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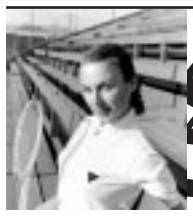

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THE WORKING BBQ ISSUE

Union car wash rejected for city contract

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

LINCOLN BLVD Santa Monica stole headlines when it got the nation's first unionized car wash, but one year later, it won't be union workers benefiting from municipal contracts.

City officials have chosen the Lincoln Boulevard Car Wash for a one to three-year contract to clean city cars, citing environmental and labor violations for the rejection of two other bids.

Officials are required to look at eight criteria to determine the best candidate amongst those who put in bids for government contracts, said Don Patterson, assistant finance director with City Hall.

Those include not only the quality of work and price, but also compliance with local and state law.

Bonus Car Wash, which is the first unionized car wash in the nation, came in with the cheapest bid, but stumbled when it came to its environmental record.

The Regional Water Quality Control

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Amazon takes on iPad with larger Kindle Fire tablet

BARBARA ORTUTAY
RYAN NAKASHIMA
AP Business Writers

SANTA MONICA Amazon unveiled four new Kindle Fire tablet computers on Thursday, including ones with larger color screens, as the online retailer steps up competition with Apple ahead of the holiday shopping season.

Amazon.com Inc. showed off the larger Kindle Fire with a high-definition display amid expectations that Apple Inc. will introduce a smaller iPad as early as next week.

The larger Fires will have screens that measure 8.9 inches diagonally, compared with 9.7 inches for the iPad. The original Fire had 7-inch screens. The basic version of the larger Fire will sell for $299, or $100 less than the cheapest iPad.

"It's very clear today that there are two names in the market for tablets. One is Amazon and one is Apple," said Carolina Milanesi, research vice president at Gartner.

Seven out of every 10 tablets sold in the second quarter were iPads, according to IHS iSuppli. Tablets using Google's Android operating system have not been able to carve out a significant stake. Amazon is trying to change that with the new Fires, which run a modified version of Android.

Amazon has been selling lower-priced tablets at thin, if any, profit margins to boost sales of digital items from its online store. As a result, it has been able to compete with the iPad on price.

CEO Jeff Bezos said in an interview backstage that Amazon won't lose money on the devices even if customers don't use them to

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TRUE BLUE

Daniel Archuleta *daniela@smdp.com*

Santa Monica City Councilman Kevin McKeown speaks to the crowd Thursday during the grand opening of the Pacific Palisades Democratic Club headquarters on the Third Street Promenade.

Schools put on lockdown

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Editor in Chief

PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITY Students at John Muir Elementary School and Santa Monica Alternative School House were put on lockdown for about half an hour Thursday as police searched for a parolee who was believed to be wanted, authorities said.

Cops set up a perimeter near the 2200 block of Sixth Street around 11 a.m. to search for the suspect, who officers believed was involved in a domestic violence incident.

Officers quickly learned that no crime had occurred and that the parolee was no longer wanted. The lockdown was lifted around 11:35 a.m., Santa Monica police said.

School officials were notified and regular school activities resumed, said Tristan Komlos, principal at John Muir, and Jessica Rishe, principal at SMASH, in an e-mail to parents.

"The lockdown procedure is implemented as a cautionary procedure when students and staff might be unsafe outside of the classrooms," the e-mail stated. "Specifically, all students and staff were directed to remain in their classrooms and the doors were locked. Students and staff are familiar with this procedure as we practice it each school year.

"The lockdown went very smoothly. Both principals checked in with each classroom teacher to monitor that all lockdown procedures were followed as well as reassuring students that they were safe. Again, at no time were students in danger."

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What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Friday, Sept. 7, 2012

Friday night lights
Palisades High School
15777 Bowdoin St., 7 p.m.
Santa Monica High School football visits longtime rival Palisades in what has become a classic Westside matchup. Samohi won last year's meeting, 33-15.

Extended play
Ruskin Group Theatre
3000 Airport Ave., 8 p.m.
The run of "Sideways the Play" has been extended through Sept. 22 due to public demand. The play is based on the book and movie of the same name. It's the story of two friends — Miles and Jack — and their journey across the Santa Ynez wine country. On one last blowout trip before Jack gets married, Miles and Jack must face their uncertain futures, just as soon as they figure out how to survive their chaotic present.
For more information, visit ruskingrouptheatre.com.

Saturday, Sept. 8, 2012

Art's opening day
Bergamot Station
2525 Michigan Ave., times vary
The first Saturday after Labor Day is traditionally a big day in the art world. To note the occasion, galleries often open new exhibitions on that day and Bergamot is following suit. A number of galleries at this arts complex will debut new works by a host of artists. For more information, visit bergamotstation.com.

Pong is on
Third Street Promenade
1300 block, 11 a.m. — 7 p.m.
Test your skill with a paddle as you take on all comers during this one-day ping-pong extravaganza. There will even be giveaways. For more information, call (310) 775-0287.

Mega music
Various Santa Monica venues
Times vary
Innovative American composer John Cage will be the focus of this four-day celebration of his music. Cage 100 spreads concerts out to various venues across Santa Monica with a host of musicians performing. There will also be celebrations across the country. The Santa Monica portion wraps up on Sept. 9. For more information, visit jacarandamusic.org.

Rummaging around
Santa Monica Bay Woman's Club
1210 Fourth St.,
9 a.m. — 3 p.m.
Now's your chance to rummage through the goods from the club's attic and closets to see if something strikes your fancy. There will also be items donated by club members. Funds will go directly to several local charities, including homeless service provider OPCC. For more information, call (310) 570-6100.

Music on the waves
Santa Monica Pier
Saturday is the first installment of the pier's Wake Up With the Waves children's concert series. Every Saturday through Oct. 27 will feature a free show. For more information, call (310) 458-8901.

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Image courtesy Skidmore Contemporary Art Gallery

JUXTAPOSITION: **Artist Kelly Reemtsen's paintings explore the paradoxical state of being female in post-feminist contemporary society.**

Bergamot is buzzing on art world's biggest day

BY KATHY LEONARDO
Special to the Daily Press

BERGAMOT STATION Summer is over, so it's back to school for many and back to the galleries where new exhibitions are opening all over Southern California.

Bergamot Station, a village of distinguished galleries tucked away in an old rail yard off Olympic Boulevard, takes advantage of this ever-popular trend, offering a variety of eclectic shows on one of the biggest nights in the art world — Sept. 8.

"Many galleries slow down during the summer," said Craig Krull of Craig Krull Gallery at Bergamot. "The first Saturday after Labor Day is the traditional start of the fall season for galleries. It's certainly synergistic and fun to kick-off the season this way."

Arrive early, because the art center, located at 2525 Michigan Ave., will be teeming with opening receptions.

Craig Krull Gallery (B-3) holds a reception featuring Michael Light and Pamela Kendall Schiffer. The American West proves to be a worthy subject for photographer Light, as seen from his expansive, large-format camera aerials shot from a micro-light aircraft. In contrast, painter Schiffer tackles the majestic nuance of Yosemite Valley with her feet planted firmly on the ground.

The opening runs from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. For more, visit www.craigkrullgallery.com.

Talisman Fine Art Gallery (A-6) hosts an annual benefit from 2 p.m. until 6 p.m. In support of the nonprofit OPICA, which provides adult date care and caregiver support, the opening will feature live music

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Cleaning up the coast

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

SM BEACH Santa Monica-based environmental watchdog Heal The Bay is looking for a few good men and women to help keep Southern California waters safe, healthy and clean by participating in Coastal Cleanup Day.

Volunteers are needed from all across Los Angeles County on Sept. 15 from 9 a.m. to noon to help pick up cigarette butts, plastic bags, old food containers and other garbage that washes up or is left behind on beaches and banks. Heal the Bay has been mobilizing volunteers since 1990, offering people the chance to make an impact in their communities.

There will be approximately 60 coastal and inland cleanup sites, spanning close to 100 square miles, officials with Heal the Bay said Thursday. No special training or equipment is necessary, however, organizers are encouraging volunteers to go "zero waste" and bring their own buckets, reusable bags and gloves to pick up trash.

Some volunteers can choose to kayak, mountain bike and scuba dive to remove debris from local beaches, rivers, parks and streets.

As part of a global effort, Coastal Cleanup Day volunteers around the world last year collected enough food packaging to get takeout for breakfast, lunch and dinner every day for the next 858 years, according to the Ocean Conservancy, which spearheads Coastal Cleanup Day worldwide each year.

In Los Angeles last year, more than 11,000 volunteers removed 44,000 pounds of debris. An estimated 80 percent of L.A. litter that ends up in the ocean starts out on land, poisoning marine life, spoiling water quality and public health as it wreaks havoc on the ecosystem and local economies, according to Heal the Bay.

In addition to an appearance by luchador Blue Demon, Jr., this year's Coastal Cleanup Day highlights include a cleanup at the historic African-American Bay Street Beach in Santa Monica, sometimes known as the "Inkwell."

The city beach site was a popular hangout for African Americans from the 1920s to the early 1960s, long after racial restrictions on public beaches were invalidated in 1927. Santa Monica Conservancy docents will educate volunteers about the history of the site. Volunteers will also learn about envi-

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All praise is due

Editor:

The Legislature's passage of Senate Bill 1221 to ban the unsporting activity of "hounding" bears and bobcats is a major step in the right direction for wildlife and for all of California.

During these high-tech hunts, packs of radio-collared hounds are let loose in the woods to chase down bears and bobcats, with the chase sometimes lasting for hours. The quarry eventually takes refuge in a tree, only to be shot off the tree branch at point-blank range, or face off with the hounds on the ground. It's not uncommon that the hounds maul the bear or bobcat when they catch them on the ground, even ripping the animal apart.

The bill's author, state Sen. Ted Lieu (D-28th), deserves a special praise for his leadership in shepherding this bill to passage. It was as skillful a case of lawmaking and persuasion as I've ever seen from a state legislator. Now that SB 1221 has passed the legislature, it has one final hurdle left. Please join me in calling Gov. Brown at (916) 445-2841, and urge him to sign SB 1221 into law.

Wayne Pacelle
President and CEO
The Humane Society of the United States

Doubt him

Editor:

Bill Clinton's eloquent, impassioned address at the Democratic National Convention was the highlight of the convention. The audience was thrilled, excited and energized by it.

No doubt many Americans watching the speech on TV were similarly moved. (Though most were watching the Cowboys-Giants game on NBC, which got an 8.7 rating. The DNC coverage scored a pathetic 0.9. Let it not be said that Americans don't have their priorities straight.)

After a prolonged, detailed enumeration of President Obama's many successes in his presidency and assuring us of an even more successful second term, Clinton produced his best gritty squint and told us "I believe that with all my heart."

Who could have doubted him?

Such sincere, compelling rhetoric had not been heard from a politician since then-President Bill Clinton sat alone in a starkly furnished room, looked straight into the camera and finger-wagged to the American people that he "did not have sexual relations with that woman, Miss Lewinsky."

Who could have doubted him?

David Stoughton
Santa Monica

Greed stinks

Editor:

Regarding the letter to the editor on Sept. 4 titled "What's that smell?" It must be the toxic fumes from the endless chain of huge earth-movers, grinding cement trucks, etc., on every artery in that area.

Or perhaps it's the unhealthy grease fumes of GMO and hormone-injected foods from the franchises there. Maybe it's the smell of fear that the mom-and-pop sandwich shop might be feeling that perhaps they will be rubbed out of business by the new chain sandwich shop Subway just one door down.

Chainsaws slaughtering healthy trees in front of City Hall give off noxious odors. But truly it must be the toxic odor of greed spewing out of City Hall.

Louise Steiner
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Walking out there naked

TOMORROW IS THE BIRTHDAY OF ONE of Santa Monica's most beloved native daughters, former tennis star Gertrude "Gussie" Moran. As for how many candles will adorn the cake, it's not gentlemanly to ask a woman. So let's just say Gussie was born during the Roaring '20s. The glamorous era was marked by jazz, "flappers" (women flamboyantly flouting convention), art deco, idolized sports heroes and movie stars. (In a way, Gussie was both.)

The Roaring '20s is a perfect term for the beautiful and adventuresome Gussie. Unquestionably, Gussie's most outlandish "roar" took place in 1949 at Wimbledon. A fan of fashion, she wanted to make a bold statement. Instead, she shocked the world. Well, at least the tennis world. But I'm getting ahead of myself.

Gussie's Santa Monica childhood was idyllic. Open and undeveloped, our picturesque city was even more of a paradise then than now. Free-spirited, Gussie was tanned and tall with long legs and a natural athlete, especially in tennis, a sport of high society.

Her father was a sound technician at Universal Studios. Gussie even worked as an extra in movies and her tennis group enjoyed Sunday soirees at Charlie Chaplin's Hollywood Hills mansion. (Gussie once had lunch alone with Mr. Chaplin, an avid tennis player.)

The Morans lived in a palatial Queen Anne-style Victorian home at 1323 Ocean Ave., which was built by her grandfather in 1870! Just south of the Shangri-la Hotel, today it's used as elegant office space.

Ocean Avenue was a parade of artistic Victorian homes and Gussie's was among the most beautiful. (There used to be a plaque on the wall acknowledging Gussie's contribution to Santa Monica, but it's disappeared.)

But paradise changed with WW II. When Gussie was 17, her older brother was declared missing in action. Devastated, Gussie worked at Douglas Aircraft in Ocean Park (like the cultural icon, "Rosie the Riveter" who represented women toiling in factories to support the war effort). Gussie also joined USO tours to California hospitals and military bases.

After the war, Gussie was one of the best (and most attractive) female tennis players in the country. She was the epitome of a fun-loving and adventure-seeking Southern California beauty, a liberated woman before her time. And 1949 was a great year as, coached by the legendary Bill Tilden, she won the Triple Crown at the U.S. indoors: singles, ladies doubles and mixed doubles with tennis great Pancho Gonzalez. Which brings us to perhaps the most publicized Wimbledon before or since.

In anticipation of her appearance at the All England Club, Gussie exchanged letters about her outfit with Wimbledon host and innovative fashion designer, Teddy Tinling. She wanted each sleeve to be a different color and the skirt to be a third. But Wimbledon insisted on white clothes only, so the daring Tinling designed an ensemble that complied with the rule but would knock the tennis world on its collective fanny.

GERTRUDE 'GUSSIE' MORAN

Gussie's dress was so short that her ruffled lace knickers might be visible during a match. And sure enough, on June 20, when Gussie strolled onto the hallowed Centre Court, her knickers peeked out below the hem of her dress.

The stuffy All England Club was mortified. But photographers lay flat on the ground to catch the most risqué shots of Gussie's powerhouse serve (and knickers.) The story "went viral" around the globe, but not without a price for Gussie.

High society considered the outfit "vulgar" and "sinful." As Gussie lamented, "I couldn't have caused more of a stir if I was walking out there naked." (Which is the title of a proposed book about Gussie's flamboyant life.)

Afterwards, Gussie was forever known as "Gorgeous" Gussie. A ship was named after her. So was a play. And a racehorse. Gussie would become a professional tennis player, travel the world, host a TV sports show on KNBC in Los Angeles, become a sportscaster at WMGM in New York City, and even appear in the hit Hepburn/Tracy movie "Pat and Mike."

It's said that in every life a little rain must fall. Gussie had her share of storms, including three failed marriages. In 1970 she was on a Vietnam USO tour when her helicopter was shot down, giving her broken and dislocated bones. But the worst blow came with her mother's death in 1977 and Gussie eventually lost the beloved family home.

Philosophic, Gussie is still high spirited as she reflects on the ups and downs of her rich life. She lives in a Hollywood apartment with three cats. But she has the sweet memories of two other great loves in her life, tennis and Santa Monica.

From all of us to you, happy birthday, Gussie!

The Santa Monica City Council issued an official commendation in honor of Gussie's birthday while **JACK'S** determined to get that plaque, detailing how Gussie brought fame to Santa Monica, back on the former Moran house. He can be reached at jnsmdp@aol.com.

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CONTRACT
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Board issued compliance orders against Bonus Car Wash, accusing them of groundwater pollution issues caused by runoff from their facility.

Lincoln Boulevard Car Wash received similar condemnations, but has a work plan in place to deal with the violations, Patterson said.

Neither Lincoln Boulevard Car Wash nor Bonus Car Wash have any known labor violations.

The decision comes at the end of almost a year of back and forth in the courts and media between car wash companies and their low-wage employees.

Bonus Car Wash workers succeeded in joining the United Steelworkers union with the help of the CLEAN Car Wash Campaign, guaranteeing themselves protections for wage increases, health and safety protections, grievance and arbitration procedures and protections for workers if the car wash was sold.

In January 2012, California Attorney General Kamala Harris announced a $1 million settlement between the owners of eight car washes, including Bonus Car Wash, and the state in which owners were accused of underpaying workers and violating labor laws.

That lawsuit was filed in 2010 after investigators with the Attorney General's Office interviewed more than 80 workers who said the car washes denied them minimum wage and overtime, failed to pay wages to those who quit or were fired, denied rest and meal breaks and falsified work records.

As the stories continued to circulate, Mayor Pro Tem Gleam Davis and councilmembers Terry O'Day and Kevin McKeown called on staff to take a closer look at the companies that washed city vehicles to make sure they were complying with federal and state laws and regulations regarding working conditions and wages.

McKeown, the first person to get his car washed at the newly-unionized Bonus, wrote in an e-mail that he hoped Bonus Car Wash would be able to overcome its environmental problems by the time the contract was up for renewal.

"We all want clean car washes, and that means both environmentally clean and with a clean labor record," McKeown wrote. "I'm proud we in Santa Monica have the first union car wash in the country, and hope that when our contracts next come up for renewal that Bonus has fixed their runoff problem and can wash our city cars with union workers."

Neidi Dominguez, a strategic campaign coordinator with the CLEAN Car Wash Campaign, said that her organization hoped City Hall would contract with companies that are fair to their workers.

"That's important to us, and we'll continue to encourage the city to contract with those people where workers have a system in place to get their voices heard and better their work conditions," Dominguez said.

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with Tom Gramlich and the Mystic Miles.

The exhibition will showcase works created by OPICA members afflicted by Alzheimer's Disease and dementia. Original works created at OPICA will be available for sale, with all profits going directly back into their art program. For more information, visit talismanfineartgallery.com and www.opica.org.

Skidmore Contemporary Art Gallery (D-2) offers a brilliant exhibition with a tongue-in-cheek look at the pre-conceived idea of the role of the woman based on the 1950s television stereotype. Artist Kelly Reemtsen allows a glimpse into this nostalgic memory of the perfect wife and mother wielding a blunt instrument. The exhibition will be on view until Oct. 6, with the reception taking place from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. www.skidmorecontemporaryart.com.

Be sure to visit Track 16 (C-1) for the final shindig since the gallery is losing its lease due to the impending Expo Light Rail project. Track 16 celebrates the release of the book "WE GOT P0WER! Hardcore Punk Scenes From 1980s Southern California," by David Markey and Jordan Schwartz. This event will occur in conjunction with an opening reception for the exhibition that shares the same name. track16.com.

Finally, CoproGallery (T-5) offers a late night opening reception starting at 8 p.m. and running until 11:30 p.m. The eighth annual BLAB exhibition will feature art from the book, set to be released next year. It features "The Hereafter," a 50-page section of artists interpreting the afterlife.

"[I]t's a fun exhibit," Copro Gallery Curator Gary Pressman said. "We expect 2,000 people shuffling in and out of the gallery throughout the day and evening."

Other Bergamot galleries scheduled to have openings on Sept. 8 are The Schomburg Gallery (3 p.m. to 7 p.m.) www.schomburggallery.com; dnj Gallery (5 p.m. to 7 p.m.) www.dnjgallery.net; The Robert Berman Gallery (6 p.m. to 9 p.m.) www.robertbermangallery.com; just to name a few.

With Bergamot Station right around the corner, it's a great night to experience the scene on the biggest art night of the year.

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The Q Line

Paying to play

The City Council asked planners to take a look at a new fee intended to make getting around Santa Monica easier, but some say it's particularly hard on small businesses.

So, this week's Q-Line question asks:
Do you think it's fair for City Hall to ask for more to fund transportation projects even if it makes doing business in the city that much more expensive?

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

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 29, AT 8:40 P.M.,
Santa Monica police officers were on routine patrol in the area of Lincoln and Santa Monica boulevards when they saw three people sitting on the curb. Officers said one of the three was holding a beer can. Officers approached the man, who admitted to being on probation. Officers searched him and found a set of headphones in their original packaging inside his socks. Other items officers believed to have been stolen from a nearby CVS pharmacy were also in his possession, police said. Officers detained him and went to the CVS at 1411 Lincoln Blvd. to check surveillance footage. Officers said footage confirmed that the suspect had been in the store and concealed several items. The man was booked for burglary, receiving stolen property and a probation violation. He was identified as Richard Bailey, 23, of Inglewood, Calif. No bail was set.

MONDAY, AUG. 27, AT 10:06 A.M.,
Officers responded to the intersection of 31st Street and Ocean Park Boulevard regarding a traffic collision that had just occurred involving a suspected drunk driver who allegedly rear-ended another vehicle. When officers arrived, they made contact with the two drivers involved. Officers said the driver of a Toyota Tundra staggered as he walked toward officers, almost falling into the street. He allegedly exhibited other signs of being intoxicated. He admitted to taking prescription drugs that morning and to drinking the night before. Officers said he failed field sobriety tests and was placed under arrest for DUI. Officers searched him and said they found several prescription pills on him that he did not have a prescription for. He was ultimately booked for possession of a controlled substance and driving under the influence. He was identified as Bret David Harrison, 52, of Santa Monica. His bail was set at $15,000.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 29, AT 5:40 P.M.,
Officers responded to the Rite-Aid located on the 2400 block of Pico Boulevard regarding a report of a theft that had just occurred. When officers arrived, they made contact with store security who said that a man walked into the store with a backpack and went straight to the liquor aisle. While there the man allegedly selected a bottle of wine and placed it inside his backpack. He then left without paying for it. Security tried to detain the suspect, but he pushed a guard away and pulled out the wine bottle and threw it at them. The suspect than ran into the street and began yelling at passing cars before returning to the store to yell at security and customers. The suspect was detained inside Virginia Avenue Park, identified by security and placed under arrest for robbery and public intoxication. He was identified as Fatu Fatu, 39, a transient. His bail was set at $50,000.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 29, AT 10:21 P.M.,
Officers responded to Sephora located on the Third Street Promenade regarding a report of a robbery in progress. When officers arrived, they saw store employees violently struggling with a woman. Officers intervened and detained the suspect. The store manager said the suspect took cosmetics off the shelves, took them out of their boxes and hid them in her purse. She then purchased other items. When she was confronted at the exit by employees who wanted to check her purse, the suspect allegedly refused and tried to run. When employees grabbed her, she allegedly began kicking them. Another employee was bitten. Officers said they found $250 worth of merchandise in the woman's purse and placed the suspect under arrest for robbery. She was identified as Erin Chan, 26, of Rancho Palos Verdes, Calif. Her bail was set at $50,000.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 29, AT 11:27 P.M.,
Officers responded to the corner of Second Street and Broadway regarding a man fighting with a taxi cab driver. When officers arrived, they made contact with the two men. The taxi driver said he went to pick up the customer, who asked for the driver to put his backseat down to accommodate the man's bicycle. While in the process of doing so, the customer allegedly reached into the front seat and took the driver's cell phone and tried to ride off with it. The driver grabbed the bike and would not let go. A fight ensued. Officers placed the cyclist under arrest for robbery after finding the driver's cell phone in the suspect's jacket pocket. The suspect was identified as Zachary Blake, 27, of Los Angeles. His bail was set at $50,000.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 1, AT 1:22 A.M.,
Officers were driving south on the 2300 block of Ocean Avenue in a police car equipped with an automated license plate reader. The reader hit on a license plate that belonged to a stolen Jeep Rubicon. Officers stopped and drove up to the Jeep, at which point they saw a man hop out of the passenger's seat and start running toward the beach. A search of the beach was conducted using several officers, harbor guards and an LAPD helicopter. The suspect was not found. About an hour later dispatch received several calls that there was a prowler on the 2100 block of Ocean Avenue. Officers set up a perimeter and after several minutes the suspect ran onto Neilson Way. He was taken into custody without incident. The officers who spotted the stolen Jeep positively identified the suspect as the man who ran from them. He was placed under arrest for grand theft auto and resisting arrest. He was identified as Gilbert Rodriguez, 40, a transient. His bail was set at $35,000.

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FIRE
FROM PAGE 1

buy digital content from its online store.

"We want people to buy content from the device, sure," he said. "We're fine if they don't."

The basic, 7-inch Fire model will cost $159, down from $199 for the original model, which sold out last month. Amazon says it is 40 percent faster, comes with twice the memory and has a longer battery life than the old version. It will start shipping next Friday.

"I want one," BGC Partners analyst Colin Gillis said about the $159 Kindle Fire. "It's a great price, and it's certainly not something that's going to be making money for them initially. It's great for consumers. How great a business strategy (it is) for Amazon remains to be seen."

Amazon's bread-and-butter is not its Kindle gadgets but the movies, books and music that people consume through them. By contrast, Apple sees content sales as a sideline and wants to make a healthy profit on every device sold. For example, the cheapest iPad costs $399 and the most recent models start at $499.

But Amazon signaled Thursday that it is going head-to-head with Apple when it unveiled its high-end Kindle Fire HD. It will have two Wi-Fi channels and two internal antennas for faster, smoother transfers. That will be crucial for high-definition movies and other large files, Bezos told reporters.

The HD model will also have more storage, starting at 16 gigabytes (the same as the iPad), compared with 8 GB for the old Fire. About 2 GB is taken by the Fire's operating system.

An 8.9-inch model will go for $299 and start shipping Nov. 20. That means a device nearly as big as the iPad will sell for at least $100 less. A 7-inch HD model will sell for $199, starting next Friday. Movies will play in 720p on the 7-inch model and 1080p on the larger one.

The Fire, however, won't have as extensive a selection of apps as the iPad. In addition, while the HD models will have a front-facing camera for video chats, the iPad has one on the rear as well for taking photos and video.

A premium Kindle Fire HD model, one with the ability to connect to the 4G cellular networks that phone companies are building, will cost $499. It will come with 32 gigabytes of memory and an 8.9-inch screen. A data plan with AT&T will cost $50 a year and come with a cap of 250 megabytes per month. Apple's 4G iPads with 32 GB cost $729, not including data plans with AT&T or Verizon Wireless.

Baird analyst Colin Sebastian said Thursday's event showed that at the end of the day, Amazon is a "legitimate competitor in the tablet market."

"They did at least enough to compete against Apple and against Google this year," he said. That said, Sebastian added that he wouldn't worry about Apple.

"I'd worry about the other Android tablets," he said.

Google, for one, has a 7-inch Android tablet called the Nexus 7. Samsung Electronics Co., which outsold Apple in smartphones this year, also makes Android tablets under the Galaxy line. Barnes & Noble Inc. has the Nook Tablet, which also runs on a modified Android system.

Amazon also refreshed its line of stand-alone e-readers. Called Paperwhite, the new e-reader model has a black-and-white screen and comes with a light source.

Tablets such as the iPad and the Fire don't work as well in bright light because they are lit from the back. Bezos says the light on the Paperwhite is directed down at the display. The device promises eight weeks of battery

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life, even with the light on.

It costs $119 and starts shipping Oct. 1. Amazon says it will start taking orders Thursday. There's also a model with 3G cellular connections for $179. The Seattle-based retailer is also dropping the price of its low-end Kindle to $69, from $79. That will start shipping next Friday.

With the Paperwhite, Amazon "proved that there is still value in the uni-functional device," Gartner's Milanesi said. But, she added, it has to be cheaper than the rest.

Amazon's stock jumped $5.16, or 2.1 percent, to close Thursday at $251.38. Earlier in the day, it hit a record high of $252.70.

CLEANUP
FROM PAGE 3

ronmental concerns at Bay Street Beach.

The first 100 people who volunteer at that site will receive a free ticket to the Jazz for the Environment Concert at EarthFest L.A. 2012 at 2 p.m. in Culver City at West L.A. College.

Those who want to get a little exercise in while cleaning up the environment have plenty of options.

Scuba-certified divers will get a chance to clear underwater debris at dive sites at Leo Carrillo State Beach, Redondo Beach and the Santa Monica and Malibu piers. Kayakers are welcome to join the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission for a kayak cleanup in Marina del Rey, with registration required.

New for 2012 is a mountain bike site, co-sponsored by Mountains Restoration Trust, where cyclists can help haul out junk from an area in the Malibu Creek Watershed that's difficult to reach on foot.

An online map of all cleanup sites with registration information can be found at www.healthebay.org/ccd2012.

In addition there will be three Code Red cleanup sites this year. Huge swaths of Los Angeles County drain to these highly urbanized sites, which are swamped with tons of harmful trash and debris, such as plastic bags, organizers said. Volunteers can make a huge impact at these "Code Red" locations, which this year include: Dominguez Channel (Artesia Transit Center and Wilmington Marinas) and Ken Malloy Harbor Regional Park.

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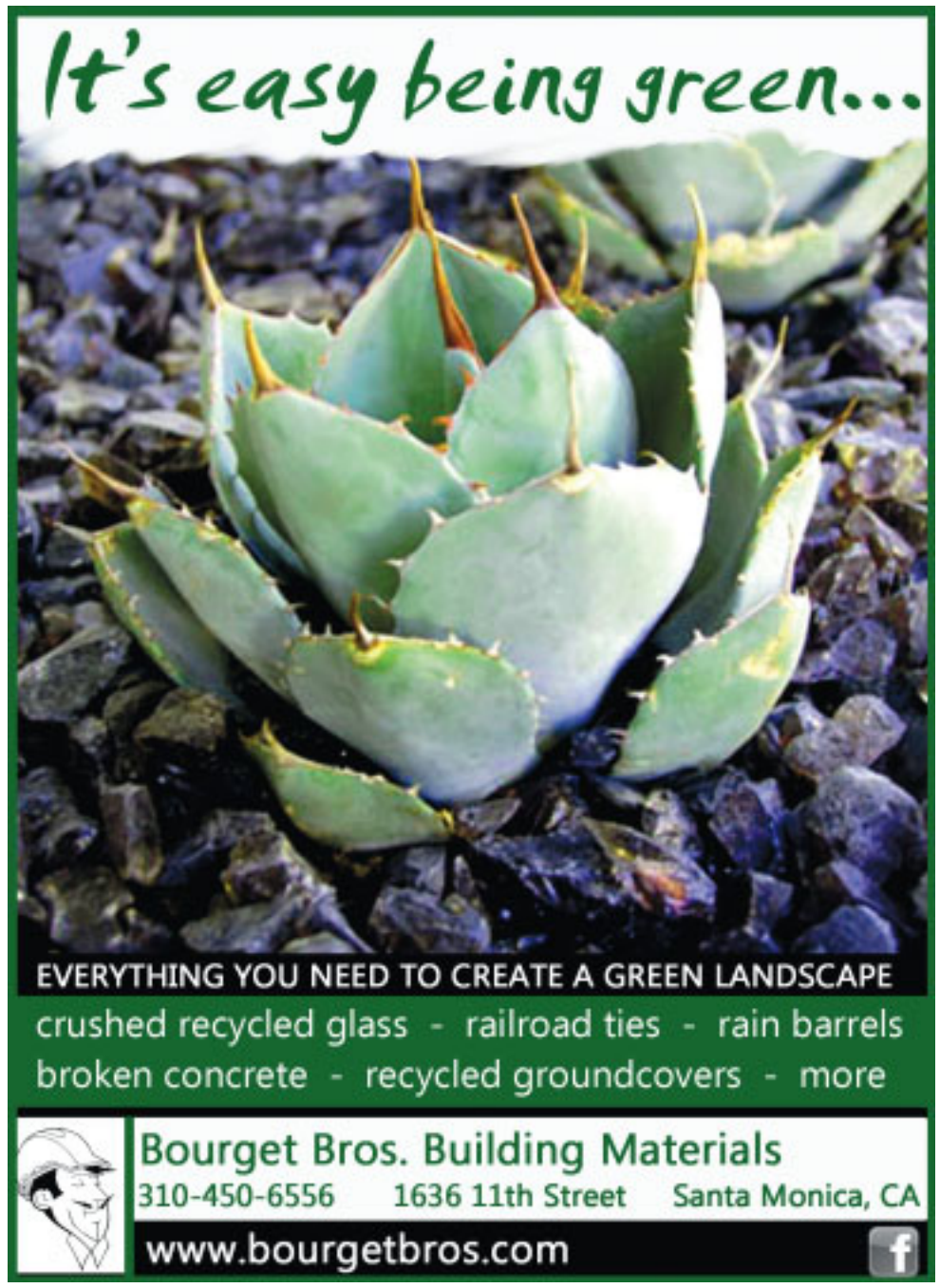

Suspects sought after Hollywood-style bank heist

GREG RISLING
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES Authorities investigating a bizarre bank heist on Thursday searched the home of a bank manager who was told to strap what she believed was a bomb to her midsection and was forced to order employees to "take out all the money" from her branch.

Two masked gunmen got away with an undisclosed amount of cash from the Bank of America when it opened Wednesday morning, but no one was injured in the robbery. No arrests had been made as of Thursday afternoon.

Boxes of evidence were removed from the bank employee's home, according to Lt. Neal Mongan of Huntington Park police, whose detectives are leading the kidnapping portion of the probe.

The bank manager was snatched in front of her home Wednesday morning, said sheriff's Capt. Mike Parker. She arrived at her workplace wearing the device.

"She was told that it was explosives and she was ordered to go into the bank and take out all the money," Parker said. "She did do that in fear for her life."

A Los Angeles County sheriff's bomb squad disabled the device, but investigators said it wasn't an explosive.

She ordered her fellow employees to remove the cash from the bank and it was thrown to the men who were waiting outside, authorities said. Parker would only say there was "a decent amount" of money at the bank and the manager did enter the safe.

The two men, who were armed with handguns and wore ski masks, took off in a two-door car and remain at large.

Parker said the woman remained inside the bank until a bomb squad arrived and removed the device from her body. The bomb squad later disabled the item with a robot. Nearby businesses were evacuated for a few hours as a precaution.

Investigators initially said they didn't believe the manager knew the robbers but they have conducted interviews to ensure she wasn't connected to the crime.

Authorities haven't said how the bank manager was targeted by the robbers. Investigators are trying to determine if there were any video surveillance cameras that captured the incident. They added that no further information about the bank video or 911 calls were being released.

Southern California has long been a target for bank robbers. Its most infamous heist was the televised shootout between Los Angeles police and two gunman wearing body armor in 1997. Both robbers were killed.

The area saw a three-decade low in bank robberies last year, tallying more than 280 across seven counties. In 1992, there were more than 2,600.

Using a bank manager to rob their own business is rare, authorities said, let alone strap a purported explosive device to an unwilling victim.

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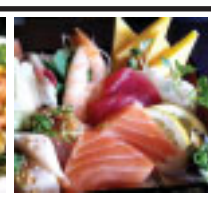
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SUBJECT: A Public Hearing will be held by the Planning Commission on the following:

Appeal 12-002 of Variance 11-025; 614 Grant Street. The appellant requests an appeal of the Zoning Administrator's decision to deny a proposed roof deck and associated railing to extend above the building height limitation of the Ocean Park (OP-2) Zoning District. [Planner: Dennis Banks] **Applicant: Eva Sobesky, EIS Studio. Property Owner: Earnest and Sandra Spath.**

The Planning Commission will continue their study session on Community Benefits, focusing on Tier 2 projects and related issues for the revised Zoning Ordinance, with presentation by consultant Vivian Kahn from Dyett & Bhatia. The study session began on August 22, 2012. [Staff: Jory Phillips]

WHEN: **Wednesday, September 19, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.**

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

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, Rapid 3, #7, and #9 service the City Hall and the Civic Center. 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.

ESPAÑOL
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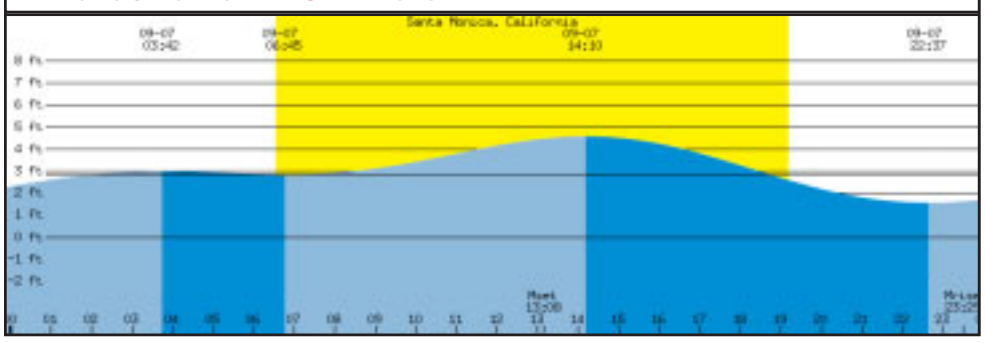

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QUICK STATS (for the last 30 days)

- Number of sewage spills -- 1
- Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0
- Number of wet days -- 8
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 36 / 16
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 0 / 10

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LOCATION	DRY	WET
Leo Carrillo 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 Los Alisos creeks.	ns	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 Blocker County Beach.	A	ns
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth.	A+	ns
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 21672 Malibu Rd.	A+	ns
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	ns
Surfrider Beach (breach location) - daily.	A	ns
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	F	ns
Corbon 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 Los Tunas County Beach.	A+	ns
Tuna Canyon.	ns	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 17208 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	A	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence.	A	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain.	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain.	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua).	A+	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain.	A+	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain.	A	ns
Santa Monica Municipal Pier.	A	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain.	A+	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms).	A+	ns
Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain.	A+	ns
Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain.	A+	ns
Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain.	A+	ns
Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain.	A+	ns
Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south.	A+	ns
Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St.	A+	ns
Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach - lifeguard tower.	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 CBW jetty).	A+	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain.	A+	ns
Dockweiler Beach- opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant.	A+	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain.	A+	ns

LEGEND

DRY -- each location is graded on an A – F scale based on bacterial pollution levels present in the surf zone

WET -- grades for days of recorded rainfall and the following 3 days

ns -- no sample taken

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Community Workshop

PARKING & CIRCULATION

ZONING ORDINANCE UPDATE

The **City of Santa Monica** is pleased to announce another Zoning Ordinance Update community-wide workshop. This workshop will focus on how regulations related to parking and transportation demand management can work with other City transportation activities to enhance neighborhood character, improve quality of life, and achieve the Citywide sustainability objectives.

WHEN: THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 20th
Open House 6:30-8:30 PM

WHERE: CIVIC AUDITORIUM, EAST WING
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Please join us at this meeting to discuss:

- **BACKGROUND:** How do parking regulations in the Zoning Ordinance affect the Land Use and Circulation Element vision for transportation in Santa Monica?
- **INNOVATIVE PARKING SOLUTIONS:** What tools are available to make automobile parking work better for Santa Monica? What has been successful in other similar communities?
- **ADVANCING SUSTAINABILITY:** What other transportation-related programs and activities are happening in Santa Monica to lessen our impact on the environment?

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MOVIE TIMES

Aero Theatre
1328 Montana Ave.
(310) 260-1528

Pepe Le Moko (NR) 1hr 34min
Touchez Pas Au Grisbi (NR) 1hr 28min
7:30pm
Presented in association with Film Forum, L'Institut Francais and the Cultural Services of the French Embassy.

AMC Loews Broadway 4
1441 Third Street Promenade
(888) 262-4386

Moonrise Kingdom (PG-13) 1hr 33min
11:55am, 2:30pm, 4:55pm, 7:20pm, 10:00pm

For A Good Time, Call... (R) 1hr 26min
11:50am, 2:00pm, 4:20pm, 7:00pm, 9:30pm

Branded (R) 1hr 46min
11:45am, 2:25pm, 5:00pm, 7:35pm, 10:10pm

2016: Obama's America (PG) 1hr 29min
11:45am, 2:10pm, 4:40pm, 7:15pm, 9:45pm

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

Bourne Legacy (PG-13) 2hrs 15min
12:45pm, 4:05pm, 7:10pm, 10:15pm

Expendables 2 (R) 1hr 42min
11:30am, 2:15pm, 5:00pm, 7:40pm, 10:20pm

Expendables 2 (R) 1hr 42min
11:30am, 2:15pm, 5:00pm, 7:40pm, 10:20pm

Campaign (R) 1hr 37min
11:45am, 2:10pm, 4:40pm, 7:10pm, 9:40pm

Dark Knight Rises (PG-13) 2hrs 44min
9:45pm

Dark Knight Rises (PG-13) 2hrs 44min
11:15am, 2:45pm, 6:15pm

Odd Life of Timothy Green (PG) 1hr 40min
11:30am, 2:05pm, 4:35pm, 7:20pm, 10:00pm

Lawless (R) 1hr 55min
11:20am, 2:00pm, 4:55pm, 7:45pm, 10:30pm

Words (PG-13) 1hr 36min
11:55am, 2:30pm, 5:10pm, 8:00pm, 10:30pm

Laemmle's Monica Fourplex
1332 Second St.
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Intouchables (R) 1hr 52min
1:40pm, 4:30pm, 7:30pm, 10:10pm

Inbetweeners (R) 1hr 36min
1:50pm, 4:20pm, 7:10pm, 9:55pm

Chicken With Plums (Poulet aux prunes) (PG-13) 1hr 30min
1:00pm, 3:10pm, 5:30pm, 7:50pm, 10:10pm

Beasts of the Southern Wild (PG-13) 1hr 31min
1:00pm, 3:20pm, 5:40pm, 8:00pm, 10:15pm

AMC Criterion 6
1313 Third St.
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Premium Rush (PG-13) 1hr 31min
11:45am, 2:20pm, 4:50pm, 7:30pm, 10:00pm

Bourne Legacy (PG-13) 2hrs 15min
11:40am, 2:50pm, 6:15pm, 9:30pm

Possession (R) 1hr 31min
11:50am, 2:20pm, 4:55pm, 7:40pm, 10:10pm

Cold Light of Day (PG-13) 1hr 33min
11:55am, 2:30pm, 5:10pm, 7:50pm, 10:15pm

ParaNorman (PG) 1hr 33min
11:45am, 5:00pm, 10:15pm

Hope Springs (PG-13) 2hrs 01min
11:40am, 2:10pm, 4:45pm, 7:30pm, 10:05pm

ParaNorman 3D (PG) 1hr 33min
2:25pm, 7:45pm

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Read between the lines, Libra

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★★ You have a lot to say, and others seem to listen carefully. A gesture is well-intended, but unfortunately it results in confusion and uproar. You might scratch your head and wonder how this situation could have happened. Tonight: Catching up on a friend's news.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ You could be unusually possessive. You also might wonder what you need to do in order to secure a relationship or situation. The issue is not how to handle the discomfort in your favor, but how to root out your insecurity. Tonight: Your treat.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ You are capable of beaming in exactly what you want. Do not let someone add confusion and throw you off your mission. Others respond to your efforts, especially a roommate or family member. Tonight: All smiles.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★ You might feel out of kilter. You cannot change how you feel, but you could decide to spend less time around people who could be quite dominating. You will need some time to revitalize and think. Tonight: Vanish ... hopefully for a good reason.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★★ Listen to friends and/or associates. You will get many different perspectives. Your sense of direction will help you create a greater sense of well-being. You could lock on to someone's ideas. Trust your judgment that you are making the correct choice. Tonight: Time for fun.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Take charge and clear out errands. A partner or associate seems to be in another world; therefore, you must run with the ball on your own. Someone you look up makes a difference in your life. Tonight: A force to be dealt with.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Keep reaching out for others who you care about enormously. Your creativity emerges with someone who often touches your daily life. You might want to reorganize your day and go with impulsiveness. Tonight: Read between the lines.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★★ You work best on a one-on-one level with others right now. When in groups, you might not be able to express what you are thinking. An unusual financial opportunity could come out of left field. Be prepared to jump on it. Tonight: Talk over munchies.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ You might want to rethink plans, especially as the apple of your eye makes a significant gesture toward you. You might decide to take off for a special weekend out of the blue. Good will seems to surround you. Tonight: Do the unexpected.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Your focus remains on finishing tasks, despite distractions. You will enjoy the weekend far more and have a better time. Someone close to you in your daily life reveals the depth of his or her feelings. You could feel quite touched. Tonight: Do what comes naturally.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ Try as you might, you could have difficulty staying on task, especially if it has to do with anything except the upcoming weekend. You need time off from your routine to continue being creative and vibrant. Tonight: Be a wild thing.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ If you can stay close to home and do what you enjoy, most certainly make those plans. An offer comes to you as a result of your own positive attitude. Do not give credit to anyone else. Tonight: Order in. Get cozy.

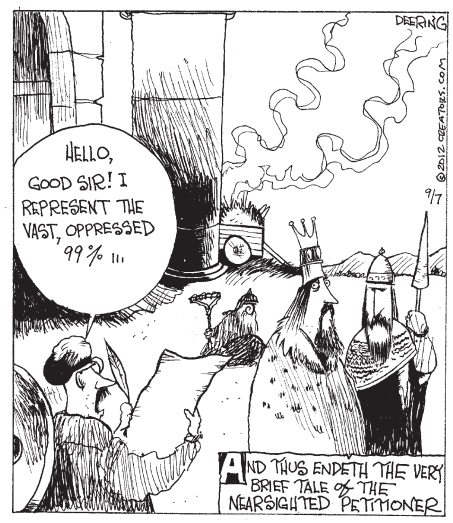
Happy birthday

This year you tend to overthink. You could let that habit run rampant in your life, but know that talking and thinking will prevent you from feeling. Opportunities come to you when you're out and about, whether you are involved in a community cause or working at your job. You get lucky in these situations. If you are single, you could meet someone who also overthinks. This trait reveals that there is a deep bond between you. You know how to build each other up. If you are attached, you relate far better, as you both commit to a mutual interest. You start enjoying being out and about more as a couple. GEMINI could use logic against you, even if you are extremely sensible.

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

Speed Bump
By Dave Coverly

Strange Brew
By John Deering



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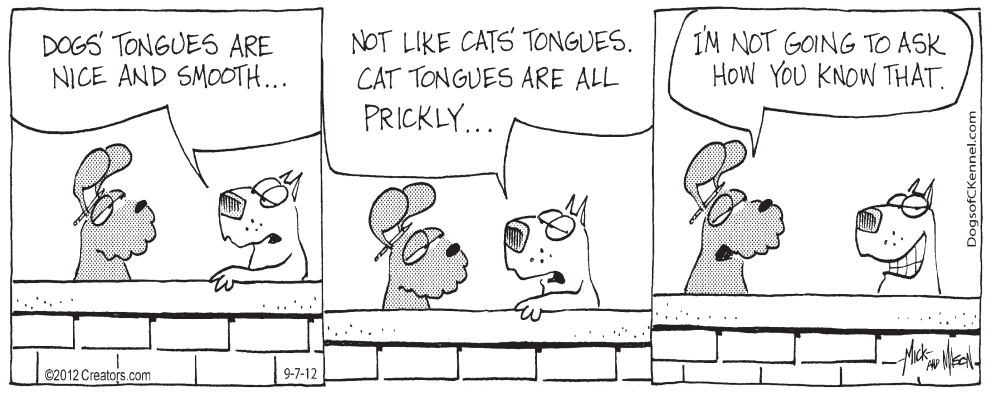
By Mick and Mason Mastroianni



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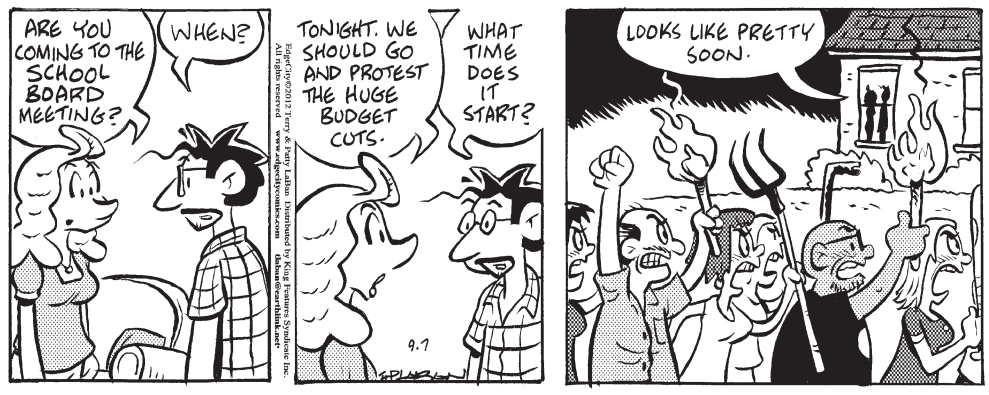
By Terry & Patty LaBan



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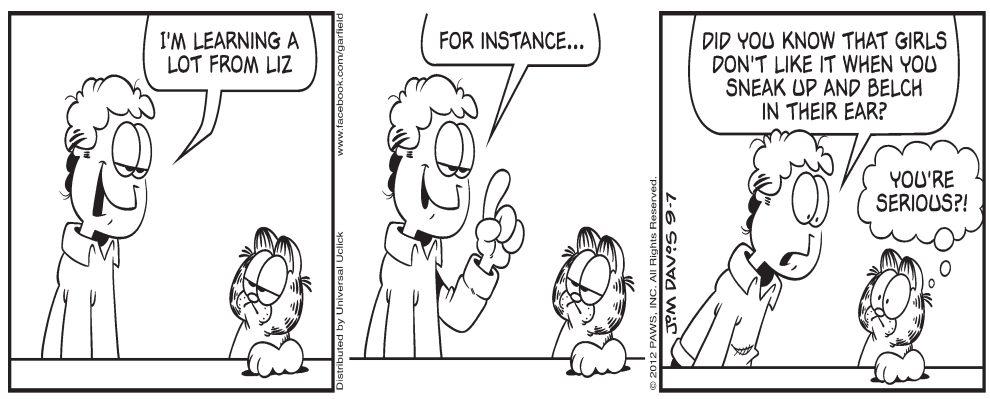

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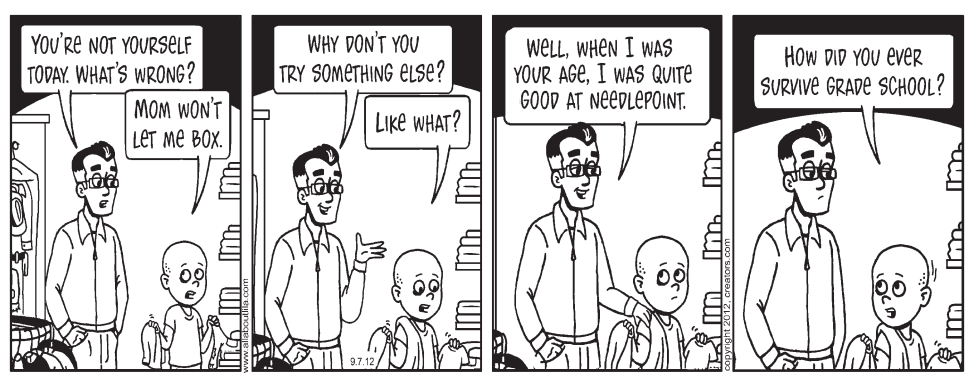

Sudoku

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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	4						2	
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3				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

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

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CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Goofs off
6 Leaflet
11 Game leader
12 Happen again
13 Doled
14 "Back in the Saddle Again" singer
15 Boxing great
16 Deodorant targets
18 Cal. neighbor
19 Carpet feature
20 Horse healer
21 Hearty dish
23 Taxi part
25 Singer Damone
27 Twice uno
28 Sub system
30 Sunday seats
33 Movie computer
34 Potential pipe
36 Squealer
37 Hooch
39 Compete
40 Barrel piece
41 Full of energy
43 Principle
44 More pleasant
45 Smells
46 Role for Cooper

DOWN

1 French race site
2 Brunch dish
3 Mauna Loa, e.g.
4 Charge
5 Car type
6 Walked heavily
7 Go in for another hitch
8 Military duty
9 Less wordy
10 Secret meeting
17 Zodiac animal
22 Take the prize
24 Acme
26 Seals of approval
28 Like some nuts
29 Milne youngster
31 Set aside
32 Takes the helm
33 Must
35 Insipid
38 Finished
42 Tell tales

S	L	A	T	■	■	S	C	O	F	F
P	O	L	O	■	S	H	A	N	I	A
U	N	D	O	■	T	A	L	E	N	T
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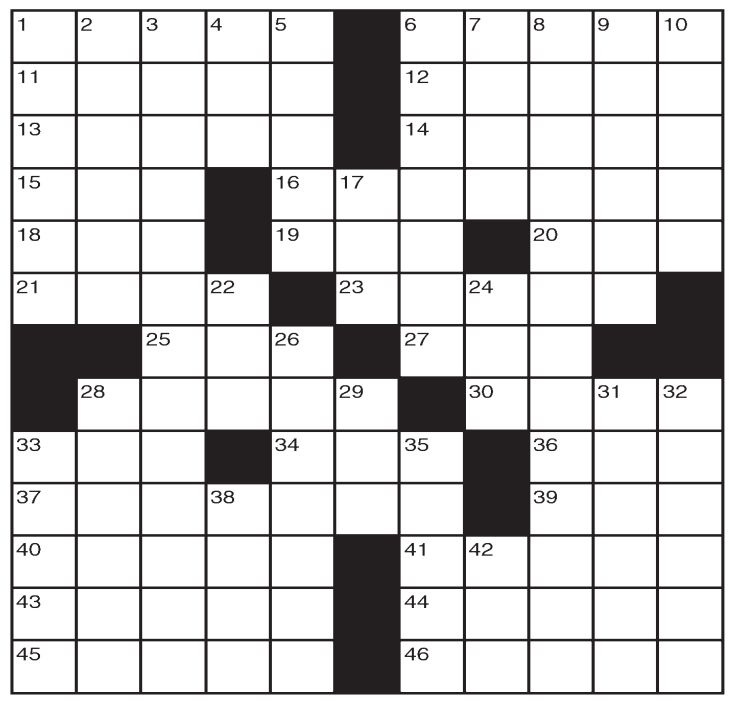

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DAILY LOTTERY

MEGA MILLIONS
Draw Date: 9/4
16 32 39 41 53
Meganumber: 16
Jackpot: $105M

SUPER LOTTO PLUS
Draw Date: 9/5
5 10 12 20 29
Meganumber: 25
Jackpot: $19M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 9/6
5 7 14 18 22

DAILY 3
Draw Date: 9/6
MIDDAY: 4 6 3
EVENING: 7 2 0

SANTA ANITA DERBY
Draw Date: 9/6
1st: 01 Gold Rush
2nd: 04 Big Ben
3rd: 09 Winning Spirit
RACE TIME: 1:42.56

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Dennis Brown, 55, was arrested in August in Tyler, Texas, after police saw him taking pictures, surreptitiously, of women and high school girls near Robert E. Lee High School. Since people in public spaces generally have no legal expectation of privacy, Brown could not normally be charged with a crime. However, Brown admitted to police that the mundane photos of the clothed women were for his sexual enjoyment. He was perhaps unaware of a Texas Penal Code provision that requires consent for any type of photo of another person if it is for "sexual gratification" (a motive that, regarding ordinary photographs, is nearly impossible to prove -- unless the accused volunteers it).

■ Problems of the First World: Third World teenagers often must deal with conscription, sweatshop labor and life as street beggars, but in affluent New York City (according to a June report in The New York Times), a major anxiety of teen and almost-teen girls is having to endure sleepaway summer camp with hairy legs. Said celebrity makeup designer Bobbi Brown, "If she's going to be in a bunk with all these girls," and "insecure" about lip or leg hair, "You do whatever you can do to make her feel good." (Seemingly drawing on the Times story, Uni K Waxing of New York City announced a July-only special -- with girls 15 and under receiving a 50 percent discount on bikini-waxing.)

TODAY IN HISTORY

1921 - In Atlantic City, New Jersey, the first Miss America Pageant, a two-day event, is held.

1921 - Legion of Mary is founded in Dublin, Ireland.

1927 - The first fully electronic television system is achieved by Philo Taylor Farnsworth.

WORD UP!

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