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RIDING FOR A CAUSE

Brandon Wise *news@smdp.com*

Firefighter Kipp Rix and his wife Celeste Lauderdale, of New Mexico, road along Route 66 to Santa Monica Fire Station 5 on Wednesday afternoon. With help from the Red Cross and fellow firefighters, the couple traveled the historic highway raising money for the Fallen Fire Fighters Foundation. Local firefighters treated the couple to dinner at the station.

Congressmembers urge FAA to move on safety matters

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL Just a few days following the crash landing of a single-engine plane at Santa Monica Airport, two congressional representatives wrote a letter asking the new FAA administrator to restart negotiations with local city officials over runway safety measures.

The Aug. 5 letter from Congresswoman Jane Harman and Congressman Henry Waxman, whose districts cover the neighborhoods surrounding the airport, requests that J. Randolph Babbitt bring a "fresh perspective" to the issue and fulfill a call to action by the U.S. Congress in May for the FAA and city officials to enter good faith discussions.

"For nearly a decade, we have joined the community, the city of Santa Monica and the Airport Administration to push the FAA to address this serious safety gap," they stated in the letter. "While the FAA has had discussions with the city, the agency's response has been marked by delay and ambiguity."

Harman also sent a separate letter that

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Area campuses vandalized by group of kids

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

OCEAN PARK A local elementary school received an unexpected outdoor lounge recently when a group of local juveniles moved some classroom furniture to the roof of one of its buildings.

The incident took place on the weekend of July 18-19 when three youths, whose identities are being withheld because of their age, reportedly skateboarded to John Muir Elementary School and moved a sofa, television and DVD player onto the roof.

The adolescents, who are not students of the school, have since admitted responsibility and will most likely be charged with misdemeanor vandalism, Officer Edgar Navarro, the school resource officer for the Santa Monica Police Department, said.

The trio were skateboarding on the John Muir and Santa Monica Alternative School House (SMASH) campuses, which are connected, when they discovered an unlocked classroom. Feeling exhilarated from being in a classroom without adult supervision, the students allegedly went about campus finding two to three more unlocked rooms, eventually encountering a roof on which there were several chairs.

It was then they decided to make a "clubhouse," removing pieces from the classrooms to create their outdoor lounge, police said. An abandoned sofa found on a nearby street corner was added to complete the look.

"They didn't think they had committed a crime," Navarro said. "There was never an intention to steal anything, it was to make a little clubhouse."

The youths then returned to the classrooms and began playing with supplies and emptying the extinguishers, creating a mess, after which they realized that they had done something wrong, Navarro said. They also entered a science lab and experimented with various concoctions, combining vinegar with baking soda.

A custodian discovered the rearranged classrooms the following Monday and notified authorities.

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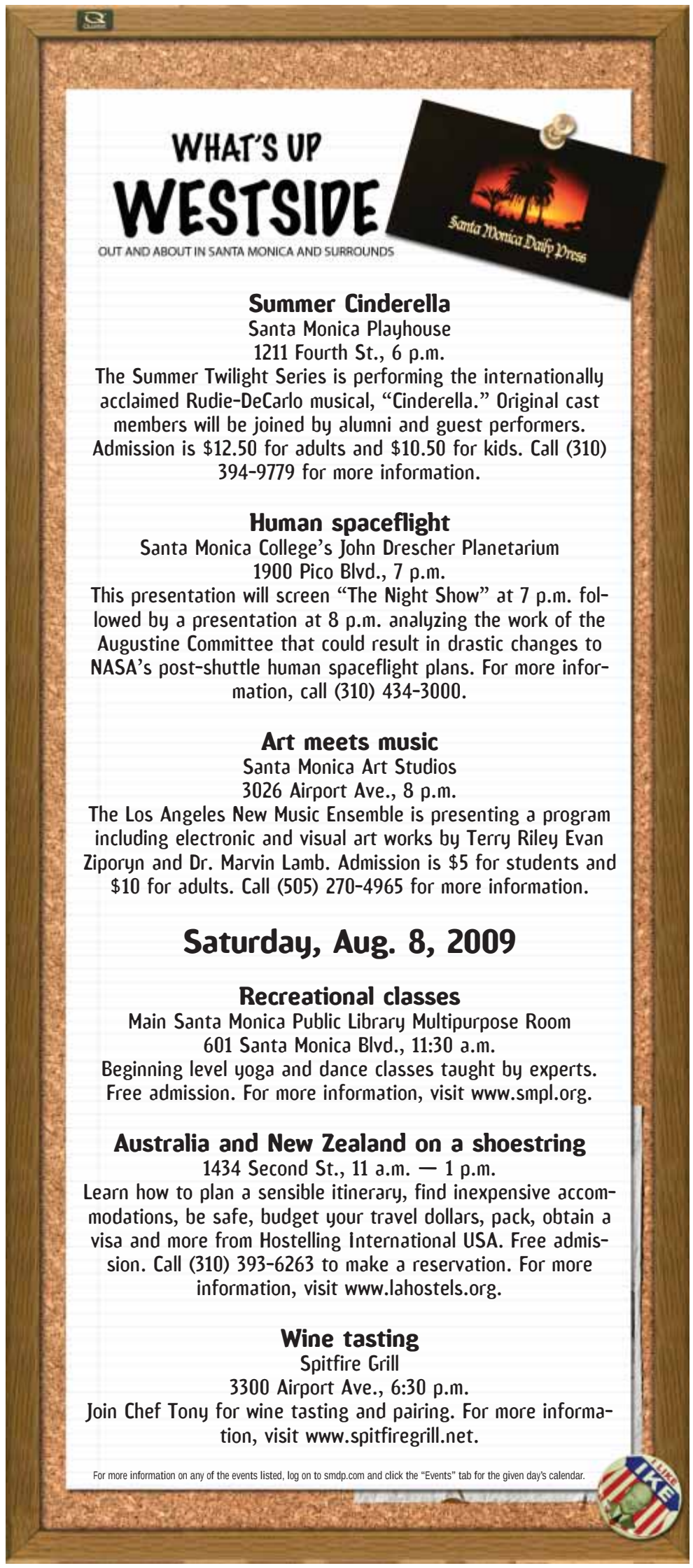
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Summer Cinderella
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The Summer Twilight Series is performing the internationally acclaimed Rudie-DeCarlo musical, "Cinderella." Original cast members will be joined by alumni and guest performers. Admission is $12.50 for adults and $10.50 for kids. Call (310) 394-9779 for more information.

Human spaceflight
Santa Monica College's John Drescher Planetarium
1900 Pico Blvd., 7 p.m.
This presentation will screen "The Night Show" at 7 p.m. followed by a presentation at 8 p.m. analyzing the work of the Augustine Committee that could result in drastic changes to NASA's post-shuttle human spaceflight plans. For more information, call (310) 434-3000.

Art meets music
Santa Monica Art Studios
3026 Airport Ave., 8 p.m.
The Los Angeles New Music Ensemble is presenting a program including electronic and visual art works by Terry Riley Evan Ziporyn and Dr. Marvin Lamb. Admission is $5 for students and $10 for adults. Call (505) 270-4965 for more information.

Saturday, Aug. 8, 2009

Recreational classes
Main Santa Monica Public Library Multipurpose Room
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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.

I like IKE

Activision settles 'Legend' dispute

ANTHONY MCCARTNEY
AP Entertainment Writer

SANTA MONICA Attorneys for gaming giant Activision notified a court Wednesday that they reached a settlement over the release of "Brutal Legend," a video game starring Jack Black.

Activision had sued San Francisco-based developer Double Fine Productions to try to stop the October release of "Brutal Legend" by rival Electronic Arts. Activision claimed it still owned the rights to the game and that Double Fine failed to deliver it on time.

Double Fine countersued, claiming Activision terminated its agreement to release the heavy-metal inspired game after a failed attempt to make it part of the company's lucrative "Guitar Hero" franchise. Double Fine claimed Activision then moved to stop the release of "Brutal Legend" to try to protect "Guitar Hero."

"Brutal Legend" features Black as band roadie transported to a mythical ancient world to fight evil.

Los Angeles Superior Court spokeswoman Vania Stuelp said attorneys for Activision notified the court of the settlement agreement with Double Fine. Attorneys for the companies did not immediately return calls seeking comment on Thursday.

A hearing on a proposed injunction scheduled for Thursday morning was canceled. Activision's attorneys were set to argue why the game shouldn't be released.

Superior Court Judge Craig Karlan told attorneys last week that he was inclined to deny Activision's request and allow the game to be released on time.

Electronic Arts has spent millions promoting the game, which has been featured on gaming Web sites and prominently displayed at the Electronic Entertainment Expo, known as E3.



TAKING A GANDER

Fabian Lewkowicz *FabianLewkowicz.com*

Eight new Santa Monica Fire Department dispatch personal ride on a sandtram at Santa Monica Beach Thursday during a training exercise. They where surveying the beach area and lifeguard stations. Dispatch is returning to the Santa Monica Fire Department.

TAKING IT IN

In the eye of the beholder

Editor's Note: This is a series in which Daily Press writers overhear and observe happenings around Santa Monica.

BY EMMA TROTTER
Special to the Daily Press

BERGAMOT STATION A sequence of loud beeps echoes across the near empty parking lot here as a big rig completes a many-point turn Thursday morning. A few feet away, a sign prohibits that very action.

At just before 10 a.m., many of Bergamot Station's diverse art galleries are just getting ready to open — but some art is already on display.

A car bearing the Santa Monica Museum of Art logo has been mostly filled with soil. Various species of cacti and other plants sprout through a hole cut in the roof. And it looks like one set of doors for the Samuel Freeman gallery is never used — sculpted pink, brown, white and green cakes balance impossibly upon each other in a fantastic display that completely blocks the entrance.

"I wonder if he was hungry when he made it," comments one viewer.

A few employees are up and about. A man in jeans strides purposefully between two buildings, carrying a notebook and a bottle of water. A robot made out of road signs and scrap metal, however, remains motionless.

"Are you open?" asks a visitor to the Shoshana Wayne gallery. The receptionist in silver sandals gestures invitingly toward a room full of sketches on jagged rectangles of tan and purple paper, each stuck into the wall by four clear push-pins. The images juxtapose modern, comfortable furniture with grotesque animal carcasses.

Another receptionist carries on a heated phone conversation.

"I feel compelled to express my opposition," she says. A few seconds later, though, her tone has completely changed. "OK, thank you. Bye."

The doors are still locked at the Patrick Painter gallery.

"That's a really nice painting though," a man comments, shading his eyes to peer

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Voices need to be heard

Editor:

To City Hall, regarding concerns with the creation of the new Santa Monica, 50-year, Urban Forest Master Plan:

I am writing to request that you create the real possibility for much greater and more meaningful public participation in the conception of an Urban Forest Master Plan for Santa Monica. I believe I am seeing City Hall rush headlong into perpetuating the same practices, perspectives, standards, and fallacies which have already proven harmful to our forest. I agree with the unanimous recommendation of the Santa Monica Parks and Recreation Commission that the plan should come out of the work of an independent Santa Monica Urban Forest Commission.

Currently we already have a consultant selected and at work, at the direction of city staff, before a commission or even the temporary task force has come into being. Appropriate and meaningful work by the consultants would require extensive examination and reconsideration of many of the foundational issues and definitions (such as: financing, econometrics, aesthetic choices, and wildlife protection obligations, as well as individual tree care, valuation, hazards evaluations, etc.) which city staff have long since settled for themselves. This, along with mandating practices, is some of the most essential work of a commission. The few expected "workshops," planed and controlled as they will be by city staff, are not a sufficient or even promising venue for open discussion, in-depth analysis, or significant public input.

Please be reminded that this current process was necessitated by very serious conflict originally caused by the adamant refusal to consider the public's wishes or even to value the scientific knowledge many Santa Monicans sought unsuccessfully to share. I believe this current process will be a recipe for endless conflict, public distress, misuse and undervaluation of public assets, and continued environmental damage.

Most specifically, this letter is to urge that the new Urban Forest Master Plan not be cemented for any length of time – let alone for 50 years, "only to be administered by a commission" – as has already been explained to the public by Santa Monica City Forester Walt Warriner.

Rather I request that our Urban Forest Master Plan be conceived as a living document for the Santa Monica Independent Urban Forest Commission to continue to modify as new information and points of view emerge. Remember after all, that in a decade or so, our scores of Downtown ficus trees evolved from mere design "facilities" into living historical landmarks of the burgeoning women's and environmental movements of 1960s Santa Monica. Each tree turned out to have provided quite numerous economic, aesthetic, and environmental benefits to our community for over half a century – and would have been expected to continue to do so. Please leave the so called "Master Plan" formally open to science and future perspectives.

Thank you very much for your consideration. A written response would be greatly appreciated.

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Getting on the train of environmental justice

IN ELECTED LEADERSHIP, MUCH LIKE parenting, we make decisions that define our character. When making difficult decisions responsible parents and leaders weigh all options honestly and assess the long-term impact of their actions. An important principle that should guide our decisions is our innate motivation to protect our children and our community from foreseeable harm.

Elected officials must understand that when Santa Monica residents oppose the placement of a light rail maintenance yard it is because they already live in a polluted environment. Residents have claimed that if the maintenance yard is placed at the Verizon site it will create a "toxic triangle." Public comments made at City Council meeting identified the polluting facilities that make up the toxic triangle as the I-10 Freeway that uprooted thousands of families when it cut through the Pico Neighborhood, a recycling center run by Allen Company, the city-owned waste transfer station and Southern California Disposal, which is a transfer station that is used by several cities in L.A. County. Residents claim that all of these facilities have been spewing carcinogens and burdening families with noise pollution for years without any acknowledgment or assessment by our elected officials. Recent studies have shown higher incidents of asthma and other pulmonary related illnesses caused by particles from cars on the freeways, city dumps and recycling centers. And now they want to add insult to injury by placing a maintenance yard without adequate public process or an honest assessment of current pollution levels.

Our elected leaders must put the health and safety of our resident's first. The main quarrel lies in the failure of our elected leaders to assess and understand the real impact of a maintenance yard in a residential community that has already exceeded its environmental carrying capacity. I support bringing light rail to Santa Monica but to propose another polluting entity without first studying the current levels of noise and air pollution at peak hours is irresponsible and amounts to environmental injustice. Santa Monica residents deserve a public discussion on cumulative impact, a thorough analysis of the 40 sites reviewed and a tour of existing maintenance yards. Elected leaders and residents alike have a duty to demand the right to participate as equal partners at every level of decision-making and this includes reviewing the criteria developed by Expo Authority staff to determine the feasibility of the 40 sites reviewed for the placement of the maintenance yard.

How can one ignore local demographics and studies showing that historically the residents of Santa Monica's Pico Neighborhood have shouldered the burden for the region's mass transit needs? Many residents and businesses experience the benefits of the I-10 Freeway but the burden of pollution that emanates from the freeway is exclusive to one community. Put another way, the wealthier and more powerful will receive disproportionate benefits from the Expo line and the less wealthy will receive disproportionate burdens. This paradigm must be challenged if we are to rectify the legacy of environmental injustice that has stained Santa Monica's image of progressive policy making.

As I put my son to sleep, the last thing he hears after I kiss him good night is the loud roar of the freeway and consistently I pray that his lungs will not succumb to the air contaminants that are our daily reality. And as one city staffer working in building and safety stated, "You chose to live there — you can choose to move." But if I had enough money I wouldn't be faced with contemplating this decision. And there rests the class issue that is also part of our claim of environmental injustice. Those with less wealth and privilege, political influence and in our case political representation, must shoulder the burden for society's convenience and access to mass transit. The goal of policy makers should be to encourage cleaner modes of transportation while addressing the historic injustice that these decisions create. We demand that governmental protection extend beyond historic landmarks and trees to the residents of the Pico Neighborhood. In a city where we pride ourselves as leaders in protecting our natural environment, we must not forget the human element.

As part of a public process that leans toward accountable, transparent and responsive government, we ask that our council member's direct city staff to conduct a cumulative impact study that assesses the current levels of noise and air pollution from the freeway and the three waste facilities located in the area. Santa Monica residents need to attend the City Council meeting on Tuesday, Aug. 11 to urge our elected leaders to stand up to powerful interests and not compromise the environmental protections our families deserve.

OSCAR DE LA TORRE is a member of the Santa Monica-Malibu Board of Education, director of the Pico Youth and Family Center and a resident of the Pico Neighborhood.

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Laughing Matters

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WORKING IT: **Melissa Zugell teachers her Zumba class at Memorial Park.**

Zoom, zoom, Zumba!

BECAUSE I DO THIS EVERY WEEK, PEOPLE naturally assume I love writing. It sounds romantic, but unfortunately, it isn't true. Generally, writing is sitting alone in a room staring at a blank page waiting for my muddled brain to kick in (while everyone else is outside having fun). Frankly, the only time that I love writing is after I'm done.

The same goes for exercise. I love having worked out. As in the past tense. As in it's finally over. But my friend, Margie, swears by the latest exercise craze sweeping the country and Santa Monica — Zumba dancing. She takes classes at Memorial Park and describes Zumba as a cross between lap dancing and salsa (the dance, not the hot sauce).

On YouTube, "Zumba" brings up a slew of videos of sexy people having an unbelievably invigorating time working out. Contrasting that, you could search YouTube all day and never see a single video of writers having unbelievably invigorating times writing.

According to Wikipedia, "Zumba workout mixes body sculpting movements with dance steps derived from cumbia, merengue, salsa, reggaeton, hip hop, mambo, rumba, flamenco, calypso and Salsaton." (Just typing that sentence tires me out.) Zumba targets the glutes, legs, arms, the heart and abs. (Did someone say "abs?")

Somehow the country is consumed with having six-pack abs. (Personally, I'd be happy with a two-pack.) And yet at the same time we're addicted to fast food. Go figure. Well, Margie says that, after only five Zumba classes, she already has tighter abs.

Indicative of this abs obsession is the video "8 Minute Abs," which has sold millions of copies. Comedian Harland Williams, in "There's Something About Mary," played a hitchhiker/killer who made a video that would blow "8 Minute Abs" out of the water. "7 Minute Abs!" (If you didn't like it, he'd send the extra minute for free.)

Tiring of research, with my photographer friend, Roy, I decided to check out the Zumba class in person. I immediately noticed of the 20 students, only two were men. I like those odds. (Just when you think I can't get any shallower, I sink to the occasion.)

Also, the teacher, Melissa Zugell is, and forgive the technical term, a major hottie! (Whoops, I just repeated the shallow thing.) Meanwhile, everyone in the class was having a ball. A perspiration-soaked ball, to be sure, but the enthusiasm was contagious.

I didn't join in because I can't dance to save my life. (OK, maybe then.) Put it this way: in the movie "Best in Show," Eugene Levy played Gerry Fleck who had two left feet. Literally! Compared to me, Gerry would be Fred Astaire.

Melissa says that in all her years of teaching Zumba she's heard the "I can't dance" excuse a hundred times. She swears that students get the hang of Zumba within the first two classes. My dancing skills, or lack thereof, would definitely put that theory to a test.

Melissa's fall schedule starts on Sept. 17. The classes are on Thursdays at the Memorial Park Gym from 6:30 p.m. — 7:30 p.m. Registration began Aug. 5 for Santa Monica residents and begins Aug. 12 for non-residents. Register online at: recenroll.smgov.net/registrationmain.sdi. Or walk in to the Ken Edwards Center, 1527 Fourth Street, room 101.

Every week in this column I'm privileged to be able to voice my opinions. In return, I try to provide my readers with a few laughs. That said, if one day I muster the courage to try Zumba, and you happen to be there, I'd appreciate it if you could refrain from laughing.

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The Q Line

Running on empty?

L.A. Dodgers owner Frank McCourt, who also owns the L.A. Marathon, has dreams of ending the route of the race somewhere near Santa Monica. Supporters say it will be an economic benefit to have the marathon pass through town while others believe it will only create more traffic and drain scarce resources.

So this week's Q-Line question asks:

Do you think the marathon is a good idea?

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Taxi driver robbed at gunpoint

SATURDAY, AUG. 1, AT 2:26 A.M.,
A Santa Monica Police officer on routine patrol in the 1600 block of 20th Street was flagged down by a taxi driver who said he had just been robbed at gunpoint. The driver said he picked up two men in the 1700 block of Wilshire Boulevard. The men asked to be dropped off at the intersection of 20th Street and Olympic Boulevard. As they arrived at the location, the driver told officers one of the suspects pointed a gun at him and demanded money. The driver gave the suspect $40. The suspects fled the location on foot. The officer set up a perimeter and located one of the suspects and a handgun. The suspect was identified as Quentin Noel, 20, of Santa Monica. He was transported to the Santa Monica Jail where he was booked for robbery. His bail was set at $50,000. The second suspect was not located.

SATURDAY, AUG. 1, 10:27 A.M.,
Officers stopped two individuals riding a bicycle on the sidewalk in the 100 block of Colorado Avenue, a violation of the municipal code. During the stop, officers discovered one of the suspects was on parole. Officers conducted a parole search and said they found hashish in the suspect's backpack. The suspect was placed under arrest for possession of concentrated cannabis. He was identified as George Parrish, 31, a transient. He was not eligible for bail.

FRIDAY, JULY 31, AT 2:50 P.M.,
Officers responded to the 300 block of Colorado Avenue – Sears – regarding a shoplifting suspect in custody. When officers arrived, they made contact with store security who said the suspect entered the store and removed two bottles of cologne and placed them in her bag. She then walked out of the store, failing to pay for the items. Once outside the store, security detained the suspect until police arrived. The suspect was identified as Araceli Lepe, 27, of Los Angeles. No bail was set.

FRIDAY, JULY 31, AT 12:28 P.M.,
Officers on routine patrol in the 1300 block of Pico Boulevard observed a fight taking place in the Chevron lot. Officers made contact with the two suspects and discovered they were fighting with the alleged victim over the use of a gas pump. It seems the two suspects confronted the victim over taking the pump the female suspect was going to use. The female suspect and her male companion allegedly struck the victim and kicked him. The victim then pulled the female suspect's hair during the fight, police said. Officers took the two suspects into custody for battery. They were identified as Lily Kulpers, 18, and Daniel Galvan, 18; both were from Santa Monica. Bail was set at $20,000.

THURSDAY, JULY 30, AT 8:27 A.M.,
Officers on routine patrol in the area of Lincoln and Ocean Park Boulevards were flagged down by citizens who said they saw a fight taking place. The reporting party pointed to a white convertible Mercedes and stated that the people involved in the fight were in the car driving away. Officers followed the vehicle and said they observed the driver reaching over the passenger seat to strike a young man seated in the rear of the car. The officers conducted a traffic stop and observed three people inside, a female driver, a male in the passenger's seat and a young male in the back seat. All three appeared to be related, officers said. Officers determined that a domestic dispute was in progress and placed the driver under arrest for battery on a spouse and child endangerment. She was identified as Kumiko Wolfe, 46, of Santa Monica. Her bail was set at $25,000.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 29, AT 10:35 P.M.,
Officers responded to the 500 block of Olympic Boulevard regarding a dispute over a bicycle. When officers arrived, they made contact with the alleged victim who said he was struck in the head with an unknown object, cutting his ear, after he and the suspect got into an argument over the bicycle. The suspect wanted money for the bike. The victim said he did not have any money. Armed with a description of the suspect, officers were able to locate him a short distance away. He was placed under arrest for attempted robbery. He was identified as Joseph Ramirez, 25, of Santa Monica. He was not eligible for bail, police said.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 29, AT 2 P.M.,
Officers conducted a traffic stop in the 2000 block of 27th Street for a vehicle code violation. During the traffic stop, officers were able to determine that the driver was on probation and the passenger on parole. Officers conducted a search of the vehicle and allegedly found drug paraphernalia and some methamphetamine. The passenger, Leonel Castillo, 30, of Santa Monica, was booked for possession of a controlled substance. He was not eligible for bail, police said.

MONDAY, JULY 27, AT 8:10 P.M.,
An officer conducted a traffic stop in the 2100 block of Wilshire Boulevard regarding a vehicle code violation. When the officer approached the vehicle he could smell marijuana wafting from inside the vehicle. The driver said he had a prescription to smoke marijuana. Officers conducted several balance and coordination tests and concluded the driver was driving while intoxicated. The suspect, Henry Metcalf, 18, of Santa Monica, was transported to the Santa Monica Jail for booking. At the jail, officers discovered a white powder during the booking search that was later found to be Vicodin, police said. Metcalf was booked for possession of a controlled substance and DUI. His bail was set at $30,000.

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North Korea, Iran use similar methods

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DUBAI, United Arab Emirates The parallels between Iran and North Korea would seem to riff off the same West-rattling script: start a nuclear program, test some long-range missiles, demand international respect.

But the latest mirror moment for the two nations — nabbing Americans accused of straying across the border — shows that the symmetry goes only so far.

The type of star-power mission by former President Bill Clinton this week to free two U.S. journalists is far less likely — but perhaps not impossible — to try to aid three Americans detained by Iranian authorities last week after allegedly wandering over the frontier during a hike in northern Iraq.

The differences, analysts say, include the complexities of dealing with Iran's mix of ruling clerics, elected politicos and military commanders, rather than a one-stop strongman such as North Korea's Kim Jong Il.

And the timing couldn't be more difficult. The meltdown after June's disputed election has left Iran's leadership embattled and alleging that foreign "enemies" — read: the United States and its allies — are behind the nation's worst internal unrest since the 1979 Islamic Revolution.

"Iran is far more complicated politically for this kind of outside-the-government mercy mission," said Abdulkhaleq Abdulla, a professor of political science at Emirates University. "In North Korea, you have a one-man show. In Iran, you have to deal with the entire system, not just one man."

That doesn't mean Iran would necessarily snub a personal appeal from a big-name envoy, he added.

"There's always room for beyond-the-state diplomacy," Abdulla said. "It's part of Iranian and Islamic culture to be amenable to these kind of gestures. ... Stuff like this could actually break the ice and move them forward."

Iran is holding the three Americans for illegally entering the country last week and authorities are investigating whether to bring far more serious charges of espionage — also faced by American-Iranian journalist Roxana Saberi before she was released in May.

The State Department has dismissed any allegations of spying against the three, and a security official in Iraq's Kurdish region, Hakim Qadir Humat Jan, said they were tourists who "simply made a mistake" while trekking in an area where the border is poorly marked.

The Americans — freelance journalist Shane Bauer, his girlfriend Sarah Shourd and Joshua Fattal — have not been shown on Iranian media. State television accused Washington of trying to use their detention to drum up anti-Iranian propaganda.

In North Korea, the journalists Laura Ling and Euna Lee had been sentenced to 12 years hard labor after being detained in March at a border area while working on a story about human trafficking for former Vice President Al Gore's Current TV.

Medical concerns allowed them to remain in a guest house rather than shipped to a labor camp, family members said.

Both cases have different narratives: journalists pursuing a story linked to North Korea compared with the possible innocent blundering of travelers eager to see the world. But they each became convenient fodder in the wider international muscle-flexing of both Tehran's theocracy and Pyongyang's autocracy.

Their playbook is similar: taunt the West with defiance and displays of power, such as North Korea's latest test of a nuclear test device in May or Iran's announcements of its expanding uranium enrichment capabilities, which came in the context of nuclear negotiations.

In July, North Korea fired six ballistic missiles off its eastern coast in another display of its arsenal. Two months earlier, Iran test-fired a new missile with a range of about 1,200 miles, far enough to strike Israel and southeastern Europe.

Their regions are different but their goals also are not far apart — a hunger for full international recognition, including humbling concessions from Washington, which has no diplomatic relations with either country.

"We must play a key role in the management of the world," said Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad in his inauguration speech Wednesday — as riot police outside parliament battled protesters claiming his re-election was secured by massive vote-rigging.

"We will not remain silent," he added. "We will not tolerate disrespect, interference and insults."

Ahmadinejad did not directly mention the three detained Americans, but gave repeated jabs directed at the United States and allies.

In North Korea, Kim apparently used Clinton's mission to dispel rumors that his health was in steep decline. It was also Kim's first meeting with a prominent Western figure since reportedly suffering a stroke a year ago.

The groundwork for the Clinton trip included promises by North Korea that it would not be part of any broader negotiations between the two countries or linked to discussions on North Korea's nuclear program, a U.S. administration officials told reporters in Washington. It raised hopes, however, of opening room for later talks.

"Perhaps they will now be willing to start talking to us" and other nations, Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton said following the release of the two reporters.

An expert on North Korean affairs, Paik Hak-soon, said Washington's struggles with the small and impoverished totalitarian state is "much more simple" than with powerful and strategic Iran — one of the world's leading oil producers.

"Iran's confrontation with the U.S. is related to Israel, the whole Middle Eastern issue and European interests as well," said Paik, an analyst at the Sejong Institute think tank in South Korea. "But in the case of North Korea, it's a one-on-one standoff."

Former U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, John Bolton, has sharply criticized the Clinton mission as sending a possible message that regimes at odds with America can attract high-level attention through crisis.

"While the United States is properly concerned whenever its citizens are abused or held hostage, efforts to protect them should not create potentially greater risks for other Americans in the future. Yet that is exactly the consequence of visits by former presidents or other dignitaries as a form of political ransom to obtain their release," Bolton wrote in a commentary in The Washington Post.



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ECONOMY

Lay offs begin to slow

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WASHINGTON In a positive sign for the economy, companies are laying off fewer workers as they prepare to ramp up production to replenish their depleted stockpiles of goods.

Many analysts pointed to Thursday's drop in jobless claims as evidence of a trend signaling fewer job losses in coming months, particularly compared with the flood of layoffs earlier this year.

Still, job openings remain scarce. And most economists expect the unemployment rate to keep rising to 10 percent or higher by the end of this year. On Friday, the government will report the July unemployment rate.

First-time claims for jobless benefits dropped to a seasonally adjusted 550,000 last week, down from 588,000 in the previous week, the Labor Department said Thursday. The four-week average of claims, which smooths out fluctuations, dropped to 555,250, its lowest point since late January.

"The lower claims figures are an important economic development and confirmation that the economy is turning the corner," Joseph LaVorgna, chief U.S. economist at Deutsche Bank, wrote in a note to clients.

Fewer layoffs could help boost consumer sentiment. That's because those who are spending less now for fear of losing their jobs could grow more confident. If they start borrowing and spending more, it would help invigorate the economy.

Many economists say an improved job market could be evident in the unemployment report to be issued Friday. LaVorgna, for example, has cut his projection of job losses for July to 150,000 from 325,000. That would be the fewest since last July.

Overall, analysts expect the report will show the unemployment rate rose to a 26-year high of 9.6 percent last month, up from 9.5 percent in June, according to survey by Thomson Reuters. Employers are forecast to have cut 320,000 jobs in July, the survey found, down from 467,000 in June and from an average of 645,000 in the six months from November to April.

But many economists think the July job losses will be smaller. Dean Maki, chief U.S. economist at Barclays Capital, expects Friday's report to show a 275,000 drop in payrolls.

Analysts generally expect production to ramp up in the July-September period as manufacturers restock shelves and warehouses.

Layoffs in the construction industry should also decline, Maki said, because home building has recovered from record lows. Spending on residential construction rose in June for the first time in more than three years, the Commerce Department said Monday.

"We think the trend is toward smaller and smaller job cuts" until the last three months of the year, Maki said, when employers may actually add jobs — which hasn't happened since December 2007.

Many companies have cut as many workers as they possibly can while still maintaining an adequate output of goods, said Rob Saam, senior vice president of Lee Hecht Harrison, a consulting firm that helps find jobs for laid-off professionals. In many cases, these companies have managed to boost the productivity of their diminished staff.

"You can only maintain that level of productivity for so long before you wear out your work force," Saam said.

Other figures out Thursday indicated that jobs are still scarce. The number of people who are continuing to claim unemployment benefits rose by 69,000 to 6.3 million, after having dropped for three straight weeks — evidence that the unemployed are having difficulty finding new work.

The figures for continuing jobless claims lag behind those for initial claims by a week.

When emergency extensions of unemployment are included, the total jobless benefit rolls climbed to a record 9.35 million for the week ending July 18, the most recent period for which figures are available. Congress has added up to 53 extra weeks of benefits on top of the 26 typically provided by the states.

Despite the decline in new jobless claims, they remain far above the 300,000 to 350,000 that analysts say is consistent with a healthy economy. New claims last fell below 300,000 in early 2007.

Separately, many retail chains reported sluggish July sales Thursday as consumers proved reluctant to spend. Mall-based chains, such as Macy's Inc. and teen retailers Abercrombie & Fitch, were the hardest hit as shoppers focused on necessities.

Financial markets fell in afternoon trading. The Dow Jones industrial average dropped 24 points, or 0.27 percent, while broader stock averages also declined.

The recession, which began in December 2007 and is the longest since World War II, has eliminated a net total of 6.5 million jobs.

More job cuts were announced this week. The publisher of the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel said it would slash 92 jobs as the current advertising slump continues to ravage the newspaper business. Elsewhere, about 6,000 General Motors Co. blue-collar workers have taken the latest round of early retirement and buyout offers. But GM wants to cut about 13,500 workers, setting the stage for more layoffs.



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GOVERNMENT

Post office might look for new revenue streams

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AP Science Writer

WASHINGTON Postmaster General John Potter is trying to think outside the mailbox.

"We have a network of 37,000 retail outlets. America loves them and we want to keep as many open as possible, but we cannot just sell stamps in them," he told a Senate hearing Thursday.

The post office said Wednesday it has lost $4.7 billion so far this year and expects to be $7 billion in the red by the end of the fiscal year because of the recession and the movement of letters and bills to e-mail.

Several hundred offices are being studied for possible closing and the agency has proposed other cost-saving moves including cutting mail delivery to five days a week.

The Postal Service has sharply cut costs and staffing, Potter added, but also needs to look to additional sources of income.

He said in Australia people can renew driver's licenses in post offices, while Italians can do their banking and other countries' post offices handle insurance.

The U.S. post office is not exploring these particular ideas, he said, but "other countries faced with the same dilemma have explored these areas."

He suggested that Congress allow the post office to consider some activities that have not traditionally been part of the post office, adding he assumed that would come with limits or regulations.

"The real issue is about generating income from these facilities," Potter said.

While Congress votes money for free mail delivery for the blind and to offer reduced rates to charities, the post office does not receive taxpayer funds for its operations

The proposal to cut mail delivery to five days would save millions, Potter told the Senate federal services subcommittee of the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

But, he added, post offices would be kept open on Saturdays, since that is the only day many people are free to go to these facilities. Mail would still be delivered to post offices boxes on Saturdays, he said, and large customers could pick up mail at post offices.

While the Internet has taken away a lot of first-class mail and the recession sharply reduced advertising mail, even worse has been a requirement imposed in 2006 that the post office contribute more than $5 billion annually to a fund to prepay medical benefits for retired workers. That is in addition to $2 billion paid annually for benefits for already retired employees.

Bills have been introduced to ease these payments at least temporarily.

But Postal Inspector General David C. Williams told the senators that the amount of the payments has no basis in need, but was set to make sure the post office did not make the federal deficit appear larger.

The payments assume an unrealistic 7 percent annual inflation in medical costs, he said, while other businesses plan for 5 percent inflation. And they do not take into account the declining number of postal employees. Williams said the annual payments could be cut to $1.3 billion.

From about 803,000 workers in 1999, the post office has cut its staff to about 630,000 and Potter said the goal is about 550,000.

ECONOMY

Government-backed credit program attracts supporters

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AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON Investors' appetite picked up this month for a government program aimed at spurring lending to consumers and small businesses at lower rates.

The Federal Reserve Bank of New York said Thursday that investors requested $6.9 billion worth of loans. That tally is up from $5.4 billion worth of loans requested last month.

Investors use the money to buy newly issued securities backed by, among other things, auto and student loans, credit cards, business equipment and loans guaranteed by the Small Business Administration.

The Term Asset-Backed Securities Loan Facility, or TALF, started in March and figures prominently in efforts by the Fed and the Obama administration to ease credit problems.

It has the potential to generate up to a $1 trillion in lending. So far a total of $40.8 billion worth of loans have been requested by investors to buy securities backed by consumer and small-businesses loans.

Meanwhile, the Federal Reserve in Washington said that banks boosted borrowing from its emergency lending facility over the past week, but cut back on other programs designed to ease the financial crisis.

The Fed said commercial banks averaged $35.1 billion in daily borrowing over the week that ended Wednesday. That was up from $33.8 billion in the week ended July 29.

The identities of the financial institutions are not released. They pay just 0.50 percent in interest for the emergency loans.

The weekly lending report also showed the Fed's net holdings of "commercial paper" averaged $64.7 billion, a decrease of $29.7 billion from the previous week. That's an encouraging sign that investors' appetite for such help from the Fed has lessened.

Commercial paper is the crucial short-term debt that companies use to pay everyday expenses, which the Fed began buying under the first-of-its-kind program on Oct. 27, a time of intensified credit problems. The central bank has said about $1.3 trillion worth of commercial paper would qualify.

The report also showed the Fed trimmed its purchases of mortgage-backed securities guaranteed by Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac and Ginnie Mae. They averaged $542.8 billion over the past week, down $1.6 billion from the previous week. The goal of the program, which started on Jan. 5, is to drive down mortgage rates and help the housing market.

Mortgage rates dipped this week. Rates on 30-year home loans averaged 5.22 percent this week, down from 5.25 percent last.





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The RFP package contains the key questions and informational requirements for respondents to address. For more information or to request an RFP package, please call 310-458-4959 or send your request via e-mail to Peter.Wambaa@smgov.net.

Proposals are due no later than 5:00pm on Wednesday, August 12, 2009.

The City of Santa Monica reserves the right to reject any and all bids and waive all minor irregularities.





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CREATIVE SPACE: **Bergamot Station is home to a number of fine art galleries.**

Visitors take in Bergamot galleries

FROM **BERGAMOT** PAGE 3

through the glass at a brilliantly colored depiction of fruit. "I can see more over there, too."

The Rosamund Felsen gallery is a study in contrasts. The friendly receptionist hurries to turn on all the lights as a few visitors enter through the propped open door, but one framed image warns viewers: "If you can read this you are standing too close."

With such few visitors this morning, the staff in many galleries converse with each other. A woman on the phone negotiates the price of something, while a man at a desk advises his co-worker to keep someone's contact information.

The tapping of fingers on keyboards is the only noise inside the Frank Lloyd gallery.

"I don't get it," a girl whispers to her companion, gesturing toward a tinted glass cube display. She shrugs, and they soon exit. Outside, she says, "Maybe it's supposed to represent life."

By 10:30, the parking lot is slowly filling up — lots of Toyotas and Hondas with Obama stickers. Two cars carry surfboards on top.

"Did you know the Yaris is actually better for the environment across its whole life cycle than the Prius?" comments a male passerby.

The cafe is by far the busiest place. Lively music and the scent of coffee emanate from its doors. Outside, two women share a table but ignore each other in favor of newspapers.

The James Gray gallery doesn't officially open until 11, but its doors are wide open anyway.

"These are creepy," says one visitor, indicating some paintings that display children playing on a skull, sinister clowns and people missing key body parts. "That guy definitely has two left hands."

The gallery also has an upstairs loft displaying still more works of art.

"I like the ones downstairs with the words," a girl says to her bored-looking boyfriend.

"I like this loft," he replies, smirking at her.

Inside the SMMoA, a group explores a painting exhibit in which some images depict nude figures. After making a few penis jokes, one girl has a sudden revelation.

"We're really mature," she says. "Have you noticed?"

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Residents hopeful that letters will move discussions along

FROM FAA PAGE 1

same day to Babbitt and Deborah A.P. Hersman, the chair of the National Transportation Safety Board, asking that the investigation into the plane crash be done in the "context of overall safety issues at SMO and with an eye towards ensuring residents and SMO personnel are well protected from future and potentially more devastating incidents."

The accident on Sunday happened after the pilot, William Davenport of Los Angeles, reportedly lost engine power soon after taking off, attempting to return to SMO where he crashed on the runway upon landing. The plane was a Long-EZ, an experimental aircraft, which is not in the class of planes that's affected in a local ordinance banning categories C and D jets.

The ban was passed in response to concerns of neighbors, some of whom live less than 300 feet away, that a plane will one day overshoot the runway. The enforcement of the ordinance has been suspended for more than a year as it's being legally challenged by the FAA.

"This is very important because it continues the decade-long battle that Congressman Waxman and Congresswoman Harman have waged with us on safety issues at Santa Monica Airport," Kate Vernez, the assistant to the city manager on government relations, said. "We welcome this latest effort to really bring the new administrator into the picture to relook at the safety issues because after all, what we're trying to do is implement the FAA's own safety standards at Santa Monica Airport."

The agency has presented several safety options, including a series of concrete beds meant to give way under the weight of an aircraft. The proposals were rejected by city officials as inadequately addressing their concerns, leading to the adoption of the ban in March 2008.

Ian Gregor, spokesman for the FAA, said that the agency shares in the congressmembers' desires for the safest possible operations at SMO.

"The FAA spent nearly six years working to address the city's safety concerns," he said. "We made a number of proposals that would enhance the airport's runway safety areas, but the city rejected all of those proposals.

"We remain ready to implement any of those proposals at the city's request."

Cathy Larson, who chairs the Friends of Sunset Park Airport Committee, which represents neighbors to the north and west of SMO, said that she believes the legislators used the recent accident to bring to light a safety issue at the airport.

> **THEY'RE TRYING TO OPEN THE DISCUSSION AGAIN TO SEE IF THEY CAN GET A VIABLE SOLUTION THAT WILL REALLY PROVIDE SAFETY FOR THE NEIGHBORHOOD INSTEAD OF THE INADEQUATE OFFERS THE FAA PUT TO THE CITY IN THE LAST COUPLE OF YEARS."**
>
> Cathy Larson
> chair, Friends of Sunset Park Airport Committee

"They're trying to open the discussion again to see if they can get a viable solution that will really provide safety for the neighborhood instead of the inadequate offers the FAA put to the city in the last couple of years," she said.

Marty Rubin, who heads Concerned Residents Against Airport Pollution (CRAAP), said he believes an opportunity for change exists with the new administration.

"This is an intolerable extreme situation that the FAA has turned the blind eye to," he said.

CRAAP has for years complained about the pollution from jet exhaust to their homes east of the airport. U.S. Sen. Barbara Boxer several weeks ago wrote a letter to Babbitt asking that the FAA review the request of residents for a study on the environmental impacts of jet exhaust.

"The safety concerns the community has expressed for many years are clear and need to be addressed," Rubin said.

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Youths move furniture to roof of school; come clean

FROM VANDALS PAGE 1

Given the nature of the crime and evidence left behind, officials soon suspected that students, possibly graduates of the school, were involved. Navarro created several fliers and enlisted the help of the explorers, who are junior police officers, between the ages of 14 and 19, to canvass the surrounding neighborhood for information.

The next day, he received a call from the school principals notifying that three parents had brought their children to admit their involvement in the crime. The parents said they pieced everything together after overhearing their children talking about building a clubhouse.

Tristan Komlos and Jessica Rishe, the principals of John Muir and SMASH, respectively, could not be reached for comment.

There were no damage from the incident, just some clean-up in the aftermath, Navarro said.

He stressed that the parties involved are "good kids," pointing out that they even moved a reptile from one of the classrooms where they emptied an extinguisher to protect it from the fumes.

"They were honest about everything and took accountability for their actions," he said. "I think they just made a mistake."

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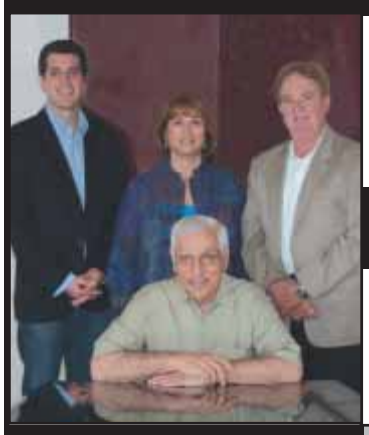
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NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA PLANNING COMMISSION

SUBJECT: A Public Hearing will be held by the Planning Commission on the following:

Appeal 09-007 of Variance 08-016, 1356 Sunset Avenue. The appellant is appealing the Zoning Administrator's approval of Variance application 08-016 that allowed the construction of an additional 1,248 square feet to an existing single family residence, a portion of which will be considered a third story. SMMC Section 9.04.20.10.030(k) permits a variance to allow an additional story which would otherwise not be permitted for an existing residential structure provided certain criteria are met. [Planner: Tony Kim] **APPELLANT: Margaret Griffin & John Enright. APPLICANT: Colby Mayes, Inc. PROPERTY OWNER: Aaron Filler.**

Design Compatibility Permit 08-001, Tract Map 08-020, 3214-3218 Highland Avenue. The applicant requests approval of a Design Compatibility Permit and Tentative Tract Map #70209 to subdivide one lot into six airspace parcels in conjunction with a proposed two-story, six-unit residential condominium project. The applicant is applying for a 6-unit airspace subdivision pursuant to Santa Monica Municipal Code Section 9.20.06.040 and a Design Compatibility Permit for a 6-unit condominium pursuant to Section 9.04.20.15.020. The hearing of this item was continued for redesign from the June 17, 2009 Planning Commission meeting. [Planner: Lily Yegazu] **APPLICANT/Property Owner: Highland Group L.P.**

Tract Map 06-004, 2323 28th Street. The applicant requests approval of a Tentative Tract Map No. 66834 to subdivide two lots into eight airspace parcels in conjunction with a proposed eight-unit condominium development with subterranean garage. The applicant is applying for a subdivision pursuant to Section 9.20.04.020 of the Santa Monica Municipal Code. The Planning Commission will also be considering a Resolution to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration and Mitigation Monitoring Program prepared for the project. The hearing of this item was continued for redesign from the April 9, 2008 Planning Commission meeting. [Planner: Lily Yegazu] **APPLICANT: Danny Shalom, of 28th Street Partners LLC. PROPERTY OWNER: 28th Street Partners LLC.**

Tract Map 08-006, 2505 Santa Monica Boulevard. The applicant requests approval of a tentative parcel map for the purposes of creating an airspace subdivision of an existing commercial development. The proposed parcel map is comprised of three airspace lots (CVS building, multi-tenant building, and parking lot) and one master lot (entirety of property). The purpose of the map is to allow exclusive ownership of buildings while maintaining common use of the parking lot. The proposed subdivision is specifically for air right purposes and no construction or physical improvements are part of the proposal. Pursuant to Santa Monica Municipal Code Section 9.20.02.090, the Planning Commission is the responsible authority to approve, conditionally approve, or deny tentative subdivision map applications. [Planner: Grace Cho] **APPLICANT: Landmark Retail Group. PROPERTY OWNER: Garfield Beach CVS, L.L.C.**

Tract Map 09-001, 851 20th Street. The applicant requests approval of Vesting Tentative Parcel Map 09TM-001 (PM No. 70739) to subdivide one lot into two airspace parcels in conjunction with a proposed two-unit residential condominium development pursuant to Santa Monica Municipal Code Section 9.20.04.030. [Planner: Gina Szilak] **APPLICANT/PROPERTY OWNER: Michel Rone.**

WHEN: **Wednesday, August 19, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.**

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

City of Santa Monica

HOW TO COMMENT

The City of Santa Monica encourages public comment. You may comment at the Planning Commission public hearing, or by writing a letter or e-mail. Information received prior to the hearing will be given to the Planning Commission at the meeting.

MORE INFORMATION

If you want additional information about this project or wish to review the project, please contact the Project Planner (310) 458-8341. The Zoning Ordinance is available at the Planning Counter during business hours or available on the City's web site at www.smgov.net. The meeting facility is wheelchair accessible. If you have any disability-related accommodation request, please contact (310) 458-8341, or TYY Number: (310) 458-8696 at least five (5) business days prior to the meeting. Santa Monica "Big Blue" Bus Lines #1, #2, #3, #4, #5, #7, #8, #9 and the Tide Ride service the City Hall. Pursuant to California Government Code Section 65009(b), if this matter is subsequently challenged in Court, the challenge may be limited to only those issues raised at the Public Hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of Santa Monica at, or prior to, the Public Hearing.

Hughes left mark on '80s generation

CHRISTY LEMIRE
AP Movie Critic

LOS ANGELES "Saturday, March 24, 1984. Shermer High School, Shermer, Illinois, 60062.

"Dear Mr. Vernon: We accept the fact that we had to sacrifice a whole Saturday in detention for whatever it was we did wrong. And what we did was wrong. But we think you're crazy to make us write an essay telling you who we think we are. What do you care? You see us as you want to see us."

Those are the opening lines from "The Breakfast Club," voiced by Anthony Michael Hall, accompanied by Simple Minds' "Don't You (Forget About Me)." And even though it's been nearly a quarter-century since John Hughes' seminal high-school drama came out, I still know them by heart. I probably still know the entire movie by heart. Any self-respecting child of the 1980s does.

As a film critic, people often ask me what my favorite movies of all time are. That's a tough one to answer because the list is constantly changing. But alongside Fellini's "The Nights of Cabiria" and newer classics such as "Fargo," I always end up mentioning "The Breakfast Club" and "Sixteen Candles." They may not qualify as the greatest movies ever, but we're talking favorites, the ones that still engage you no matter how many times you've seen them.

And so the news that Hughes died of a heart attack at 59 Thursday will, for many, strike the same sort of cultural chord that Michael Jackson's did: It prompts more than just a passing feeling of nostalgia but an active longing for a happier, more prosperous time. As both a writer and director, Hughes defined not just a genre but a generation.

His movies didn't exactly represent high school as it was (seriously, who ever went to a blowout bash at a mansion like Jake Ryan's in "Sixteen Candles" or got away with as much as Ferris Bueller?) but rather, high school as we wished it could have been — funnier, weirder, sweeter, full of kids who have just the right zinger or poignant thing to say:

"Does Barry Manilow know that you raid his wardrobe?"

"How about a nice, greasy pork sandwich served in a dirty ashtray?"

"Blane? His name is Blane? That's a major appliance, that's not a name."

"I can't believe I gave my panties to a geek."

After watching "The Breakfast Club" with me on cable for the millionth time when I was a chubby 13-year-old, my mom suggested that we go to the video store and rent the teen-angst movie of her generation: "Rebel Without a Cause." I would like it, she said — they were similar. And she was right in that they both captured the frustrating feeling that nobody understands you when you're young, that your problems are unique and insurmountable. Hughes took that raw energy and made it ironic and idiotic, self-referential and self-deprecating.

Every teen movie that's come out since the mid-1980s owes a debt to John Hughes. He was that influential. Some acknowledge this willingly, as director Nanette Burstein did with last year's "American Teen," which was essentially a documentary version of "The Breakfast Club." Bill Paxton has said that of the dozens of character roles he's played over his lengthy career, he's still best known as Chet, the bullying older brother from 1985's "Weird Science." And "Some Kind of Wonderful" (which Hughes wrote) plays a pivotal part in the recent romantic comedy "He's Just Not That Into You."

Others have parodied him endlessly in such varied settings as raunchy Kevin Smith comedies, the spoof "Not Another Teen Movie" and the animated TV series "Family Guy." (In the episode where Peter goes undercover at Meg's high school as Lando Griffin, he walks across the football field and defiantly thrusts his fist in the air at the end, just as Judd Nelson did in the last image of "The Breakfast Club.")

Granted, Hughes' work dwindled once the 1990s arrived and he lost his insight, his edge. His scripts for "Dennis the Menace," "Beethoven" and "Flubber" can't exactly compare with the ones he wrote for "National Lampoon's Vacation," "Home Alone" and "Planes, Trains and Automobiles."

But if it weren't for Hughes, there would never have been a Brat Pack, that clique of sizzling young Hollywood actors who dominated the 1980s after "St. Elmo's Fire" (a Joel Schumacher film, but one with clear links to Hughes). Imagine the career trajectories of Hall, Nelson, Molly Ringwald, Emilio Estevez, Ally Sheedy and Jon Cryer without him. Or just try to think of Macaulay Culkin without conjuring the image of him slapping his hands to his wholesome face in horror.

And so there's nothing wrong with wallowing in some unabashed '80s nostalgia upon the passing of John Hughes. As Ferris Bueller himself might have said at a time like this, "Life moves pretty fast. If you don't stop and look around once in a while, you could miss it."



‘Cash for clunkers’ to get refill

DAVID ESPO
AP Special Correspondent

WASHINGTON Acting with unusual haste, the Senate readied a $2 billion fill-up Thursday night for “cash for clunkers,” the economy-boosting program that caught the fancy of car buyers and instantly increased sales for an auto industry long mired in recession.

The House approved the replenishment last week for the 10-day-old program, which gives consumers up to $4,500 in federal subsidies for trading in their cars for new, more energy-efficient models. A final Senate vote would send the bill to the White House, where President Barack Obama’s signature was assured.

Supporters of the program hailed its effect on the auto industry — which had its best month in nearly a year in July — as well as its claimed environmental benefits.

“The reality is this is a program that has been working. Consumers believe it’s working. Small business people believe it’s working. People who make steel and aluminum and advertisers ... and everyone who’s involved in the larger economic impact of the auto industry believe it is working,” said Sen. Debbie Stabenow, D-Mich.

The legislation had its share of critics, though, most of them Republicans.

“What we’re doing is creating debt. ... The bill to pay for those cars is going to come due on our children and grandchildren,” said Sen. Judd Gregg, R-N.H.

Officials said the program’s initial $1 billion probably already has been spent, but a paperwork backlog prevented an accurate accounting. The additional $2 billion is enough to help consumers purchase a half-million more new cars, they added.

There was no suspense about the outcome in the Senate, where supporters of the legislation focused their energies on defeating all attempts at amending the measure. Passage of any changes would effectively scuttle “cash For clunkers,” they said, since the House has already begun a summer vacation and is not in session to vote on revisions.

The Senate’s debate capped an unusually swift response by lawmakers, who were informed scarcely a week ago that the program was quickly running short of money.

The government said Wednesday that more than $775 million of the original funds had been spent, accounting for the sale of nearly 185,000 new vehicles. Administration officials estimate the extra funding will last into Labor Day.

Under the program, passenger car owners are eligible for a voucher worth $3,500 if they trade in a vehicle getting 18 miles per gallon or less for a new car getting at least 22 mpg. Vouchers of $4,500 are available for owners who trade in a passenger car getting 18 mpg or less for a model that gets at least 28 mpg.

There are similar guidelines for SUVs and pickup trucks.

Dealers are barred from reselling the trade-ins and are charged with ensuring their destruction.

Jeremy Anwyl, CEO of the auto Web site Edmunds.com, said the unintended result is that vehicle prices are climbing.

“What we’ve created now is a shortage for key models,” he said. “Prices are going up dramatically.”

Hyundai Motor Co. has added a day of production at its Montgomery, Ala., factory, while Ford Motor Co. and GM are considering following suit.

Tom Stephens, vice chairman of product development at GM, said in an interview that the company has had spot shortages of compact and midsize cars, which have been popular with consumers jettisoning their clunkers. The company also reported an increase in sales of the Chevrolet HHR small sport utility.

“Consumer confidence is really what you need here,” Stephens said. “It’s hard for them if they don’t know if they have a job or a for-sure paycheck to go out and make a major purchase, so I think this is kind of jump-starting some things.”

The longer-term impact of the program is less clear.

“Once these clunker rebates expire, it is over,” predicted economist Richard Yamarone of Argus Research. “Consumers are not going to keep buying cars. It is a temporary one-time gimmick, not a long-lasting tonic for the recovery.”

In the program so far, GM’s share of cars sold is largest, accounting for 18.7 percent of new sales. Toyota Motor Corp. followed with 17.9 percent, while Ford had 16 percent. Detroit automakers represented 45.3 percent of the total sales while Toyota, Honda Motor Co. and Nissan Motor Co., all Japanese firms, totaled 36.5 percent.

Toyota also has the best-selling new model for traders of clunkers, the Corolla. The Ford Focus, Honda Civic, Toyota Prius and Toyota Camry are also favorites. There is one SUV on the list, the Ford Escape, which also comes in a hybrid model that can get up to 32 mpg. Six of the top-10 selling vehicles are built by foreign manufacturers, but most are built in North America.



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Reid denounces health care protests

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Associated Press Writers

WASHINGTON The Senate's most powerful Democrat on Thursday scolded health care protesters dogging his party's lawmakers at local meetings, arguing that some critics on the political right have run out of ideas — and ditched their civic manners.

Majority Leader Harry Reid of Nevada accused the protesters of trying to "sabotage" the democratic process.

A small group of lawmakers blocked out the fevered rhetoric and vowed to keep pursuing an elusive bipartisan deal on a broad remaking of the health care system. With encouragement from President Barack Obama and business leaders, the group reported progress on financing an overhaul. But as polls show Obama's approach losing favor with voters — particularly independents — Democrats are talking more openly about the possibility of moving legislation without Republican support.

Energized conservative activists said they'll keep up their fight against Obama's effort. The president wants to use the government's clout to subsidize coverage for millions now uninsured, regulate insurance companies more closely and attempt to slow the rise of medical costs. The protesters' shouts and chants, captured on amateur video, went viral on the Internet.

The Republican Party says it's not behind the protests, but Reid scoffed at the notion that the protesters reflect grass-roots sentiment. He held up a piece of artificial turf during a session with reporters.

"These are nothing more than destructive efforts to interrupt a debate that we should have, and are having," Reid said. "They are doing this because they don't have any better ideas. They have no interest in letting the negotiators, even though few in number, negotiate. It's really simple: they're taking their cues from talk show hosts, Internet rumor-mongerers ... and insurance rackets."

Republicans answered back.

"All the polls show there is serious concern, if not outright opposition, to the president's health care plan," said Antonia Ferrier, spokeswoman for House Republican Leader John Boehner of Ohio. "Democrats are ginning up this cynical shell game."

Boehner had said last week the Democrats would be in for a hot summer on health care. Republicans say the political pressure is also on them, from unions and liberal activists targeting conservative lawmakers.

Obama's top political adviser, David Axelrod, participated in a Capitol Hill session at which senators were shown video of some of the boisterous town-hall meetings, and discussed how to respond to disruptions.

"It's a challenge, no question about it, and you've got to get out there and make the case," Sen. Christopher Dodd, D-Conn., said afterward. "This is not the time for the faint-hearted."

Democrats and the White House are claiming that the sometimes rowdy protests that have disrupted Democratic lawmakers' meetings and health care events around the country are largely orchestrated from afar by insurers, lobbyists, Republican Party activists and others.

Some of the activists who've shown up at town-hall meetings held recently by Sen. Arlen Specter, D-Pa., and other lawmakers are affiliated with loosely connected right-leaning groups, including Conservatives for Patients' Rights and Americans for Prosperity, according to officials at those groups. Some of the activists say they came together during the "Tea Party" anti-big-government protests that happened earlier this year, and they've formed small groups and stayed in touch over e-mail, Facebook and in other ways.

But they insist they're part of a ground-level movement that represents real frustration with government spending and growth.

About 20 protesters gathered in Saratoga Springs, N.Y., Thursday to let Democratic Rep. Scott Murphy know they oppose the health care plans in Washington. They carried signs saying: "Obamacare Seniors beware! Rationing is here," and "If socialized medicine is best ... why didn't Ted Kennedy go to Canada?" Motorists honked as they drove by.

Most said they learned about the event from various community groups that oppose the health care overhaul. All rejected the notion that they had been organized on a large scale, or had connections to the insurance industry.

John Wagner, a 71-year-old retired salesman said he wasn't affiliated with any political groups. He said he and his wife, 68-year-old Anne Wagner, came try to talk to Murphy. Both of the registered independents voted for Murphy's Republican opponent.

"We think it's the start of our government taking over every facet of our economy, and of our health, to make sure that the government runs everything," John Wagner said.

At one point, a constituent asked Murphy if he thought the country was headed for universal health care.

"That phrase means a lot of things to a lot of people," Murphy said. His answer was greeted with a chorus of groans.

In the end, the real action may still be in Washington. Six senators — three from each party, all members of the Senate Finance Committee — agreed to keep working over the August break and assess the situation when they return, working against a Sept. 15 deadline.

Chairman Max Baucus, D-Mont., said Thursday the group is making progress.

The outlines of a the Finance Committee compromise have emerged in recent weeks — although nothing is final. The package would cost around $900 billion over 10 years and would be fully paid for through a variety of revenue raisers including a tax on health insurers that offer high-cost plans worth more than $20,000 a year.

Individuals would be required to get insurance, either through an employer, on their own, or through a government program. Federal subsidies would help low-income and many middle-class households afford the premiums. Medicaid would be expanded to cover more people close to the poverty line. Nearly all Americans would be covered.

But even the usually optimistic Baucus says it's not a done deal.

"If Republicans aren't there, it could get to the point where some time after the recess ... Democrats may have to go in a different direction," Baucus said after the group returned from a meeting with Obama at the White House.

"I hope not," Baucus added, "but we have to face facts."

Triple ouch: Early flu shot season comes with a price

MIKE STOBBE
AP Medical Writer

ATLANTA Get ready to roll up your sleeve three times for flu shots this fall.

That's right, three times. This year's flu season is shaping up to be a very different one. Most people will need one shot for the regular seasonal flu and probably two others to protect against the new swine flu.

Experts suggest you get that first shot as early as this month — if you can find it.

"We'd like to get to Job 1 and get most of it done," said Dr. William Schaffner, a Vanderbilt University flu expert, referring to seasonal flu vaccinations.

"Get it done before we start to tackle Job 2," the more complex task of swine flu vaccinations, he added.

The five vaccine manufacturers that supply the United States are finishing up production of seasonal flu vaccine earlier than usual. Health officials say they expect about half of the more than 120 million doses of seasonal vaccine to be available by the end of this month. Most of the rest are due out by the end of September. Some manufacturers report that distributors are quickly buying up supplies.

Those five companies — including one that makes a nasal spray version of flu vaccine — are the same ones making the new swine flu vaccine. They are on track to start delivering the first batches of that in September, but the bulk of it isn't expected until late October or November, health officials say.

That's sparked questions about how all this is going to work.

Officials want to get as many people as possible vaccinated against both forms of flu, but a lot of that depends on consumers and how many trips they'll be willing to make to get shots.

Why can't you get one shot for all — or maybe just two?

The reasons have to do with logistics and caution.

Scientists believe the swine flu vaccine will be most effective if given in two doses, about three weeks apart, although testing is still under way to check that.

Combining swine flu and seasonal flu in one shot is theoretically possible, but it was too late to try it this year. Decisions were made last winter about what flu strains to use in this year's seasonal vaccine, and production was too far along by the time swine flu hit in April to alter the formula.

So seasonal flu and swine flu will have to be given as separate doses, even if it's during the same appointment.

But it's not a matter of just giving both to whoever comes in. Supplies are expected to be limited, so the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has two different lists for who should be first to get the seasonal flu shot and who should be first to get the swine flu shot.

For the regular flu vaccine, elderly people, health care workers and pregnant women are among the priority groups. For the swine flu vaccine, health care workers and pregnant women are on the list but not older people, who seem to have some immunity to swine flu.

If all the flu shots were given at about the same time, it could mean a mash of people, some of whom should be among the first to get one shot and not the other.

"I think it's safe to say we expect some confusion," said Kristine Sheedy, a CDC communications specialist.

Then, there are safety questions.

Health officials are haunted by the swine flu vaccine campaign in 1976, which was stopped after unexpectedly high numbers of patients suffered a paralyzing condition called Guillain-Barre Syndrome. While it's not clear the vaccine was to blame, health officials want to carefully monitor people who get the new swine flu vaccine for any problems.

Scientists are just beginning to test the safety and effectiveness of the new swine flu vaccine, work that is expected to take months. If the seasonal flu and swine flu vaccines were given at the same sitting and some people developed health problems, it would be hard to single out which vaccine caused the problem, or whether it was the combination of them.

"How you're going to separate that out — that's a doozer," said Dr. Samuel Katz, a Duke University vaccines expert, who was a developer of the measles vaccine.

So the government is looking at three shots, preferably over three visits.

That's daunting. Over the years, the public hasn't been great about getting even one flu shot: Just one in three U.S. adults got flu shots last year, CDC data indicate.

"To come two or three times? That's expecting a lot, of public response," said Katz.

Health officials traditionally kick off an autumn vaccine campaign against seasonal flu in late September or October with a news conference in Washington D.C. But this year, the news conference — which features the CDC director — has been moved up to Sept. 10.

Unofficially, the push for seasonal vaccinations begins even sooner, some health officials said.

"As soon as it becomes available, we'll be encouraging people to get it," said Carol Schriber, a spokeswoman for the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services.

Sotomayor earns historic nomination

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Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON Sonia Sotomayor won confirmation Thursday as the nation's first Hispanic Supreme Court justice, a history-making Senate vote that capped a summer-long debate heavy with ethnic politics and hints of high court fights to come.

The third woman in court history, she'll be sworn in Saturday as the 111th justice and the first nominated by a Democrat in 15 years.

The Senate vote was 68-31 to confirm Sotomayor, President Barack Obama's first Supreme Court nominee, with Democrats unanimously behind her but most Republicans lining up in a show of opposition both for her and for the president's standards for a justice.

The 55-year-old daughter of Puerto Rican parents was raised in a South Bronx housing project and educated in the Ivy League before rising to the highest legal echelons, spending the past 17 years as a federal judge. She watched the vote on TV at a federal courthouse in New York City, among friends and colleagues.

Republicans argued she'd bring personal bias and a liberal agenda to the bench. But Democrats praised Sotomayor as an extraordinarily qualified mainstream moderate and touted her elevation to the court as a milestone in the nation's journey toward greater equality and a reaffirmation of the American dream.

Obama, the nation's first black president, praised the Senate's vote as "breaking another barrier and moving us yet another step closer to a more perfect union." He planned to welcome Sotomayor at the White House next week.

Minutes before the vote, Sen. Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., the Judiciary Committee chairman, called it one for the ages. "Years from now ... we will remember this time when we crossed paths with the quintessentially American journey of Sonia Sotomayor."

Senators took the rare step of assembling at their desks for the vote, rising from their seats to call out "aye" or "nay." The longest-serving senator, 91-year-old Robert Byrd of West Virginia who has been in frail health following a long hospitalization, was brought in in a wheelchair to vote in Sotomayor's favor. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., suffering from brain cancer, was the only senator absent.

Sotomayor replaces retiring Justice David Souter, a liberal named by a Republican president, and she is not expected to alter the court's ideological split.

Still, Republicans and Democrats were deeply at odds over confirming Sotomayor, and the battle over her nomination highlighted profound philosophical disagreements that will shape future fights over the court's makeup as Obama looks to another likely vacancy — perhaps more than one — while he's in the White House.

In the final tally, nine Republicans joined majority Democrats and the Senate's two independents to support Sotomayor's confirmation. They included the Senate's few GOP moderates and its lone Hispanic Republican, retiring Sen. Mel Martinez of Florida, as well as conservative Sens. Lindsey Graham of South Carolina and Lamar Alexander of Tennessee, the party's third-ranking leader.

GOP critics decried Obama's call for "empathy" in a justice, painting Sotomayor as the embodiment of an inappropriate standard that would let a judge bring her personal whims and prejudices to the bench.

Her writings and speeches "reflect a belief not just that impartiality is not possible, but that it's not even worth the effort," said Sen. Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., the minority leader. "In Judge Sotomayor's court, groups that didn't make the cut of preferred groups often found that they ended up on the short end of the empathy standard."

Democrats, for their part, hailed the vote as a breakthrough achievement for the country, on par with enactment of civil rights laws. They warned Republicans they risked a backlash from Hispanic voters in the short term and an enduring black mark on their party in history books by opposing Sotomayor's confirmation.

"Those who oppose her for fear of her unique life experience do no justice to her or our nation. Their names will be listed in our nation's annals of elected officials one step behind America's historic march forward," said Sen. Dick Durbin of Illinois, the No. 2 Democrat.

Hispanic activists agreed.

"Justice Sotomayor's eminent qualifications and wise committee testimony shattered a glass ceiling today," said Thomas Saenz of the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund. Of Republican foes, he added, "History — and the fast-growing community of Latino voters — will judge these senators harshly."

A number of GOP senators argued Sotomayor's speeches and record made her unacceptable. They pointed to rulings in which they said she showed disregard for gun rights, property rights and job discrimination claims by white employees. And they repeatedly cited comments she had made about the role that a judge's background and perspective can play, especially a 2001 speech in which she said she hoped a "wise Latina" judge would usually make better decisions than a white man.

"She has bluntly advocated a judicial philosophy where judges ground their decisions not in the objective rule of law, but in the subjective realm of personal 'opinions, sympathies and prejudices,'" said Sen. Jeff Sessions of Alabama, the senior Republican on the Judiciary Committee.

Republicans have been particularly critical of Sotomayor's position on the Second Amendment right to keep and bear arms. She was part of a federal appeals court panel in New York that ruled this year that the amendment limits only the federal government — not states — a decision in keeping with previous Supreme Court precedent. Gun rights supporters said her panel shouldn't have called the issue "settled law," and they criticized her for refusing during her confirmation hearings to go beyond what the high court has said and declare that the Second Amendment applies to the states.

The National Rifle Association, which hadn't weighed in on Supreme Court nominations past, strongly opposed her.

Twitter, Facebook attacked by hackers

BARBARA ORTUTAY
AP Technology Writer

NEW YORK A hacker attack Thursday shut down the fast-growing messaging service Twitter for hours, while Facebook experienced intermittent access problems.

Twitter said it suffered a denial-of-service attack, in which hackers command scores of computers to a single site at the same time, preventing legitimate traffic from getting through.

The fact that a relatively common attack could disable such a well-known Web site shows just how young and vulnerable Twitter still is, even as it quickly becomes a household name used by celebrities, large corporations, small businesses and even protesters in Iran.

"Clearly they need a stronger infrastructure to be able to fight this kind of attack," said Graham Cluley, senior technology consultant at computer security firm Sophos. Twitter's tech support teams, he added, "must be frankly out of breath" trying to keep up with the site's enormous growth.

According to comScore, Twitter had 20.1 million unique visitors in the United States in June, some 34 times the 593,000 a year earlier.

For Twitter users, the outage meant no tweeting about lunch plans, the weather or the fact that Twitter is down.

"I had to Google search Twitter to find out what was going on, when normally my Twitter feed gives me all the breaking news I need," said Alison Koski, a New York public-relations manager. She added she felt "completely lost" without Twitter.

The Twitter outage began at about 9 a.m. EDT and lasted a few hours.

Facebook, whose users encountered intermittent problems Thursday morning, was also the subject of a denial-of-service attack, though it was not known whether the same hackers were involved. Unlike Twitter, Facebook never became completely inaccessible. Facebook said no user information was at risk.

LiveJournal, a 10-year-old online diary and blogging site that has waned in popularity in recent years, was also the subject of a denial-of-service attack that lasted about an hour Thursday morning, the company said.

By early afternoon both Twitter and Facebook seemed to be functioning.

Health club shooter had company in feelings of isolation

BEN DOBBIN & JOE MANDAK
Associated Press Writers

PITTSBURGH Before opening fire on an aerobics class, George Sodini wrote about feeling lonely and rejected — yet those very characteristics gave him the company of other mass killers whose isolation helped create a murderous cocktail.

Sodini's deadly rampage at a suburban Pittsburgh health club shares threads with other massacres analyzed by psychiatrists and legal experts, who say the line between lonely and homicidal remains hard to place.

"These people get into a very self-centered, sometimes self-aggrandizing, often psychotic path that enables them, in their mind, to finally get the attention they crave," New York attorney Carolyn Wolf, whose firm specializes in mental health issues, told The Associated Press in a telephone interview Thursday.

The 48-year-old Sodini fatally shot himself after killing three women and wounding nine others attending a weekly Latin dance aerobics class in Collier Township on Tuesday night. He wore black workout gear and fumbled around in a duffel bag before producing three guns, firing indiscriminately after shutting off the lights.

Killed were Heidi Overmier, 46, of Carnegie, a sales manager at an amusement park; Jody Billingsley, 37, of Mount Lebanon, who worked for a medical-supply company; and Elizabeth Gannon, 49, of Pittsburgh, an X-ray technician at Allegheny General Hospital.

Sodini's scathing, 4,000-plus-word blog reads like a monthslong diary lamenting his wrongful rejection by "30 million" American women and alluding to his plans. Police say Sodini didn't know his victims.

When Virginia Tech gunman Seung-Hui Cho killed 32 people at Virginia Tech in 2007, then committed suicide, his "message" was a video tirade to NBC railing about being overlooked by "snobs" and rich "brats."

When Jiverly Wong killed 13 people and himself at a Binghamton, N.Y., immigration center in April, it was uncovered that unemployment, perceived police persecution, mockery for poor English skills and a dose of psychosis led him to kill.

While their grievances, lifestyles and mental states varied widely — Cho and Wong had documented mental problems, while, so far, there's no indication Sodini did — Wolf said their choice to kill others, and not just themselves, shows they had one thing in common.

"They're thinking, 'I want everyone to understand and appreciate why I'm doing this,' and the way to do that, in their mind, is to kill other people and not just themselves," Wolf said. "In their mind it sends a broader message."

Many mass murderers feel rejected by a "pseudo community" — a group that may exist, only in their minds, that has rejected them, said Dr. James Knoll, a forensic psychiatrist at the State University of New York's Upstate Medical University in Syracuse. He spoke Thursday at a conference he organized to analyze the actions of Wong and Cho.



SURF REPORT

Surf Conditions **Water Temp:** 71°

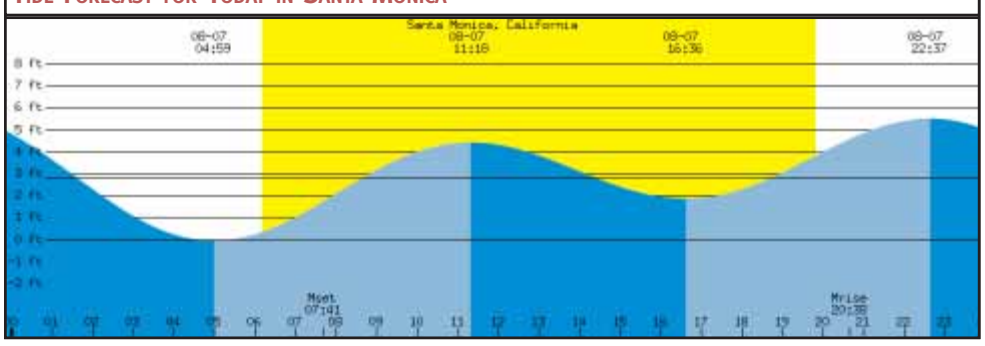
Swell Forecast

Today looks smaller, perhaps waist high max for south facing breaks. The south facing breaks may see some chest high sets come in from Felecia in the afternoon.

Long Range Synopsis

Later this weekend Felecia's swell should decline, but the southern hemi ground swell should continue. NW wind swell is looking weak.

Tide Forecast for Today in Santa Monica



BEACH REPORT CARD

NORTH LOS ANGELES COUNTY

Grades for this report are based on monitoring data from the previous four weeks up to the ending date of **July 28, 2009**

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QUICK STATS (for the last 28 days)

- Number of sewage spills -- 0
- Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0
- Number of wet days -- 8
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 44 / ns
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 3 / ns

The Beach Report Card is made possible by simplehuman, Goldhirsh Foundation, the James Irvine Foundation, Ford

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

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Los Cerrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit 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	A+	ns
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach	A+	ns
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth	A+	ns
Solstice Canyon at Don Blacker County Beach	A+	ns
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth	A	ns
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd.	A+	ns
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence	A	ns
Surfrider Beach (breach location)- daily	A+	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)	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	A	ns
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	A+	ns
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

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence	D	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain	F	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	A+	ns
Santa Monica Municipal Pier	F	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	A+	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth	B	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 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

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

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SPORTS BRIEFS

SACRAMENTO

State lowers penalties for office betting pools

Catching a case of March Madness can no longer land you in the slammer.

A bill signed into law Thursday by Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger makes participating in a noncommercial betting pool an infraction punishable by a fine of up $250.

In the past, people who organized or placed bets in office sports pools could be charged with a misdemeanor or felony. Punishment was up to a year in jail or state prison.

State Assemblyman Kevin Jeffries, a Republican from Lake Elsinore who authored the bill, says the severe penalty didn't fit the crime.

He introduced the legislation after two women from his area were charged for operating a football pool totaling $50 at an Elks Lodge. The law takes effect Jan. 1.

ASSOCIATED PRESS

FOXBOROUGH

Patriots trade for Oakland's Burgess

The New England Patriots obtained defensive end Derrick Burgess on Thursday after the two-time Pro Bowl player held out of the Oakland Raiders training camp in hopes of being traded.

The Patriots gave up undisclosed draft considerations for Burgess, who is coming off an injury-plagued season in which he had 3½ sacks in 10 games. New England released offensive lineman Al Johnson.

The trade was announced on the ninth day of Burgess' holdout from the team he recorded 38½ sacks with in four seasons, including a club-record and league-best 16 in 2005. He had 11 the next year and made the Pro Bowl both times.

His total dropped to eight in 2007, but he missed two games.

In three seasons with Philadelphia and four with Oakland, the 6-foot-2, 260-pound Burgess had 47 sacks in 85 games. He also missed the 2003 season with a torn Achilles' tendon.

The Patriots were 11-5 last season but had 31 sacks, tied for 14th. The Raiders were 5-11 with 32 sacks.

Burgess is entering the final year of his contract with a $2 million salary and felt underpaid for most of his time with the Raiders. He joined them when he signed a five-year, $18 million contract as a free agent before the 2005 season.

New England and Oakland held discussions around the time of the draft in late April. Then Burgess stayed away from all the Raiders optional offseason workouts and did not go onto the field during May's mandatory minicamp because of a reported upset stomach.

The Eagles drafted Burgess in 2001 with the first pick of the third round out of Mississippi.

The Patriots signed Johnson in March after he spent four seasons with Dallas, which drafted him in the second round in 2003 out of Wisconsin. He played for Arizona in 2007 and was on the Cardinals injured reserve list in 2008 before they released him. He then signed with Miami where he played four games.

AP

SANTA CLARA

49ers mum on report about Crabtree sitting out

The San Francisco 49ers won't comment on an online report that top draft choice Michael Crabtree is willing to hold out the entire season.

ESPN.com quoted Crabtree's cousin and adviser, David Wells, as saying that Crabtree is prepared to sit and re-enter the NFL draft next year.

The 49ers on Thursday released a statement saying that the team does not negotiate in the media. The statement says the team believes there have been "open and positive" conversations on both sides.

San Francisco took the wide receiver with the 10th overall pick this year.

AP

NEW YORK

Magic's Lewis fails drug test, suspended 10 games

Orlando Magic forward Rashard Lewis tested positive for an elevated testosterone level and was suspended Thursday for 10 games.

Lewis said in a statement that he took an over-the-counter supplement late last season that included a substance he did not realize was banned by the NBA.

"First and foremost I take full responsibility for the situation and accept the corresponding penalty," Lewis said. "I apologize to Magic fans, my teammates and this organization for not doing the research that should come with good judgment."

He will be suspended without pay for the first 10 regular-season games for which he is eligible and physically able to play. He will be docked about $1.6 million of his $18 million salary for the 2009-10 season.

The first game he could play would be Nov. 16 at home against Charlotte. He will miss Orlando's first game against Cleveland, the team the Magic upset in the Eastern Conference finals.

The Orlando Sentinel first reported the positive test Thursday. Citing unidentified league sources, the newspaper reported the supplement contained DHEA, a steroids precursor.

Lewis is the sixth player to test positive for performance-enhancing drugs since the league began testing in 1999.

"I hope every athlete can learn from my mistake that supplements, no matter how innocent they seem, should only be taken after consulting an expert in the field," Lewis said in his statement.

Lewis' agent, Tony Dutt, did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

The 29-year-old Lewis was an All-Star last season and is one of the NBA's best 3-point shooters at 6-foot-10, allowing him to play on the perimeter and the Magic to create the matchup problems that helped them beat Boston and Cleveland in the postseason.

He was hurt late in the regular season, missing the final three games with right knee tendinitis, then returned to average 19.0 points in the playoffs to help lead the Magic to the NBA finals.

AP

MOVIE TIMES

Aero Theatre
1328 Montana Ave.
(323) 466-FILM

Double Feature: Le Cercle Rouge (NR) 2hr 20min & Le Doulos (NR) 1hr 48min
7:30

AMC Loews Broadway 4
1441 Third Street Promenade

Aliens in the Attic (PG) 1hr 26min
12:15, 2:30, 5:10, 7:20, 9:40

A Perfect Getaway (R) 1hr 38min
11:30 a.m., 2:15, 5:00, 7:40, 10:15

Public Enemies (R) 2hr 23min
12:50, 4:00, 7:00, 10:10

Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince (PG) 2hrs 33min
11:20 a.m., 2:45, 6:15, 9:45

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

Julie and Julia (PG-13) 2hrs 3min
11:30 a.m., 1:00, 2:15, 4:00, 5:00, 7:00, 7:45, 9:50, 10:40

Funny People (R) 2hrs 16min
12:30, 3:50, 7:15, 10:35

Funny People (with closed captions and descriptive video) (R) 2hrs 16min
11:45 a.m., 3:00, 6:30, 9:45

G-Force: In Disney Digital 3-D (PG) 1hr 28min
11:15 a.m., 1:40, 4:10, 6:40, 9:05

The Hangover (R) 1hr 36min
11:20 a.m., 2:00, 4:50, 7:30, 10:20

Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince (PG) 2hrs 33min
11:35 a.m., 3:10, 7:10, 10:30

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

(500) Days of Summer (PG-13) 1hr 50min
1:00, 3:20, 5:40, 8:00, 10:15

The Hurt Locker (R) 2hr 26min
1:00, 4:00, 7:10, 10:15

Whatever Works (PG-13) 1hr 47min
1:40, 4:10, 7:00, 9:30

Adam (PG-13) 1hr 55min
1:50, 4:30, 7:20, 10:00

Mann's Criterion Theatre
1313 Third St.
(310) 395-1599

G.I. Joe: The Rise of Cobra (PG-13) 1hr 58min
11:30 a.m., 1:00, 2:30, 3:50, 5:30, 7:00, 8:30, 10:00, 11:30

Orphan (R) 2hrs 3min
1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 10:20

The Ugly Truth (R) 1hr 36min
12:00., 2:20, 4:50, 7:10, 9:40

Bruno (R) 1hr 21min
3:00, 7:40

Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs 3D (PG) 1hr 27min
11:40 a.m., 2:00, 4:20, 6:50, 9:10

The Collector (R) 1hr 25min
12:50, 5:20, 7:20, 9:50

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

Take your time, Aries

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★ Know when to pull back and say little. An adjustment will become necessary. Your imagination fills in the gaps that surround a relationship. Nervous energy marks your behavior. Your ability to communicate and speak your mind helps clear foggy waters. Tonight: Take your time.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ Zero in on what you want. If you would like to distance yourself and go off and do what feels right, do. If you can, call it an early day. Friends await your plans and ideas. People are sliding into weekend mode. Confusion surrounds meetings and plans. Tonight: Listen to news winging its way in.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Confusion surrounds your decisions. Take a stand. Listen to news that comes through a friend. This person feels as if he or she offers you a lot. Does this person really, when you don't buy into his or her rhetoric? Have you not clued him or her in yet? Tonight: A must show.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★★ Reach out for others. Investigate and understand what someone is really seeing. Your imagination triggers when left to its own devices. Tonight: Take off ASAP.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★ Encourage another's imagination and let flights of fancy mark interactions. You might be delighted with another's solution. You don't need to own everything as yours. Tonight: Togetherness is the theme.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★★ You have traveled to an extreme in some way, and now have an opportunity to pull in. Of course, whether you do or don't is ultimately your call. Communication can only add awareness. Tonight: Say "yes" to living.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ You might want to revamp your thinking about certain issues. How you deal with someone and the issues that come forward emerge quite suddenly. After a certain conversation, you cannot continue business as usual. Tonight: In the mix of living.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★★ You might want to do something very different in the next few days. If you wish, you can change plans, especially if they don't seem open enough or sufficiently creative. It's your call. Tonight: Beam in what you want.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Anchor in on a primary issue that easily could open a door and impact you across the board. Know the possibilities. Understand the possibilities. Communication could ensue that will lighten up your life. Tonight: Head on home.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★★ You are capable of dismissing whatever you want. You are great at denial. Still, maintain awareness on a certain level. Know what needs to come to pass. Investigate a lot of different possibilities. Don't allow pressure to interfere with sound judgment. Tonight: Easy does it.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ You might not 100 percent understand what needs to happen if you go with a certain venture. Ultimately, this could be a problem -- and a rather large one at that -- if you don't check out all the aspects. Tonight: Curb a tendency to go a bit overboard.

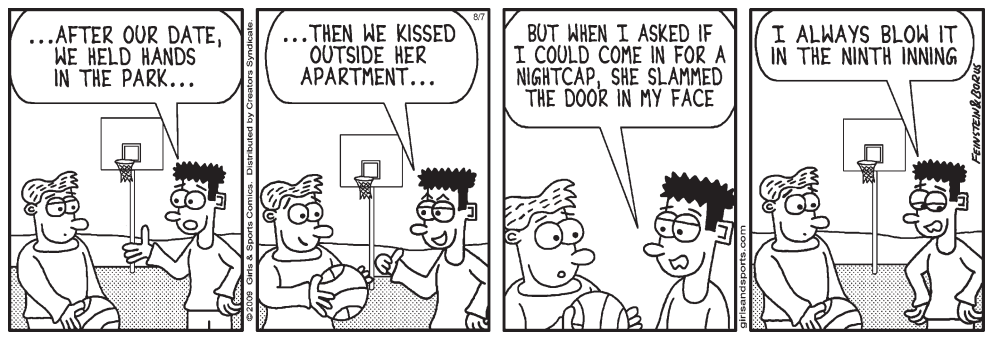
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★★ Talk is cheap, and you do make a difference. The ball is in your court. Remember that and stay on top of your desires and situations. Everything could come together easily. Tonight: Whatever knocks your socks off.

Happy birthday

This year, much happens quite quickly. You often find that important events pull in a key person, but not necessarily the same person. Even though, as a Leo, you have a strong personality and sense of self, you will learn to understand the power of having other people and opinions involved. If you are single, you will meet someone who might have a profound impact on you. This relationship will open up doors. If you are attached, you will learn to defer, or at least listen more often to the other side presented by your significant other.

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

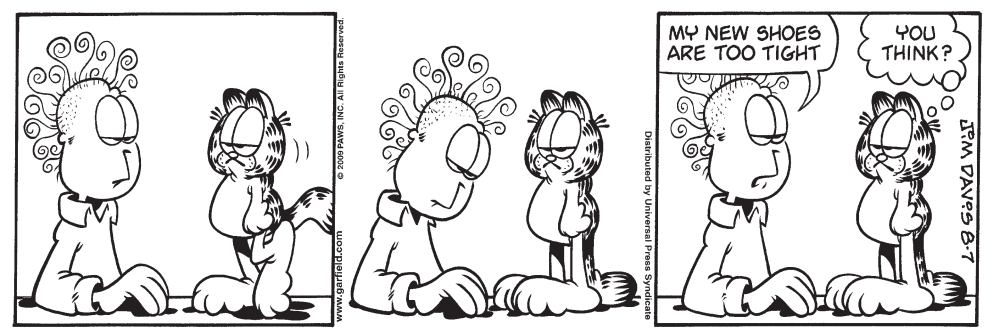
Girls and Sports
By Justin Borus and Andrew Feinstein



The Meaning of Lila
By John Forgetta & L.A. Rose



Garfield
By Jim Davis



Strange Brew
By John Deering



Speed Bump
By Dave Coverly



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Sudoku

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

Difficulty Level ★★★★

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		1	2		6	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

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

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Makes cookies
6 Page of music
11 Perceptive
12 Patriot Allen
13 Arrived
14 Influence
15 Jazz lovers
17 Lot buy
18 Scrooge cries
20 Fight site
22 Big galoot
23 Like many magazines
26 Movie pooch
28 Math comparison
29 Wide sweep
31 Chum
32 Aware of
33 Chorizo base
34 Mosaic piece
36 Potential law
38 Corrosive agents
40 Supermarket section
43 Winter quaff
44 When expected
45 Kicked, in a way
46 Rose parts

DOWN

1 Chips buy
2 Hitherto
3 Potato peelers, perhaps
4 Writer Canetti
5 Transmitted
6 Chest muscle
7 Home of the Braves
8 Orwellian force
9 Lacking slack
10 Division word
16 Hit show letters
18 Movie pig
19 High point
21 Concerning
23 Money maker
24 Deceitful sort
25 White's counterpart
27 Unidentified woman
30 Blubber
33 Nursery item
34 Carpet fastener
35 Paragon
37 Altar exchange
39 Blue
41 Grog ingredient
42 Agreeable answer

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Yesterday's answer

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DAILY LOTTERY

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SUPER LOTTO PLUS: 22 23 27 28 41 Meganumber: 17 Jackpot: $8M

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DAILY DERBY: 1st: 01 GOLD RUSH 2nd: 06 WHIRL WIN 3rd: 04 BIG BEN RACE TIME: 1:45.36

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ It's the Shoes: Palm Beach County, Fla., defense lawyer Michael Robb resisted a courtroom motion in June to force him to discard his well-worn Cole Haan loafers and go buy a new pair. The plaintiff's lawyer Bill Bone had complained that jurors would see the holes in the bottoms of Robb's shoes and be unfairly sympathetic to Robb's clients as humble and frugal and therefore more deserving to win. The motion was denied. According to a Palm Beach Post story, Robb said later that he has a renewed enthusiasm for the shoes.

■ (1) Todd Hall, 36, was sentenced to a year in prison after his conviction in Bentonville, Ark., in June for habitually biting the toes of his son, which Hall said he did up to age 6 as routine discipline. (He had earlier been on probation for the disciplinary biting of his 10-month-old daughter.) (2) In June in Muncie, Ind., in his second such conviction in seven months, Robert Stahl, 64, was found guilty of resolving disputes with men in their 50s by reaching into their mouths and yanking out their dentures.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1789 The U.S. War Department was established by Congress.

1882 The famous feud between the Hatfields of West Virginia and the McCoys of Kentucky erupted into full-scale violence as one member of the Hatfield clan was mortally wounded by three McCoy brothers, who ended up being slain in turn.

1927 The Peace Bridge between the United States and Canada was dedicated during ceremonies attended by Prince Edward of Wales, Canadian Prime Minister William Lyon Mackenzie King and U.S. Vice President Charles Dawes.

1942 U.S. and allied forces landed at Guadalcanal, marking the start of the first major allied offensive in the Pacific during World War II.

1974 French stuntman Philippe Petit repeatedly walked a tightrope strung between the twin towers of New York's World Trade Center.

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