changes in its bus service to improve efficiency and effectiveness through better use of resources. For complete details on the service changes, visit *metro.net*. Revised timetables will be available online or on buses starting in June.

Metro's Expo Line Train Testing Underway
Watch out for the trains! Testing is being conducted on the Exposition Light Rail Line, the newest extension of the Metro Rail system running between Downtown LA and Culver City. Tests are being done along portions of the route as construction is nearly 90 percent complete. For more information, visit *buildexpo.org*.

Revised Wilshire Bus Lane Project Approved
Metro has approved a plan for constructing 7.7 miles of curbside peak-hour bus lanes on Wilshire Boulevard between Santa Monica and Downtown LA. The project along portions of LA's busiest transit corridor could improve travel times on buses an estimated 9 to 14 minutes.

Hollywood Bowl Shuttle Free To Metro Riders
Go Metro and take advantage of free shuttle service to the Hollywood Bowl this summer. Operated by the Bowl, the non-stop shuttles serve both Metro Rail's Hollywood/Highland and Universal City stations. It's free to Metro riders, just show your valid Metro pass or Metro Rail ticket when you board.

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HUNGER READS THE MORNING PAPER, TOO.
1 IN 6 AMERICANS STRUGGLES WITH HUNGER.
TOGETHER WE'RE FEEDING AMERICA

Phyllis Figueiredo Chaves

Long time Colton resident, age 86, born and raised in Santa Monica, Ca., passed away on Sunday, June 12th, 2011, in Redlands, Ca., surrounded by family.

She was a member if the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church and was past president of St. Josephs Guild, She belonged to the Colton Woman's Club, Native Daughters and Parapsychology of Riverside.

She is the daughter of the late Mayme Soares Figueiredo and the late Captain George Soares Figueiredo of the Santa Monica Police Deparment. Also, survived by her sister, Marie Irwin of San Diego. She is the wife of the late Joseph A. Chaves, of Colton and Redlands.

She is survived by her son, Michael J. Chaves, of Riverside and her daughter, Georgina Chaves Tiedemann, of Yucaipa, 4 grand children and 5 great grand children.

Services will be held at Colton Funeral Home 1275 N. La Cadena Dr. Colton, Ca. 92324 (909) 825-0570 on June 17, 2011 from 10:00 AM.

Internment at Green Acres Memorial Park, Garden of the Resurrection, in Bloomington.

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SURF REPORT

Surf Conditions **Water Temp:** 61°

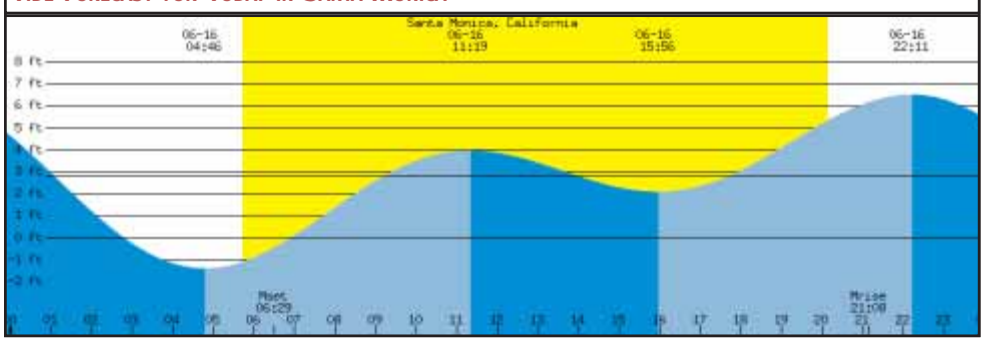
Swell Forecast

Looking at head high+ sets at most south facing breaks. NW wind swell is likely to increase a bit as well, waist to chest at direct west facing breaks (bigger though at dual exposure spots picking up the SW).

Long Range Synopsis

Looks looks like a head high day at south facing breaks. NW wind swell looks similar to Thursday.

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 **June 8, 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, LAcarGUY, 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
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 Rameer 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.	D	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.	A	F
Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms).	A+	ns
Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain.	A+	F
Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain.	A+	A+
Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain.	A+	ns
Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain.	A+	C
Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south.	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.

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.

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NBA

Clippers exercise option on Griffin

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LOS ANGELES The Los Angeles Clippers have exercised their fourth-year contract option on rookie of the year Blake Griffin, keeping him with the club through 2012-13.

The Clippers on Tuesday also exercised their third-year contract options on point guard Eric Bledsoe and forward Al-Farouq Aminu, who just completed their rookie seasons.

Los Angeles also extended a qualifying offer to shot-blocking center DeAndre Jordan, making him a restricted free agent.

Griffin was the first unanimous choice in 21 years as the NBA's top rookie after leading all rookies in scoring and rebounding. The 2009 No. 1 draft pick missed an entire season with a broken kneecap before becoming the first rookie All-Star in eight years.

CITY OF SANTA MONICA
NOTICE INVITING BIDS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Santa Monica invites sealed bids for:

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Please refer to the bid packet for further details.
The bid packet can be downloaded at:
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Hangover Part II (R) 1hr 42min
1:30pm, 4:15pm, 7:15pm, 9:50pm

X-Men: First Class (PG-13) 2hrs 11min
12:00pm, 3:00pm, 6:15pm, 9:30pm

Empire of Silver (Baiyin diguo) (NR) 1hr 52min
1:00pm, 4:00pm, 7:00pm, 9:45pm

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

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

Hangover Part II (R) 1hr 42min
12:00pm, 2:35pm, 5:20pm, 7:50pm, 10:30pm

X-Men: First Class (PG-13) 2hrs 11min
12:45pm, 4:00pm, 7:15pm, 10:25pm

Super 8 (PG-13) 1hr 52min
10:50am, 12:40pm, 1:45pm, 3:35pm, 4:35pm, 6:30pm, 7:20pm, 9:25pm, 10:10pm

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
10:45am, 1:40pm, 4:40pm, 7:35pm, 10:30pm

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

Green Lantern 3D (PG-13) 1hr 45min
12:01am

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

First Grader (NR) 1hr 45min
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.
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Thor (PG-13) 1hr 54min
11:10am, 1:50pm, 4:40pm, 7:30pm, 10:15pm

Kung Fu Panda 2 (PG) 1hr 31min
11:00am, 1:20pm, 3:40pm, 6:00pm, 8:15pm, 10:30pm

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Judy Moody and the Not Bummer Summer (PG) 1hr 31min
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Cave of Forgotten Dreams 3D (G) 1hr 30min
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Order in tonight, Libra

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Your ability to handle a problem allows for greater efficiency. Your intuition guides you with someone you put on a pedestal or must answer to. The unexpected occurs. Presently, you have a way of triggering that type of event. Tonight: A must appearance.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ Touch base with an expert before making a full declaration about your next step. You might not be comfortable with what is being suggested. Intuitively, you make the right choice, which becomes more and more natural. Tonight: Look at a different approach.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ A partnership increases in importance. Your instincts come through for you once more, though you need to keep yourself under control. A partner's or associate's position could totally change, tossing you into limbo. Tonight: Dinner for two.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★★ Defer to friends or associates. A boss tends to act in the most unexpected manner. Look at the situation positively; at least you are not bored. Be more upbeat and positive in your dealings with those close to you. Tonight: Go with a suggestion.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★ Recognize what you must accomplish. Whether it's the thought of the weekend or the pressure of a situation, you focus and do what is needed. Remain open to new technology or a suggestion that could transform the nature of your work. Tonight: Get some rest.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ You might be amused by someone's unpredictability, but it might be wise not to let this person know. Communicate your intentions in a meeting or get-together. Others will run with your idea, though they might continually update it. Maintain a sense of humor. Tonight: Say "yes" to an offer.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★ Work with a family member and don't back off. Your ability to move in a new direction and let go could be stalemated. You need to deal with a key person directly, though on some level you find this person unpredictable. Tonight: Order in.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★★ Your ability to communicate your needs allows greater flex from others. Sometimes you get quite nervous as you deal with one associate or person in your daily life. You never know what he or she will do next! Tonight: Join a friend.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★ Be sensitive to the costs of making a certain choice. As a natural risk-taker, you might decide to just go for it. Transforming your finances could go either way. Make sure you are acquainted with the facts. Tonight: Your treat.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Your ability to move in a new direction comes out. Someone close could feel somewhat jeopardized by your ability to morph right in front of him or her. A partner communicates his or her fears. Now is the time for a key discussion. Tonight: A force to be dealt with.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★ Know when to back off, and you'll get great results. Someone speaks or acts in a manner that actually might stun you. Though you might be revising your perceptions about this person, don't finalize anything right now. Tonight: Do just for you.

PISCES (Feb.19-March 20)
★★★★★ Your focus is important in a decision, meeting and/or an evolving friendship. Don't do anything that involves risks and finances, despite another person's confidence. Face facts -- it's your wallet that is going to take a hit. Tonight: Where you want to be, doing what you want.

Happy birthday

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

This year, your focus needs to remain on a key partnership. For some of you, two relationships could take a higher priority. One could be professional. Finances and taking risks could be hot issues. There could be many more twists and turns than you expected, as surprises seem to greet you frequently. Your ability to flex and adjust could be very important. If you are single, you will quickly fall into a close bond. Be careful not to jump into the first situation that comes along. Alternatives will come forward. If you are attached, the two of you become closer, but often there are periods of withdrawal, followed by greater closeness. CAPRICORN helps ground you.

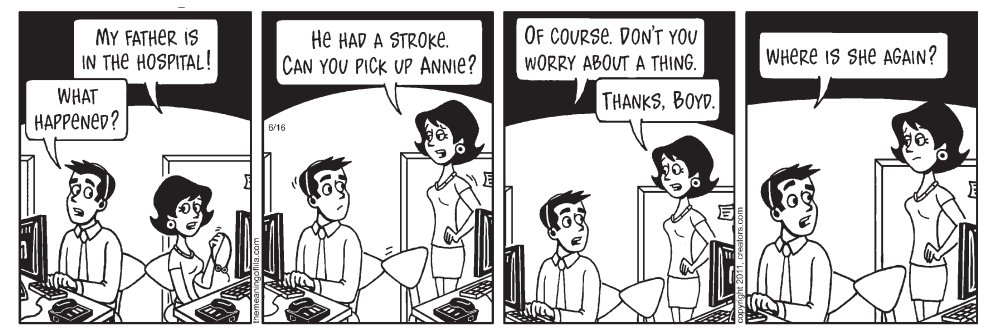
Dogs of C-Kennel

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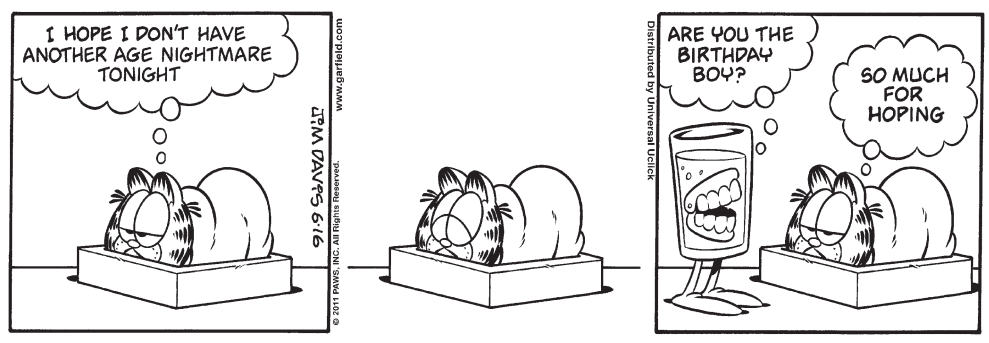
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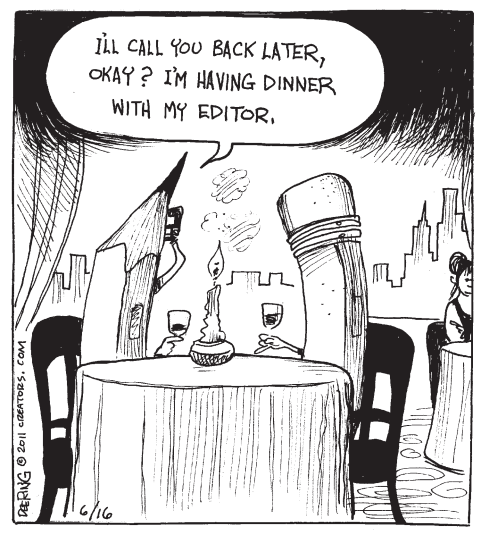
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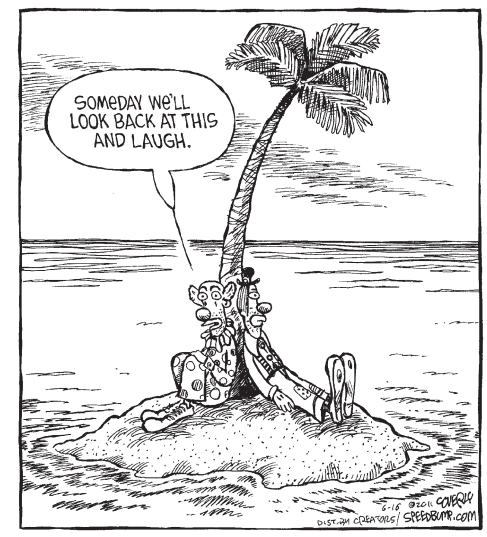
Strange Brew

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Speed Bump

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Sudoku

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

Difficulty Level ★★★

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1			8		9			
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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

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



CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Ties the knot
5 R2-D2, for one
10 Sweeping story
11 Clock topper
12 Composer Bartók
13 Library patron
14 Servant summoner
16 Old game with mallets
20 Very thin
23 Pollen collector
24 Watchful
25 European fashion center
27 "Norma —"
28 1040 users
29 Tarantino title
32 Permeable plant feature
36 Table tennis need
39 "Understood"
40 "Understood"
41 Muses count
42 Irritate
43 June honorees

DOWN

1 "Dragnet" star
2 Foil's kin
3 Pickling herb
4 Ticket seller, of a sort
5 Live
6 Kingdom
7 Outdated
8 "— had it!"
9 German article
11 In fact
15 Component
17 Qualified
18 Cordelia's father
19 Eye part
20 Urban oasis
21 Jai —
22 Disrobe
25 Paper producer
26 It "blows no good"
28 Steak choice
30 Entertainment system item
31 Contradict
33 Tibet setting
34 Advance
35 Noted Virginia family
36 Orange seed
37 Historic time
38 Fawn's mother

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Yesterday's answer

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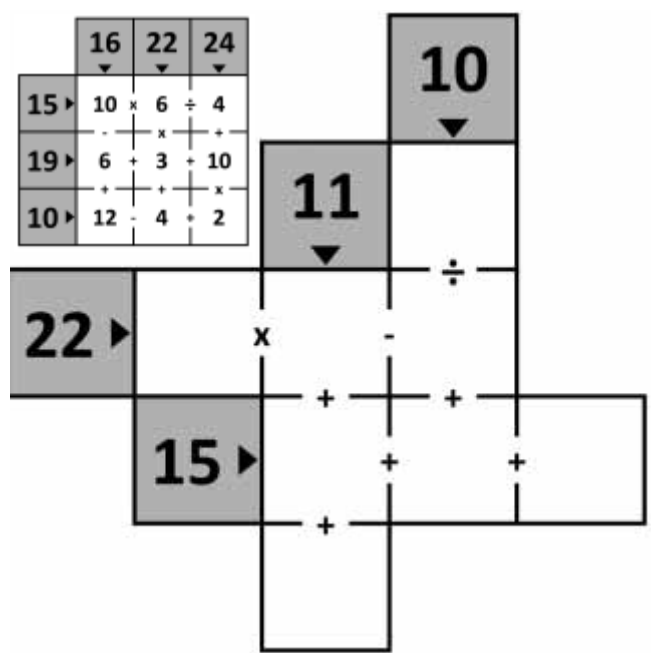
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Fill in the empty fields with the given numbers so when calculated together they satisfy all Equas in the gray boxes:

1, 5, 5, 5, 6, 8, 8, 9

Solution for Task 1048



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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Least Competent DIY Homeowners: Reports still frequently emerge of homeowners battling household pests, yet only creating an even worse problem (as if the pests ultimately outsmart them). In recent cases, for example, Robert Hughes tried to oust the squirrels from his townhome in Richton Park, Ill., in March, but his smoke bomb badly damaged his unit and his neighbor's. (Firefighters had to rip open the roof in the two units to battle the blaze.) Two weeks after that, in Mesa, Ariz., a man set his attic on fire trying to get rid of a beehive with brake fluid and a cigarette lighter.

■ Beauty contests for camels are very big business in Saudi Arabia, as News of the Weird reported in 2007, but the first one in Turkey (in Selcuk) was held in January and featured considerably lower-market camels. (The Turkish winner had been purchased for the equivalent of $26,000; a Saudi camel once won $10 million in a single show.) Judges supposedly look for muscle tone, elegance of tail wag and tooth quality, according to a January Wall Street Journal dispatch. Charisma is also important, according to one judge. "Camels," he said, "realize that people are watching them (and) are trying to pose." "Some will stop, open their back legs, and wave their tail, or (throw) their head back and moan ... this is the kind of posing we (judges) are looking for."

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1903 Roald Amundsen commences the first east-west navigation of the Northwest Passage by leaving Oslo, Norway.

1904 Irish author James Joyce begins a relationship with Nora Barnacle and subsequently uses the date to set the actions for his novel Ulysses; this date is now traditionally called "Bloomsday".

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