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THE SAY HI TO THE NEW GUY ISSUE

Man accused of rape, murder to stand trial

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Editor-in-Chief

LAX COURTHOUSE A homeless man accused of raping and strangling two women in Santa Monica less than two years apart was ordered Thursday to stand trial on murder charges.

Los Angeles County prosecutors said a judge found sufficient evidence to require Edric Dashell Gross, 48, to proceed to trial following a preliminary hearing that lasted at least two days.

Gross, who was living on the streets when he was arrested in August 2012, is charged in the killings of Jacqueline Ovsak, 42, and Dana Caper, 41, who were also described as transients by Santa Monica police.

Ovsak's body was discovered by construction workers on April 5, 2001 in an abandoned building in the 1500 block of Seventh Street. Caper was found on the 800 block of Palisades Park on the side of the bluffs on Oct. 29, 2002. The woman lived along the bluffs, police said.

Both homicides were investigated until leads ran out and the cases went cold, police said.

In September of 2007, investigators assigned to the department's cold case unit re-opened both investigations and through DNA processing and new investigative leads, Gross was identified and linked to both murders.

Gross, who was arrested while sitting in Pan Pacific Park near The Grove shopping center, is being held without bail. He is expected to be arraigned at the Airport Branch Courthouse on Oct. 10. He pleaded not guilty during a court hearing shortly after his arrest.


GROSS

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FRESHEN UP

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Those familiar with City Hall may have noticed something a little different about the historic structure — a new paint job. Gone are blue accents in favor of an all white look, reminiscent of what the building was like when it was first built in the 1930s. City officials worked with a historic consultant to get the color just right. The entire cost of the project: $52,800.

Residents praise design, blast height of planned hotel

BY DAVID MARK SIMPSON
Daily Press Staff Writer

MAIN LIBRARY Residents voiced opposition to the height and the inclusion of condominiums, but lauded the aesthetic design of the proposed plans to replace the former Holiday Inn at a public meeting with hotel owners Thursday night.

Owners hope to replace the eight-story hotel on the corner of Colorado Avenue and Second Street, now a Wyndham brand, with three new buildings, including a 195-foot, 15-story tower that would offer 211 guest rooms, 25 condos, and a publicly accessible rooftop terrace. The proposed hotel would include on-site or off-site affordable housing as part of a package of community benefits.

Santa Monica is in the middle of formulating a vision for the future of development in Downtown, and planners are studying the environmental impact of future buildings at 84 feet tall. The Wyndham proposal is one of at least five hotel projects in Downtown coming before City Hall for approval.

Meyera Robbins, who lives north of Montana Avenue, called the project beautiful

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OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

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The fourth annual Citywide Yard Sale features over 100 residents and organizations selling what could be hidden treasures. Buyers can go to www.smgov.net/r3 to register for the event and to look at a map of participating locations and some of the items for sale.

Yummm, roasted
Virginia Avenue Park
2200 Virginia Ave., 9 a.m. — 1 p.m.
It's chili pepper season and the Pico Farmers' Market is taking the opportunity to roast them off to bring out their savory, spicy flavor. Grab a bag or two and create some Southwest magic. For more information, visit smgov.net/portals/farmersmarket.

Time to GLOW
Santa Monica Beach
7 p.m. — 3 a.m.
GLOW returns to Santa Monica with original commissions by artists that re-imagine the beach as a playground for thoughtful and participatory artworks. Works will be scattered throughout the beach and Palisades Park. Most exhibits are located near the Santa Monica Pier. Over 100,000 people are expected to attend. For more information on parking, exhibits and the opening ceremony, visit glowsantamonica.org.

Shakespeare in Spanish
The Broad Stage
1310 11th St., 7:30 p.m.
In 1533, the Spanish were enraged by Catherine de Aragon's divorce from Henry VIII. Eighty years later, Shakespeare engaged with the subject in his last play, "Henry VIII." Now, 400 years later, Rakatá, Madrid's premier classical company, re-imagines this play from a Spanish perspective, dubbing it "Enrique VIII." The production is in Spanish with English captions. It runs through Sunday. For more information, visit thebroadstage.com.

Sunday, Sept. 29, 2013

Meet the farmers
Main Street at Ocean Park Boulevard
9:30 a.m. — 1 p.m.
Enjoy one of Santa Monica's Farmers' Markets, widely considered to be among the best on the west coast, featuring field-fresh produce, hundreds of kinds of vegetables, brilliant cut flowers, breads, cheeses, delicious foods, live music and more. For more information, call (310) 458-8712 and visit the website at www.smgov.net.

Whose town?
Morgan-Wixson Theatre
2627 Pico Blvd., 2 p.m.
Check out a performance of "Our Town" by Thornton Wilder. Narrated by a stage manager and performed with minimal props and sets, audiences follow the Webb and Gibbs families as their children fall in love, marry, and eventually — in one of the most famous scenes in American theatre — die. Presented in the playwright's definitive version in this celebration of the show's 75th anniversary. Admission is $18-$20. For more information contact Morgan-Wixson Theatre at (310) 828-7519 or visit www.morgan-wixson.org. Production runs through Oct. 20.

Ride the wave
The Church in Ocean Park
235 Hill Street
7 p.m. & 9 p.m.
WaveFest, centered on the theme "Go West," will be comprised of three "waves" of short plays over six weekends. The festival will explore stories from the Westside and Southern California. Plays will include pieces by contemporary Los Angeles and Santa Monica playwrights. The plays will be interspersed with other live entertainment including music, poetry and dance. Admission is $20 per show. For more information, visit www.santamonicarep.org.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

CITY HALL

Hello caller


SEABROOKS

CityTV, the government access channel for the city of Santa Monica, will next week debut its newest program "Ask the Chief" featuring Santa Monica Police Chief Jacqueline Seabrooks.

"Ask the Chief" will be hosted by Police Activities League Director Eula Fritz and it will be the first time that CityTV will have the chief of police doing a live call-in show. Viewers can call (310)458-4950 to ask their questions or submit their questions to the chief by e-mail at CityTV@smgov.net.

"The premise of the show is to get everyone acquainted and familiar with the chief," Fritz said. "I am truly honored to talk to the chief."

"Ask the Chief" will be live on Thursday, Oct. 3 from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. and it can be seen on cable channel 16 and online at citytv.org.

–BRIAN ADIGWU

DOWNTOWN

Prime real estate

Commercial real estate services firm Avison Young announced it has completed a five-year office lease valued at $1.35 million with GumGum, Inc., an image-based advertising firm.

GumGum will occupy 4,390 square feet on the sixth floor of the Clock Tower building at 225 Santa Monica Blvd., just steps from the Third Street Promenade.

Avison Young principal Randy Starr, based in the company's Santa Monica office, represented GumGum in the transaction. Michael Preiss of rsf-LA, Inc. represented the building's owner, Sorgente Group of America Corp.

"I showed my client every available office location in Santa Monica," Starr said. "The Clock Tower is one of the most desired, creative-space addresses for technology and entertainment businesses within Silicon Beach. This prestigious space will help GumGum attract and retain some of the area's best talent."

Silicon Beach is a termed used to describe Santa Monica and Venice, now home to many technology start-ups.

Starr said this transaction with GumGum marked the first new tenant to sign a lease at the property since Sorgente Group acquired it in April of this year.

Built in 1929, the 12-story Clock Tower is Santa Monica's second-tallest building. The property offers tenants unobstructed ocean views and was recently fully restored while maintaining its art deco architectural style.

Other building tenants include TrueCar, LivingSocial, and Gerber Group.

GumGum will be relocating and expanding from its current Santa Monica location at 1207 Fourth St. where it occupies 2,400 square feet. The firm anticipates occupying its new space in January 2014.

Founded in 2007, GumGum invented the image-based advertising category and has grown to become the largest premium in-image advertising platform for publishers and brands.

GumGum is headquartered in Santa Monica and has offices in New York, Chicago, San Francisco and Detroit.

– DAILY PRESS



Photo courtesy Blake Dirickson

GET TOGETHER FOR GOOD: **Participants in a recent bocce ball tournament organized by the Santa Monica Sports Club, which brings weekend warriors together to raise money for charities. The Santa Monica Boys and Girls Clubs was a recent beneficiary.**

Sports club holds monthly tournaments for charity

BY DAVID MARK SIMPSON
Daily Press Staff Writer

SM BEACH All Blake Dirickson wanted was to bring friends together for pick-up games in Santa Monica. He ended up running a marathon inside a bar (on a treadmill) for charity and organizing monthly charity tournaments.

The Santa Monica Sports Club (http://santamonicasportsclub.com/), founded by Dirickson, 34, is holding its first soccer tournament Saturday, Sept. 28, at 11 a.m. on the beach. All of the cash raised will go directly to 826LA, a nonprofit writing and tutoring center for kids with locations in Mar Vista and Echo Park.

"I was trying to find a way to combine my passion for Santa Monica sports, and a way to bring my friends together, and then that evolved into trying to bring friends together for a good cause," Dirickson said.

Dirickson, who works in marketing, kicked off the sports fundraisers in April with a basketball tournament at the Santa Monica Boys and Girls Clubs. About 60 people showed up and the money went to benefit the clubs. The Santa Monica Sports Club is not a nonprofit, but they hand the money directly to the group they are benefiting.

"Blake inspired really amazing people to come out for the event," said Janis Morse, director of development at Boys and Girls Clubs. "I was really pleased at the caliber of people that came to share the experience at our club, and I'm looking forward to having them back soon."

The Sports Club, whose motto is "No dues, just benefits," raised $2,500 for the Southern California chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society through an event at Yogahop, Dirickson said.

"It's a grind each month to get these events together," he said. "Once the event finally starts happening, … and you see people … coming together, you start realizing how cool this is. It's not brain science. It's the simple things in life."

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Please, let that stupid mushroom cloud go

YOU'RE NOT THINKING OF SIGNING THE petition, or donating money, are you? Save "Chain Reaction," save "Chain Reaction," that's all I hear these days.

Why? Why save that 5-ton hunk o' junk? It's just an ugly pile of metal links, not really what you would call art. If it is, put it in a museum. It's based on a cartoon, you know.

It's falling apart and it will cost close to half a million to repair it, and people expect the city of Santa Monica to do that? That's not our responsibility. Don't we have much more important things to spend money like that on?

Kids have been climbing on it, and that's dangerous. It's so dilapidated structurally, it could just fall over. Imagine your family being told you died because an atom bomb mushroom cloud fell on your head.

It's just so mid-20th century — ban the bomb? Give me a break, that went out with Nixon, and we have other more, dangerous things to worry about in today's dangerous world. It doesn't fit in a modern Santa Monica.

Anyone who listens to those anti-nuke nutjobs and feels moved to ante up a donation to help save that "sculpture" should send that money to me instead.

And I will turn it over to the Save Chain Reaction group, because everything I stated above is not true. Or at the very least, very misleading. But that's what you've been hearing, haven't you?

It's ugly? I wouldn't say so. It's powerful. Haunting. Grim. Ominous even. Art often is not pretty. But when I see it, it has often provoked me into at least a moment's thoughtfulness, reminded anew of the issues it represents. Links of thought, in a fertile chain of possibilities and outcomes. Isn't that what art is supposed to do? Provoke a chain reaction of thought? Is that a sign of being archaic, out of place in a modern world? Hardly.

Yes, it is based on a cartoon — by Pulitzer Prize-wining political cartoonist Paul Conrad. Uh, make that three Pulitzers. He is inarguably in the top echelon of all time for his art form. How many towns can claim that distinction, of having a sculpture created by a world-famous cartoonist?

Conrad donated the quarter-of-a-million dollar sculpture to us in 1991. By all accounts, the city did little or nothing to maintain it as it stood outdoors for 22 years, spitting distance from the ocean. Some now want to toss it in the Dumpster rather than spend the money to restore it. If nothing else, that's a bit rude and ungrateful, don't you think? Did we ask the French to keep the Statue of Liberty polished?

Yes, we have many things begging for our limited city funds, especially our arts funds. But for this public art so perfectly suited to Santa Monica and its history, we should be turning over every rock in an effort to do something to save it. What's the rush? Why a firm deadline? Why all $450,000 by February or it's over? (And many think that figure is way too high.) Don't shift the civic responsibility onto the individual shoulders of the citizens. Let's work together.

In a complete reversal of their 1991 predecessors, the current Arts Commission voted recently to de-access "Chain Reaction," for financial reasons. Every penny of the $170,000 or so in their fund won't cover even half the cost of restoration of this one piece. But they did recommend, should the City Council vote to save it, that half their bankroll be earmarked for that, actually quite generous. But the City Council cut that figure to $50,000.

More than one study and thorough inspection reported structural deterioration, but certainly no imminent collapse. It's not dangerous. Well, it could be, if you're an anarchic little monster who's driven to climb to the 26-foot top while your nanny natters obliviously on the cell phone. But the same could be said of the Saint Monica statue at the end of Wilshire, or even the canons by the pier entrance, and no one's saying they have to go.

A reflecting pool has been floated as a solution. But that would be expensive. Well, how expensive is a sign that says, "Hey! Don't climb on the damn sculpture, this means you, kid!" Or how about a little garden, nicely keeping you back?

Is being anti-nuclear passé? Have you read a newspaper lately? Watched "24?" Are you sure Kazakhstan turned over all its nukes? No problem with Pakistan and North Korea having "The Bomb?"

Our local perennial "peacenik," Jerry Rubin (and I say that with affection and admiration), is, no surprise, cheerleading on this one, to the point of going on a liquid fast for 100 days to draw attention to it. That's a long time without a cheeseburger, more than three months.

At the finish line he'll break his fast and celebrate his 70th birthday with a big bash on the pier, with some very interesting guests and performers, all in the name of saving "Chain Reaction." Tonight, Sept. 28, folks walking toward the huge GLOW festival on the beach are invited to bring flashlights and pause to illuminate the sculpture. Low tech, but surprisingly moving, I'll bet.

As I wrote this, word came through that both the L.A. and Santa Monica conservancies are now backing this campaign. "Chain Reaction" recently got historic landmark status (which is good, but not enough to save it). Last week the esteemed arts critic for the L.A. Times, Christopher Knight, wrote a very forceful case for preservation. A bit miffed, he was, that this is even necessary. A good read; Google it.

This fight we shouldn't even be having is gaining a lot of momentum. Check out the petition at Save Chain Reaction (conradprojects.com), where you can sign or donate money or just peruse the supporters list for celebs, or even become informed on the facts. It's ignorance or being misinformed that are dangerous, not a sculpture with the message that nuclear holocaust might be something to be avoided.

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The Q Line

Back to the drawing board

Planning commissioners say they would like the Bergamot Transit Village to have better design features, asking the developer to revisit their plans.

This past week, Q-line asked:
Do you think developers should revisit their design or do you think the Planning Commission is asking for too much?

Here are your responses:

"THE BERGAMOT TRANSIT VILLAGE plans should be revisited by the Planning Commission. Santa Monicans for Renters' Rights (SMRR) exists to use our tax money to develop low-income housing projects, bringing in SMRR voters from outside the city. Yet we lack parkland. The high density low-income housing required by the SMRR-controlled City Council should be built off site north of Wilshire Boulevard to desegregate the elementary schools on Montana Avenue. Then the land the low-income housing building would have occupied can be used for parkland at Bergamot, which is sorely needed."

"IS IT REALLY WORTH SELLING OUR CITY out for false and inflated benefits promised by developers? Are we going to be victims of our own success, or just victims? The Bergamot design is boxy and too massive for the area it's being proposed and will cause further problems for existing neighborhoods. The LUCE needs to be re-drawn. Are our city leaders sending a message that residents are insignificant? Santa Monica resident since 1948."

"IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO BEAT THE incompetence of the City Council, but the Planning Commission is right up there with them. Their Michigan Avenue MANGO, or whatever dumb name, goes with another asinine bicycle-centric idea that they love. The Bergamot 'sinkhole' Village is another bad idea that further crowds us with people, buildings and things we don't need or want. The commission's attitude is the city is already ruined, so I want my cut from developers. They think you are too stupid to understand new-age civic engineering. They ride bicycles so they are intellectually and morally superior to you. Scale down the project by 80 percent. Let's have a city we can live in."

ANOTHER AIRPORT PARK?

Since this week's Q-Line question didn't solicit that many responses, here are some from a Q-Line question the Daily Press posed earlier this month regarding turning the Santa Monica Airport into a park. This questioned garnered an overwhelming number of responses, and we were unable to print them all at the time. So, here they are for your enjoyment.

"VOTE FOR KEEPING THE AIRPORT AS is. Who would trust the city to repurpose airport acres for 'parks' after the travesty of overdevelopment Downtown and all over? Liars in the pockets of developers. Liars. I hate the gridlock all over town. How much worse can Ocean Park congestion get? I'm not a pilot. Just a homeowner adjacent to airport."

"I THINK THE AIRPORT SHOULD STAY AN airport. I don't for a minute think that the City Council would really turn it all into a park. Rather, what they would do is bring in the developers, and we would end up with a few acres of new park and 200 acres of more development. Residents who are concerned with traffic and congestion should realize that the airport is the best realistic low-density use of that land."

"YES, I WOULD! IT DOESN'T MAKE ANY sense to fly planes that use leaded fuel over our schools, homes and beautiful city. If leaded fuel was outlawed for use in the automobile, it shouldn't] be contaminating our air, water, food and future this way. A park would better reflect the initial vision and foundation this amazing city was built on. It is time to get back to the earth that Mother Nature always intended we live on."

"I AM A LONGTIME RESIDENT OF THIS area. The airplanes have eroded the quality of the lives of folks living in the shadow of the Santa Monica Airport with air and noise pollution. Constructing a park in place of the airport is a good solution to ridding the community of this threat to our health and peace of mind."

"AS A PILOT, I FIND IT EXTREMELY disturbing the thought of turning a beloved and historical airport into a park. Santa Monica is the oldest operating airport in Los Angeles County, with a heritage dating back to the days of many famous Barnstormers and Wing Walkers. Santa Monica Airport has been in existence since 1919, when pilots flying early World War I biplanes used the site as an informal grass landing strip. Today, SMO is one of the country's best municipal airports, handling between 400 and 500 operations per day. Please do not allow this travesty to occur. This vocal minority against the airport should not be able to mislead the majority of Santa Monica citizens into thinking the airport should be closed and developed for other uses. Every year, more and more general aviation airports are closing. General aviation plays a pivotal role in commerce and brings in business to the local community. It is getting harder for people who want to get into aviation to find local airports to start their venture into the aviation field. As it is, the pilot training facilities that existed at Santa Monica for years have now been forced to close their doors due to the unfair fees imposed upon them. I can't stress enough to please do everything in your power to help keep this historic airport open."

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Brown signs bill boosting Sacramento arena plans

BY LAURA OLSON
Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. Gov. Jerry Brown on Friday signed a bill intended to help plans for building an NBA arena in downtown Sacramento while also aiding some other urban development projects throughout the state that face environmental challenges.

SB743 will accelerate the review process for lawsuits filed under the California Environmental Quality Act. Easing the way for a new arena was part of Sacramento's pitch to the NBA earlier this year in its effort to keep the Kings from moving to Seattle.

The bill by Senate President Pro Tem Darrell Steinberg also includes several protections for urban projects statewide. It will prevent legal challenges based on a project's aesthetics or parking requirements, and includes a provision requiring state officials to revise how traffic effects are assessed.

Steinberg, D-Sacramento, had sought approval of more comprehensive reforms to the California Environmental Quality Act but encountered resistance during discussions with business, labor and environmental groups. He said after the legislation's approval that the final bill still incorporated some significant reforms to the state's landmark environmental law, which was approved in 1970.

"Modernizing a good law means making it work better, as opposed to stripping it of meaning," Steinberg said in a statement Friday. "That's what these changes to our environmental regulations achieve."

Several developer groups commended the statewide changes, particularly those dealing with a project's traffic impacts, which they said could improve how urban redevelopment occurs.

The state Sierra Club chapter and the Planning and Conservation League were among those objecting to SB743. Those groups said it represented the latest example of big-ticket projects receiving preferential treatment from state lawmakers.

In addition to streamlining the review of legal challenges against the arena project, the new law also will limit when a court could halt its construction.

Also on Friday, Brown signed AB1273, which would assist the Golden State Warriors in their plan to move the team from Oakland to a possible waterfront arena in San Francisco.

The legislation from Assemblyman Phil Ting, D-San Francisco, would authorize the State Lands Commission to give its approval that the proposed 18,000-seat arena planned for Piers 30-32 is consistent with laws for development along the shoreline. It would not change the required reviews under the California Environmental Quality Act.

STATE BRIEFS

SACRAMENTO, Calif.

Laws will address prescription drug overdoses

Gov. Jerry Brown has vetoed legislation that would have required county coroners to report drug overdose deaths to the California medical board but signed two other bills intended to address abuse of prescription drugs.

The Democratic governor said in a statement Friday that he vetoed SB62 over concerns that the state could be required to reimburse local governments for their reporting costs.

The two bills he signed into law were drafted in response to a Los Angeles Times investigation regarding deaths from prescription drug overdoses.

SB670 makes it easier for the state medical board to inspect medical records after a suspicious death. Another bill, SB809, imposes a $6 annual fee on certain medical providers to pay for California's prescription drug database.

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RIO VISTA, Calif.

Wind farm eagle protection plan released

A wind energy farm in Northern California could become the first in the nation to agree to protect golden eagles under a conservation plan being worked out with federal officials.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service released a draft of the plan on Thursday for the roughly 100-megawatt Shiloh IV wind farm in Solano County. It would allow for the farm's 50 wind turbines near Rio Vista to kill up to five golden eagles over five years, the San Francisco Chronicle reported.

In exchange, the wind farm company would modify power lines in Monterey County to prevent the electrocution of golden eagles and take other measures to protect the birds.

Officials say overall, the plan would help preserve the birds. It is now open to a 45-day public comment period and expected to be adopted in early 2014, the Sacramento Bee reported.

"It really does set a precedent in that it does show the service can work with the wind industry," said Eric Davis, assistant regional director for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. "Renewable energy is here to stay, and we need to ensure eagles and other wildlife are here to stay as well."

Wind turbines kill dozens of golden eagles each year around the country. But wind farm companies are not required under federal law to obtain take permits for those deaths or create conservation plans to protect the birds, which are not protected under the Endangered Species Act.

The Shiloh IV farm was completed in 2012. The company that runs it is a subsidiary of San Diego-based EDF Renewable Development Inc.

The company pursued the permit based on its responsible development practices to minimize environmental impacts while creating zero-emission energy, Rick Miller, director of wind business development for the company's West region, told the Bee.

California Audobon Renewable Energy Director Garry George praised the draft plan although he questioned why power lines were being modified so far away from the wind turbine site.

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Rendering courtesy Felcor Lodging Trust

PLAN: A rendering of the proposed Wyndham Hotel remodel that would include three buildings, that tallest being 15 stories. The hotel is located at the corner of Colorado and Ocean avenues.

HOTEL
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before explaining that condos set an undesirable precedent.

"There are a lot of developers right now who are trying to get very tall buildings, much taller than yours, and it's a big concern in this city from the residents," she said.

Tom Corcoran, chairman of Felcor Lodging, which purchased the site in 2004, defended the condos.

"It's very expensive to build in Santa Monica, so what this does is reduce the total cost," he said. "When people talk about community benefits, that comes from money, it comes from resources … . We've looked at doing it without condos. We've looked at other ways of doing it, and it just makes it financially unfeasible."

"It's your hotel, you bought it," Robbins responded from the audience. "That's the problem we come up with all the time: People put all the millions of dollars into the building and then want to improve it real fast at the residents' expense."

The proposed hotel, which would open in 2018, could bring in $3.5 million in additional tax money for the city, a Felcor representative said.

Resident Taffy Patton called it a "beautiful hotel" but questioned the need for the main tower, citing the profitable four-story Shore Hotel and seven-story Shutters on the Beach Hotel.

"Residents have made it really clear: We don't want towers in Santa Monica," she said. "Even beautiful towers like this one."

Debra Feldman, vice president of development at Felcor, responded by pointing out that Shutters was built 30 years ago, and that Felcor has to tear down an existing structure.

"If we scrape the site, we are writing off $60 million," Feldman said. "So we're starting with a $60 million cost, because that is what the hotel is worth today."

Andrew Hoyer, president of Mid-City Neighbors, called the plans "fabulous" and praised Felcor's commitment to union labor, but went on to say he thought it was too tall and called the expensive condos "offensive."

"You've kind of changed my opinions about tall buildings, due to your location," he said. "You have a site where you're not going to be impacting very many people.

"However, I do think it's a little tall," he said. "I think it's a few floors too many on the last tower... I'll stand behind your hotel if you'll lower it just a little. Lose a couple of those floors and get rid of the condos, personally, I will advocate for this hotel."

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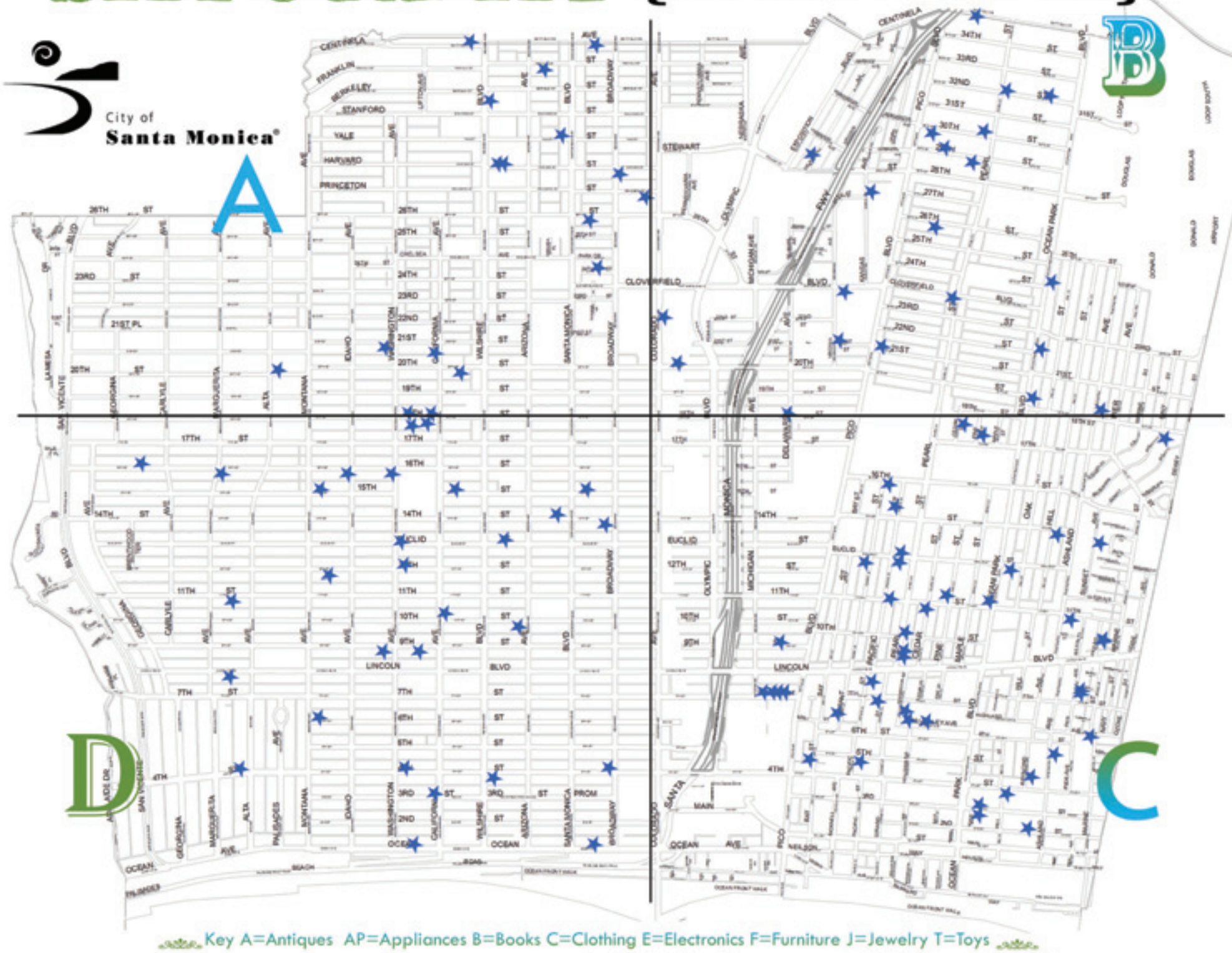

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In December of last year, Dirickson ran a marathon to benefit Movember, a moustache-growing fundraiser for men's health.

"I figured if I was going to be doing all this running, I might as well raise money for charity," he said. "And then I thought, why run a marathon if I can just have my own? But then I realized that I was going to have to stop traffic in Santa Monica. And I was going to have to ask my friends to wake up at 7 in the morning and hand me trailmix. That was not going to happen. My friends are going to sleep in. So the idea was to have a marathon take place at a bar, on a treadmill."

Saturday's event costs $20 per person, or $100 for a team of five or more. Players are meeting at 11 a.m. at Ocean Park Boulevard and the beach. The four-on-four games will last 20 minutes, with each team guaranteed a minimum of three games.

"These days, not a lot of people have time to get in a workout," Dirickson said. "And they don't necessarily have a lot of time to come out to do a good thing. This is a way they can get together and do both."

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Blake Dirickson
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The Q Line

AIRPORT

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"THE ONLY PEOPLE WHO WOULD benefit are those in Sunset Park and Mar Vista who bought their homes cheap since they're located next to the airport. No way would I want the city to invest in a park where they will benefit with huge home price increases. I wouldn't be surprised if certain neighborhood groups were behind this movement only to enrich themselves. If we want affordable housing in Santa Monica, this is certainly not the way to do it."

"AHH, WHAT A BEAUTIFUL FRIDAY IT IS in Sunset Park. The sun is shining and the blue sky over my neighborhood's roof tops is alive with the thunder, exhaust trails and stench of corporate jets and twin- and single-engine fun flight toys. The few are enjoying their recreation and convenience at the expense of the many. The overhead flying has gotten lower and more frequent over the past few years, and I have, on good authority, that the fly boys are punishing Sunset Park for their recalcitrance. The rudeness and lack of civility and social skills (not to mention veracity) of the aviation community makes wanting them gone so easy, even after the first 15 years of living in Sunset Park, I never once complained about their activities. Funny huh? Pride cometh before the fall. Our tax dollars subsidize their recreation and convenience. Santa Monica will still be Santa Monica without the airport. ... Like the creation of New York City's Central Park, only with great vision and fortitude will leadership make the right decision to change the landscape of the airport to provide value to all the residents for generations to come. This is a historic moment for Santa Monica. Never again will a large parcel of property be available for city ownership and controlled development. Let our leadership know that its residents, voters and tax payers want park and recreational facilities that will provide more value, both financial and aesthetic, to Santa Monica then a celebrity and fly boy's playground. (Really Gov. Arnold, you needed to fly in and out of SMO every day! C'mon man!)"

"LET'S START FOCUSING ON REAL ISSUES and not parks until we've taken care of crime against our residents and the homeless in our city and the issues created by them. How many of us have been victims of crime or been yelled at or threatened by homeless? Unfortunately I have many times. So until we take care of the basics, including safety, which we all deserve, I don't want to hear any far fetched, unrealistic ideas of turning an airport into a park. This initiative sounds like it was started by someone trying to divert the public's focus from the real problems which our city is not solving."

"SANTA MONICA AIRPORT NEEDS TO remain an airport. It is vital to the community. I personally experienced how vital an airport is just a few weeks ago when my vacation home in Northern California was threatened by the Rim Fire. Our county airport at Pine Mt. Lake served as a launching area for all the aircraft that fought to save our community and Yosemite. The airport was a launching area for hundreds of hours of fire fighting air operations. Without the airport we would have lost our home. The Santa Monica Mountains we all love and use to hike, etc., are always threatened during fire season so it is so vital to keep the airport open."

"THE IDEA THAT SANTA MONICA CAN afford to build a park is silly. Santa Monica can barely maintain the parks it has. More likely we'll get another Century City with the thousands and thousands of car trips daily. Having an airport will be a lot less aggravating on the neighborhoods than the extraordinary amount of traffic a Century City development with engender. They had to make Santa Monica Boulevard into a six-lane road from the 405 to handle the traffic. Will Centinela become a six-lane road? Leave the airport alone."

Shutdown impact: Tourists, homebuyers hit quickly

BY CONNIE CASS
Associated Press

WASHINGTON If the government "shuts down" next Tuesday, your mail will still come. Doctors will see Medicare patients. NASA will keep talking to the astronauts circling Earth on the Space Station. In fact, the majority of government will remain on the job.

The closings would hit random Americans first: vacationers hoping to take in Mount Rushmore or a Smithsonian museum. Homebuyers seeking government-backed mortgages. Veterans appealing the denial of disability benefits. Perhaps on the bright side — for some — tax audits would be suspended.

Troubles would spread the longer a shutdown lasted.

A prolonged furlough of more than one-third of civilian federal workers could mean delays in processing applications for new Social Security disability claims. Lost profits for businesses that sell goods or services to the government. Problems hotels and restaurants that rely on tourism near national parks. Longer waits for kids seeking delinquent child support.

And, of course, a shutdown would mean no paychecks for an estimated 800,000 furloughed workers. They might get paid later for the missed days but couldn't count on that. Don't blame them for slacking off; the law forbids volunteering to work for free from home.

Kaitlin Thomas, who toured the National Museum of American History on Friday, found the whole thing a little annoying.

"If the public is paying for this, why are they shutting it down?" said Thomas, visiting from New York City.

The deadline nearing, a government of more than 2.1 million civilian employees scrambled on Friday to update its plans determining who would stay and who would go home, what would get done and what would have to wait. The equation was complicated by the complexity of federal budget rules; some pots of money would be caught up in a shutdown and some wouldn't.

Ironically, a shutdown would have virtually no impact on President Barack Obama's health care law — the program at the heart of his showdown with House Republicans. The program that detractors dubbed "Obamacare" is set to roll out its individual insurance plans on Tuesday, government shutdown or no, and people hoping to sign up on that first day shouldn't be affected.

Some of the nation's behind-the-scenes health and safety work would stop, however. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention would be severely limited in spotting or investigating disease outbreaks, from flu to that mysterious MERS virus from the Middle East. The government wouldn't process auto recall information or conduct new car safety testing.

A shutdown America could still go to war, Pentagon Comptroller Robert Hale told reporters Friday. But soldiers' pay might be delayed if closings lasted more than a week or so.

Other work that continues no matter how the political spat goes:

• Prison guards, FBI agents and the Border Patrol will be at their posts.

• Air traffic controllers and airport security screeners will keep planes moving.

• The military's 1.4 million active-duty personnel will stay on duty.

• U.S. embassies will stand ready to help American travelers. And new passports and visas shouldn't be delayed — a change from the 1990s, when the government last shut down.

• College students can relax: Student loans and Pell Grants aren't affected.

• Social Security payments and veteran's benefits will go out. Food-stamp dollars should continue to flow.

• Doctors will see Medicare and Medicaid patients; veteran's hospitals stay open.

• The National Weather Service will make forecasts and issue storm warnings.

• NASA will man Mission Control in Houston to support the International Space Station and the two Americans among six people living aboard. But aside from that, only about 3 percent of NASA's 18,000 workers will be on the job.

• The White House will stay open. It's exempted from the federal law that requires many government employees to stop working if congressionally approved funding for their jobs expires. Obama could still take his scheduled trip to Asia the week of Oct. 6, if he chose to.

• The post office will keep delivering; its budget isn't affected because it comes from selling stamps and delivering packages.

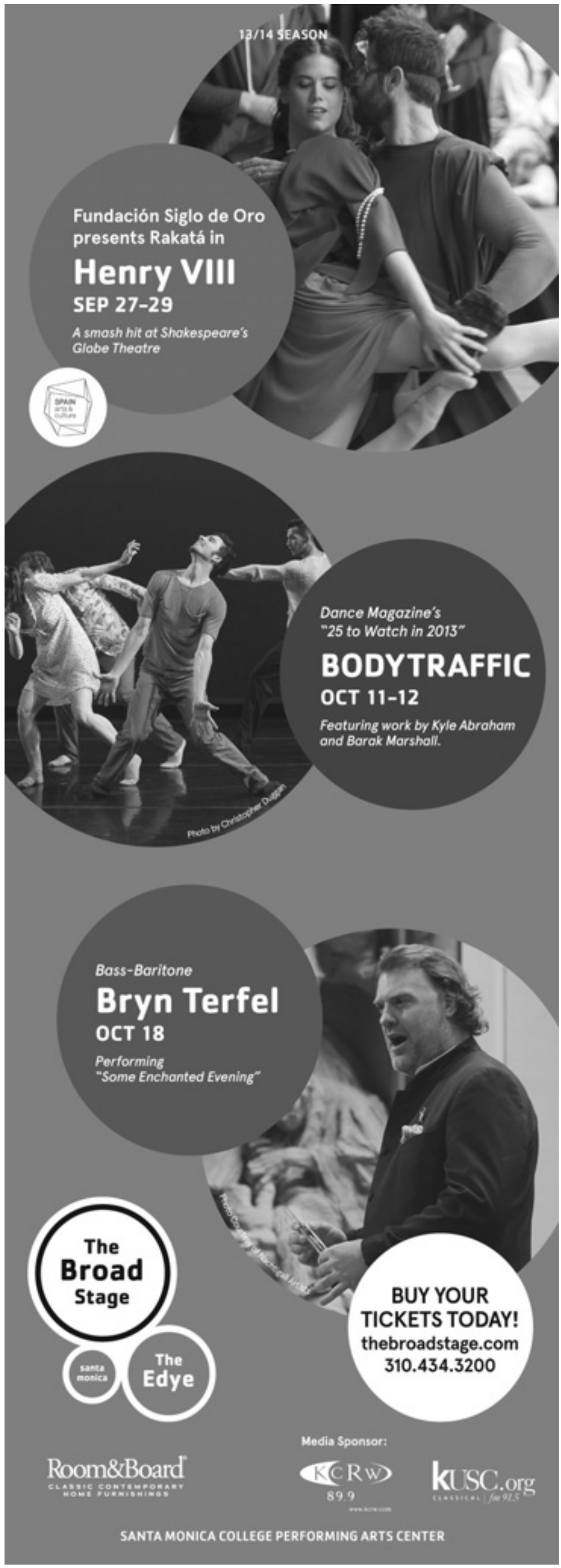
• Workers in programs funded by user fees — such as immigration service employees who process green card applications and people who oversee truck and bus safety — also will stay on the job.

Federal courts have enough money to operate normally for about two weeks. But if a shutdown continued past mid-October, furloughs would begin. The Supreme Court says it's covered at least through next week.

One reason a shutdown would balloon over time concerns the legion of private contractors who carry out many of the government's functions. Some are paid through huge long-term contracts that wouldn't be affected anytime soon or their money comes from protected streams. Others would see their payments cut off but would keep their employees working for as long as they could, expecting the government to pay its tab eventually. But as cash ran low they might have to turn to layoffs.

For tourists and nature lovers, the effects would hit fast. A shutdown would quickly close all national parks, from Acadia to Yosemite, and national monuments and wildlife refuges. The Interior Department says campers would get 48 hours to pack up and leave.

And the IRS wants you to know: A shutdown is no reprieve for taxpayers. People who got a six-month filing extension are still up against an Oct. 15 deadline, even if some services their money is paying for have ground to a halt.



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Surf Forecasts

Water Temp: **64.9°**

SATURDAY – **FAIR** – SURF: **2-3 ft** thigh to waist high
Modest Southern Hemi energy continues - plus sets for top exposures

SUNDAY – **FAIR** – SURF: **2-3 ft** thigh to waist high
SW-SSW swell - plus sets for top exposures

MONDAY – **FAIR** – SURF: **2-3 ft** Knee to chest high
SW-SSW swell; potential new NW swell-mix

TUESDAY – **FAIR** – SURF: **2-3 ft** knee to waist high
Easing old SW-SSW swell; potential NW swell-mix

BEACH REPORT CARD

NORTH LOS ANGELES COUNTY

Grades for this report are based on monitoring data from the previous 30 days up to the ending date of **September 18, 2013**

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QUICK STATS (for the last 30 days)

- Number of sewage spills -- 3
- Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0
- Number of wet days -- 0
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 33 / xx
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 0 / xx

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

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

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

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

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
- **xx** -- no sample taken

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Giants-Dodgers: long and sometimes violent rivalry

BY JUSTIN PRITCHARD
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES Fans of the San Francisco Giants and Los Angeles Dodgers have sustained one of the most passionate rivalries in American sport for more than a century, starting when both called New York City home and enduring through a cross-country move that placed them in California cities that — fittingly — also are rivals.

Visiting fans clad in their team's colors could always expect ridicule, and sometimes worse, in the stands. But now, for the second time in three seasons, serious violence outside the stadium has marred the rivalry.

Two years ago, Giants fan Bryan Stow suffered permanent brain damage when he was attacked in Los Angeles. This time, Dodgers fan Jonathan Denver died after being stabbed Wednesday night in San Francisco.

The latest incident has shaken and saddened fans of both teams.

"It's real unfortunate. It is just a game after all," said Brian Chew, a Giants fan from San Bruno who attended Thursday's game with the Dodgers. "We have bigger purposes in life than just orange and black or blue and white."

Police say Denver, 24, was with his father, older brother and two other people a few blocks from the Giants' ballpark when they exchanged words with some Giants fans.

"The back and forth, 'Go Dodgers!' 'Go Giants!'" San Francisco Police Chief Greg Suhr said. "And it deteriorated from there."

Denver suffered a fatal stab wound and Michael Montgomery, 21, of Lodi, was arrested on suspicion of homicide. A second suspect was questioned and released by police on Friday.

Montgomery's father said his son told him he acted in self-defense after being attacked.

The killing happened more than an hour after a Giants-Dodgers game that — beyond the rivalry — had little consequence. Though the Giants are the reigning World Series champions, they muddled through a disappointing year while the Dodgers overcame a slow start to win the division.

Games between the two teams often have a playoff-like intensity, regardless of the teams' positions in the standings. "Beat LA" is the crowd's refrain when the Dodgers play at the Giants' waterfront ballpark; "Giants suck" echoes around Dodger Stadium.

Fans relish the demise of their rivals nearly as much as the success of their own team. The highlight of the Dodgers' 1993 season came on the last game of the year when LA drubbed the Giants 12-1. The loss knocked San Francisco out of the playoffs, despite 103 victories.

The rivalry extends from the field to the stands to the streets, and has long been mixed up in identity politics.

For much of the early 20th century, the Giants were "the darlings of New York City," favored by stockbrokers, politicians and the Broadway set, said John Thorn, Major League Baseball's official historian. The Dodgers, meanwhile, attracted support from immigrants and others outside the mainstream and were often identified as underdogs, even as they began to field powerhouse clubs in the 1940s and 50s.

Both teams left New York following the 1957 season well-seasoned in the joy of beating the other. Appropriate, then, that they relocated to California cities with clashing cultures.

To many a San Francisco native, Los Angeles is that place where shallow people transformed by plastic surgery dwell on whose car is better while they douse their lawns with water stolen from Northern California. In Los Angeles, there's not the same bitterness toward San Francisco, which often is seen as quaint — if not more than a little eccentric.

"Tensions between Northern and Southern California I think feeds into it and help the rivalry along considerably," said Daniel Durbin, a University of Southern California professor who studies the social and cultural impact of sports. "There's a bit of a leap between that, though, and actual violence."

Still, violence has been part of the rivalry. In 1938, Brooklyn Dodgers fan Robert Joyce shot and killed a fellow bar patron and bartender after an extended "ribbing" by Giants fans.

The rivalry produced one of the most infamous on-field confrontations in Major League history in 1965. While batting, Giants ace Juan Marichal thought Dodgers catcher Johnny Roseboro was trying to hit him when he threw the ball back to the mound. Marichal clubbed Roseboro in the head with a bat, sparking an extended, bench-clearing brawl. Roseboro wasn't seriously hurt.

In 1981, a year when the Dodgers won the World Series and the Giants were also-rans, LA outfielder Reggie Smith went into the stands at San Francisco's Candlestick Park to confront a heckling Giants fan.

The Giants won the World Series in 2010 and so tensions were high when the Dodgers opened the 2011 season at home against San Francisco. Stow, a Northern California paramedic, was among the Giants fans in attendance. While walking to the stadium parking lot after the game, he was attacked and hit his head on the pavement when he fell.

The most recent victim of fan violence, Denver, was born in Los Angeles County but was living in Fort Bragg, about 170 miles north of San Francisco. He attended Wednesday's game with his father, Robert Preece, who worked security on game days at Dodger Stadium.

Olivia Massaro and Aaron Vega were among the fans at Thursday's Giants-Dodgers game, which included a moment of silence for Denver. The residents of Sebastopol, Calif., had different rooting interests — Massaro wore a Giants cap and Vega a Dodgers jersey — but agreed the violence was senseless.

"Sports are supposed to be something that brings people together, "Massaro said.

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Battle of the Year (PG-13) 1hr 49min
11:30am, 5:00pm, 10:25pm

Lee Daniels' The Butler (PG-13) 2hrs 12min
12:45pm, 4:05pm, 7:05pm, 10:05pm

Baggage Claim (PG-13) 1hr 36min
11:50am, 2:30pm, 5:15pm, 8:00pm, 10:30pm

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11:00am, 1:35pm, 4:15pm, 6:50pm, 9:15pm

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11:45am, 2:30pm, 5:10pm, 7:35pm, 10:00pm

Family (R) 1hr 52min
11:20am, 2:25pm, 5:10pm, 7:50pm, 10:30pm

Rush (R) 2hrs 03min
10:45am, 1:20pm, 4:00pm, 7:00pm, 10:10pm

Prisoners (R) 2hrs 26min
10:40am, 1:25pm, 4:20pm, 7:15pm, 10:20pm

Insidious: Chapter 2 () 1hr 45min
11:35am, 2:10pm, 5:00pm, 8:00pm, 10:35pm

Don Jon (R) 1hr 30min
11:00am, 2:00pm, 4:45pm, 7:45pm, 10:45pm

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11:00am

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1:50pm, 4:20pm, 7:20pm, 9:50pm

Blue Jasmine (PG-13) 1hr 38min
1:40pm, 7:10pm

GMO OMG (NR) 1hr 27min
11:00am

Good Ol' Freda (PG) 1hr 26min
11:10am

Salinger (PG-13) 2hrs 00min
4:10pm, 9:40pm

Enough Said (PG-13) 1hr 33min
11:40am, 1:00pm, 2:00pm, 3:20pm, 4:30pm, 5:40pm, 7:00pm, 8:00pm, 9:30pm, 10:15pm

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GO ON A DATE TONIGHT, SAG

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ You might be taken aback by a choice that you've made. Your desire to please a loved one or a child comes to the forefront. This person -- most likely a family member -- appreciates your positive caring and responds accordingly. Tonight: Make it cozy. Put your feet up and relax.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ What you say and do could be very different from what you originally anticipated. Pressure could build to a level of discomfort if you attempt to go along with someone else's agenda. Tonight: Snuggle.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★ Be aware of the cost of heading down your present path. You might want to switch gears and try something very new and different. Keep an eye on the long-term costs of taking the course you want. Ask yourself if it is really worth it. Tonight: Make it your treat.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★★ You'll beam in many opportunities, but you might want to stop and think about which ones you really would like to jump on. Understand your limits and make choices accordingly. Tonight: Surrounded by friends.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★ If you want to take a day to yourself, do. You might have a great time having no plans or restrictions. Let your imagination lead the way, and you might have a surprisingly good time. If you are attached, be careful, as you could incur some jealousy. Tonight: Let it all hang out.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Your ability to make a situation work emerges. In fact, you suddenly might realize that you would enjoy bringing friends from all walks of life together. What happens could be talked about for a very long time. Enjoy the people around you. Tonight: Out late.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Take a stand with a boss or an older friend, if you must. This person respects your opinion and values your feedback and perceptions. Tonight: Near good music.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ You might want to relate on a one-on-one level, whether you are going to the movies or having a late brunch. Resist inviting others to come along. All relationships need this quality time. Tonight: Where the action is.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ You might feel entitled to make an investment when someone gives you the OK. However, what if others involved are not in agreement? Consider their perspectives, and listen to what they have to say. Manipulation probably won't work. Tonight: Go on a good old-fashioned date.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ You can't help but enjoy a sudden surge of popularity. Having to make a choice about what to do -- especially if you are single -- could be somewhat difficult. Resist the urge to follow your knee-jerk reaction. Tonight: You are the honey, and everyone wants a taste!

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ You have the ability to see beyond the obvious. You will be able to surmount a problem with ease, if you detach. Get into a project or perhaps do some early season raking and get ready for fall. Tonight: Invite a friend or two over for pizza.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★★ You'll make this day as close to perfect as possible. You know what you want and where you are heading. Others might decide to be your companions. Go off and allow your inner child to romp around. You will be much happier as a result. Tonight: Let the good times roll.

September 28-29, 2013

This year you make a difference in a way that surprises many people. You become more emotional than you have been in years. You often seem cool and collected to others, but there is a newfound intensity. If you are single, you attract a very different type of person. You might enjoy relating more with your feelings. If you are attached, the two of you enjoy a greater sense of intimacy because of your willingness to be who you are. CANCER often has an attitude with you.

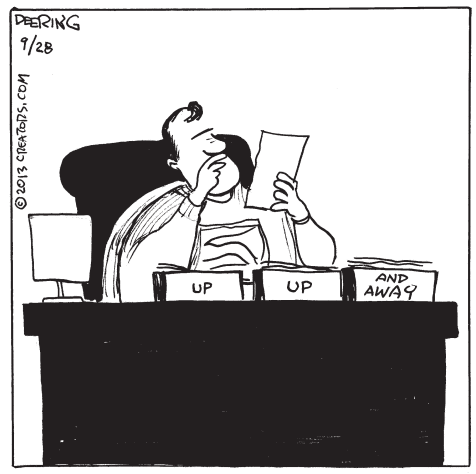
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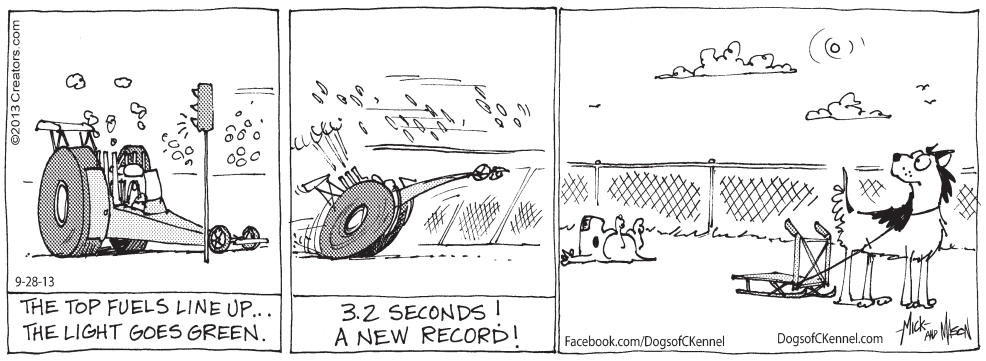
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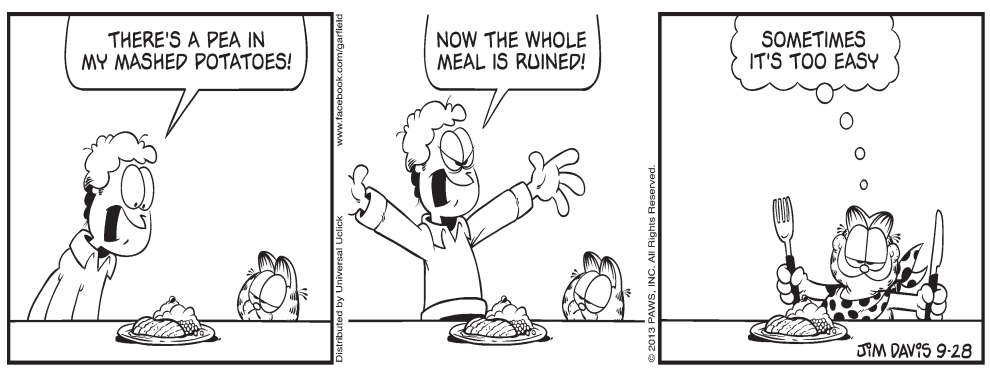
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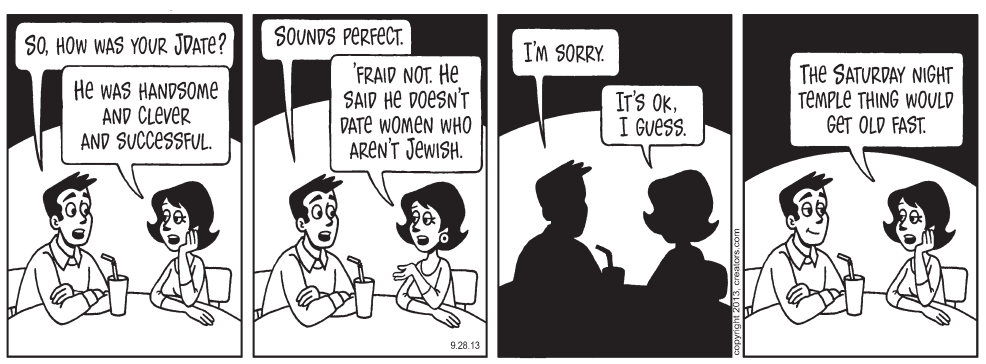
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Sudoku

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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	5		9					
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GETTING STARTED

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

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

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Herrings' cousins
6 Visibly shocked
11 Donut-shaped
12 Derby prize
13 Church sight
14 Rings
15 Tentative inquiry
17 Second person
18 Cat coat
19 Cram
22 Bond, for one
23 Airships
24 Difficulty
25 Ahab feature
27 Cambridge sch.
30 Farm crop
31 Santa — winds
32 Game caller
33 Arm supporters
35 "— care!"
38 Blockhead
39 Concur
40 "Blue Chips" star
41 Attack
42 Tumbler, e.g.

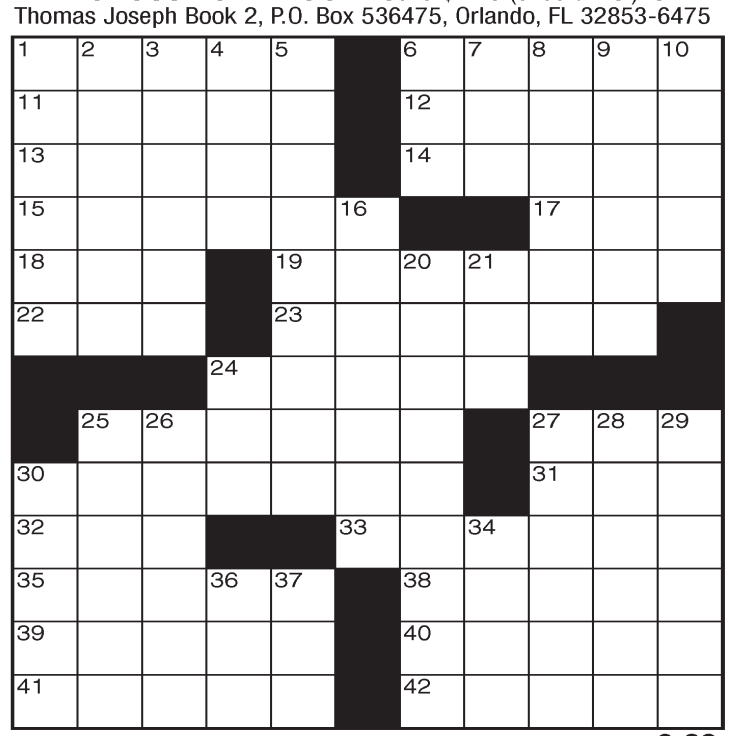
DOWN

1 Work groups
2 Find a place to hide
3 Blood line
4 Watch part
5 Wacky person
6 Cunning
7 Sticky stuff
8 Out
9 Hip locale
10 German steel city
16 Cameo carvings
20 Wacky person
21 Baseball team VIPs
24 Links org.
25 Take an oath
26 Exertion
27 Folder type
28 Silver bars
29 Samples
30 Opera pieces
34 Fan's favorite
36 "The Matrix" hero
37 Finger count

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ In August, a judge in Voronezh, Russia, accepted for trial Dmitry Argarkov's lawsuit against Tinkoff Credit Systems for violating a credit-card contract. Tinkoff had mailed Argarkov its standard fine-print contract, but Argarkov computer-scanned it, changed pro-Tinkoff provisions into pro-Argarkov terms, and signed and returned it, and Tinkoff accepted it without re-reading. At least at this stage of the lawsuit, the judge appeared to say that Argarkov had bested Tinkoff at its own game of oppressive, fine-print mumbo-jumbo.

■ He Had a Different Dream: Barely two months before the 50-year commemoration of the March on Washington, Park Police arrested Christopher H. Cleveland and charged him with shooting "upskirt" photos of unsuspecting women lounging on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial. According to the officers, Cleveland (who said he was unaware that the photos were illegal) had a computer in his car that contained at least 150 PowerPoint slide presentations of at least 30 images each of his multitude of female photo victims.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1919 – Race riots begin in Omaha, Nebraska, US.

1924 – First round-the-world flight completed.

1928 – The U.K. Parliament passes the Dangerous Drugs Act outlawing cannabis.

1928 – Sir Alexander Fleming notices a bacteria-killing mold growing in his laboratory, discovering what later became known as penicillin.

1939 – Nazi Germany and the Soviet Union agree on a division of Poland after their invasion during World War II.

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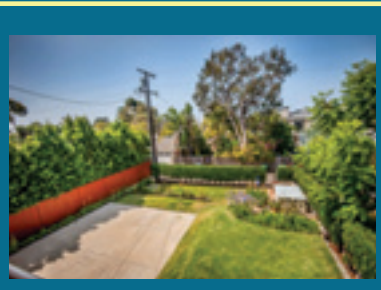
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