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SMILE FOR THE CAMERA: **(From left) Santa Monica College President Dr. Chui Tsang, Associated Student President David Chun and Dean of Student Life Deyna Hearn get their picture taken at the media booth Tuesday night following graduation at Corsair Field.**

Hoping for a blast from the past

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

PICO BLVD Santa Monica College's commencement ceremony this week spawned a new crop of alumni and administrators are hoping graduates stay in touch with their alma mater.

They're the first group of former students that SMC is targeting for its new alumni association, reviving a branch of the college that in past lives never seemed to gain enough support as graduates went on to continue their studies at four-year universities and identified their higher educational careers with those schools.

"If you become a member of an alumni association and later donate, then you're likely to do that more with a four-year university," Bruce Smith, public information officer for Santa Monica College, said.

Smith added that the college does have a loyal alumni base.

Officials believe the alumni association will succeed this time thanks to a new tool that wasn't as prevalent in its previous iterations — social media.

The first outreach efforts were seen before the commencement ceremony on Tuesday night at the gymnasium where a media wall was erected, a place where graduates were invited to take pictures and videos that would later be posted on the association's new Web site. The alumni association also plans to use popular sites like Facebook and YouTube to strengthen its network.

Students were given cards to sign up.

"Through the use of social networking technology on the Web, we can create a space for everyone to feel connected," SMC President and Superintendent Dr. Chui Tsang said. "The purpose right now is to start with recent graduates and build it up slowly.

"At the same time we can reach back and connect with others who have left and see if they're interested in using this new technology."

Alumni associations are common among junior colleges, but few are large and very active. The uniqueness about

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Crimes near Venice border have residents concerned

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

BORDERLINE A recent string of crimes along the southern edge of the city have rattled the nerves of some neighbors who say that despite incidents over the past several weeks, they generally consider the small community to be safe.

The Santa Monica Police Department met last week with the Borderline Neighborhood Group (BNG) to address the crimes that have hit the area around the Venice border, including a robbery at Marine Market and a shooting at Longfellow Street on June 1. The organization represents residents living between Marine and Ozone streets and Lincoln Boulevard and Highland Avenue.

The victims in the shooting reported seeing a white four-door compact car driving suspiciously slowly toward them where they were playing basketball, firing several shots before fleeing. Nobody was injured.

The two suspects were described as being Hispanic males, between the ages of 17-19 with short dark hair. Police have not determined if the shooting is gang-related.

There were few details available about the robbery at Marine Market but a perpetrator has apparently been apprehended, according to a recap of the SMPD meeting sent by the Borderline Neighborhood Group.

Some residents said they believe the crimes are isolated incidents and not indicative of any patterns of illicit activity forming in the Borderline Neighborhood.

"We've seen this neighborhood go up and down, primarily when we first moved here because of how close it was to Venice and Oakwood used to be a lot worse than it is now," Amy Hopper, the social chair of the BNG, said. "The crime seemed just south of us and we would hear helicopters all the time."

Hopper, a 12-year-resident, said the

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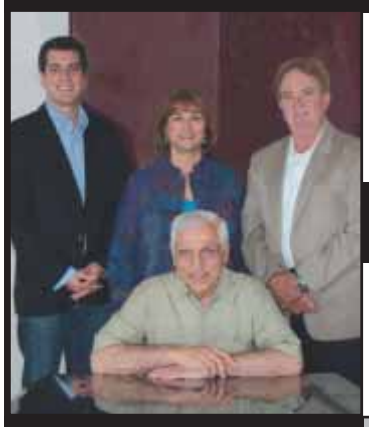




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'The Miracle Worker'
Edgemar Center for the Arts
2437 Main St., 8 p.m.
Come watch director and designer Joel Daavid's take on the American classic "The Miracle Worker" starring Erin Shaver as Annie Sullivan and Carlie Nettles as Helen Keller. Admission is $25. Call (310) 392-7327 for more information.

Saturday, June 20, 2009

Celebrating Juneteenth
Virginia Avenue Park
2200 Virginia Ave., 12:00 p.m. — 5:00 p.m.
In 1865, African American slaves in Texas finally got the word about 1863's Emancipation Proclamation. Come celebrate with gospel, blues, dance and African American cuisine. Call (310) 458-8688 for more information.

Beneficial bugs
Whole Foods
2201 Wilshire Blvd., 1 p.m. — 2:30 p.m.
Come to the floral department to look at ladybugs and learn about all different kinds of beneficial bugs. This event is aimed at kids, but everyone is welcome. Call (310) 315-0662 for more information.

Go Skateboarding Day
Santa Monica Public Library, MLK Jr. Auditorium
601 Santa Monica Blvd., 2 p.m.
Celebrate Santa Monica history — and national "Go Skateboarding Day" — at a screening of two legendary skateboarding movies: Oscar-nominated and Cannes Film Festival winning 1965 short "Skaterdater," an skateboarder's coming-of-age story, and "Dogtown and Z-Boys," a documentary about a team of Santa Monica skaters who made a profound impact on skateboarding as a sport and as a lifestyle in the 1970s. Marshall Backlar, producer of "Skaterdater," and a few others will be present for a post-screening discussion. Call (310) 458-8600 for more information.

Santa Monica Teen Film Festival
Miles Memorial Playhouse
1130 Lincoln Blvd., 7 p.m.
Take in a screening of film creations by youth ages 12-18 from around the nation. The films are between 30 seconds and 30 minutes in length, and can be of any genre. Awards given will include Audience Favorite, Best of the Fest, Best Documentary, Best Live Action, Best Animation and a special Santa Monica Budding Filmmaker Award. Screening 2 will be held Sunday, June 21 at 2 p.m. in the Martin Luther King, Jr. Auditorium of the Santa Monica Main Public Library, 601 Santa Monica Boulevard. Call (310) 458-8634 for more information.

School's out!
Santa Monica Pier
11 a.m. — 5 p.m.
Enjoy arts and crafts, entertainment, creative workshops, fitness activities, storytelling, dance performances, fashion shows, aquarium activities and more during this day of fun at Pacific Park. Call (310) 458-8900 for more information.

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

Wandering whale still hanging out

BY NATALIE JARVEY
Special to the Daily Press

MARINA DEL REY Boaters and beach goers are being asked to keep their distance from a California gray whale that has been swimming in and out of the Marina del Rey channel for the last two weeks.

The 25-foot long whale seems to have stopped its migration from Baja to rest before continuing north to Alaska.

California gray whales have one of the longest migrations for whales, totaling up to 14,000 miles round trip, and it is not uncommon for the whales to stop during the journey to rest and feed from the ocean bottom in shallow areas. The length of this whale's stay, however, is longer than most, said Peter Wallerstein, founder of Marine Animal Rescue.

"It's abnormal for being there and then leaving, going out a couple of miles and then returning to the main channel there in the marina," he said.

Some, like Kathy Knight at Ballona Ecosystems Education Project, speculate that the 1- to 2-year-old whale might be recovering from an injury, but the reason for it's stay is unknown.

Marine Animal Rescue has been working with the U.S. Coast Guard to monitor the whale and keep boaters from coming too close after several near collisions between boaters and kayakers and the whale.

"We have too many boaters, too many citizens going up close to the whale. They can injure the whale, they can get injured," Wallerstein warned.

Volunteers have been out at the marina asking people to stay away and instead view the whale from the rocks along the shore.

"We're really encouraging people to see it from the jetty," Knight said. "We're especially worried on the weekend when there's so much [boat] traffic."

It's a violation of the Marine Animal Protection Act to come within 100 yards of the whale and Wallerstein said the law will be enforced, with punishments as severe as fines or incarceration.

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IN THE GAME

Photo courtesy Jon SooHoo/Los Angeles Dodgers

Los Angeles Dodgers Manager Joe Torre gives Santa Monican Ryan Jackson some love before Tuesday night's game against the Oakland Athletics as part of the team's Kids Take the Field program. Jackson also received an autograph from Dodgers catcher Russell Martin, while Sara Cooper, also of Santa Monica, had a chance to meet first baseman James Loney.

Lawyer asks L.A. sheriff to auction Simpson items

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department is being urged to proceed with the sale of footballs, jerseys and memorabilia that put O.J. Simpson in a Nevada prison.

An attorney for Simpson's longtime nemesis Fred Goldman issued a letter this week asking the department to begin the process of putting the memorabilia up for auction. No date has been set for the auction.

Simpson attempted to retrieve the items in 2007 by leading a handful of cohorts in a bungled stickup of memorabilia dealers in Las Vegas. He was convicted last year.

Goldman's attorney says proceeds from the auction will help satisfy a $33.5 million wrongful-death judgment Goldman and others won against Simpson in 1997.

Goldman's son was slain alongside Simpson's ex-wife 15 years ago.

Schwarzenegger gets rough reception in Fresno

TRACIE CONE
Associated Press Writer

FRESNO Normally friendly Fresno was a little less so Thursday for Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger.

The Republican governor came to the conservative-leaning Central Valley to talk about the state's budget crisis but found himself on the defensive about his proposed spending cuts and what farming interests perceive as his inaction in solving the state's water problems.

Schwarzenegger delivered a 25-minute speech designed to convince 500 invited guests and local elected officials that everyone must share the pain as California struggles with a $24.3 billion deficit.

He focused on his ideas for privatizing some prisons, using digital textbooks in schools, eliminating fraud in home health care support services and making electronic the court system's labor-intensive court-reporting system.

While some of his points drew applause, it was clear after his address that several

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Calling for community gardens

Editor:

Regarding "Residents target vacant lot for community garden," page 1, June 16, we are facing dual environmental threats of global warming and the end of cheap oil for our energy supply.

Creating community gardens is one very attainable and practical municipal mitigation to both of these. Cultivated green open space will both serve to absorb carbon dioxide, one of the main greenhouse gases causing global warming, and also provide residents with a local, healthy food source as the cost of processed foods becomes prohibitively high due to increased production and transportation costs, induced by skyrocketing oil prices.

While the garden partnership registry is good, I think setting aside vacant lots for urban gardens is even better as it encourages community building and strengthening on a larger scale, so vital to our future ability to manage the predicted changes. The proposed Land Use and Circulation Element repeatedly cites the need for creating "complete neighborhoods" and pursuing "active living and health." The document also states, "The City shall seek to ... acquire additional properties to create new parkland throughout the City."

Community gardens fulfill all these goals. As Santa Monica continues its laudable efforts to become increasingly more sustainable, I hope that city leaders and staff seriously consider prioritizing the acquisition of the lot at 16th and Delaware for dedication to this purpose.

Linda Piera-Avila
Santa Monica

By comparison

Editor:

A recent article in the Wall Street Journal, "California Schools' Tough Choices," reinforces the tough times for public education in the state of California. With 75 percent of public school funding coming from a state with a $24 billion budget deficit, it's pretty miraculous that the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District budget has not been decimated even more than is being proposed. The communities of Santa Monica and Malibu continue to support public education as a priority and have done so with approval of parcel taxes over the years.

Currently, the parcel tax property owners pay is $335/parcel, which raises $10.4 million annually for public education. Additionally, the city of Santa Monica (a long supporter of public education) contributes approximately $7.4 million annually. With an annual budget of $124 million, this combined $17.8 million is 14 percent of the annual SMMUSD budget.

This is a far cry of what we should be paying for great public education in Santa Monica and Malibu. The city of Piedmont, Calif. approved two parcel tax initiatives this month; one in the amount of an annual parcel tax of $2,100 and the second was an "emergency" measure that raises an additional $250/parcel for three years. A total parcel tax commitment to public education of $2,350 per parcel, compared to the Santa Monica/Malibu annual parcel tax commitment of $335/parcel.

This truly puts things in perspective regarding our support for public education. Can you imagine what new services could be added to our school district if we were to raise just 50 percent ($1,175) of the per parcel revenue that they approved in Piedmont? This would bring in an additional $15.7 million annually to our schools. Food for thought.

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A Dad's Point of View

Bruce Sallan

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Memories are made of this

I AM QUITE HAPPY TO WRITE THIS column from the vantage point of some distance from the pain of my own father's death and the time I was alone, separated, and then divorced, and raising my boys 24/7. But, it only seems appropriate to reflect on those times, the positive memories of my dad, and the contrasting struggle of teaching my boys, much younger then, to remember their own father.

My father was a unique man: stoic, hard working, resistant to complaints, and whining, and completely in love with my mother. David Sallan died where he was happiest, right next to my mom, holding her hand, at 90 years of age.

They met when he was 17 and she was 14, by a lake in Michigan; he was the sun-tanned water-worshipper, she was the shy, pale, redhead with a brain. He was brawn; she was class. And, he worshipped her from the day he laid eyes on her.

They had a love-match you only see in movies and rarely have the privilege to behold. This was the feeling of all their friends and one that I took for granted, not understanding just how unique it was.

He looked at my mom, when she was old, after her stroke, in her late 80s, and still saw the beautiful teen he met by that lake in Michigan. I can't imagine that unabashed love and it was wonderful to behold, though nearly impossible to achieve myself. I married for the first time in my late 30s, and the second time a bit later.

But, how different this second marriage is, beginning at our respective ages and given all the separate history we have in contrast to the shared experiences my parents lived. Regardless, I'm very lucky to have found Loren.

Before I was blessed to meet my present wife and have the chance to give my boys the advantage of a mother, father, and an intact family, I raised them alone for several years.

The holidays were especially difficult, since so many of our former friends just didn't know what to do with a dad and his boys. They seemed to look after and care for the single moms but not this single dad. It was a problem and one that I didn't anticipate at the onset of our separation and divorce.

I had to make a whole new social circle. I've since learned that this gender bias is quite common with single dads often feeling isolated.

So, there was no one to take my boys shopping for me, or anyone to suggest gifts or special things to do or make for me on Father's Day, my birthday or other holidays. At first, I just didn't know how to handle this.

While their mother was absent, I still felt an obligation to teach them to respect the institution by remembering her on Mother's Day and her birthday. The same for their maternal grandmother who, also, pretty much abandoned the boys though she'd send them a birthday card, each year, with cash for the number of years they'd reached as well as a holiday card or gift. Repeated invitations to visit were ignored, but I still had the boys remember Mother's Day for both of them.

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The challenge came in teaching my young boys how to honor their father on Father's Day. I didn't want to seem self-indulgent but I felt it was an equally important lesson for them to learn. In many ways, they were taking me for granted and that is one of the values of both Father's Day and Mother's Day. Even just going to the card store and reading the corny cards, espousing parents virtues, has its value for a child.

Ultimately, I chose to take them to the bookstore, a favorite outing of theirs, and set them loose to find a book that I'd like. This way, they got to test their own knowledge of my likes and dislikes, it became a game, and it taught them to think of their father. Afterward, we went to a restaurant of my choice instead of the usual pizza or burger joint.

They learned this important lesson, ultimately, for both parents and now they have a wonderful step-mom who takes them shopping for me while I do the same for her.

This is the way it's supposed to be, the way I grew up (going to the department store for a tie or tie-clip or socks, for my father), and the way I want my boys to understand the meaning of Father's Day.

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This one's for you, dad

SUNDAY IS FATHER'S DAY (MEANING there's still time to get a tie he'll never wear). It's also the final day of the U.S. Open Golf Tournament. My late father loved golf so much that we kids could get away with lame gifts such as golf balls, or even tees.

But golf also frustrated him. It does that, even to world class athletes. Remember O.J.'s herky-jerky golf swing? And yet he was always on the course. In fact, when he vowed to find Nicole's "real killer," some assumed it might have been a caddie.

The last time I saw my father was 20 years ago. He worked as a volunteer at former Assemblyman Tom Hayden's office on the Third Street Promenade.

One day I dropped in unannounced to invite him to lunch, forgetting that my dad wasn't exactly Mr. Spontaneity. (The older I get, neither am I.)

We went to Zucky's (fittingly, now a bank). After lunch I walked him back to Hayden's office where we said goodbye. My dad passed away that night, so that was our final goodbye. I think about it every Father's Day.

In reminiscing, I realized that I'd probably be writing more about what my father and I didn't say as much as what we did. In his book, "The Greatest Generation," Tom Brokaw chronicled men who survived the Great Depression and WWII, and were often stoic. When I became an adult, it seemed unnecessary to talk to my dad about the past. And yet, 20 years later, there are so many questions I'd like to ask.

When I was in high school my father wasn't thrilled about my ambition to be a writer. As sports editor of my school paper, my hero was the late Jim Murray, a Pulitzer Prize winning columnist for the L.A. Times. When I recall the quality of Murray's prose compared to what's in the Times today, well, I sound just like my father.

As it happened, my dad knew a sportswriter for the L.A. Examiner and he arranged for a meeting between him and me. But the writer apparently had a drinking problem and the meeting was canceled.

This only confirmed my dad's view that sports writers were drunks. It wasn't surprising that he didn't offer much encouragement about my going into the field (writing, not drinking). So, when I occasionally sneak in a column about sports here, now you know why.

For 30 years, my dad owned a men's store in Los Angeles in a predominately Jewish neighborhood that became predominately black. In the last years, his store was often robbed, sometimes at gunpoint. All that stress resulted in my dad having numerous heart attacks. (A pack a day of Camels didn't help, either.) And yet, my dad refused to let a negative word be uttered in our house about black people, not even in jest. (Cigarettes, however, that was another story.)

Under the heading of "things you wish you'd have said while your parents were alive," was an event that occurred when I was 10 years old. My family is Jewish and this happened on Yom Kippur, the holiest of holidays for Jews, the Day of Atonement. At 10, to sit through the long services at Temple Isaiah, felt like verbal water boarding.

Our rabbi, Albert Lewis, was tall and dignified, and had a booming voice. To me, when he spoke, it was like God talking, or a reasonable facsimile. But it was unusually hot that day, and I was wearing wool slacks that made me feel like I had ants in my pants. God or no God, I wanted to be outside, playing baseball. That is, until rabbi started his sermon.

The sermon was about the evils of racial segregation. Rabbi's delivery was so compelling that I temporarily stopped day dreaming about catching fly balls in the outfield. Our temple was on Pico across from Rancho, a public golf course.

Rabbi noted that while blacks were allowed to play there, the Men's Club was completely segregated.

He was angry with our congregation that we had done nothing about discrimination that was right in our own backyard. When rabbi got angry, his voice got deeper and louder. I always suspected that thunder and lightning could not be far behind.

But suddenly rabbi changed his tone. Apparently one of our congregants had recently sponsored a black member into Rancho's Men's Club. As rabbi added more details, I slowly realized that he was talking about my father!

Shy by nature, my dad was embarrassed by the attention. But I was filled with such pride that I can remember every detail as though it was yesterday.

To this day I'm saddened that I never shared my reaction with my dad. I suppose I just did. Maybe there's still time for you.

Happy Father's Day.

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The Q Line

Too little, too much?

The Rent Control Board recently approved a 1 percent rent increase for the coming year pleasing renters and upsetting landlords.

So this week's Q-Line question asks:

Do you think the Rent Control Board got it right or did they shortchange property owners?

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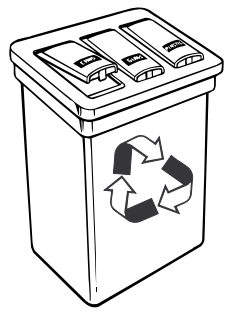
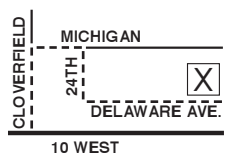

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CRIME WATCH

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

Dial 's' for stolen

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.

FRIDAY, JUNE 12, AT 9:30 P.M.,
Santa Monica police officers responded to the area of Sunset Street and Dewey Avenue regarding a strong-arm robbery. When officers arrived, they made contact with the alleged victim who said two men asked to use his phone. He said he told them he couldn't because the phone's battery was low. He showed the phone to the suspects and they allegedly grabbed it and ran. The victim gave officers a description of the suspects and officers were able to track them down a few minutes later. The suspects were placed under arrest for robbery. They were identified as Daniel Pesouza of Mar Vista, 18, and Thomas Lobo, 19, of Santa Monica. Bail was set at $50,000 and $50,250 respectively.

FRIDAY, JUNE 12, AT 12:21 A.M.,
Officers responded to the 1200 block of Seventh Street regarding a report of vandalism that just occurred. When officers arrived, they made contact with witnesses who said two men were seen walking along Seventh Street when one of them allegedly jumped on the hood of a 2001 BMW 740. The suspect proceeded to stomp on the hood and kick the windshield, which ultimately broke. When the windshield shattered, the suspect fled the scene. He was detained by individuals in the Vons parking lot at Lincoln Boulevard and Broadway. Police took the suspect into custody for vandalism. He was identified as Christopher Benton, 32, a transient. He was booked for $24,000.

FRIDAY, JUNE 12, AT 12:52 P.M.,
Officers on routine patrol in the 800 block of Interstate 10 observed a man panhandling. The man was in violation of a vehicle code which states that a person cannot solicit within 500 feet of an off-ramp. When officers contacted the suspect, they determined he had a no-bail warrant. During a search of his belongings, they located what they believed to be drug paraphernalia. The suspect was placed under arrest for the no-bail warrant, possession of a controlled substance and the vehicle code violation. He was identified as Robert Musgrove, 35, a transient. No bail was set.

FRIDAY, JUNE 12, AT 6:05 P.M.,
Officers responded to the 1200 block of the Third Street Promenade — Sephora — regarding a report of a shoplifting suspect in custody. When officers arrived, they made contact with store security who said they observed three women walk into the store and proceed to place perfume and cologne bottles into their purses. As the suspects exited the store, security was only able to stop one of them. The other two suspects continued walking southbound toward Arizona Avenue. The suspect detained at the store, was held until police arrived. She was placed under arrest for burglary. She was identified as Denise Kelly, 25, of Los Angeles. No bail was set because of a parole hold, police said. Store security was able to recover $521 worth of merchandise. The other two suspects, described as female blacks around 5-feet-7 and 160 to 180 pounds, fled with $499 worth of goods, police said.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10, AT 10:48 P.M.,
Officers received a radio call regarding a person who was believed to be drunk parking a vehicle in the 400 block of Colorado Avenue. When officers arrived, they made contact with the reporting party who pointed out the driver to police. Officers contacted the driver and determined that he had been driving the vehicle while impaired. The driver, Jason Siegert, 28, of Studio City. He was booked for driving under the influence. His bail was set at $15,000.

TUESDAY, JUNE 9, AT 8:54 A.M.,
Officers responded to Marine Terrace regarding a residential burglary. When officers arrived, they found a suspect inside of a furnished, but vacant apartment. The suspect allegedly entered the locked location by unknown means. The suspect was found lying partially nude on the master bed. His clothing was inside of the washing machine. Officers placed the suspect under arrest for residential burglary. He was identified as Michael Love, 21, a transient. His bail was set at $50,000.

MONDAY, JUNE 8, AT 10:35 A.M.,
Officers were on routine patrol in the 2100 block of Carlyle Avenue when they saw two suspicious individuals in an alley. One of the men appeared to be writing something on the wall of a house. Officers stopped the two men and was able to determine that one of them had vandalized residences with a blue pen. The suspect was taken into custody for vandalism. He was identified as Gabriel De Monte Finn, 18, of Northridge. His bail was set at $5,000.

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SWEET SOUND: **Santa Monica High School student Taylor Weary, 15, performs 'Andante Pastoral et Scherzettino,' during the 60th Annual Santa Monica Kiwanis Music Scholarship Awards Luncheon at the Santa Monica Family YMCA on Wednesday. Weary received first place in the High School Instrumental Division (grades 9-10) and won a Kiwanis scholarship.**

CITYWIDE

Kiwanis Club celebrates local student musicians

On Wednesday, the Santa Monica Kiwanis Club recognized young instrumental and vocal musicians at the group's 60th Annual Music Scholarship Awards.

The club presented 24 scholarships and certificates to students from Santa Monica and Malibu middle schools and high schools. First place winners performed at the awards luncheon. DAILY PRESS

LOS ANGELES

Conservancy wins award for preservation

The Los Angeles Conservancy recently presented the Santa Monica Conservancy with an award recognizing outstanding achievement in historic preservation. The award recognized that the conservancy has made it a priority to foster public awareness and appreciation of Santa Monica's cultural and architectural history.

The conservancy, established in 2002, puts on educational programming and docent-led tours and runs several advocacy efforts, including the preservation and adaptation of the Shotgun House.

"It was an honor to receive this award from an organization that is considered to be a leader in preservation and one that we have always regarded as a mentor and role model," President Carol Lemlein said upon accepting the award. DP

CITYWIDE

Boys & Girls Club offers fun summer programming

This summer, in an effort to keep kids safe and happy, the Boys & Girls Club of Santa Monica will offer programming in the following five categories: character and leadership development, education and career development, health and life skills, the arts and sports fitness and recreation. Kids between 7 and 18 years old can join the Boys & Girls Club. Membership costs $20, which includes a T-shirt, and annual renewal is $10.

The club offers breakfast and lunch daily for $3 each. Each meal includes a side dish and beverage, and snacks are also available. The Boys & Girls Club of Santa Monica , located at 1238 Lincoln Blvd., will be open weekdays 8 a.m. -- 6 p.m. throughout the summer. Call (310) 394-CLUB (2582) or visit www.smbgc.org to join, make a donation or get more information. DP

SAMOHI

Junior wins national service award

On June 5, Santa Monica High School's Lulu Mickelson was chosen to be part of the first ever All American High School Service Team. Mickelson won in the environment category; the other four categories are health, education, economics and community.

Mickelson, a junior, was recognized for her leadership as co-president of the Santa Monica High School Solar Alliance (SSA). Through education, structural modification and promotion of student activism, SSA raises awareness about environmental issues at the high school and in the school district.

The award was presented in New York City by United States Secretary of Education Arne Duncan. Duncan and the league, a national youth service organization, worked together to create the team to bring attention to the ability of high school students to make a positive difference in their communities and the world. DP

CITYWDE

County debuts emergency alert system

As part of the new Alert L.A. County program, residents and businesses can now register to receive phone calls, text messages and e-mails in case of an emergency in their areas, Los Angeles County officials announced Thursday. The alerts will provide details about the emergency and recommend actions such as evacuation if necessary.

Land-line phone numbers have already been registered, but residents can add their voice over IP lines, cell phones and e-mail addresses by visiting http://Alert.lacounty.gov.

The system allows the sheriff's Emergency Communications Center to draw the boundaries of areas to be notified on a computer map. In the case of situations involving in-progress crimes or hostages, it is possible to exclude a single house from notification.

Currently, the county has no uniform way to contact residents and businesses in case of emergency.

"This alert system will be particularly valuable in areas of my district in the Santa Monica Mountains that are vulnerable to fast-moving fires during high-risk weather conditions," said Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky.

County officials stressed that Alert L.A. County is not meant to replace existing systems. Residents should still honor their own common sense if they believe they are in danger. Developed by the Sheriff's Department, Fire Department, Chief Information Office and Chief Executive Office's Office of Emergency Management and successfully tested on May 18, the system is expected to cost $1.97 million over five years. After four years, the system will be evaluated to determine its usefulness and effectiveness. DP







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SURPRISE GUEST: **A 20-foot-long California gray whale has been moving in and out of the Marina del Rey channel for more than a week. Experts warn boaters to keep a safe distance.**

Boaters warned to stay away

FROM **WHALE** PAGE 3

In an effort to work under the guidelines of the federal government, Marine Animal Rescue has not considered any attempts to herd the whale away from the marina.

"We hope it leaves and continues the migration," Wallerstein said. "Until then we're doing what we can."

Though many hope for the whale's safety that it begins to migrate again, its presence has become an important opportunity for the community.

"It's the chance for families to go out there, see a whale and connect with something that's from the ocean," said Knight, who hasn't seen a whale in the marina for nearly 10 years.

More than 80 years ago Santa Monica residents may have been able to witness hundreds of whales each year as Marina del Rey was once the location of the Ballona Lagoon where California gray whales would migrate to give birth, Knight said.

"It's just sort of an example of the value of saving whatever is left of these natural areas and leaving space where these animals can come in and rest if they're injured," she said.

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Residents call crimes isolated incidents

FROM **BORDERLINE** PAGE 1

neighborhood is safe and guarded by a close-knit community with residents who look out for one another.

"Our park is constantly being used by kids and families and dogs and this is a super wonderful place to live," she said. "We just had these random incidents."

Lt. PJ Guido said the area presents challenges in terms of patrolling because of its location on the very outer limits of the city. He added that the Borderline Neighborhood Group acts as a watchdog and maintains good communication with the SMPD when crimes do occur.

Residents have also spoken of other crimes that have taken place in the area, including drug dealing, prostitution, graffiti and car burglaries.

Car burglaries have been on the rise citywide and is not unique to the Borderline Neighborhood, Guido said. Some have speculated that the reason could be tied to the economy.

Guido said that police have stepped up a presence in the area.

Dennis Woods, who has lived in the neighborhood for more than a decade, said that illegal activities such as prostitution have been taking place on Longfellow for years. He suspects the small street is attractive for such crimes because it sits close to Lincoln Boulevard but isn't as visible as the thoroughfare.

"The women can walk off Lincoln and be picked up and negotiate a deal and take off," he said. "We're convenient for that because you can't look down the street and see it because it's so parallel to Lincoln."

He said projects like the street improvements to Longfellow, which will create a more pedestrian friendly environment by adding landscaping and narrowing the travel way, will help deter crime.

In the years that he has lived in the neighborhood, Woods has seen it all, witnesses sexual acts, picking up needles and condoms and seeing drug deals out of several vacant houses that have since been boarded up.

"What's really important is that the Borderline Neighborhood Group is very proactive in maintaining a family neighborhood with a safe park," he said. "We definitely have forged a strong relationship (with the SMPD) to help mitigate the problem both on the enforcement side and on physically designing out the problems."

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SMC trying to bring back alumni association

FROM **SMC** PAGE 1

Santa Monica College is that a relatively large portion of the local community have taken at least a few classes there and identify themselves as past students, Tsang said.

The school has also produced a number of famous graduates, including NFL wide receiver Chad Johnson and Academy-Award winner Dustin Hoffman, who helped the fundraising campaign to build the Broad Stage. Local well-known figures, such as former mayor Nat Trives, have also attended the college.

Trives was honored at the graduation ceremony as one of two outstanding alumni, the other recognition going to Richard Grigg, a world champion surfer and coral reef expert. Trives was the first black president of the Associated Students.

"These are real people and it's inspirational for our students to know (about them)," Tsang said.

The association is expected to host events and send out newsletters for its members. Membership in the group could also come with discounts for everything from movies to products. The details of the organization are still being worked out.

"The sky is the limit as to what we can do," Smith said. "We're working on the first step at this point."

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Governor defends stance on water supplies

FROM **FRESNO** PAGE 3

audience members had their own agendas.

During a question-and-answer session afterward, Schwarzenegger faced a flood of frustration from agricultural interests and anger from local officials upset over the possibility that the state may take billions of dollars from local governments.

Tim Salmon, of the Latino Water Coalition, a group that has been an ally of Schwarzenegger's, criticized the governor for coming to the state's agricultural heartland yet "refusing to address the most important issue in this valley."

As agriculture supporters in the audience issued catcalls, Schwarzenegger said water will be his priority after the budget is resolved.

The governor said he had been "fighting for water for four years." He then ceded the floor to Victor Lopez, the mayor of Orange Cove, who launched into a spirited defense of Schwarzenegger as "the best governor this state and this nation has ever had."

Later, Salmon said he wanted to hear Schwarzenegger say "he'd take the 10th Amendment and turn on the pumps to deliver water to the valley that the feds have no right to." The amendment, part of the Bill of Rights, reserves for the states powers not claimed by the federal government.

The majority of water that flows to Central Valley farmers is pumped by the Central Valley Project, which is operated by the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation and is under federal control.



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RESOLUTION 10396 (CCS)
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A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MONICA ADOPTING A WATER SHORTAGE RESPONSE PLAN

WHEREAS, the State of California requires all urban water suppliers providing municipal water either directly or indirectly to more than 3,000 customers, or supplying more than 3,000 acre feet of water annually, to develop an Urban Water Shortage Contingency Plan; and

WHEREAS, the City of Santa Monica is an urban water supplier providing water directly to more than 17,000 customers; and

WHEREAS, conservation of water is critically important if the City of Santa Monica is to sustain itself; and

WHEREAS, effective and equitable management of limited water supplies during a water supply shortage minimizes the impact on the people and economy of the City, in addition to the region and State; and

WHEREAS, the City of Santa Monica is granted the authority by State Water Code sections 350 et seq. and by Santa Monica Municipal Code Section 7.16.030(c) to declare a water supply shortage and to adopt by resolution regulations and restrictions on the delivery and consumption of water; and

WHEREAS, on June 4, 2008, Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger issued Executive Order S-06-08, which declared a drought in the State of California, and among other things directed local water agencies to take aggressive, immediate action to reduce water consumption and to prepare for potential worsening water conditions; and

WHEREAS, on February 27, 2009, Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger proclaimed a drought emergency in the State and requested that all urban water users immediately reduce their individual water use by 20 percent.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MONICA DOES RESOLVE AS FOLLOW:

SECTION 1. Adoption of Water Shortage Response Plan. Pursuant to Water Code section 375 et seq. and Santa Monica Municipal Code section 7.16.030(c), the City Council adopts a Water Shortage Response Plan ("WSRP"), attached as Attachment A to this Resolution.

SECTION 2. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Resolution or of the WSRP is for any reason held to be invalid, such determination shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Resolution or of the WSRP. The City Council hereby declares that it would have passed this Resolution and the WSRP and each and every section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase not declared invalid without regard to whether any portion of the resolution would be subsequently declared invalid or unconstitutional.

SECTION 3. The City Clerk shall attest to the passage of this Resolution and thenceforth and thereafter the same shall be in full force and effect. In accordance with Water code section 376 the City Clerk shall cause the same to be published once in the official newspaper within 10 days after its adoption. This Resolution shall become effective upon adoption pursuant to Water Code section 375 et seq.



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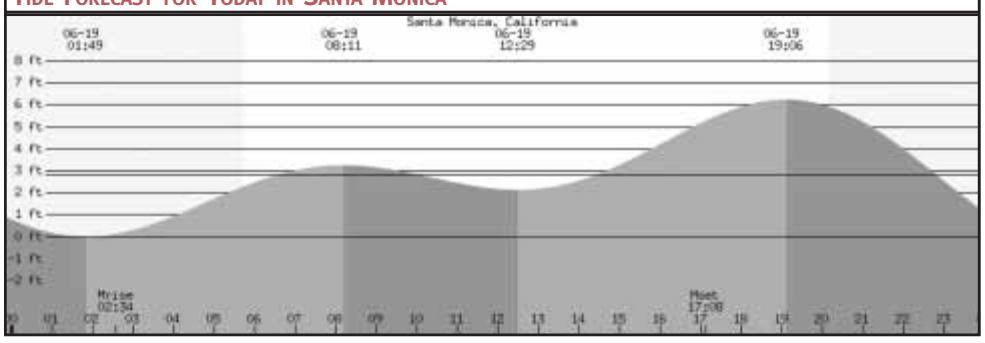
Swell Forecast (2-3 FT)

Friday the 19th is looking like a smaller south swell day, perhaps waist high max around south facing breaks. Light wind swell should be in the mix for at least waist high waves around west facing breaks.

Long Range Synopsis

Saturday the 20th should see a modest 200-degree swath of southern hemi swell come ashore, but just enough to keep south facing breaks in waist high surf.

Tide Forecast for Today in Santa Monica



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

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

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NOTICE OF A JOINT MEETING OF THE SANTA MONICA PLANNING COMMISSION and ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD

SUBJECT: Development Agreement 08-001
2834 Colorado Avenue
APPLICANT/PROPERTY OWNER: Colorado Creative Studios, LLC.

The joint meeting of the Santa Monica Planning Commission and Architectural Review Board will consider:

A presentation and joint discuss related to the design, colors and materials of a proposed studio building at 2834 Colorado Avenue. The proposal includes 151,600sf studio building over a two and one-half level subterranean garage. The project also includes a new public street, extending Pennsylvania Avenue across the southern third of the site, a detached childcare center. A Development Agreement application has been filed for the proposed project. The Commission and Board's comments will be used to refine the building's design prior to commencement of the review process which is expected to take place later this year before the Planning Commission, City Council and subsequently the Architectural Review Board.

DATE/TIME: **WEDNESDAY, June 24, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.**

LOCATION: City Council Chambers, Second Floor, Santa Monica City Hall
1685 Main Street, Santa Monica, California

MORE INFORMATION
If you want more information about this project, please contact Associate Planner Bruce Leach at (310) 458-8341, or by e-mail at bruce.leach@smgov.net. The Zoning Ordinance is available at the Planning Counter during business hours and on the City's web site at www.santa-monica.org.

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CITY OF SANTA MONICA
RESOLUTION 10397 (CCS)
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A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MONICA DECLARING AN ADVISORY STAGE WATER SUPPLY SHORTAGE

WHEREAS, in response to the current drought emergency the City of Santa Monica City Council has adopted a Water Shortage Response Plan ("WSRP"); and

WHEREAS, the City of Santa Monica is granted the authority by State Water Code sections 350 et seq. and by Santa Monica Municipal Code Section 7.16.030(c) and by the WSRP to declare a water supply shortage and to adopt by resolution regulations and restrictions on the delivery and consumption of water; and

WHEREAS, on June 4, 2008, Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger issued Executive Order S-06-08, which declared local water agencies to take aggressive, immediate action to reduce water consumption and to prepare for potential worsening water conditions; and

WHEREAS, on February 27, 2009, Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger proclaimed a drought emergency in the State and requested that all urban water users immediately reduce their individual water use by 20 percent.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MONICA DOES RESOLVE AS FOLLOW:

SECTION 1. Declaration of Water Supply Shortage. As a result of severe and persistent drought conditions occurring throughout the State of California, effective immediately and in accordance with Water Code section 375 et seq., Santa Monica Municipal Code Section 7.16.010 et seq., and the City of Santa Monica Water Shortage Response Plan, the City Council declares an Advisory Water Supply Shortage as set forth in the City of Santa Monica Water Shortage Response Plan effective July 1, 2009. All applicable provisions of the WSRP shall apply while the Water Supply Shortage remains in effect. This declaration shall remain in effect until it is amended or rescinded by the City Council through resolution.

SECTION 2. The City Clerk shall attest to the passage of this Resolution and thenceforth and thereafter the same shall be in full force and effect. In accordance with Water code section 376 the City Clerk shall cause the same to be published once in the official newspaper within 10 days after its adoption. This Resolution shall become effective upon adoption pursuant to Water Code section 375 et seq.

MOVIE TIMES

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Double Feature: E.T. The Extra-Terrestrial 1hr 55min & Close Encounters of the Third Kind 2hrs 12min
7:30

AMC Loews Broadway 4
1441 Third Street Promenade

Star Trek (PG-13) 2hrs 6min
11:10 a.m., 2:00, 4:50, 7:45, 10:35

The Hangover (R) 1hr 36min
11:00 a.m., 1:30, 4:00, 7:00, 9:45

Land of the Lost (PG-13) 1hr 33min
12:10, 2:45, 5:25, 8:00, 10:30

Night at the Museum: Battle of the Smithsonian (PG) 1hr 45min
11:15 a.m., 1:45, 4:30, 7:15, 10:00

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

Up (PG) 1hr 36min
11:35 a.m., 2:20, 5:15, 8:00

Up (Digital 3-D) (PG) 1hr 36min
10:40 a.m., 1:20. 4:10, 7:05, 9:50

Star Trek (2009) (PG-13) (CC) 2hrs 06min
1:25, 7:00

The Hangover (R) 1hr 36min
11:40 a.m., 2:15, 5:00, 7:40, 10:15, 11:00 w/ closed captions

Land of the Lost (PG-13) 1hr 33min
10:50 a.m., 4:20, 9:55

The Taking of Pelham 1 2 3 (R) 2hrs 01min
11:00 a.m., 12:45, 1:45, 3:30, 4:30, 6:15, 7:15, 9:00, 10:00

The Proposal (PG-13) 1hr 48min
12:00, 2:45, 5:30, 8:10, 10:50

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

Irene In Time (PG-13) 1hr 49min
1:50, 4:30, 7:20, 9:45

Easy Virtue (PG-13) 1hr 48min
1:40, 4:40, 7:30, 9:50

Whatever Works (PG-13) 1hr 47min
1:00, 3:20, 5:40, 8:00, 10:15

Unmistaken Child (NR) 1hr 57min
1:20, 4:10, 7:00, 9:40

Mann's Criterion Theatre
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Terminator Salvation (Digital) (PG-13) 1hr 54min
1:10, 3:50, 6:40, 9:40

Year One (PG-13) 1hr 40min
11:30 a.m., 12:30, 2:00, 3:00, 4:30, 5:30, 7:00, 8:00, 9:30, 10:30

Angels & Demons (PG-13) 2hrs 20min
12:00, 6:15

Away We Go (R) 1hr 37min
11:50 a.m., 2:30, 3:30, 5:00, 7:30, 9:15, 10:10

Imagine That (PG)
11:40 a.m., 2:10, 4:40, 7:10, 9:50

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

Put your feet up, Sagittarius

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★ Expenses mount. Listen to a co-worker who keeps lumping more work hopefully not on yours but his plate. This person is detail-oriented, which does have a place, as you hang in the world of ideas and actions. Tonight: Treat time.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ End Friday on a high note. Sometimes others are amazed by your even, steady walk, which proves to be a winner and draws success. It is unique to you. Listen to news that heads in your direction. Tonight: Follow your heart.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★ Your ability to move past an issue adds resilience. Listen to what is being shared, and understand what might need to be done. You could opt to do more behind the scenes. Touch base with your core. Slow down. Tonight: Just for you.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★★ Zero in on what you want. Don't hold back. Meetings could bring substantial gains. Friends point in one direction. Listen to their suggestions, but own your feelings and desires. Then decide and move on. Tonight: Where the action is.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★ Recognize that often others want to imitate your leadership style. A direct approach draws strong reactions. Remember what others want. Financial gain becomes possible if you step forward. Weigh the pros and cons. Tonight: Out and about.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★★ An overview will push you toward the right decision. Know that there might not be one path but many. Nothing replaces work and focus. No one knows that better than you. What appears to be a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity is not all that easy. Tonight: Use your imagination.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★★ Don't back off from what appears to be a successful partnership. Your inner voice could be negative. Remember, not everything comes quickly. Listen to news that points to a different end result. Tonight: Hook up with favorite people.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Others come forward and share. You have more options than you were originally aware of. However, others don't seem to be flexible, so working with the situation could be difficult. You have choices. Tonight: Just don't be alone, which could be a reaction to being overloaded.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Are you feeling overwhelmed? Just dig in and get the job done. Even though accomplishing one little chore might seem like nothing, it isn't. It is the first step in a process of elimination. Know that it is worth the extra effort to clear out your work. Tonight: Put your feet up.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★★ While others bully their way through problems, you ease yourself through. In fact, problems don't appear to be problems if you tap into your high level of ingenuity. Tonight: Christen the weekend in style.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★ Consider staying close to home. If you have difficulty really motivating yourself to work, honor those feelings. Understand you have limits. A partner or associate could be quite dominant or difficult. Tonight: At home.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★★ Return calls and stay on top of your work. What seems to be close to impossible might not be if you can enlist the help of others. An older person or partner is hard to move. Leave him alone. Tonight: Run errands, and perhaps visit with a friend.

Happy birthday

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

This year, you smile, and others respond. You might understand too much of what is going on with others. Allow them to work through their stuff. Use your understanding and ability to go deep within to increase your creativity. Understanding yourself is important. If you are single, check out someone you meet this year with care. This person might not be all he or she projects. If you are attached, scheduling private time together will enhance your mutual understanding and caring. TAURUS pushes your buttons at times.

Girls and Sports
By Justin Borus and Andrew Feinstein



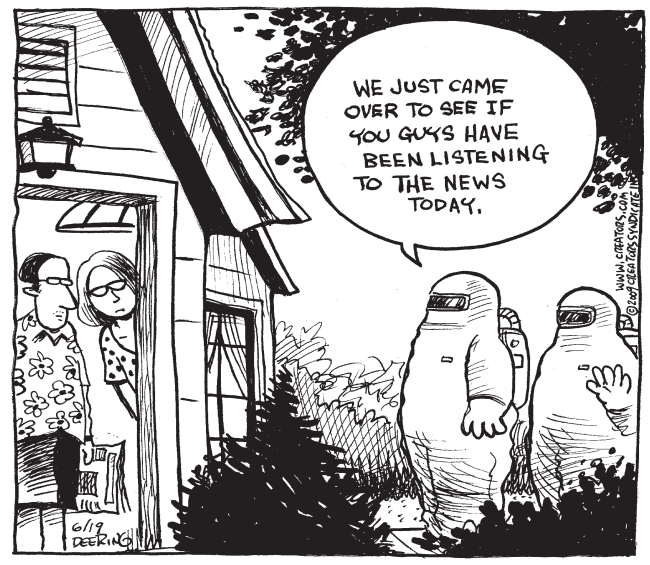
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By John Forgetta & L.A. Rose



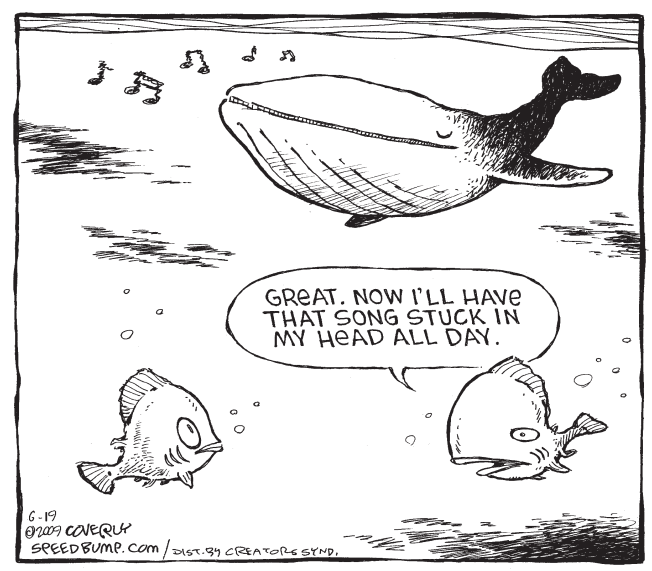
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Difficulty Level ★★★★

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7				5				

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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

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

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Sheep shelters
6 Play groups
11 Swirly posters
12 Island greeting
13 Copy for pasteup
14 Strand unit
15 Math unity
16 Needing help
18 Homer's neighbor
19 Fare carrier
20 Calendar box
21 Dull
23 Make pigtails
25 Ring up
27 Slalom section
28 Supply addresses
30 Prepare for a bout
33 Phone bill item
34 Wee bite
36 Time of preparation
37 Was behind schedule
39 "Platoon" setting
40 Dawn
41 Refinement
43 Play part
44 In the future
45 Pithy
46 Bird of basketball

DOWN

1 Sun surrounder
2 First game
3 Desk accessory
4 Goof up
5 Impassive
6 Skilled
7 Pub pints
8 Restroom sight
9 Gullet
10 Like soy sauce
17 Forty winks
22 Bill stamp
24 Cart puller
26 Aquatic mammal
28 Medium meeting
29 Collection
31 Cyberspace icon
32 Cure
33 Crop killer
35 Flower feature
38 Eye part
42 Discoverer's cry

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Yesterday's answer

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6-19

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EVENING: 8 6 0

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ **They're Studying What? Where?** (1) Doctors and specialists from the New York Psychiatric Institute are in the middle of a two-year investigation, on a $400,000 grant from the National Institutes of Health (NIH), on why gay men have risky sex in Argentina. Researchers visit gay bars nightly in Buenos Aires and question men about their behavior and substance abuse. (2) Wayne State University (Detroit) researchers, operating on a $2.6 million NIH grant, are now "training" prostitutes to drink alcohol responsibly, to reduce the women's willingness to engage in risky sex. However, the training is taking place in Guangxi province, China.

■ **Challenges of Geography:** (1) In March, China's Minister of Railways, Liu Zhijun, acknowledged that the government has plans for a rail line connecting Beijing and Taipei, Taiwan (which would involve traversing the Taiwan Strait, which is 108 miles across at its narrowest point). (2) The Czech Republic newspaper Lidove Noviny reported in May that, as late as 1975, the communist government of Czechoslovakia was actively planning to dig a tunnel from that landlocked country underneath Austria and the part of Yugoslavia that is now Slovenia, to give it rail access to the Adriatic Sea, 250 miles away. It is not known what the Austrians and the Yugoslavs thought of the idea.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1865 Union troops commanded by Maj. Gen. Gordon Granger arrived in Galveston, Texas, with news that the Civil War was over, and that all remaining slaves in Texas were free.

1953 Julius Rosenberg, 35, and his wife, Ethel, 37, convicted of conspiring to pass U.S. atomic secrets to the Soviet Union, were executed at Sing Sing Prison in Ossining, N.Y.

1986 University of Maryland basketball star Len Bias, the first draft pick of the Boston Celtics, suffered a fatal cocaine-induced seizure.

WORD UP!

prescience \PREE-shuns; PREE-shee-uns; PRESH-uns; PRESH-ee-uns; PREE-see-uns; PRES-ee-uns\, *noun*: Knowledge of events before they take place; foresight.

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