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CLOSE UP: Student Billie Udko (left) looks on as instructor David Lloyd examines her work at the Brentwood Art Center on Tuesday.

Back to creativity

A year after a near-closure, Brentwood Art Center looks to expand its offerings



COLLECTION: Painted works on canvas fill a shelf in one of the studios at the Brentwood Art Center.

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

NOMA Almost one year ago, the Brentwood Art Center, its staff and its students were staring down the very real possibility that the school, a bastion of the Santa Monica art community, would close its doors for good.

Today, nothing could be further from the truth.

A fundraiser at the end of 2012 brought in the capital needed to jumpstart operations at the center, hire back nearly all of its teachers and push forward with a new nonprofit status.

With that mostly completed — the center is still waiting on its federal tax exempt status to go through — the school is back in the black and looking at new opportunities to spread art through the community through partnerships with nonprofits and scholarships.

The center has steady enrollment and increased its offerings this year to include a mixed

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Illegal SM vacation rentals still popular

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITYWIDE For a town that doesn't sanction short-term vacation rentals, they sure are popular.

Flipkey.com, a site that helps people rent their private pads to visitors, ranked Santa Monica the fifth most-chosen destination in Southern California, attracting 5.7 percent of all vacations in the southland booked through the service.

"It's a popular destination for us," said Eric Horndahl, the vice president of marketing with Flipkey.

That may be true, but Santa Monica does not welcome the businesses, which it defines as homes, residences or even rooms rented out for less than 30 days.

For years, homeowners have pulled in

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Federal public defenders warn of dire budget cuts

GENE JOHNSON
Associated Press

SEATTLE The lawyers who represent poor people charged with federal crimes across the country say they already face an unfair fight when they head into court against the resources of the Justice Department — and that's only going to get worse if draconian budget cuts occur as planned next year.

As a result of the automatic cuts known as sequestration, federal public defender offices have recently been told they must reduce spending by 14 percent for fiscal year 2014, on top of the roughly 9 percent suffered this year.

The result, the lawyers say, will be drastic layoffs for public defenders, expensive case delays and costly appeals — all for nothing, as pricier private attorneys are expected to step in to fill the void at government expense.

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Wednesday, July 3, 2013

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Stories, songs and rhymes for toddlers ages 18 to 35 months, accompanied by an adult. For more information, call (310) 458-8681.

Creative sushi
Fairview Branch Library
2101 Ocean Park Blvd.,
3:30 p.m. — 4:30 p.m.
Children from grades five and up will make delicious and eye-catching fruit sushi. Advance registration required. Call Jessica Levy at (310) 458-8681 for more information.

Musical Madness returns
M.i.'s Westside Comedy Theater
1323-A Third Street Promenade,
8 p.m. — 9 p.m.
Musical Madness, a completely improvised long-form musical show, is back for a limited three-week engagement. Guests must be 21 and older. There will be a beer and wine bar on site. Tickets are $5 a person. For more information, call (310) 451-0850 or e-mail info@westsidecomedy.com.

Thursday, July 4, 2013

Honoring heroes
Main Street
9:30 a.m. — 1:30 p.m.
Who's your hero? Join in patriotic festivities to celebrate the heroes you know at the city's seventh annual 4th of July Parade. The parade will travel down Main Street from Pico Boulevard to the Venice border. Featured appearances in the parade will include this year's grand marshal, Santa Monica Police Chief Jacqueline Seabrooks, as well as an interpretation of the running of the grunion and musical acts such as The Americans, Euclidean and the Samohi marching band. There will be parties at The Vic, 220 Fitness, Lula Patio and Edgemar Courtyard after the parade concludes. Visit www.opa-sm.org/parade for more details.

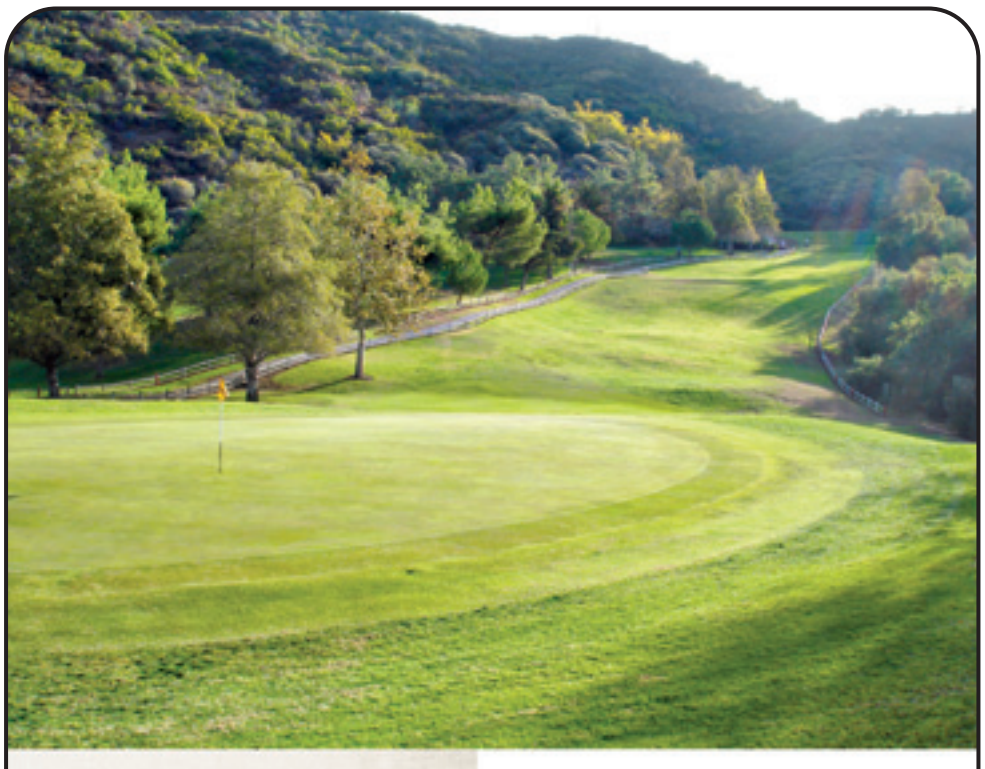
Friday, July 5, 2013

Beach clean-up
Venice Beach
Venice Boulevard at Ocean Front Walk, 10 a.m.
Help keep West L.A.'s seaside healthy and clean up leftover litter at Venice Beach the day after Fourth of July festivities. The event will be held by the Surfrider Foundation's West Los Angeles/Malibu chapter. Contact ghamilton@surfriderwlam.org for more details.

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CITYWIDE

Safety first on the Fourth

The Santa Monica Fire Department issued a reminder this week for the Fourth of July that all fireworks are illegal in Santa Monica, including fireworks purchased where they are legal.

The department advises the public to instead watch fireworks by trained professionals.

In the statement, officials said about 9,600 people in the U.S. were treated in 2011 for firework-related injuries. Officials added that more fires are reported in the U.S. on the Fourth of July than on any other day of the year, and that fireworks account for 40 percent of those fires.

The American Red Cross also released a list of safety advice for those celebrating the Fourth of July with barbecues, beaches and sun.

The Red Cross said those using outdoor grills should:

- Make sure a barbecue is not left unattended while in use.
- Never grill indoors.
- Keep other people and pets away from the grill.
- Keep the grill out in the open and away from anything that could be lit aflame.
- Use long-handled cooking utensils.
- Never use starter fluid when charcoal is already lit.
- Follow the manual's instructions.

The Red Cross said those who go to the beaches to swim should:

- Only swim when a lifeguard is present and obey his or her instructions.
- Look out for signs or flags warning about weather conditions.
- Don't drink alcohol before swimming.
- Never swim by yourself.
- Have young and inexperienced swimmers wear a life jacket.
- Don't dive headfirst into the water and walk slowly into the open ocean.
- Keep a lookout for adults and children in the water.
- Avoid plants and animals in the water.

The Red Cross warned about rip currents and said swimmers should:

- Swim parallel to the shore if caught in a current. After freeing themselves from the current, swimmers should go toward the shore, or float or tread water if they are still unable to swim toward shore.
- Stay at least 100 feet away from piers and jetties. Rip currents often occur near such structures.

To protect from sunburn, harmful UV rays and hyperthermia, the Red Cross suggested that individuals:

- Limit exposure to direct sunlight between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.
- Use a broad-spectrum sunscreen with a SPF of at least 15 and reapply often.
- Drink water regularly and avoid drinks with alcohol or caffeine.
- Wear sunglasses that will absorb 100 percent of UV sunlight.
- Protect feet from debris in the sand and from sunlight.
- Watch for symptoms of heat stroke, including red skin, changes in consciousness, shallow, rapid breathing and a rapid, weak pulse.
- If someone may be suffering from heat stroke, call 911 and take the person to a cooler place. Apply a cool compress such as a wet cloth or towel to the skin and fan the person. Make sure the person's airway is clear and keep the person lying down.

– KRISTEN TAKETA



File photo

FEELING THE SPIRIT: **The annual 4th of July Parade is scheduled to march down Main Street on Thursday morning.**

Sneak peek and tips for 4th of July Parade

BY KRISTEN TAKETA
Special to the Daily Press

MAIN STREET The seventh annual 4th of July Parade is coming to Main Street Thursday, and officials have some advice and insight for the patriotic festivities.

The parade will travel down Main Street from its start at Pico Boulevard and turn onto Marine Street. From there, it will turn onto Barnard Way and disperse into the southern beach parking lot, said Lori Nafshun, vice president for special events with the Ocean Park Association, which organizes the parade.

Parade attendees looking for a quieter, less crowded spot to watch the parade can go to Barnard Way, Nafshun said.

She suggested that residents walk or ride their bikes to the parade rather than drive to make it an environ-

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LOCAL SPORTS ROUNDUP

Local soccer team takes on Panama

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

DOWNTOWN Local adult amateur soccer team Santa Monica Sporting FC has been selected to scrimmage with the national team from Panama.

The scrimmage is planned for Thursday at Nansen Field in Rolling Hills Estate. The game begins at 9 a.m.

The Panamanian national team is in Los Angeles to take on Mexico in a Gold Cup match on July 7 at the Rose Bowl.

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Gov. Brown appoints 26 as part of state reorganization

ASSOCIATED PRESS

SACRAMENTO, Calif. Gov. Jerry Brown has made 26 appointments as part of his reorganization of state government, which takes full effect this week as the new fiscal year begins.

The governor issued the announcement Monday evening for the midlevel bureaucrats, including deputy secretaries, deputy commissioners and deputy general counsels, who will be making between $45,000 and $150,120 a year. Of those, 19 will make salaries above $100,000.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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One good thing

Editor:

Dear Dave Glode ("What about the parents?" Letters to the Editor, June 23),

It must be nice to own income property and have the time to be able to sit and observe the Pico Youth & Family Center. You claim that the center is a money pit. How many times have you sat in on a meeting? Where do you get your information?

You say nice cars, but those do not belong to the paid employees. Most belong to caring professionals who chose to get in and help the community. What do you drive? Are you a doctor? If not, how do you get off making a diagnosis?

Jail the parents? Great suggested use of our tax dollars. Now you pay for the jailed parents and you pay for the children's rearing.

Trespassing? Ever heard of fences, gates, locks or security guards?

We do have some fine organizations. Do your homework and you might be surprised.

Education is the answer, but we need to correct our past mistakes in education, like your profiling.

Want to lower your taxes? How about having the police pay a percentage of their overpaid salaries toward their health, dental, 401K, etc., so the public is not burdened with that?

What do they really do? Well, they did have a slow response time on the day my boys were killed and they arrived long after the shooters were gone. How do I know this? I have two dead sons, one dead nephew and one dead daughter. The first two were killed on Oct. 27, 1998, at 11:45 a.m. on the third birthday of one son's daughter. It's been 14 years and it is still an open case; one shooter is still at large. Your tax money that day? The police gang unit was on duty ... and it took six minutes to respond. This is how your tax dollars are wasted, Dave.

Income property must be good, but you can always sell and go away. I was born in Santa Monica, schooled in Santa Monica and still am here. PYFC is the one good thing that has come out of these deaths.

Thank you for your misinformed opinion.

Bill Juarez
Santa Monica

Animals eating animals

Editor:

People choose to not eat meat for various reasons ("Vegan hiker takes on Pacific Crest Trail for animals," June 26). For those who say it is cruel to kill animals, tell that to lions, tigers and every other animal that eats meat. Even so, it should be acceptable for these people to eat meat if the animals enjoy a natural, "free range," cruelty-free life, and are eaten only after they die of natural causes.

Mike Kirwan
Venice

Taking tourism elsewhere

Editor:

As an overseas visitor I've been taking vacations at Santa Monica for many years now, enjoying the relaxed, laid back, almost seaside town ambiance, but this year, for the first time, I feel more anxious than relaxed, too many cars, too many people, too much crime, and taking my life in my hands avoiding errant cyclists and skateboarders on the sidewalks and crosswalks.

I also used to enjoy shopping in Santa Monica Place, but now it's nothing more than an expensive designer label showcase for the rich and famous.

All the present discussion on high-rise development is only going to make things worse, too

Sorry Santa Monica, you've lost it. Goodbye.

George Philipson
Melbourne, Australia

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Are We Really Out of Iraq?

Kelly Hayes-Raitt — Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Preparing for a hostile environment

"IT WILL TAKE A LITTLE BIT OF YOUR soul," my friend says about Hostile Environment Training, training offered by ex-British Special Forces to reporters and freelancers. Although the intense five-day training focuses on situational awareness, first aid and survival tactics, it also puts participants through mock kidnappings.

I'm taking the training in the U.K. this month in preparation for my return to Baghdad in August. I was last there 10 years ago, just a few months after the U.S.-led invasion, back when it was thought that was as dangerous as the city would get. Then the U.N. headquarters was bombed the next month. In the ensuing decade, more than 112,000 Iraqi civilians died directly from violence, according to IraqBodyCount.org, and another estimated million from war-related inability to get proper medication, safe drinking water or adequate healthcare.

Following the provisional elections in Baghdad, violence is rising. It's "political" violence, says my contact in Baghdad. Last month's back-to-back car bombings made May the most violent month since U.S. troops officially pulled out in December 2011.

My friend, who wishes to remain anonymous, took Hostile Environment Training after he was kidnapped by political terrorists while working in Asia. He wants me to be prepared for the emotionally and psychologically draining week.

"I still use what I learned." He glances around the restaurant where we're dining on gourmet salads. "I still walk into a place and look for the back exit. I walk along buildings' walls so I can't get dragged into a car. They teach you to sit at an inside wall in a restaurant so you can't get dragged out while you're eating," he touches the wall as his eyes well. We don't talk about his kidnapping.

"You learn to listen for sounds, regular sounds, to help keep track of time." I thought of Lorena Santos, a young woman I interviewed in Manila, whose mother was kidnapped by the corrupt Philippine police and secretly held, while blindfolded and handcuffed, for three days before she surfaced. She counted planes flying overhead to keep track of the days.

I'm going back to Iraq to try and answer two questions: Are we really out of Iraq, and are Iraqis better off today than they were a decade ago?

Specifically, I'll research:

• Status of women. Ten years ago, I interviewed several women and reported extensively on how women were affected by the impending war and the initial weeks following the invasion. I developed a talk called "Face to Face with the Women of Iraq" that I presented to hundreds of organizations, including to congresswomen in the U.S. Capitol.

I intend to interview women and girls from a variety of backgrounds to learn about their experiences during the war and how their societal status has changed. Under the Hussein regime, which was secular, women had a variety of options and were active in politics, academia and various professions. I will attempt to find women I interviewed in 2003 to provide their updated perspectives and experiences. I am in the process of lining up visits to schools and hospitals so I can report on how women and girls are faring in education and healthcare.

• Plight of refugees. I have followed one family for the past decade, including reporting about them from Damascus, where they fled in 2008. They are now back in Baghdad. I will interview Amina and Lulou (last names omitted for their protection), who were 15 and 13, respectively, when I saw them in Damascus. Now they are young women, 20 and 18, returning to face past traumas and uncertain futures.

Four million Iraqis were displaced during the war and occupation. Two million were displaced internally as neighborhoods experienced brutal ethnic cleansing. (Abdullah, Amina and Lulou's father, tells me Baghdad is now "all walls.") Over 1 million Iraqis fled to Syria and now many have returned to Iraq to escape that country's civil war. Ironically, I spent the summer of 2008 in Syria helping Iraqi refugees; this summer I'll be in Iraq interviewing Syrian refugees.

• Impact of U.S. contractors. In July 2003, I broke a story in the Santa Monica Daily Press about U.S. contractors who set the bar too high for Iraqis to get hired to rebuild their own country. Rep. Henry Waxman used my reporting to open an investigation. The Los Angeles Times ran a story about the Congressional investigation that referenced my research.

There are other stories I'm pursing as people make connections for me: a closeted gay man, a beleaguered Christian pastor, a worker at a water treatment plant. As I conduct pre-interviews via Skype, I'll make them available on my website to subscribers at www.AreWeReallyOutOfIraq.com.

I ask my friend whether the Hostile Environment Training made him feel safer — or more suspicious? "I wouldn't take it again, but I don't regret the decision," he puts down his fork. "But it won't make you feel safer. And it will take a little bit of your soul."

Following Hostile Environment Training, for which she was just awarded a grant by BBC News, **KELLY HAYES-RAITT** returns to Baghdad this August to put a human face on the U.S.-led invasion and occupation. Support and follow her trip at www.AreWeReallyOutOfIraq.com. Supporters get access to exclusive pre-trip interviews and blogs directly from Iraq.





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Supreme Court puts California initiative process in jeopardy

THE UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT'S decision not to hear the case of Proposition 8 could lead to the effective dismantling of the initiative power vested in the people of California. The decision will encourage state officials to abstain from defending ballot measures they don't like.

The state's initiative and referendum process was established in California in 1911 to enable the people to act as the lawmakers of last resort when their representatives proved to be indolent, incompetent or corrupt. For those interested in history, the reform was a direct response to the overwhelming special interest power being exercised in Sacramento by the Southern Pacific Railroad.

If not for the people's initiative power, we would never have had such important — and diverse — reforms such as Proposition 13, the Political Reform Act, several environmental laws, the death penalty and medical marijuana. Regardless of one's personal views on these issues, these are matters on which voters, responding to inaction by elected representatives, have had the final say.

Last week's refusal by the United States Supreme Court to hear the Proposition 8 case, dealing with the definition of marriage, had nothing to do with its constitutionality. The refusal was based on the notion that the proponents of Proposition 8 lacked the legal right — or "standing" — to even be in the courtroom.

The Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association was not an advocate for either side in the Proposition 8 debate. We do not have a social agenda or a foreign policy; we deal with taxpayer issues. However, we believe that Californians of all points of view would be much happier to have had a well-considered final decision on a matter of rights that are important to so many.

What we got was the refusal to even hear the case, because the state of California refused to mount a defense, and this has tremendous implications for other propositions initiated through citizen action.

Suppose Californians used the initiative to impose a stringent campaign finance disclosure reform and it was overwhelmingly approved by voters. This would be anathema to the Sacramento political class from both sides of the political spectrum. And were the measure challenged in federal court, it is entirely possible that no state elected official would choose to defend it. After all, most elected officials have an aversion to that political disinfectant known as sunshine.

GIVING POLITICIANS THE RIGHT TO PICK AND CHOOSE WHICH LAWS TO DEFEND ... IN ACTUAL PRACTICE MEANS THAT THE PEOPLE ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING THE POWER TO CONTRADICT THE ENSCONCED POWER BROKERS AND THEIR SPECIAL INTEREST ALLIES IN SACRAMENTO.

While in the Proposition 8 case the majority wrote, "The court does not question California's sovereign right to maintain an initiative process…" the dissenting justices saw the court's refusal to take the case as damaging the ability of the people of California to enact a law over the opposition of political leaders.

Giving politicians the right to pick and choose which laws to defend — and initiatives are laws enacted by the people — in actual practice means that the people are in danger of losing the power to contradict the ensconced power brokers and their special interest allies in Sacramento.

If there is any good news here it is that advocacy organizations are virtually unanimous in expressing disappointment in the court's ruling. Again, this isn't about the substance of Proposition 8 but, rather, the ability of any group of citizens irrespective of political leanings to use effectively the reserved powers of direct democracy. Already, leaders of these organizations — who rarely agree on anything — are discussing potential changes in California statutory law or, more likely, a state constitutional amendment, to protect the initiative power. In our view, the sooner the better.

JON COUPAL is president of the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association – California's largest grass-roots taxpayer organization dedicated to the protection of Proposition 13 and the advancement of taxpayers' rights.

The Q Line

Marriage for all

The Supreme Court last week made a pair of rulings that apparently open the door for same-sex couples to get married in California.

So, this week's Q-Line question asks:
Where do you stand on the rulings and why?

Contact **qline@smdp.com** before **Friday at 5 p.m.** and we'll print your answers in the weekend edition of the Daily Press. You can also call **310-573-8354**.


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Shooting investigation closes busy Los Angeles freeway

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LOS ANGELES Police briefly shut down a section of northbound State Route 110 in Los Angeles to search for bullet casings after a driver shot another driver.

Officer Bruce Borihanh says officers responded to reports of shots fired on the freeway Tuesday afternoon, and found an injured driver who had managed to exit the freeway before crashing into a fence.

Borihanh says the injured driver's passenger called police.

The freeway was closed between Interstate 105 and the Florence Avenue exit for about an hour.

Police are unsure if the matter was gang related.

Borihanh says the shooter's vehicle was described as a newer black Nissan Sentra and continued traveling north after the shooting.

The shooting remains under investigation.

Regulators recommend expansion of largest hazardous waste dump

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Associated Press

FRESNO, Calif. California regulators are recommending allowing a major expansion of the largest hazardous waste dump in the Western United States, even though some residents blame the dump for birth defects and have opposed the expansion, officials said on Tuesday.

The California Department of Toxic Substances Control said it has issued a draft expansion permit that would allow the landfill near Kettleman City — a farmworker community in the state's Central Valley midway between San Francisco and Los Angeles — to expand by 5 million cubic yards.

The landfill, which is operated by Chemical Waste Management, currently houses 10.7 million cubic yards of hazardous waste.

Environmental organizations and residents have opposed the expansion of the 1,600-acre landfill for years. The landfill has been fined numerous times by state and federal regulators for improper waste disposal and other problems.

"A draft permit will send a message to industrial polluters that you can violate your permit constantly for years, commit serious and chronic violations, and still get your permit," said Bradley Angel of the group Greenaction.

The expansion permit was based on "bogus studies" and "hiding the number of birth defects and infant deaths," Angel said, adding that officials did not give Spanish speakers, who make up a large number of Kettleman City residents, enough time to testify at hearings.

The dump's owners say there's no evidence linking the facility to the birth defects and cancer-causing chemicals there were too low to affect the nearby community.

A recent report by California health officials found no common cause for the birth defects and left residents to speculate about what other potential hazards — a constant flow of diesel trucks, pesticide residue in the surrounding fields and multiple high-tension power lines — might pose the biggest risk to their children.

The permit expansion carries restrictive requirements, including enhanced air and groundwater monitoring and sampling, a clean truck program that would reduce emissions from incoming diesel trucks, more inspections and enhanced public outreach, state officials said.

The landfill accepts toxic waste not allowed into most landfills, including carcinogenic PCBs, herbicides and other chemicals, and lead-contaminated soil from cleanup sites.

"We're pleased that after extensive and comprehensive scrutiny of facility the state has issued a draft permit for expansion. The facility provides a necessary environmental service to California by handing the hazardous waste the state generates," said Chemical Waste spokeswoman Jennifer Andrews.

Last November, the state issued 72 violations alleging the company failed to report small spills that occurred between 2008 and 2012 — though they posed no health threats to the public. In May 2011, the state levied $46,000 in fines against the company for failing to report two spills.

That same year, the federal Environmental Protection Agency and the state toxics department levied $1 million in fines against the firm for having improperly calibrated lab equipment that thwarted efforts to accurately analyze chemical concentrations in waste. The EPA found the same problem with equipment five years earlier and said officials failed to fix it.

Federal officials also fined the operator nearly $10,000 for improper waste disposal.

Officials said the violations caused no off-site health impacts and "have not reached a level that would trigger a permit denial," said Brian Johnson, director of hazardous waste management.

The public has 60 days to comment on the draft permit, which still requires final approval from the toxics department.

Officials also set a long-term goal to reduce the volume of hazardous wasted disposed at class 1 facilities such as Kettleman City by 50 percent by 2025. That goal has no enforcement triggers at this time, but entails meetings and workshops with industry, public interest groups, local governments and elected officials to come up with strategies for waste reduction.

California has generated an average of 1.7 million tons of hazardous waste each year for the past 10 years. About 600,000 tons ended up annually in the Kettleman or Buttonwillow landfills, officials said.

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Fourth of July a nightmare for dogs

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LOS ANGELES Liberty is loud and a lot of dogs have problems with those Fourth of July sounds of freedom, Erika Gamez said. She should know — she takes care of over 150 at work and five at home.

On Thursday, the 150 dogs, 150 cats and all the other creatures at the Rancho Cucamonga Animal Care and Adoption Center will be moved inside the buildings, said Gamez, the Southern California shelter's animal care supervisor. Classical music will be played throughout the center in the early evening to soothe the animals that have sensitive hearing and can't tolerate loud noise.

Once the booming starts, it gets noisy inside with a cacophony of barking, whining and crying as some dogs panic about the fireworks and others freak out because of their spooked shelter mates. The cats don't seem to mind fireworks, but get stressed at all the commotion. "It's a trickle-down effect," Gamez said.

Similar scenes will play out in homes, backyards and public parks across the country, leading some anxious hounds to fly the coop, which explains why more lost dogs are turned in to shelters on July 5 than any other day of the year. Dogs that can't escape could hurt themselves in other ways trying to seek shelter from the thundering sounds that could last days as fireworks are launched throughout the weekend.

In Rancho Cucamonga, employees will handle 20 to 30 more dogs than usual that day, Gamez said. She has scheduled extra employees.

Because July 4 is on a Thursday this year, fireworks shows will be spread over three nights. Add fireworks bought from booths in many cities across the country and it promises to be a long, booming weekend.

Dogs have more sensitive ears than humans do and while some dogs don't appear to mind the noise, others will bark, whine, howl, hide, cower or run into furniture and walls, said Dr. Melissa Bain of the University of California, Davis, School of Veterinary Medicine's Clinical Animal Behavior Service.

When she was an animal control officer, Dr. Kate F. Hurley, now director of the Koret Shelter Medicine Program at Davis' Center for Companion Animal Health, said she saw dogs jump through plate glass windows when fireworks went off. She handled other dogs that jumped fences, slipped leashes and broke through doors.

No one can explain why one dog will hide and another will bolt, Bain said.

Gamez and her crew get a lot of practice with fireworks in Rancho Cucamonga. The center, 45 miles east of Los Angeles, is on the same grounds as LoanMart Field, home to the Rancho Cucamonga Quakes, a Los Angeles Dodgers baseball farm team. Saturday night home games end with fireworks shows.

At the shelter, field officers will be stopping by from time to time to make sure all is well.

Experts say you can prevent a personal doggie drama from becoming a tragedy by taking some simple steps:

—Take a walk and wear your dog out before sundown.

—Plan on staying home with your pet when fireworks shows are scheduled nearby.

—Close the doors and windows, turn on the television, music, fans and any other noisy devices to try and drown out the noise and percussion of the explosions.

—Just sit with the dog. Don't force cuddling because fear can turn some animals aggressive. Have treats available but most dogs won't eat through fireworks.

—Leaving a dog in a crate or cage may not protect it. Dogs can chip their teeth and break their nails on cages.

—If a pet doesn't have a microchip or an ID tag with updated information, get that before the fireworks start.

Gamez plans to spend July 4 on the floor of her Fontana home with her five dogs, lots of familiar noise in the background, their favorite toys all around and a bag of special dog treats in her lap, she said. Fireworks are legal in Fontana so she expects noise for the next couple of weeks.

If a dog does get lost, owners should check shelters for 60 miles around, said Janet Winikoff, director of education for the Humane Society of Vero Beach and Indian River County in Vero Beach, Fla. When truly scared, dogs can travel miles, she explained.

Make use of social media to find lost pets, she added.

If all else fails, "your dog might be better off on medication," Bain said.

"When I was in private practice, a lot of people wanted tranquilizers," said Dr. Michele Toomoth, the shelter vet in Rancho Cucamonga. Back then, she would prescribe Acepromazine, a sedative made just for dogs. She stopped when she learned how it worked.

"If you give a dog a sedative, it can't move but it's still freaked out," Bain explained. It's like going through surgery with your brain awake and your nerve endings working, but you can't move, Toomoth explained.

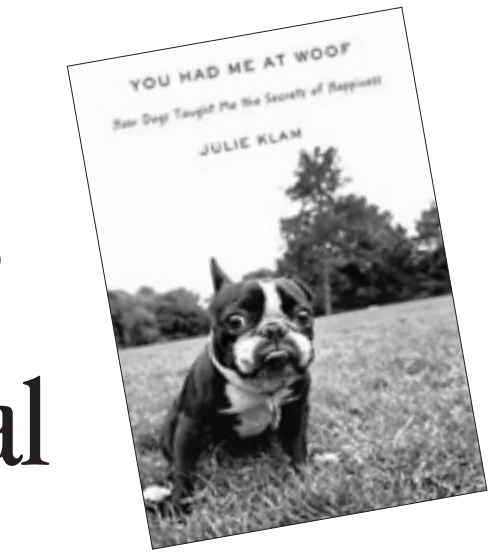
Today, they don't sedate dogs at the shelter and Bain won't give a dog anything but a true anti-anxiety drug like Xanax or Valium. Dog owners will have to talk to their vets about side effects, she said, but they are minimal. "There are lots of people on these medications and they function just fine," she said.





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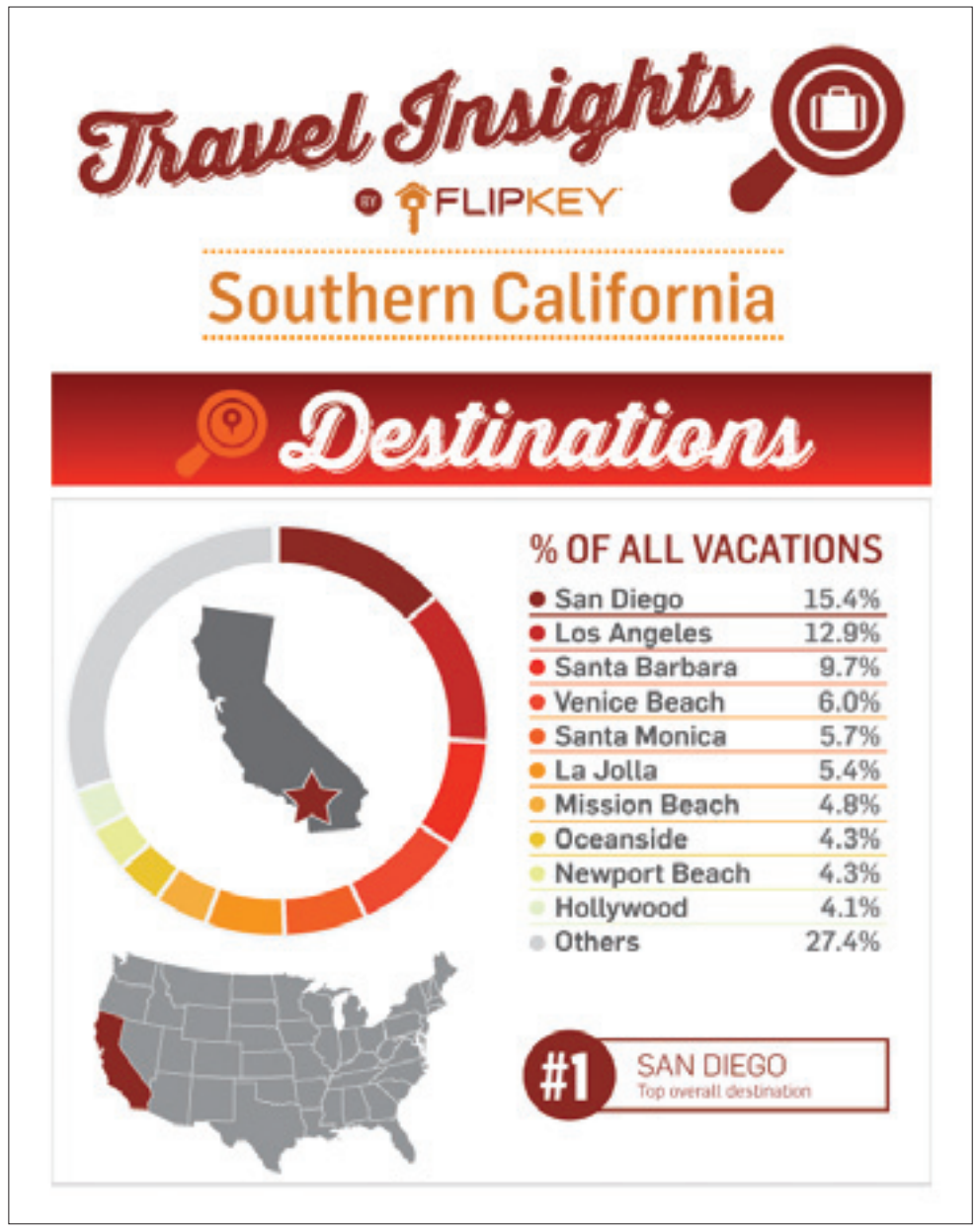


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STATS: **Flipkey says Santa Monica is the fifth most popular city for SoCal home vacation rentals.**

RENTALS

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extra cash by renting out their properties, some reporting as much as $40,000 of extra income from those who prefer to rent a residence rather than a hotel room.

After years of sanctioning the cottage industry on a complaint-by-complaint basis, City Hall put muscle behind its laws and entrusted compliance to the Code Enforcement Division.

That crew, headed by former-Marine Joe Trujillo, took a more proactive approach, searching for rentals on sites like Flipkey or its competitors to find active vacation rentals and shut them down.

The effort led to dozens of citations, but the market remains strong — type "Santa Monica" into Flipkey alone and over 200 results pop up.

The site combed through three years of data — over 230,000 records — to come up with its conclusions. The data show most people travel in groups of two or four and that a full 20 percent of vacations happen within four weeks, between the second week in July and the first week of August.

On average, a one-bedroom in Southern California rents for $242.72 per night, and a two-bedroom unit would go for $258.62 in the area. That's still below the average daily rate for Santa Monica hotels in 2012, which hit $288.80, according to the Convention & Visitors Bureau (CVB), a group that actively promotes Santa Monica to the world.

Flipkey is one of the few who can say it saw the business grow during the recession as people looked to cash in on their prime locations by renting out their homes and others hoped to escape prices charged by hotels.

"It's the value," Horndahl said. "With a small family with two kids, it's just a much better way to travel."

Vacation rentals come equipped with space, offer privacy and often the ability to cook meals at the residence, something that can cut down significantly on spending for a small family.

Flipkey also reports that people tend to stay longer, clocking an average 7.3 days per visit to Southern California in the summer months, a bit longer than the 4.8 day average between July and September of 2012 reported by the CVB.

While the stats Flipkey offers seem to back up the vacation rental model, Santa Monicans who live near the businesses wish they would stay out of town.

John Redmond lives on Wadsworth Avenue, a small street near the beach. He spent 20 years at the residence before vacation rentals became a nuisance for him and his neighbors.

Some of the problems he classified as "irritants" — people unfamiliar with the local waste system mixing up the recycling and trash cans or taking up parking in a neighborhood with none to spare.

Other impacts are a bit more profound.

"If it spreads, it just destroys the neighborhood," Redmond said. "You don't have neighbors. They come and go, you don't know what they look like, not to mention names. It destroys any sense of community."

Code Enforcement is still aware of the problem, and will be looking for new powers from the City Council to make the division's task easier, Trujillo said.

"We continue to focus on vacation rentals by actively investigating through website search, citizen complaint and property inspections," Trujillo said. "We are also working with the Planning (Department) to clearly define 'vacation rentals' and making recommendations to the zoning ordinance to help us with enforcement."

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"Absent some immediate action, federal defenders will begin the process this summer of laying off between a third and half of their staff," said a memo prepared by several federal public defenders. "They will begin closing many offices. The cuts will result in irreparable damage to the criminal justice system, and paradoxically, greater expense to the taxpayer as indigent defendants are increasingly assigned private counsel."

Congress provides about $1 billion for the representation of criminal defendants who can't afford their own lawyer. The money is split evenly between federal public defender program, which was established in 1970, and private attorneys, who are generally paid $125 an hour to represent defendants who can't be represented by the public defenders because of conflicts of interest or other reasons.

Because the right to counsel is a constitutional guarantee, the federal defenders have no control over their workloads. When someone is charged and needs a lawyer, they're appointed. If public defenders have to take fewer cases due to staffing cuts that work will fall to the private lawyers — who cost substantially more than full-time federal defenders, studies have shown.

"There are no actual savings here," said Tom Hillier, the chief federal public defender in Seattle. "Sooner or later Congress is going to have to come to grips with the fact that they're destroying institutions, and they're not saving money."

Under this year's cuts, some public defenders lost their jobs and the rest are taking up to 20 days of unpaid leave. The federal public defender's office in Los Angeles is simply closing for three weeks in September. The chief federal defender in southern Ohio laid himself off.

In New York, the trial of Osama bin Laden's son-in-law was delayed because the public defenders who were representing him had to take furloughs, and in Boston, the lawyers for the surviving marathon bombing suspect have had to do it amid unpaid time off.

When staffing cuts force public defenders to ask for delays in cases or withdraw from cases altogether, it means defendants have to spend more time in pretrial custody — increasing jail costs and raising concerns about the right to a speedy trial, the defenders' memo noted. The offices have also cut spending on training, travel, expert witnesses and case investigators — all of which can affect the quality of representation and give rise to appeals.

The cuts being required next year are even starker.

—In Seattle, Hillier said he will have to lay off nine employees or his entire office will have to take more than nine weeks of unpaid time off.

—In San Francisco, Federal Public Defender Steven Kalar said he will have to close at least one branch office — possibly Oakland, San Jose, or both — and stop working on certain types of complex cases.

—In the District of Columbia, Federal Public Defender A.J. Kramer said that his office would have to withdraw from a large number of cases. He's already down 10 positions, out of 35 he would normally be authorized to fill.

"We're headed to a huge fiscal crisis," said Seattle U.S. Attorney Jenny Durkan, whose office has added lawyers recently but also remains below historic staffing levels. "If the federal public defender closes shop, we can't do our work. Everybody we charge, they're entitled to a lawyer."

"The fact that we are not fully funded makes it an unfair fight in court," Hillier said. "The government has full resources and full staff, and we don't."

Nationally, more than 900 of the public defender program's approximately 2,700 staff members are expected to be cut over the next two years. Defenders in more than 20 states are planning to close offices. Because it costs money to lay people off — in terms of severance, benefits and unemployment insurance claims — many offices have to lay off more than one-third of their staff to reach the 23 percent budget reduction.

Several federal defenders have argued that the cuts could be eased by delaying payments to the private attorneys until the next fiscal year, but U.S. District Judge Robert Lasnik of Seattle said that wasn't a good option. Lasnik serves on the Executive Committee of the U.S. Judicial Conference, a group of seven judges that oversees the budget for public defense.

"It's almost like deficit spending," Lasnik said. "That only works if we get money to replace the money we're spending."

He added: "This is not a defense-versus-prosecutors thing, or judges-verses-defense thing. The system doesn't work if any one of the legs of the stool is not able to hold things up. We have a need for the funding of federal defenders."

To ease the burden on the federal defenders, the Judicial Conference might have to reduce rates for private attorneys appointed to represent poor defendants, even though "they don't make very much as it is," Lasnik said.

That could result in experienced private lawyers declining to take cases, some attorneys argue.

The only real solution, said U.S. Sen. Patty Murray, D-Wash., is to replace sequestration, which was supposed to be so unpalatable that Congress would never let it happen.

"From children getting cut from Head Start, to workers being furloughed at our military bases, to the significant cuts federal public defenders across the country are facing and so much more," she said, "the impacts of sequestration continue to grow in our communities, and it's only going to get worse."









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media class with more changes on the horizon. It's also lowered the price on classes for youth, said Samantha Ollstein, director of the Friends of the Brentwood Art Center, the nonprofit that now runs the school.

"We're doing better and better every month," Ollstein said. "The energy here is fantastic. Everyone is excited. It warmed the whole school when the community came together and was passionate about bringing it back to life."

That means a lot to a person like Ollstein, who has been attending the Brentwood Art Center since she was still in grade school and worked for six years as an adviser at the center. Her mother took art classes from Edward Buttwinick, the one-time owner and founder of the school.



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SUNNY ASSIST: **Student Billie Udko lets her painting dry in the sun outside of the Brentwood Art Center on Montana Avenue on Tuesday.**

"The center turned me on to a world that I was extremely passionate about," Ollstein said. "Being able to inspire and expose children and adults in other communities is really important to me and the school."

The center already works directly with One Voice, a Santa Monica-based nonprofit that connects low-income individuals and families with resources they need to improve their quality of life.

Patricia Burris — a teacher at the art center and wife of Don Burris, one of the nonprofit's board members — taught art classes at One Voice for almost 20 years, working with mainly retired social workers who wanted a taste of the arts, said Susan Silbert, executive director and founder of One Voice.

The classes changed the way the women related to the arts, said Susan Silbert, executive director and founder of One Voice.

"They're in a prestigious art school and art center," Silbert said. "There's the surroundings, there's room to do it and it adds legitimacy to their right to be part of the world of arts and music and everything."

Now, the center is looking for other opportunities to expand and work with Los Angeles-based schools that have lost art instruction from budget cuts.

It's a big departure from August of 2012, when, as Silbert put it, the center was "disappearing."

Turmoil at the art center began when then-owner Sarkis Melkonian informed students and staff that the school would close, just as the center geared up for its annual show of student and staff artwork.

Melkonian said then that the cause was a zoning change, initiated by Buttwinick, that would allow the 6,370-square-foot school to become a commercial retail and office space with 11 on-site parking spaces.



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GETTING READY TO MAKE ART: **Student Ben Markiles mixes paint Tuesday afternoon during an abstract painting class at the Brentwood Art Center on Montana Avenue.**

Representatives of the Buttwinicks called the variance a "contingency plan" so that the retired couple could continue making money off of the building if the school were to close.

The lease on the building did not expire until Aug. 31, 2013, but Melkonian objected to the change and chose to close the center, saying in an e-mail to pupils and employees that the change had an "unforeseen negative impact on the (Brentwood Art Center) which has dealt a final blow from which the (center) will not be able to recover."

It led to a massive effort by a group of 10 volunteers who met over a weekend at the Burris residence to devise a way to save the center. They took the assets of the school over from Melkonian and briefly closed until Oct. 1 of that year.

At that time, the center focused on getting back on stable ground, said Lloyd Bookman, a board member.

"Our next phase, as I see it, in our organization is to start moving in that direction and start doing more in the community, within the limits of our resources," Bookman said.

The Brentwood Art Center will hold its annual student and faculty show in September. Last year, it was a mournful affair, a goodbye for many who believed that they had taken or taught their last class at the facility.

This year will be different, Ollstein said.

"It's going to be a great event. We're going to introduce ourselves again to the community," she said.

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None of the appointees is new to the administration. They either were promoted or received similar titles in their new departments or agencies.

The highest salary in the group went to Jan Owen, 61, a Democrat who was appointed commissioner of the California Department of Business Oversight. She had served as commissioner of the California Department of Corporations since 2011. She received a $7,155 raise.

Owen was the subject of a story by The Associated Press in 2012 after Brown appointed her to head the department that oversees banking, financial and consumer regulations. She had previously led a trade association that fought against tighter restrictions on mortgage lenders before the subprime lending crisis erupted.

Her position requires Senate confirmation.

The lowest salary went to Ben De Alba, 26, who will serve as assistant secretary for rail and ports at the California State Transportation Agency. De Alba, a Democrat, had been special assistant at the California Business, Transportation and Housing Agency since last year. His position does not require Senate confirmation. He received an $8,000 raise.

Besides Owen and De Alba, four others received raises for taking on additional responsibilities and expanded roles at new agencies, according to the governor's office.

Melissa Figueroa, 32, received the largest raise, a $35,000 increase, for becoming deputy secretary of communications at the California Business, Consumer Services and Housing Agency. Her salary is $110,004. Figueroa previously served in the same capacity at the California State and Consumer Services Agency.

Brown has said the changes will streamline government and could save money in the long run. He appointed three new secretaries last week as the state prepared to reduce the number of government agencies from 12 to 10, putting departments with related functions together.

For example, the reconfigured Transportation Agency now will include the Department of Motor Vehicles, California Highway Patrol, CalTrans and the California High-Speed Rail Authority. A new Government Operations Agency will centralize contracting, technology and human resource functions.

Businesses and professionals licensed by the state will be overseen by the new Business, Consumer Services and Housing Agency, which consolidates two current agencies.

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KID QB WINS MVP

Teemuulin Barnes, the 11-year-old quarterback of the national champion Santa Monica Vikings Jr. Pee Wee team, won the Offensive Most Valuable Player award at this year's Jim Kelly Football Camp.

The camp, held June 23-27 in Orchard Park, NY, attracts youth football players from across the country to test their skills against other kids their age.

Camp organizer Kelly played quarterback for the Buffalo Bills, leading them to four consecutive Super Bowls in the early 1990s.

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PARADE
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mentally friendly parade. Several streets in the area will also be closed off to cars, so traffic will be difficult for those who choose to drive, Nafshun added.

If residents still wish to drive, parking will be available west of Main Street, at the Civic Center for $3 and at Santa Monica Place.

A shuttle bus that will transport parade participants back to the Civic Center from the end of the parade will also be open to the public, Nafshun said.

Instead of having one big parade afterparty, which Nafshun said has caused logistical difficulties in the past, there will be afterparties at 220 Fitness, Lula Patio, The Vic and Edgemar Courtyard.

This year, the parade theme is centered around heroes — both heroes in uniform, such as the parade's grand marshal, Santa Monica Police Chief Jacqueline Seabrooks, and everyday heroes in the community, Nafshun said.

The parade will feature the classic list of parade guests such as the city's police officers, firefighters and lifeguards. Following will be a jumbled cast of characters, including bands The Americans and Euclidean, mariachi performers and a group of Ocean Park residents who will present an interpretation of the running of the grunion, Nafshun said.

Parade organizers are still looking for volunteers to help with the event. Those interested in volunteering can contact volunteer@opa-sm.org.

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Arizona Hotshots lived the meaning of the word

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BETTER TIMES: **The Granite Mountain Hotshots train in the Arizona mountains earlier this year. The team suffered 19 fatalities this week.**

PRESCOTT, Ariz. They were fathers and expectant fathers. High school football players and former Marines. Smoke-eaters' sons and first-generation firefighters.

What bound the members of the Granite Mountain Hotshots together was a "love of hard work and arduous adventure," and a willingness to risk their lives to protect others. And now, 19 families share a bond of grief.

All but one of the Prescott-based crew's 20 members died Sunday when a wind-whipped wildfire overran them on a mountainside northwest of Phoenix. It was the nation's biggest loss of firefighters in a wildfire in 80 years and the deadliest single day for fire crews since the terror attacks of Sept. 11, 2001.

In the firefighting world, "Hotshot" is the name given to those willing to go to the hottest part of a blaze. They are the best of the best, crews filled with adventure-seekers whose hard training ready them for the worst.

"We are routinely exposed to extreme environmental conditions, long work hours, long travel hours and the most demanding of fireline tasks," the group's website says. "Comforts such as beds, showers and hot meals are not always common."

Above all, the crew's members prided themselves on their problem-solving, teamwork and "ability to make decisions in a stressful environment."

"It's a younger man's game," said Prescott Fire Chief Dan Fraijo, and the statistics bear him out. Of those who died, 14 were in their 20s; their average age was just 26.

At least three members of the crew were following in their fathers' firefighting footsteps.

Kevin Woyjeck, 21, used to accompany his dad, Capt. Joe Woyjeck, to the Los Angeles County Fire Department, sometimes going on ride-alongs. The firehouse was like a second home to him, said Keith Mora, an inspector with that agency.

"He wanted to become a firefighter like his dad and hopefully work hand-in-hand," Mora said Monday outside a fire station in Seal Beach, Calif., where the Woyjeck family lives. "He was a great kid. Unbelievable sense of humor, work ethic that was not parallel to many kids I've seen at that age. He wanted to work very hard."

Chris MacKenzie, 30, grew up in California's San Jacinto Valley, where father Michael was a former captain with the Moreno Valley Fire Department. An avid snowboarder, MacKenzie joined the U.S. Forest Service in 2004, then transferred two years ago to the Prescott Fire Department.

Dustin DeFord, 24, was a Baptist preacher's son, but it was firefighting that captured his imagination.

At 18, he volunteered for the Carter County Rural Fire Department like his father did in his hometown of Ekalaka, Mont., according to The Billings Gazette. Almost everyone knew DeFord in the small town where he grew up and had worked a variety of jobs, the local sheriff said.

He liked to cliff jump and run "Spartan Race" obstacle courses, and he passed the physical test for the Granite Mountain crew in January 2012.

"He was one of the good ones who ever walked on this earth," Carter County Sheriff Neil Kittelmann told the newspaper.

Many of those killed were graduates of Prescott High. One of them was 28-year-old Clayton Whitted, who as a firefighter would work out on the same campus where he played football for the Prescott Badgers from 2000 to 2004.

The school's football coach, Lou Beneitone, said Whitted was the type of athlete who "worked his fanny off."

"He wasn't a big kid, and many times in the game, he was overpowered by big men, and he still got after it," the coach said. "He knew, 'This man in front of me is a lot bigger and stronger than me,' but he'd try it, and he'd smile trying it."

As a condition of hire, each of these Hotshot members was required to pass the U.S. Forest Service's "Arduous Work Capacity Test" — which entails completing a 3-mile hike carrying a 45-pound pack in 45 minutes. The group also set for its members a fitness goal of a 1.5-mile run in 10 minutes, 35 seconds; 40 sit-ups in 60 seconds; 25 pushups in 60 seconds; and seven pull-ups, according to the crew's website.

"The nature of our work requires us to endure physical hardships beyond most people's experiences," the website said. "Environmental extremes, long hours, bad food, and steep, rugged terrain, demand that we train early and often by running and hiking, doing core exercises, yoga, and weight training."

The group started in 2002 as a fuels mitigation crew — clearing brush to starve a fire. Within six years, they had made their transition into the "elite" Hotshot community.

At Captain Crossfit, a warehouse filled with mats, obstacle courses, climbing walls and acrobatic rings near the firehouse where the Hotshots worked, trainers Janine Pereira and Tony Burris talked about their day-to-day experiences with the crew in what was a home away from home for most of them.

The whole group grew beards and mustaches before the fire season started but had to shave them for safety.

"They were trying to get away with it, and finally someone was like, 'No. You've got to shave that beard,'" Pereira said. "They were the strongest, the happiest, always smiling."

Former Marine Travis Turbyfill, 27, whose nickname was "Turby," would come in to train in the morning, then return in the afternoon with his two daughters and wife, Stephanie, a nurse, Pereira said.

"He'd wear these tight shorts ... just to be goofy," Pereira said. "He was in the Marine Corps and he was a Hotshot, so he could wear those and no one would bug him."

Andrew Ashcraft, 29, another Prescott High graduate, would bring his four children to the Captain Crossfit daycare, Pereira said.

"He'd come in in the early morning and do a workout, and then, to support his wife, he'd do one again," she said. "He'd carry her around sometimes and give her a kiss in front of all his guys."

Other members of the group were just beginning families.

Sean Misner, 26, leaves behind a wife who is seven months pregnant, said Mark Swanitz, principal of Santa Ynez Valley Union High School in Santa Barbara County, where Misner graduated in 2005. Marine Corps veteran Billy Warneke, 25, and his wife, Roxanne, were expecting their first child in December, his grandmother, Nancy Warneke, told The Press-Enterprise newspaper in Riverside.

At 43, crew superintendent Eric Marsh was by far the oldest member of the group. An avid mountain biker who grew up in the mountains of North Carolina, Marsh became hooked on firefighting while studying biology at Appalachian State, said Leanna Racquer, the ex-wife of Marsh's cousin.

In April 2012, Marsh let reporters from the ASU Cronkite News Service observe one of the crew's training sessions. That day, they were playing out the "nightmare scenario" — surrounded by flames, with nothing but a thin, reflective shelter between them and incineration.

"If we're not actually doing it, we're thinking and planning about it," Marsh said.

During that exercise, one of the new crew members "died."

"It's not uncommon to have a rookie die," Marsh told the news service. "Fake die, of course."

On Monday, more than 1,000 people crowded into the bleachers and spilled onto the gymnasium floor at the Prescott campus of Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University. The crowd stood for more than a minute as firefighters in uniform walked in.

U.S. Rep. Matt Salmon said the Hotshots had made the ultimate sacrifice: "They gave their lives for their friends."

"It's times like today that define who we are," he said.

When U.S. Rep. David Schweikert asked audience members to raise their hands if they knew one of the fallen firefighters, about a third of the crowd did.

In a shaking voice, Fire Chief Fraijo described a picnic he threw last month for his new recruits and their families. Earlier Monday, he met with those same families in another auditorium and gave them the tragic news.

"Those families lost," he said. "The Prescott Fire Department lost. The city of Prescott lost. The state of Arizona and the nation lost."

SURF REPORT



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Surf Forecasts

Water Temp: **68.9°**

WEDNESDAY – **POOR** – SURF: **1-2 ft** knee to thigh high occ. 3ft
Small/shadowed SW swell, small NW windswell

THURSDAY – **POOR** – SURF: **1-2 ft** ankle to knee high
Small/shadowed SW swell, small NW windswell

FRIDAY – **POOR TO FAIR** – SURF: **2-3 ft** knee to waist high
Long period forerunners of new SW swell on the rise - plus sets in the PM

SATURDAY – **FAIR** – SURF: **2-3 ft** thigh to chest high
Long period SW fills in a touch more

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 26, 2013**

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

QUICK STATS (for the last 30 days)
- Number of sewage spills -- 4
- Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 1
- Number of wet days -- 8
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 33 / 1
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 0 / 0

The Beach Report Card is made possible by: simplehuman, LAcarGUY, SIMA and Grousbeck Family Foundation

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.	A+	ns
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.		
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechasa 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.	A+	ns
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	A+	ns
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Solstice Canyon at Dan Blocker County Beach.	A+	ns
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth.	C	ns
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd..	A+	ns
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	B	ns
Surfrider Beach (broach location)- daily.	F	ns
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	A+	ns
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	A+	ns
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero).	B	ns
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs.	A+	ns
Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach.	ns	ns
Tuna Canyon.	A	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	A+	ns
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	A+
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	ns
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+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain.	A	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua).	A+	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain.	A	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain.	D	ns
Santa Monica Municipal Pier.	A	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain.	A+	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms).	A	ns
Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain.	A+	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.	C	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth.	A	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain.	A+	ns
North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach.	A+	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of DAW 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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MLB

Cubs deal Marmol to Dodgers

ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHICAGO The Chicago Cubs dealt starting pitcher Scott Feldman to the Baltimore Orioles on Tuesday and traded former All-Star Carlos Marmol to the Los Angeles Dodgers in exchange for veteran reliever Matt Guerrier.

The Cubs got right-handed pitchers Jake Arrieta and Pedro Strop as well as two international signing bonus slots from the Orioles in exchange for Feldman and catcher Steve Clevenger.

Feldman signed a one-year contract with the Cubs and went 7-6 with a 3.46 ERA in 15 starts this season. He is 46-50 with a 4.66 ERA in 219 major league games over nine seasons.

Arrieta is 20-25 with a 5.46 ERA over the last four seasons with Baltimore (2010-13). Strop was 5-2 with three saves, 24 holds and a 2.44 ERA last season as the primary setup man for the Orioles. He has battled a back strain this year, going 0-3 with a 7.25 ERA. Arrieta will be assigned to Triple-A Iowa while Strop is expected to report to the Cubs later this week.

Guerrier is 25-33 with six saves and a 3.54 ERA over 10 seasons in the major leagues. He went 2-3 with a 4.80 ERA this season before being designated for assignment by the Dodgers on Sunday. The Cubs designated Marmol for assignment last week after he had gone 2-4 with two saves and a 5.86 ERA in 31 appearances, striking out 32 while walking 21 batters.

An All-Star as a setup man in 2008, Marmol's best year as closer was 2010, when he had 38 saves in 43 chances along with 138 strikeouts and 52 walks. But fans had been booing him and management was eager to cut a deal with the Dodgers, who also acquired an international signing bonus slot.

The Cubs also said they had acquired two international signing bonus slots from the Houston Astros for minor league infielder Ronald Torreyes, who batted .260 with two home runs and 25 RBI in 64 games with Double-A Tennessee this season. He was originally acquired by the Cubs with left-handed pitcher Travis Wood and outfielder Dave Sappelt from Cincinnati for left-handed pitcher Sean Marshall in 2011.

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1776 (PG) 2hrs 49min
7:30pm

A discussion with director Peter H. Hunt will follow the film.

AMC Loews Broadway 4
1441 Third Street Promenade
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Despicable Me 2 (PG) 1hr 38min
11:00am, 1:45pm, 4:30pm, 7:15pm, 10:00pm

Kevin Hart: Let Me Explain (R) 1hr 15min
11:10am, 1:15pm, 3:30pm, 5:45pm, 8:00pm, 10:20pm

Man of Steel 3D (PG-13) 2hr 23min
12:15pm, 3:30pm, 6:50pm, 10:15pm

Now You See Me (PG-13) 1hr 56min
11:20am, 2:10pm, 5:00pm, 7:45pm, 10:30pm

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

Despicable Me 2 (PG) 1hr 38min
11:45am, 5:15pm, 10:40pm

Despicable Me 2 3D (PG) 1hr 38min
2:30pm, 8:00pm

The Heat (R) 1hr 57min
11:00am, 2:00pm, 5:10pm, 8:15pm, 11:15pm

Lone Ranger (PG-13) 2hr 29min
10:15am, 12:15pm, 3:45pm, 7:15pm, 10:45pm

Monsters University (G) 1hr 50min
10:30am, 1:30pm, 4:30pm, 7:30pm, 10:00pm

This Is The End (R) 1hr 46min
1:45pm, 4:45pm, 7:45pm, 10:35pm

White House Down (PG-13) 2hr 12min
10:15am, 1:25pm, 4:40pm, 7:55pm, 11:10pm

World War Z (PG-13) 1hr 56min
10:20am, 4:00pm, 10:30pm

World War Z 3D (PG-1

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Mud (PG-13) 2hrs 10min
4:00pm

East (PG-13) 1hr 56min
1:20pm, 4:10pm, 7:00pm, 9:40pm

Frances Ha (R) 1hr 26min
1:30pm, 7:30pm

Much Ado About Nothing (PG-13) 1hr 49min
1:40pm, 4:20pm, 7:10pm, 9:50pm

Before Midnight (R) 1hr 48min
1:50pm, 4:30pm, 7:20pm, 10:00pm

Kings of Summer (R) 1hr 33min
9:45pm

For more information, e-mail **editor@smdp.com**

Happy Birthday

David Saltzman: Writer, bowler, softballer and PTA-er

Pay bills tonight, Aries

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Keep reaching out to a respected friend. You like to bounce ideas off this person, especially since you often gain insight and direction during your conversations. You could find that an unexpected event has you moving in a new direction. Tonight: Pay bills.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ You know much more than you are prepared to reveal; however, a conversation could open you up to various possibilities. You'll gain insight when someone tosses a wild idea in your direction. You do not need to say much about your perception -- just observe. Tonight: Be wild.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★ Your instincts will be right on, but you still might decide to stay mum for a little while. As an observer, you learn a lot more than you realize. Stay open, and enjoy the interactions around you. Deal with a financial issue. You know what to do. Tonight: Say "yes" to an offer.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ A conversation with a friend will support your decision to head in a certain direction. You might not always agree with this person, but in the long run, this seems like the best way to go. Tonight: Follow your friends!

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★ Someone needs you. You give 100 percent of yourself in almost any project. How much you choose to share could vary with the moment. You don't need to spill the beans just yet. Tonight: In the limelight.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Kick back, and take advantage of the moment to see the whole picture. You might not feel comfortable with everything that you are seeing, but you need to sit on your feelings for now. Tonight: Where there is great music.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Listen to what someone shares. During the conversation, or afterward when reflecting on it, you might see how a misunderstanding could have occurred. Tonight: Visit a friend.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Others seem more willing to explain where they are coming from. Do not react immediately to what someone says, but be willing to think over his or her words. You'll be able to visualize how you might have misread the situation. Tonight: Go along with a suggestion.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★ Prioritize, and you'll be able to take care of far more than you thought possible. A younger person has a lot to share. Listen, and you might like what you hear. A loved one surprises you with his or her actions. Tonight: Make it early.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★★ Your imagination will kick in during a discussion. Know that you're able to light up someone's life just by relaxing more. Your ingenuity can be a source of fun and pleasure. There is no reason not to reveal your more creative side. Tonight: Hang out with your pals.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Stay close to your home or workplace. Though you usually enjoy an adventure or two, you might need a little more calmness right now. You could hear news that initially surprises you. Tonight: Invite a friend over.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ You are likely to say exactly what you mean, but know that someone might surprise you with what he or she hears. Armed with that information, you will know what to do. If you are not on the same page as someone, it might be difficult to prevent squabbles. Tonight: Your treat.

Wednesday, July 3, 2013

This year communication becomes more important than ever. Many times, you will experience misunderstandings, and you will want to clarify them. Your awareness of your words and how they will be taken helps you gain understanding. If you are single, you could meet several interesting people. Choose your sweetie with care. If you are attached, the two of you learn to speak with more depth and awareness of how the other will hear the words. Consider taking a communication workshop together. PISCES is full of surprises.

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

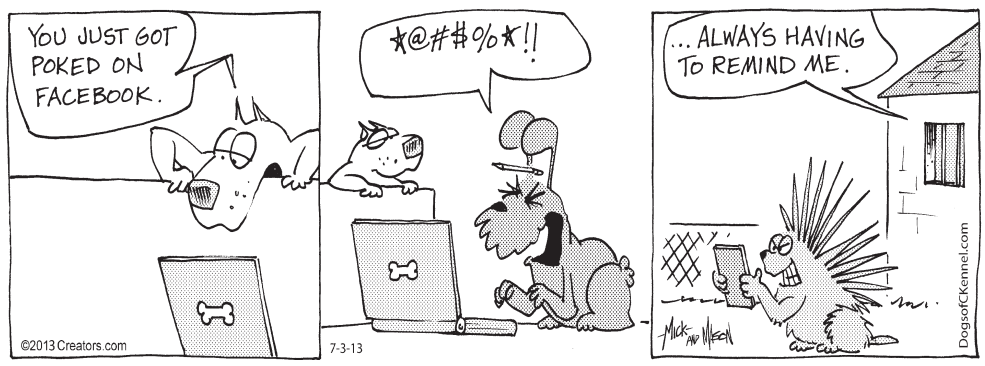
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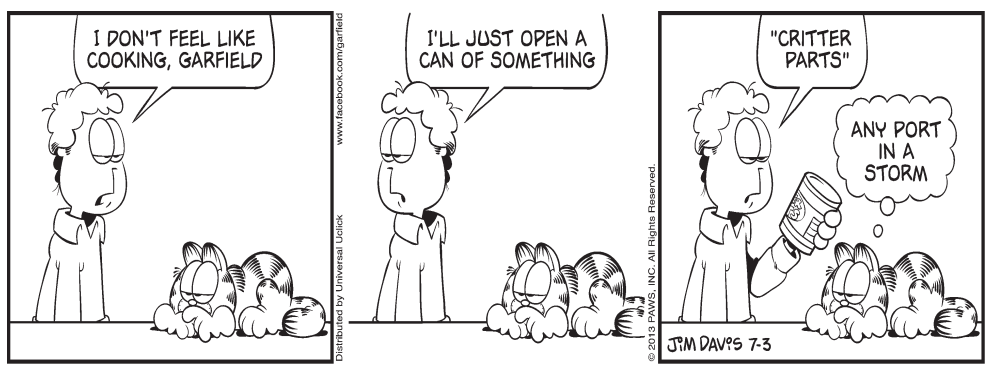
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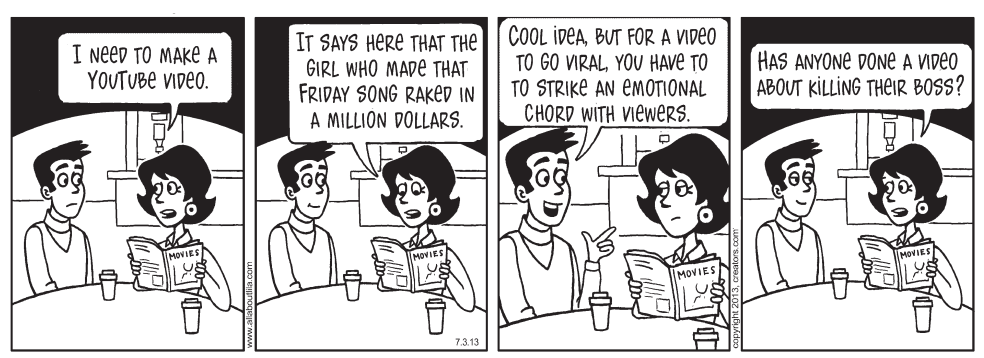
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By Jim Davis



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By John Forgetta & L.A. Rose



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 ★★★

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

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GETTING STARTED

There are many strategies to solving Sudoku. One way to begin is to examine each 3x3 grid and figure out which numbers are missing. Then, based on the other numbers in the row and column of each blank cell, find which of the missing numbers will work. Eliminating numbers will eventually lead you to the answer.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

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

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CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Take definite shape
5 Distant radio source
11 Lotion additive
12 News recap
13 Closes, in a way
14 Approved
15 Skip, as TV ads
16 Article
17 Beautician Lauder
19 Chemist's place
22 Cryptography topic
24 Stand-in
26 Stratford's river
27 Eyeball
28 River vessels
30 Fads
31 North Pole worker
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42 Retreat
43 Bushy 'do
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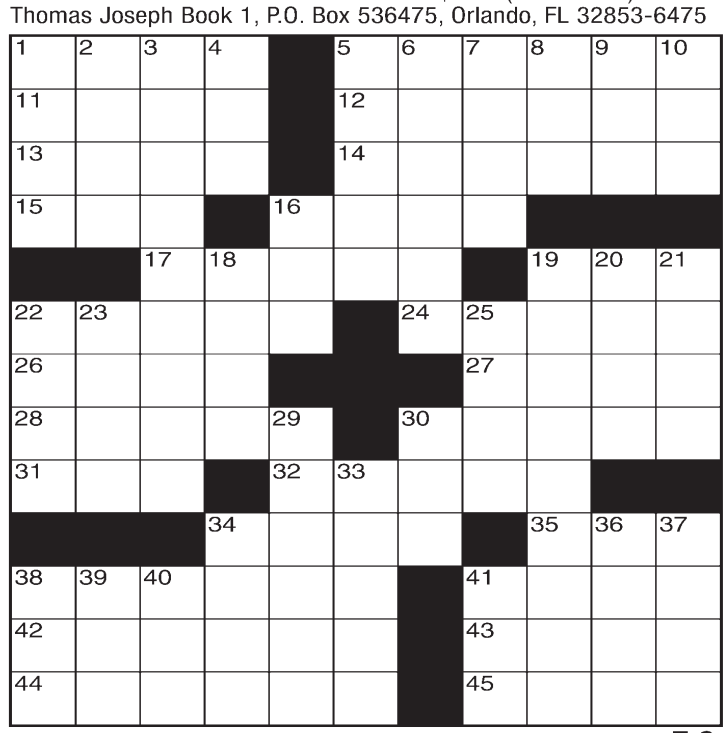
DOWN

1 Utah basketball team
2 Director Kazan
3 Pruned
4 Guitar pioneer Paul
5 Citation
6 Maintenance
7 Cain's father
8 Utter
9 Had lunch
10 Spectrum end
16 "— a deal!"
18 Mailed
19 Exited a banking site
20 Car bar
21 Tourney passes
22 Give a hoot
23 Track shape
25 Wander
29 Harsh
30 Reuben base
33 Gravelly
34 Government agent
36 Franc's replacement
37 Amorous archer
38 Actor's rep.
39 Quarrel
40 Presidential nickname
41 Greek letter

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Yesterday's answer

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DAILY LOTTERY

POWERBALL
Draw Date: 6/29
8 28 30 53 56
Power#: 16
Jackpot: $60M

MEGA MILLIONS
Draw Date: 6/28
8 15 35 46 52
Mega#: 38
Jackpot: $70M

SUPER LOTTO PLUS
Draw Date: 6/29
6 26 30 41 44
Mega#: 8
Jackpot: $25M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 7/2
16 20 31 34 35

DAILY 3
Draw Date: 7/2
MIDDAY: 1 7 1
EVENING: 9 4 0

DAILY DERBY
Draw Date: 7/2
1st: 03 Hot Shot
2nd: 01 Gold Rush
3rd: 06 Whirl Win
RACE TIME: 1:41.51

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Since Rozie, a pregnant Asian elephant at Albuquerque's ABQ BioPark Zoo, stands a better chance of a healthy birth if she is strong, the "elephant manager" and staff have been putting her through twice-a-day, Pilates-type exercises (featuring leg lifts, squats, and other calisthenics). (Rozie is due sometime between August and November.) Lest anyone worry that Rozie is being mistreated, the elephant manager noted in a May press release that her participation "is completely voluntary."

■ Recurring Themes: (1) A 38-year-old man was arrested in Wichita, Kan., in June and charged with trying to rob a Spangles restaurant by presenting a cashier with a demand note. He was arrested a short time later -- and easily, because the demand for money was written on the back of a check-reorder form that contained his name and address. (2) Joseph Meacham, 39, fleeing on foot during a mid-afternoon traffic stop in Clayton, Mo., in May, ran through town so indiscriminately that when he decided to duck into a building for cover, he failed to realize it was the St. Louis County Police Headquarters. He was found curled into a ball on the floor in a dead-end hallway, and promptly arrested.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1849 - The French enter Rome in order to restore Pope Pius IX to power. This would prove a major obstacle to Italian unification.

1852 - Congress establishes the United States' 2nd mint in San Francisco, California.

1863 - American Civil War: The final day of the Battle of Gettysburg culminates with Pickett's Charge.

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(The Book of Abigail and John: Selected Letters of the Adams Family, 1762-1784, Harvard University Press, 1975, 142).

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