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Sexual assault suspect wanted

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITY The Santa Monica Police Department is seeking the public's assistance in identifying and locating a suspect involved in three sexual assaults.

The suspect rides his bicycle next to the victims. As he passes, he grabs their buttocks, breast or genital area, police said. The suspect is described as a Latin male, 20 to 30 years old, 5-feet, 8-inches tall, 180 pounds, unshaven, wearing a short-sleeved chef's coat and pants with a small black and white

checkered pattern. The suspect was possibly riding a 10-speed bicycle.

- The assaults occurred:
- June 22, 2010 at 4:09 p.m. in the area of 14th Street and Santa Monica Boulevard. Police said two women were targeted.
 - June 24, 2010 at 11 a.m. in the area of Second and Strand streets.

The ages of the victims were not released but police said they were not juveniles.

Anyone with information is asked to contact Detective Duane Hicks at (310) 458-8983, Sgt. Ira Rutan at (310) 458-8959, or the SMPD (24 hours) at (310) 458-8495.

Those wishing to remain anonymous, can call WeTip at (800) 78-CRIME (27463). Those who call will remain completely anonymous and may be eligible for a reward if information leads to an arrest and conviction.

Callers can also contact Crime Stoppers by either calling (800) 222-TIPS, texting from a cell phone, or by visiting their website at www.lacrimestoppers.org. Callers may remain anonymous and may be qualified to receive a \$1,000 reward by Crime Stoppers.

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ARTIST'S RENDERING OF SUSPECT



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SWEET: Jessica Engfer (right), with support from her sister Julia (left) and their friend Nell Kerndt (center), places the \$9,000 lemon marker on the Project Lemon-Aid Tree at the project's celebration at Virginia Avenue Park on Friday afternoon. The grassroots fundraiser was created to help support the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District, which is suffering from a drop in funding.

Project Lemon-aid raises nearly \$10K for schools

BY NICK TABOREK
Daily Press Staff Writer

VIRGINIA AVE. PARK These are not your grandmother's lemonade stands.

Complete with a corporate sponsor, their own custom T-shirts and a Facebook page, the kids responsible for Project Lemon-aid

are taking the concept of a curbside stand and turning it into a fundraising force to be reckoned with.

Since the project was launched two weeks ago by a group of first-graders who attend Franklin Elementary School as a way to raise

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Report: Nearly 1 in 11 locals smoke

BY TAYLOR D'ANDREA
Special to the Daily Press

CITYWIDE Nearly one out of every 11 adults here smoke cigarettes, according to a report released this week by Los Angeles County health officials.

The report, "Cigarette Smoking in Los Angeles County: Local Data to Inform Tobacco Policy," found that 10.7 percent of Santa Monicans over the age of 18 smoke, ranking the city 30 out of 127 areas surveyed.

One out of every seven deaths in the county can be attributed to cigarette smoking, and tobacco-related diseases cost the county \$4.3 billion per year, of which \$2.3 billion is for direct healthcare expenditures, according to the report.

The report found that smoking prevalence varies considerably across cities and communities, with the lowest in San Marino (5.3 percent) and the highest in Quartz Hill (21.9 percent), a more than four-fold difference.

In addition, it found that male adults are more likely to smoke than females, African Americans are more likely to smoke than adults in other racial/ethnic groups, and that adults who have graduated from college and those with higher incomes are less likely to smoke than other adults.

Those working to prevent smoking in Santa Monica hope the report will help fuel new and continued efforts to prevent the negative effects of tobacco smoke in the city.

"This is a valuable tool to help motivate cities around Los Angeles County to take action," said Paul Knepprath, vice president

for Advocacy and Health Initiatives for the American Lung Association of California. "A city can take this and try to find ways to reduce exposure to tobacco smoke and help people quit smoking in L.A."

The report looked at the county's 88 cities, Los Angeles' 15 City Council districts, and 40 unincorporated areas. The L.A. County Department of Public Health used three data sources — the 2007 Los Angeles County Health Survey (LACHS), the 2000 Census, and the 2007 Population Estimates and Projection System (PEPS).

In Santa Monica, many efforts have been made to reduce the smoking rate and the exposure to secondhand tobacco smoke. Smoking in Santa Monica is prohibited within 20 feet of the entrance, exit, or any open window of any building open to the public, the Third Street Promenade, any Farmers' Market, any property of a public library and anywhere on the Santa Monica Pier, except in designated areas.

In addition, smoking is now prohibited in any "common areas" in multi-unit residences, defined as any area that is accessible by occupants of more than one unit.

Santa Monica City Councilmember Kevin McKeown believes that the report shows the progress the city has already made in eliminating smoking and subjection to tobacco smoke.

"The county health map will raise awareness that yes, the health impacts of smoking can be reduced," he said. "Santa Monica's rel-

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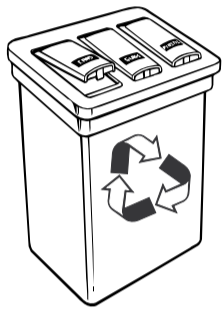
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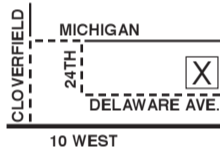


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OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA AND SURROUNDS



Saturday, June 26, 2010

Red, white and boom!

Santa Monica College, Corsair Field
1900 Pico Blvd., 5 p.m.

The annual fireworks display in honor of Independence Day. It's a spectacular show to celebrate America and our country's freedom. Admission is free. For more information, call (310) 434-3005.

Super Saturday

Ken Edwards Center

1527 Fourth St., 8:30 a.m. — 5 p.m.

Free adult CPR and child CPR classes, which normal cost \$58, will be offered as part of the 12th annual Super CPR Saturday. The two four-hour sessions will consist of video, text, lecture and hands on CPR training.

An optional Red Cross certificate is available upon passing the course for a \$10 processing fee. Classes are open to anyone over the age of 12 who is in good health. Advanced registration is required. For more information, call (310) 394-3773.

'Daddy Long Legs'

The Broad Stage

1310 11th St., 7:30 p.m.

"Daddy Long Legs" is an old-fashioned romance with a modern twist. Directed by Tony Award-winner John Caird and starring Megan McGinnis of "Les Miserables," the musical features a soundtrack of pop and folk by songwriter Paul Gordon. Ticket prices range from \$36 to \$85. For more information, call (310) 434-3200.

Sunday, June 27, 2010

Defying gravity

Yogis Anonymous

1221 Second St., Noon — 1:45 p.m.

During the first Inversion-a-thon to raise funds for Ocean Park Community Center (OPCC), yogis will compete to see who can stay upside down the longest. For those who cannot attend, the whole event will be broadcast live on yogisanonymous.com. Sponsors can pledge money online or in person. The event will include refreshments and raffle prizes.

Line up for 'A Chorus Line'

Morgan-Wixson Theatre

2627 Pico Blvd., 2 p.m.

A Tony Award-winning musical about the personal experiences of Broadway dancers, showing at the intimate, 200-seat Morgan-Wixson Theatre in Santa Monica. Tickets are \$23 for adults and \$18 for seniors and students. Parking is free. For more information, call (310) 828-7519.

Summer fun

Main Street, 11 a.m. — 7 p.m.

Featuring over 20 bands on six stages, the annual Main Street Summer SOULstice celebrates its 10th anniversary this Sunday. Several tribute bands will perform and there will be a kids activities area with bubbles, face painting and hula hoops starting at 11 a.m. Many merchants will have in-store parties and sales. For more information, go to www.mainstreetsm.com.

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

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Jackson: A tribute from fans and a lawsuit from dad

JOHN ROGERS

Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) Michael Jackson fans the world over paused Friday to remember the man they called the King of Pop with songs, dances and prayers on the first anniversary of his death, a day Jackson's father marked by filing a wrongful-death lawsuit against the doctor charged with giving his son a lethal dose of sedatives.

In Japan, hundreds of people lighted candles in Jackson's memory. In the Los Angeles suburb of Glendale, thousands filed silently through the gates of Forest Lawn Cemetery, where Jackson's body is entombed in the mausoleum. Some of them released white doves while others wept softly.

"He's been my idol all my life since I can remember. I feel like I haven't had closure," said Erick Dominguez, who traveled more than 80 miles from his home in Victorville to pay respects. As he spoke, the 37-year-old sales representative, his eyes hidden by sunglasses, began to weep.

Several of Jackson's relatives visited the mausoleum, which was off limits to the public. Brother Tito shook hands with fans as he arrived, and brother Jermaine rolled down a window and waved as the family left in a fleet of luxury vehicles.

In Jackson's hometown of Gary, Ind., Jackson's mother, Katherine, unveiled a monument in the front yard of the modest home where her children grew up.

"This past year has been very hard on the family," she said. "If it wasn't for the help of all of you, we wouldn't have made it through."

Jackson died June 25, 2009, at age 50, just before he was to begin a comeback tour. Dr. Conrad Murray has pleaded not guilty to felony involuntary manslaughter in his death. Authorities say Murray provided the entertainer with a mix of sedatives — including the powerful anesthetic propofol — that killed him.

As Jackson fans everywhere grieved, the entertainer's father, Joe Jackson, filed suit against Murray in federal court in Los Angeles.

The complaint, which seeks more than \$75,000, accuses Murray of professional negligence and contends the physician tried to conceal his administration of propofol after Jackson's death. Propofol is normally administered only in hospital settings. Murray had been providing it in the bedroom of Jackson's rented mansion in Los Angeles to help him sleep after the physically grueling rehearsals the performer had been putting himself through to get in shape for his comeback.



DIGGING DEEP

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UCLA Medical Center staff along with other private and public partners gather at the construction site of the Outpatient Surgery and Oncology Building at 1223 16th St. to celebrate the project's kick-off on Thursday afternoon. The three-story, 45,000-square-foot facility is being built by a private developer, Nautilus Group, in partnership with UCLA.

SM Mountains welcome litter of lions

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

SM MOUNTAINS Three baby mountain lions were discovered by researchers in the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area, officials announced this week.

The litter, consisting of two females and one male, was born last month and found on May 26 by National Park Service researchers just south of Peter Strauss Ranch off of Mulholland Highway.

The only previous documented litter of mountain lion kittens was born in the summer of 2004, officials said.

Each mountain lion kitten has been implanted with a tracking device that will allow researchers to follow the kittens' movement. This is the first urban mountain lion study that has had the opportunity to track mountain lion kittens from such a young age, according to a news release.

National Park Service researchers will study the new litter to see if the male mountain lion kitten will attempt to disperse to more expansive habitat when he matures, and if the females will have litters of their own in the future.

Wildlife researchers intensively monitored the kittens' mother throughout the spring after GPS tracking revealed that she and a collared male mountain lion spent several days in close proximity in late January. Adult mountain lions rarely interact with each other except to mate and during conflicts over territory.

The unconfirmed father of the kittens is genetically different from the other mountain lions in the Santa Monica Mountains, researchers said. He made the only documented successful mountain lion crossing



National Park Service

NEWBORN: A mountain lion kitten being examined by wildlife biologists.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Back off the branding

Editor:

Why the heck does Bayside think they have a right to realign our perceptions ("Creating a new identity for Downtown," June 12)? This is a bunch of gold-plated malarkey served up by those who would happily turn Santa Monica into a web page, or a billboard, as long as it increased revenue. Essentially they are saying that they cannot trust the public to make up their own minds, and insist on brainwashing us with their high-falutin nonsense. Between the surveillance cameras and the so called ambassadors, it feels like Big Brother to me! And no matter how you wrap him in hype the king remains starkly naked, as do the motives and methods of these tasteless marketers! One is reminded by this process of the hyper-vigilant parents of a newborn whose favorite topic is the quality of their baby's poop! The ultimate result of this overly self conscious "branding" process will be the destruction of whatever authenticity the Third Street Promenade still has!

Steve Keats

Santa Monica

Go back to the drawing board

Editor:

I fail to see how the proposed taxicab overhaul plan would benefit us ("Taxi overhaul plan heads to council," June 18). On the contrary, one nice thing about Santa Monica is the fact that it's one of the few places in Southern California where it's possible to stand at the curb and hail a taxi - just like in a real city! It's always easy in Downtown; but I've often been able to flag down a cab on Lincoln Boulevard near Ocean Park Boulevard, on Main Street near Ashland Avenue, and elsewhere. If the number of taxis is greatly reduced, will this still be possible? It seems unlikely to me. Rather, the fact that one can grab a taxi on short notice is probably a side-effect of the taxicab glut. Why does the city consider this a bad thing? So the proposed plan would jeopardize something nice. And what positive thing(s) do we get in return? I'm hard pressed to think of any. I feel that whoever came up with this plan should be told to go back to the drawing board.

Mark Bartelt

Santa Monica



On the Beat

NRO Artis Williams

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Not all that it's cracked up to be

Q: I WAS AT THE GAS STATION THE other day when a man approached me and said he could repair my chipped/cracked windshield for a small fee. The man was very persistent and I didn't feel comfortable talking to him about repairing my vehicle because the gas station does not have an area to repair cars. Is it illegal to drive a car with a cracked windshield? Should I trust someone who tries to sell me something while I am getting gas?

A: Section 26710 of the California Vehicle Code states:

"It is unlawful to operate any motor vehicle upon a highway when the windshield or rear window is in such a defective condition as to impair the driver's vision either to the front or rear."

Depending on the location/size of the chip or crack in the windshield, your vehicle could be in violation of this code. However, if you are approached by an individual who is soliciting any type of service while you are pumping gas or visiting another business, you should check with the owner, manager or employee of the business to see if this individual has permission to be on the property. If an employee or agent of the business is not available, tell the solicitor you are not interested in their services and check with the management at a later time. If the solicitor is persistent or begins to inspect your vehicle after you refuse, tell the solicitor you will call the police if they continue to inspect or touch your vehicle.

If you are curious and want information about windshield repair, there are several licensed businesses that can offer estimates (free in most cases) on the need and cost of the repair.

Q: I own a business in Santa Monica and almost every morning when I come to work I have to ask homeless people to get off my property. I call the police every time but these people leave before the police arrive. Is there anything I can do to let these folks know I don't want them on my property when the business is closed?

A: Because the closed business is still considered private property, the police need your permission to go on to the property and ask a person to leave. If someone is trespassing on the property and you want them arrested, you first need to advise them they are trespassing. If the person refuses to leave after being warned, then a private person's arrest is needed to remove an unwanted individual from the property.

A private person's arrest (commonly referred to as a citizen's arrest) is needed

when certain misdemeanor crimes (like trespassing) are committed and an officer is not present to witness the crime. When a private person's arrest is requested, an officer will examine what has occurred and determine if the arrest is legal. If the arrest is legal, then the officer will present the victim with a private person's arrest form to sign. Once the form is completed, the officer will take the offender into custody and complete all necessary paperwork.

Another way to address people camping, loitering or sleeping on private property is to file a trespass letter with the Santa Monica Police Department. A trespass letter is a way for the owner (or agent of a property) to give police authority to enter the property and remove those who are trespassing when the business (or a property that is not open to the general public) is closed. A trespass letter is completed by the owner or agent of the property and kept on file with the police department for a minimum of 30 days. Once the trespass letter is on file, officers can conduct checks of the property when it is closed to the general public and remove people who do not belong on the property.

Any business or property owner who is having a problem with homeless related issues or individuals trespassing on their property, and want additional information on trespass letters, can contact the SMPD Homeless Liaison Program (HLP) at (310) 458-8953. Once the trespass letter is completed, an officer will instruct the business/property owner on how to file it with the police department. This specialized unit works with community and government resources to assist those in need in getting back on their feet. Or, as always, anyone can contact their neighborhood resource officer (NRO) for addition information.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Looking for something fun to do this weekend? The Main Street Business Improvement Association is hosting the 10th Annual Main Street Summer SOULstice Festival on Sunday, June 27, 2010 11 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. There will be 24 live bands on 6 stages, lots of great food, children's activities, and sidewalk sales all along Main Street. For those shoppers who cannot wait until Sunday, the sidewalk sales will begin on Saturday. For details about the festival, visit the Main Street Merchant's website at www.mainstreetsm.com.

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The Diary of Judge Feldman

DEAR DIARY:

Well, it's been a pretty heady time for me. A few days ago, I blocked that presidential six-month moratorium on deep water drilling. That's right, I overruled the president of the United States. How cool is that? I got your "separation of powers" right here, Obama. It's no surprise, but some people feel I wasn't the right man to make the decision just because I've had holdings in Halliburton and Transocean Ltd., two of the companies being sued because of this little oil spill accident. Picky, picky, picky.

My decision was quite logical. What I said was, just because one rig failed, that doesn't mean that other rigs present a danger. America is the country of second chances. We gave Bush a second term, didn't we? We don't know that this kind of oil accident will happen again. It's like when a guy kills another guy. We don't know that he'll kill again, so why put him in jail? Give him another chance. If he kills somebody else, then you put him in jail.

I thought it was great when Congressman Joe Barton apologized to BP for everybody picking on BP. It's a shame that he was pressured into an apology for his apology, but he did it in a graceful manner. I have it right here, because I may use the same words someday: "If anything I have said this morning has been misconstrued to the opposite effect, I want to apologize for that misconstrued misconception." It's just the kind of obfuscation I like for obfuscating.

I know that supporters of Obama's drilling moratorium point out that the moratorium is not forever. It's for six months, and during that period they're supposed to figure out what went wrong and how to prevent this kind of thing from happening again. Doesn't it make more sense to keep the other rigs drilling, and if we find out what went wrong, then just fix it?

There's also been some talk about the Gulf not being able to survive another disaster after this one. This is an insult to the people of the region. We've seen how resilient

the people from New Orleans have been — well, those who didn't move away.

This is the real world, and it's not run by seafood, fish, and other wildlife. It's run by us — federal judges who have been appointed for life. (I still can't get used to that, my beloved diary). Let's face it, which is more important: keeping stockholders happy or a little bit of oil on a few birds?

LET'S FACE IT, WHICH IS MORE IMPORTANT: KEEPING STOCKHOLDERS HAPPY OR A LITTLE BIT OF OIL ON A FEW BIRDS?

Of course, some people think I should recuse myself just because of all of the investments I have had in the oil business. They don't feel I can be fair and impartial in this case. They believe it's "conflicto interesto." To them, I say, "tough-o nougie-ohs." Like I said, I was appointed for life. Besides, my involvement in the oil industry does not affect my decisions on things. Last night, I went out to dinner — I got a great table, by the way. Anyway, I debated between the salmon and the filet mignon and went with the filet. Believe me, my choosing the steak had nothing to do with my involvement with the oil industry. That proves I can be impartial, doesn't it?

That's it for tonight, diary. Oh, I almost forgot. I got this fantastic fruit basket delivered to me today. There was no name on the card. Just initials. B.P.

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The QLine

A TIMELY PROBLEM

This past week, Q-line asked: **Mayor Bobby Shriver is proposing to make City Council meetings shorter by streamlining the process, limiting allotted time for each member to speak and by making the staff reports available before the meetings begin. Do you think the meetings are too long and need to be shortened? Here are your responses:**

"HAVING WATCHED COUNCIL MEETINGS on TV, I believe that if all the 'ums' and 'ers' were banned the meeting would be completed at least two hours earlier."

"YES, THE MEETINGS ARE WAY TOO long and drawn out and actually pointless. This City Council does whatever they feel like. The citizens are a meaningless sideshow, and all the secret wheeling and dealing is never disclosed to the public. And any tidbit that is a done deal. The public doesn't count. The public input doesn't count."

"YES, THE MEETINGS SHOULD BE SHORTER. Also, it should be mandatory that those citizens wishing to speak during the council meeting present a prepared text to the council chambers a few days in advance in the same manner lawyers present a case text to a judge. This would enable council members to have advanced knowledge regarding the information the speaker wishes to present. This will speed meetings along and enable the council to offer meaningful suggestions. Also, again, in my opinion, those who wish to whine and snivel best send an e-mail to the council chambers and spare the whole viewing public."

"THE ANSWER TO YOUR QUESTION THIS week is: absolutely. The meetings could be shorter, and people's business could be done in one tenth the amount of time it takes these windbags to politically posture and pontificate. I'm all for shorter meetings."

"MAYOR SHRIVER IS WELL-KNOWN FOR his absence from council meetings and his early leaving when he does attend. Enough said."

"YES, I DO AGREE THAT OUR CITY Council meetings are much, much, much too long. I agree with eliminating and shortening the times for each member of the council to speak, but I don't agree with making the staff reports available before the meetings. An outline would be fine."

"GOD, WOULDN'T IT BE WONDERFUL IF our City Council kept their big mouths shut for the last 30 years. Since Santa Monicans for Renters' Rights took over, our city has gone from a sleepy, laid back, homey town to an overrun madhouse of laws, over-development, crime, homelessness, dirt, noise, traffic and tourism."

"KUDOS TO MAYOR SHRIVER. PERHAPS he and Councilman Holbrook can finally encourage more business-like behavior at City Council meetings. To date, the council has, I believe, purposefully scheduled meetings at or over dinner hour and let meetings run on at length in order to limit public input and discourage discussion of alternative views. It's about time for the dictatorship to end."

"JUST GIVE EACH SPEAKER A SET TIME limit. After that, if they're still talking, a trap door opens and drops them into a pool of electric eels. And there's a trap door under every seat in the council, as well. That would be a big help. If electric eels aren't available, crocodiles or piranha fish would also be a good idea."

"YES, I THINK IT'S AN EXCELLENT IDEA IF Mayor Shriver can make the meetings shorter. I'm an ex-landlord in this city of 'San Malicious,' and I remember many years ago when my husband and I were trying to get a proposal put forth that it took an endless amount of time. So I laud Mayor Shriver. It's nice to get some new, fresh blood in the mostly staged 'San Malicious' City Council."

"WOW, I MAY HAVE TO PARTIALLY reevaluate my view of Bobby Shriver. Lately, he has been asking definite anti-progressive questions of the right council members: sanctuary city, plastic bags, Arizona boycott, leaf blowers, bike lanes, city-controlled housing. No wonder the council meetings last 'til 2 a.m. How can a council member who bicycles around town all day looking for plastic bags and leaf blowers have the mental and physical stamina to make good decisions past midnight? Only Mr. Shriver has finally arrived at common sense. Being a leader requires wisdom and moral fortitude. Mr. Shriver's proposal can't be worse than his brother-in-law's capitulations."

"I DEFINITELY DO. IT COULD BE A problem. Some people might say that the ability to get the information earlier - however, there are far too many items that are after hours of their being there that are brought up. It's just too late for people, and they can't stay that late, or they're elderly, and they're tired, and they can't stay that late. For lots of reasons like these, I think since they have access to get the information ahead of time, I very much approve Mayor Bobby Shriver's attempt to make the meetings shorter by limiting the allotted time for each member to speak and by making staff reports available before the meeting begins. We definitely need a streamlined process."

"THEY SAY SILENCE IS GOLDEN, AND THE only thing we'd like to hear from the fools on our City Council is, 'I won't run again.'"

"THERE AREN'T ENOUGH COUNCIL meetings. They should meet either once a week or they should meet once a month on Saturday for a full day, and that would alleviate the problem of the too long meetings."

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Restaurant serves lion burgers despite protests

MICHELLE PRICE

Associated Press Writer

PHOENIX A restaurant owner who put lion burgers on the menu in honor of the World Cup has felt a roar of anger from outraged animal rights activists.

Cameron Selogie, owner of the Il Vaino restaurant in Mesa, served burgers made with African lion this week as a nod to the tournament in South Africa. Reservations sold out, with a waiting list 100 long.

But the burgers also attracted international attention and the scorn of animal rights activists, who picketed outside the restaurant. Selogie has even received some death threats.

And now Selogie himself is questioning

whether the meat was fair game.

"I was led to believe they were not hunted, they were not shot, they were not abused," Selogie said. "I feel I was misled by this."

Serving African lion meat is perfectly legal, said Michael Herndon, a spokesman for the Food and Drug Administration. Game meat such as lion can be sold as long as the species isn't endangered, and the CDC hasn't prohibited importation of African lion, although its Asiatic cousin is on the endangered list.

Selogie described the meat as tasting slightly "gamey," almost like a savory beef jerky. About 20 percent of Il Vaino's patty is ground beef, because the lion meat was so lean, Selogie said.

Selogie purchased 10 pounds of ground lion meat — enough for 40 burgers — from Phoenix-based Gourmet Imports Wild Game, a distributor that Selogie has worked with before and found to be reputable.

"Everything's always been on the up and up," Selogie said. "So I felt comfortable with what he told me."

Gourmet Imports, run by Rick Worrilow, supplies everything from alligator to zebra for customers. Worrilow said he purchased the meat from a shipper in Illinois, Czimer's Game & Sea Foods. The owner, Richard Czimer, told him the meat is inspected by the USDA and comes from a free-range farm — something Worrilow, a vegetarian, considered important.

But USDA spokesman Brian Mabry said in

an e-mail that lion meat is not inspected by the agency, and the agency would look into whether there was a misuse of the USDA mark.

Phone calls to Czimer's by The Associated Press were not immediately returned.

Richard Czimer was sentenced to six months in prison in 2003 for illegally buying and selling tiger and leopard meat. In an interview with CNNMoney.com, he said he gets his lion meat from another man who runs a skinning business, whom he refused to name.

In South Africa, lion meat is shunned and animal welfare activists expressed shock at the burgers served in Phoenix. Mike Cadman, a wildlife research journalist based in Johannesburg, describes the eating of lion meat as a "bizarre craze" practiced by those who want to try it because it is not illegal.

Real salads feature bacon, beans and barbecue sauce

J.M. HIRSCH

AP Food Editor

No time for potato or pasta salad? Or just looking to mix it up at the July Fourth cook-out? This is your salad.

Just 20 minutes will get you an intensely flavored white bean salad studded with savory bacon, crunchy fennel and fresh corn, all tossed with tangy barbecue sauce. The result is a rich, but not heavy salad that is the perfect partner for ribs,

burgers, dogs, cobs or whatever you got on the grill.

It's also a versatile dish that can be dressed up multiple ways. Use it as a filling in flour tortillas for barbecue-flavored burritos. Spoon it over tortilla chips, sprinkle with cheese, then bake until heated through for hearty nachos.

To save even more time, you can prepare the salad ahead and refrigerate for a day. Let it sit at room temperature for 30 minutes before serving.

Barbecue bacon and bean salad

Start to finish: 20 minutes

Servings: 6

- 1/2 pound bacon, cut into 1-inch pieces
- 1 large yellow onion, diced
- 1/2 teaspoon smoked paprika
- 1/2 cup prepared barbecue sauce
- 15-ounce can corn kernels, drained (or kernels cut from about 4 ears)
- Two 15-ounce cans white beans, drained
- 1 medium bulb fennel, finely chopped
- 1 tablespoon cider vinegar
- Salt and ground black pepper, to taste
- 1 tablespoon chopped chives

In a large saute pan over medium-high, cook the

bacon for 4 minutes. Add the onion and continue cooking until the bacon is crispy and the onion tender. Remove the pan from the heat. If there is more than about 1 tablespoon of fat in the pan, drain most of it, leaving the bacon and onions in the pan. Stir in the smoked paprika and barbecue sauce. Transfer to a bowl and place in the freezer for 10 minutes to cool quickly.

In a large bowl, mix together the corn, beans and fennel. Mix in the cooled bacon mixture, tossing well. Sprinkle in the cider vinegar and season with salt and pepper. Garnish with chopped chives.

Nutrition information per serving (values are rounded to the nearest whole number): 415 calories; 153 calories from fat; 17 g fat (5 g saturated; 0 g trans fats); 43 mg cholesterol; 39 g carbohydrate; 24 g protein; 8 g fiber; 1,455 mg sodium.

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actively low smoking rate may demonstrate results of our pioneering work prohibiting smoking in parks, on beaches and near outdoor dining areas."

Although Santa Monica has made many advances in this area, some citizens and activists believe that more needs to be done before the city can truly make progress.

Esther Schiller, executive director of S.A.F.E., (Smokefree Air For Everyone) and the Smokefree Apartment House Registry, is concerned about renters being exposed to secondhand smoke and would like to see more protections.

"If, over time, non-smoking and smoking permitted sections could be developed in apartment buildings, that would help to improve the long term health of Santa Monica residents of multi-unit housing," she said

Schiller may have some support. The report suggests reducing exposure to secondhand smoke by restricting smoking in multi-unit housing, including provisions prohibiting smoking in apartment patios and balconies, indoor common areas such as hallways and laundry rooms, and outdoor common areas such as pool areas.

It also suggests implementing a cigarette litter mitigation fee, and restricting sales of tobacco products through conditional use permits near schools and parks to reduce youth access to tobacco products.

Although the Department of Public Health suggests that the estimates included in the report are not suitable for assessing the effectiveness of those policies and interventions, the city of Calabasas, ranked 4 out of 127 in the report, has one of the strictest no smoking laws in the nation, prohibiting smoking in all public areas of the city.

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LIONS

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across Highway 101 in spring of 2009 to enter the mountains, and it is possible he came from another region, bringing new genetic material with him.

The kittens will face many challenges as they mature, officials said. The habitat in the Santa Monica Mountains is robust, and suitable for hunting and reproduction. However, the limited amount of open space, and lack of wildlife crossings that allow for safe passage to other wild areas to the north and west can create conflicts over territory and result in inbreeding within the confined mountain lion population.

In another development in the mountain lion study, a male adult was also added to the research study in May. He lives in the Santa Susana Mountains off of Interstate-5. The study hasn't followed any mountain lions in the Santa Susana Mountains in six years.

The lion's movements will be studied to see if he stays in his current location, or attempts to cross a number of the major and minor highways to move north into national forest land, or south into the Santa Monica Mountains.

Researchers will be particularly interested in a potential crossing of the Santa Clara river valley and Highway 126, potentially less of a barrier to wildlife than freeways like the 101 and 118. This connection across Highway 126 is a critical step between the Santa Monica Mountains to the south, and large, healthy mountain lion populations to the north in Los Padres National Forest, researchers said.

Research in the Santa Monica Mountains reveals that the male mountain lions frequently travel the entire length and breadth of the Santa Monica Mountains from the 405 Freeway at the east end of the park, to the agricultural areas in Camarillo to the west, and from the Pacific Ocean and Malibu to the south to the 101 to the north, which acts as a barrier to further travel. From these borders created by roads or development, they often turn around and head back into the mountains, unwilling to attempt a crossing to other wildlands in the Simi Hills, Santa Susana Mountains, and ultimately in



National Park Service

LITTLE ONES: Student wildlife biologist Emmanuel Lara carries a kitten back to the den while another is examined by a biologist (below).

Angeles and Los Padres national forests.

The National Park Service mountain lion study started eight years ago in July, 2002 with one lion collared. Since then, researchers have tracked 19 mountain lions. Currently, the study monitors six working GPS collars on adult mountain lions, as well as the three new kittens that are monitored by vehicle or on foot using VHF transmitters. This is the largest number of mountain lions ever followed at one point in time during the study.

The study data has also informed project

proposals currently in progress to establish a safe and effective wildlife crossing point under the 101 in the wildlife corridor near Liberty Canyon road in Agoura Hills.

The study has received a variety of federal, state, grant, and donation funding over the past eight years. It last received funding in 2008, and the National Park Service and its partners are actively working to secure additional funding to keep the project going past 2010.

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money for the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District, it's blossomed into a full-blown movement.

So far, kids and their parents have held 36 lemonade stands on neighborhood street corners from Pico Boulevard to Montana Avenue, raising a staggering \$9,633 for local schools.

The money was handed over to the Santa Monica-Malibu Education Foundation at a ceremony on Friday afternoon at Virginia Avenue Park.

Underscoring the district's difficulties, the event was held on what would have been the last day of the school year, if the school board hadn't had to cut five days of instruction because of lower state funding for education.

Instead, SMMUSD students have been at home for a week, and a growing number of them have used their extra time off to raise money for the school district, which recently cut \$7.1 million from its budget and laid off 58 teachers.

The Project Lemon-aid money will add to the total brought in by the education foundation during the "Save Our Schools" campaign, which is aiming to raise enough money to save some teachers' jobs next school year.

"Santa Monica is a special place and our kids are special kids. We are truly a community," said Jennifer Krieger, a parent who helped spur interest in the lemonade stand fundraiser.

For kids involved, it's been an enjoyable way to pitch in.

"It was fun and a little bit challenging," said Devon Newberry, a fourth grader at Franklin who spent last Saturday working at a stand.

Attracting customers — some of whom left generous donations on top of the cost of cookies and lemonade — hasn't been a problem. "People kept coming and coming and coming," Newberry said.

Parent leaders of Project Lemon-aid hope their impressive haul so far is just the beginning. Krieger said she and other parents are planning to keep the lemonade stands going throughout the summer.

On Friday, Menchie's Frozen Yogurt,

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Jennifer Krieger,
Parent

which has a location on Montana Avenue, announced it would donate 20 percent of proceeds from sales in the month of July to the education foundation when customers mention Project Lemon-aid. Hot Dog on a Stick, with an outpost near the Santa Monica Pier, sent a team member on Friday to give the kids who have participated in the fundraiser a coupon for a free lemonade.

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No Gulf seafood, no po-boys; owner shuts La. cafe

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GHEENS, La. Vicki Guillot has served her last seafood po-boy.

The local bounty of fresh shrimp and oysters that once kept the only restaurant in this rural Louisiana town bustling can no longer be culled from the Gulf of Mexico because of the massive oil spill that has fouled the water.

All her distributors can offer her now is imported shrimp at twice the price she was paying 10 weeks ago before an oil rig explosion triggered the disaster that has dumped millions of gallons of crude off the Gulf Coast.

"The last price I got from him was for

imported shrimp, and I said, 'No thank you,'" Guillot said Thursday. "Our waters are all around here, our boys fished all the time. To buy imported?"

Then, she shook her head from side to side as she broke down in tears in the kitchen of Debbie's Cafe.

Guillot, 49, had to close the restaurant for good Tuesday after just six months in business.

She said she battered her own shrimp and fried her own fish. But now there's no more batter, no more frying oil where Guillot and her family served up sandwiches, ice cream and ice snowballs seven days a week to loyal customers in the town of mostly commercial fishing families.

Guillot is one of a slew of small business owners who rely on the Gulf waters for fresh

seafood. But with more than 70,000 square miles of those waters closed to fishing since the spill, the well that kept the businesses running is running dry.

Larger restaurants are able to maintain their seafood stocks, but at a price.

"We are a strong player in the market," said Tommy Cvitanovich, owner of famed Drago's Seafood Restaurant in Metairie, a New Orleans suburb. "I've got a few more cards to play with some other people."

Nevertheless, Cvitanovich says the price he pays for Gulf oysters has nearly doubled since the spill. He pledges not to pass those price increases along to customers, but may remove some oyster dishes from his menu.

Meanwhile, he says if prices continue to rise, more and more restaurants will be forced

to drop the Louisiana staple from their menus.

"Oysters have reached the ceiling," Cvitanovich says. "At some point, restaurateurs or consumers will only pay so much."

At Zydeco's Cajun Restaurant in Belle Chasse, owner Raelynn Scott pulled shrimp from her menu a week ago and put an end to the restaurant's all-you-can-eat shrimp special.

When she can get shrimp, Scott says the cost has increased by more than 50 percent. The restaurant has raised the prices of some seafood dishes.

"We pretty much ate the cost for about a month and finally had to make some adjustments temporarily," Scott said.

None of that matters anymore back at Debbie's, where the paper menu still hangs on the wall next to the idle cash register.

Ariz. gov: Most illegal immigrants smuggling drugs

PAUL DAVENPORT

Associated Press Writer

PHOENIX Arizona Gov. Jan Brewer said Friday most illegal immigrants entering Arizona are being used to transport drugs across the border, an assertion that critics painted as exaggerated and racist.

Brewer said the motivation of "a lot" of the illegal immigrants is to enter the United States to look for work, but that drug rings press them into duty as drug "mules."

"I believe today, under the circumstances that we're facing, that the majority of the illegal trespassers that are coming into the state of Arizona are under the direction and control of organized drug cartels and they are bringing drugs in," Brewer said.

"There's strong information to us that they come as illegal people wanting to come

to work. Then they are accosted and they become subjects of the drug cartel," she said.

Sen. Jesus Ramon Valdes, a member of the Mexican senate northern border affairs commission, called Brewer's comments racist and irresponsible.

"Traditionally, migrants have always been needy, humble people who in good faith go looking for a way to better the lives of their families," Ramon Valdes said.

A Border Patrol spokesman said illegal immigrants do sometimes carry drugs across the border, but he said he couldn't provide numbers because the smugglers are turned over to prosecutors.

"I wouldn't say that every person that is apprehended is being used as a mule," spokesman Mario Escalante said from Tucson. "The smuggling organizations, in their attempts to be lucrative and to make more money, they'll

try pretty much whatever they need."

A spokesman for a human rights group said Brewer's comments were "an oversimplification of reality."

"We have some stories of people being forced to carry drugs," said Jaime Farrant, policy director for Tucson-based Border Action Network. "We disagree with the assessment that people are crossing (to carry drugs). We have no evidence that's the truth. We think most people come in search of jobs or to reunite with their families."

Brewer spoke Friday when asked about comments she made in a recent election debate among Republican candidates for governor.

She said during the June 15 debate that she believed that most illegal immigrants were not entering the United States for work. She then associated illegal immigrants with drug smuggling, drop houses, extortion and

other criminal activity.

Brewer on April 23 signed a controversial new state immigration enforcement law that will take effect July 29 unless blocked by a court. Five legal challenges are already pending in federal court already, and the U.S. Justice Department may file its own challenge.

The Arizona law requires police officers enforcing another law to question a person's immigration status if there's a reasonable suspicion that he or she is in the country illegally.

Francisco Loureiro, who has run a migrant shelter for more than 20 years in Nogales, across the border from the Arizona town of the same name, said Brewer's comments are aimed at turning the people of Arizona against migrants and strengthen support for the state's new immigration enforcement law.

Bank stocks soar following financial regulation deal

TIM PARADIS

AP Business Writer

NEW YORK Bank stocks shot higher Friday after an agreement on a financial regulation bill reassured investors that new rules won't devastate financial companies' profits.

Banks outdistanced the rest of the market after congressional negotiators agreed on a bill that increases the regulation of financial companies, but that doesn't include some of the harshest provisions that the government originally proposed. The legislation imposes new rules on the complex investments known as derivatives, but the rules aren't as strict as investors feared. It also includes a far milder version of what's been called the Volcker rule. That rule, named after former Federal Reserve Chairman Paul Volcker, would have banned commercial banks from trading simply to increase their profits, a practice known as proprietary trading.

Analysts said the deal removes a huge cloud that has hovered over the financial industry for much of this year. Investors have feared that intense regulation would devastate bank profits. Now, the market seems to believe that financial companies would do well even with the new limits on their business.

"They come out of this big-time winners," Bob Froehlich, senior managing director at Hartford Financial Services, said of financial companies. "Two years later, people

will look back and say 'My gosh, nothing really changed.'"

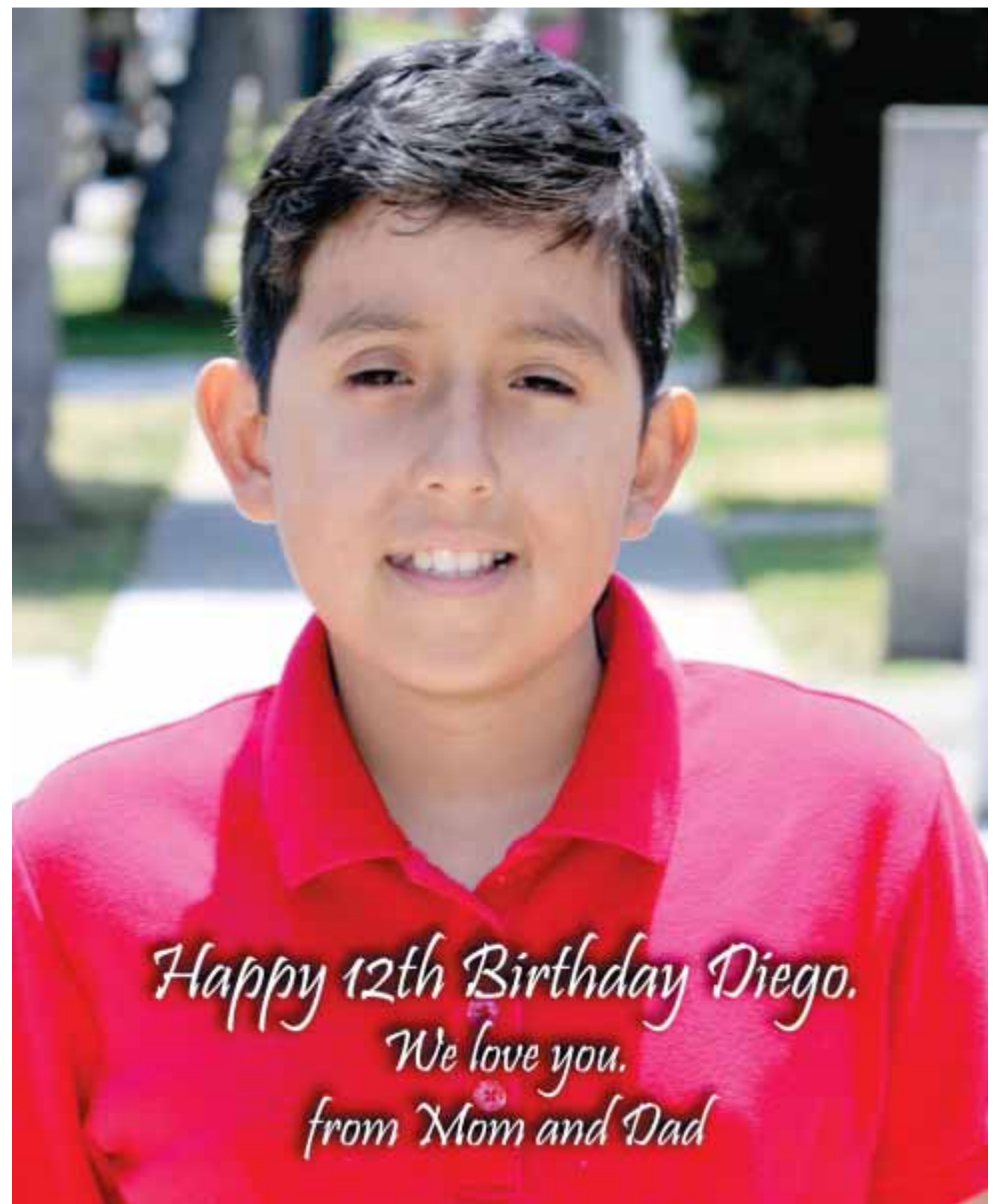
Banks were the market's big performers on a day when the Dow Jones industrial average fell almost 9 points and the other major indexes had only slim gains.

Goldman Sachs Group Inc. rose 3.5 percent, while JPMorgan Chase & Co. gained 3.7 percent. Bank of America rose 2.7 percent and Citigroup Inc. rose 4.2 percent.

Regional banks also scored big gains. Suntrust Banks Inc. rose 4.7 percent and Synovus Financial Corp. gained 5.3 percent.

Investors had feared that the financial regulation bill would sharply curtail bank profits by limiting financial companies' ability to trade in derivatives. Companies and investors often use derivatives to hedge against losses. But some derivatives are purely speculative investments, and some of these derivatives have been blamed for contributing heavily to the collapse of the housing market and the 2008 financial crisis.

The legislation calls for most derivatives to be traded on regulated exchanges. But provisions of the bill that were investors' worst-case scenario, for example, an outright ban on banks' trading derivatives, were not included in the final agreement. Banks can still trade derivatives related to interest rates, foreign exchanges, gold and silver, investments that have contributed to their big profits.





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SURF REPORT

SURF CONDITIONS WATER TEMP: 64°

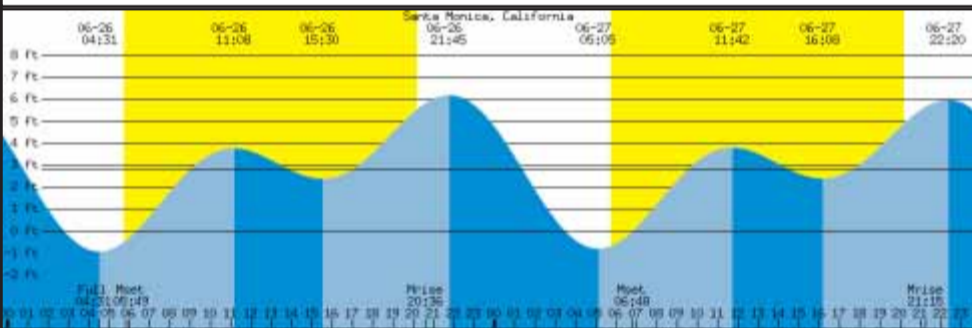
SWELL FORECAST

By mid day, we should see an increase in SW swell. AM sessions are looking at size similar to Friday, but the afternoon should see some chest high sets at south facing breaks.

LONG RANGE SYNOPSIS

SHOULD SEE CHEST HIGH SETS AROUND SOUTH FACING BREAKS FROM THE COOK ISLAND GROUND SWELL.

TIDE FORECAST FOR TODAY IN SANTA MONICA



BEACH REPORT CARD NORTH LOS ANGELES COUNTY
Grades for this report are based on monitoring data from the previous 30 days up to the ending date of **June 22, 2010**

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QUICK STATS (for the last 30 days)

- Number of sewage spills -- 0
- Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0
- Number of wet days -- 0
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 40/55
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 6/55

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LOCATION	DRY	WET	LOCATION	DRY	WET
Las Cañitas Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth.	A+	ns	Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence.	D	ns
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	ns	Will Rogers State Beach at Palga Canyon storm drain.	A+	ns
El Pescador State Beach, between Lachasa and Los Altos creeks.	A+	ns	Will Rogers State Beach at Tennessee Canyon drain.	D	ns
Encinal Canyon at El Morado State Beach.	A	ns	Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chocomaque).	A+	ns
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth.	A+	ns	Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain.	A+	ns
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	A+	ns	Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain.	A	ns
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildfire Rd. (private).	A+	ns	Santa Monica Municipal Pier.	A	ns
Paradise Cove Pier at Romeros Canyon Creek mouth.	F	ns	Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain.	A	ns
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	A	ns	Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restaurants).	A+	ns
Laguna Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	ns	Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain.	A+	ns
Salonica Canyon at Don Blocker County Beach.	D	ns	Venice City Beach, at the Reno Ave. storm drain.	A+	ns
Puente State Beach at creek mouth.	A+	ns	Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain.	A+	ns
Maize Canyon storm drain at Puente Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd..	A+	ns	Venice Beach at Winward Ave. drain.	B	ns
Serfider Beach at Malibu Calvary fence.	A	ns	Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south.	A+	ns
Serfider Beach (beach location) - daily.	B	ns	Venice Beach - projection of Topical St.	A+	ns
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	D	ns	Malibu del Rey, Mothers' Beach - lifeguard tower.	A	ns
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	A+	ns	Deckweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth.	A	ns
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point here).	A+	ns	Deckweiler State Beach at Calver Blvd. drain.	A+	ns
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs.	A+	ns	North Westchester Storm Drain at Deckweiler State Beach.	A+	ns
Pena Creek at Los Tunes County Beach.	A+	ns	Deckweiler State Beach at World Way (south of DAW jetty).	A+	ns
Tana Canyon.	A+	ns	Deckweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain.	A+	ns
Tapanga State Beach at creek mouth.	F	ns	Deckweiler Beach - adjacent Hyperion Treatment Plant.	A	ns
Castroville Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	ns	Deckweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain.	A+	ns
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	ns			
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	A+	ns			

LEGEND
DRY -- each location is graded on an A - F scale based on bacterial pollution levels present in the surf zone
WET -- grades for days of recorded rainfall and the following 3 days
ns -- no sample taken

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

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USC files appeal that asks NCAA to ease penalties

GREG BEACHAM
AP Sports Writer

LOS ANGELES Southern California filed an appeal with the NCAA on Friday, asking that several sanctions on its football program be reduced because they are "too severe" and "inconsistent with precedent."

USC appealed only certain aspects of this month's ruling. Among the penalties were a two-year bowl ban, four years of probation, scholarship losses and removal of several victories. The school will accept a bowl ban for the upcoming season and certain scholarship penalties in football, but believes the full sanctions were unduly harsh.

USC asked for the two-year postseason ban to be reduced to one year. The school also wants the NCAA's scholarship reductions in football from 2011 to 2013 to be reduced to five lost scholarships in each season, rather than 10.

"We disagree with many of the findings in the report from the NCAA Committee on Infractions and assert that the penalties imposed are too severe for the violations identified and are inconsistent with precedent in similar cases," said Todd Dickey, USC's senior vice president for administration.

USC already announced it would appeal immediately after the sanctions were handed down June 10. The NCAA's appeal process typically takes at least several months, and Dickey said the Trojans might get an answer by spring only in a best-case scenario.

The NCAA's infractions appeal committee next meets in late September and early November. Given that time frame, the Trojans had little choice but to accept the bowl ban for the upcoming season in the Trojans' debut under coach Lane Kiffin.

After a four-year investigation of the entire athletic department, USC was penalized for a lack of institutional control. The report cited numerous improper benefits for Heisman Trophy-winning tailback Reggie Bush and former basketball player O.J. Mayo, who spent just one year with the Trojans.

The NCAA accepted the Trojans' self-imposed sanctions on their men's basketball

and women's tennis teams, but threw the book at the venerated USC football team, which won seven straight Pac-10 titles and two national championships in the past decade. The coaches who presided then — football's Pete Carroll and basketball's Tim Floyd — left USC in the past year.

The NCAA said Bush received lavish gifts from two fledgling sports marketers hoping to sign him. The men paid for everything from hotel stays and a rent-free home where Bush's family apparently lived to a limousine and a new suit when he accepted his Heisman Trophy in New York in December 2005.

"The university recognizes that violations of NCAA rules did occur, especially involving impermissible benefits going to student athletes as well as their friends and families, from unscrupulous sports agents and sports marketers," Dickey said. "We take full responsibility for those violations, given that they happened on our watch."

The NCAA declared Bush was ineligible beginning at least by December 2004, a ruling that could open discussion of the revocation of the New Orleans Saints star's Heisman. Members of the Heisman Trust have said they might review Bush's award if he were ruled ineligible by the NCAA.

Bush has acknowledged no wrongdoing and vowed to help USC fight the sanctions, although his apparent reluctance to speak to NCAA investigators was a factor in the length of the investigation.

Many former Trojans have criticized the penalties, among them tailback LenDale White.

"I don't think that 100 kids on the football team should be punished for what somebody else's actions were," White, the former Tennessee Titans running back recently released by Carroll's Seattle Seahawks, told a Nashville radio station this week. "I think if they deem (Bush) ineligible ... that should just be what it is. Let him forfeit his stuff."

The NCAA also banned USC from playing a 13th game this season and next season, but later delayed the penalty to avoid forcing Hawaii to cancel its home opener against the Trojans on Sept. 2 at Aloha Stadium.

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MOVIE TIMES

<p>Aero Theatre 1328 Montana Ave. (323) 466-FILM</p> <p>Saturday, June 25 Charlie Chaplin retrospective: double feature The Pilgrim (NR) 59min The Great Dictator (NR) 2hr 05min 7:30pm</p> <p>Sunday, June 26 Charlie Chaplin Shorts Program Pay Day (NR), 28min Sunnyside (NR), 29min A Day's Pleasure, 25min The Idle Class, 32min 3:00pm</p> <p>Call theater for more information.</p> <p>AMC Loews Broadway 4 1441 Third Street Promenade</p> <p>Get Him to the Greek (R) 1hr 49min 12:45pm, 3:30pm, 6:15pm, 9:00pm</p> <p>Jonah Hex (PG-13) 1hr 21min 10:45am, 1:00pm, 3:15pm, 5:30pm, 7:45pm, 10:00pm</p> <p>Knight and Day (PG-13) 1hr 50min 10:50am, 1:30pm, 4:15pm, 7:00pm, 9:45pm</p> <p>Shrek Forever After 3D (RealD 3D) (PG) 1hr 33min 12:15pm, 2:35pm, 5:00pm, 7:25pm, 9:45pm</p> <p>AMC 7 Santa Monica</p>	<p>1310 Third St. (310) 289-4262</p> <p>Grown Ups (PG-13) 1hr 42min 10:45am, 1:30pm, 4:15pm, 7:00pm, 9:45pm</p> <p>Get Him to the Greek (R) 1hr 49min 11:40am, 2:30pm, 5:15pm, 8:00pm, 10:45pm</p> <p>The Karate Kid (PG) 2hrs 20min 12:40pm, 4:00pm, 7:15pm, 10:30pm</p> <p>Knight and Day (PG-13) 1hr 50min 11:40am, 2:30pm, 5:15pm, 8:00pm, 10:45pm</p> <p>Toy Story 3 in Disney Digital 3D (RealD 3D) (G) 1hr 49min 10:05am, 11:00am, 12:05pm, 12:50pm, 1:50pm, 2:50pm, 3:40pm, 4:40pm, 5:40pm, 6:30pm, 7:30pm, 8:30pm, 9:15pm, 10:15pm, 11:00pm</p> <p>Laemmle's Monica Fourplex 1332 Second St. (310) 394-9741</p> <p>Winter's Bone (R) 1hr 55min 1:50pm, 4:20pm, 7:10pm, 9:40pm</p> <p>Sun Behind the Clouds (NR) 1hr 19min 1:10pm, 3:20pm, 5:20pm, 7:40pm, 9:50pm</p> <p>Please Give (R) 1hr 45min 1:00pm, 3:10pm, 5:30pm, 7:50pm, 10:10pm</p> <p>Solitary Man (R) 1hr 45min</p>	<p>1:20pm, 3:30pm, 5:40pm, 8:00pm, 10:15pm</p> <p>Mann's Criterion Theatre 1313 Third St. (310) 395-1599</p> <p>The A-Team (PG-13) 1hr 57min 11:05am, 1:50pm, 4:45pm, 7:40pm, 10:35pm</p> <p>Sex and the City 2 (R) 2hrs 27min 12:20pm, 3:40pm, 7:00pm, 10:15pm</p> <p>Splice (R) 1hr 44min 12:00pm, 5:10pm, 10:25pm</p> <p>The Karate Kid (PG) 2hrs 20min 11:40am, 3:00pm, 6:15pm, 9:30pm</p> <p>Killers (PG-13) 1hr 33min 2:35pm, 7:50pm</p> <p>Prince of Persia: The Sands of Time (PG-13) 1hr 56min 11:00am, 1:40pm, 4:30pm, 7:20pm, 10:10pm</p> <p>Grown Ups (PG-13) 1hr 42min 11:45am, 2:30pm, 5:15pm, 8:00pm, 10:45pm</p>
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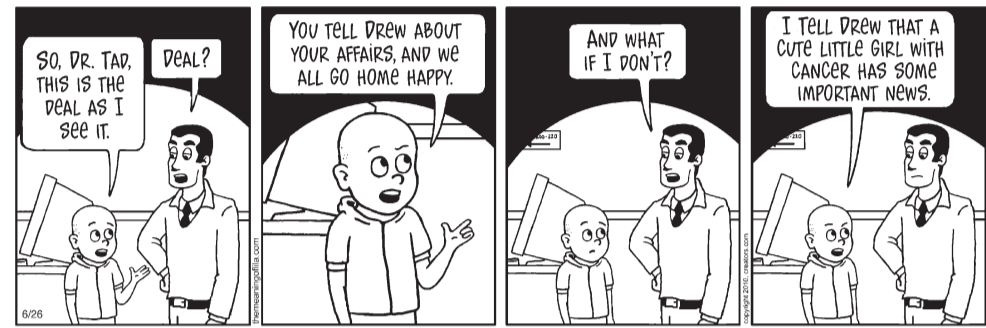
Girls and Sports

By Justin Borus and Andrew Feinstein



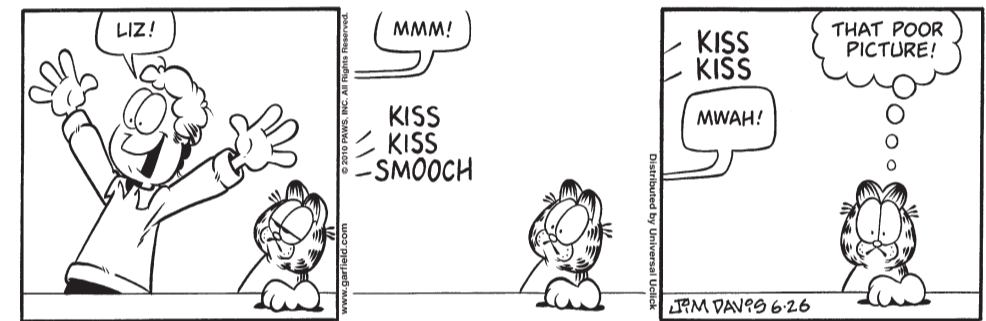
The Meaning of Lila

By John Forgetta & L.A. Rose



Garfield

By Jim Davis



Go where the action is, Pisces

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★ No one questions your stature, but, rather, others have many options. Your temper could explode with the Full Moon, causing friction left and right. Know that you will have to make an apology should you lose it. Tonight: Choose something relaxing, for everyone's sake.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ Your plate is full. You might not know which way to turn. You go back and forth on the same issue. Plans change, as others seem to demand your time and attention. Tap into your innate creativity. Tonight: Do something physical.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ Use caution with spending. You could create a problem. Ultimately, do you really want the liability? Take on a project in order to work through energy and stress. Tonight: Happily home.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ How you manage a situation and what goes on could be overwhelming. Others want your feedback, yet they will challenge you. Take others playing devil's advocate as an opportunity to look within. Tonight: Out on the town.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★ Get into a hobby or a project where you can think and relax too. The Full Moon could irritate your sense of well-being. The smart action is to choose some downtime and not push yourself so much socially. Tonight: Make the most of the moment.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ Some Full Moons are easier than others. You could find this Full Moon most exciting if you don't have a rigid perspective or a need for control. Many people could seek you out. Be available to carouse with friends and dote on loved ones. Tonight: Make that extra effort.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★ Pressure builds between responsibilities and what you would enjoy most. Make time for both, and don't feel pressured, like many of those around you. Be careful how you display your anger. Words said cannot be taken back. Tonight: Know when you have had enough.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ Pick and choose your words, even if someone is slamming you with his or her impressions and needs. This is simply part of the Full Moon. Zero in on what you want. A friend could be demanding. Let it go. This too will pass. Tonight: Hang out with loved ones and relax.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ Be aware of how extreme and wild matters could become. You probably will want to maintain a certain self-discipline. A boss or older relative could be extremely demanding. You might wonder what gives. Tonight: Fun doesn't have to cost.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ The Full Moon highlights you. You suddenly might feel more relaxed and capable of handling everything that is tossed on your plate. Count on a lot of people being around you and wanting your time. Tonight: Be open to what moseys down your path.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

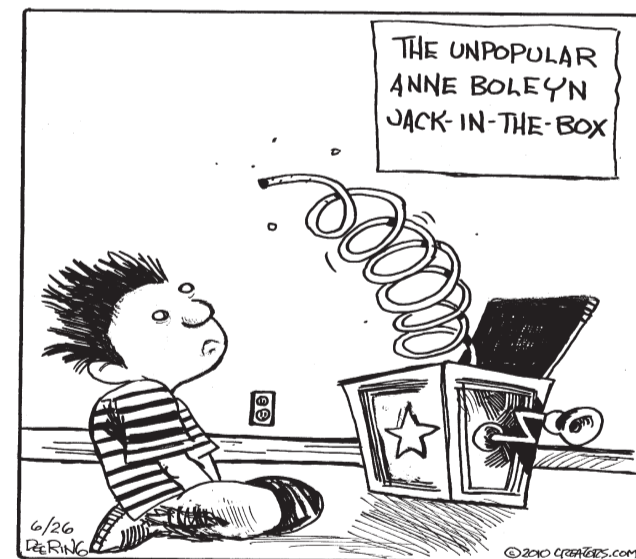
★★★ You might want to take some time away from your life. Take a drive or go explore a favorite area. Reflect on an issue that needs to be handled, though don't choose to act just yet. A partner or friend could be out of kilter. Tonight: Not to be found.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★ A long-desired wish could pop up out of the blue. Be ready to say "yes," as surprised as you might be. A partner or close loved one could be out of kilter. Remain the caring person that he or she knows. Tonight: Where the action is.

Strange Brew

By John Deering



Speed Bump

By Dave Coverly

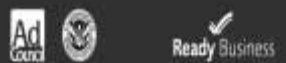


Procrastination is a problem when it comes to doing my disaster plan. As a business owner I have a lot to do. It's not like a disaster is going to happen tomorrow. Besides, we have that new business pitch. I've been waiting for this to happen for a while now. I'll get the disaster plan finished eventually. Nothing to worry about, it'll happen.

Whether natural or man-made, at least one in four businesses affected by a disaster never recovers. Though emergencies are unpredictable, when you have a plan in place you can adapt, recover and stay in control. It never too late to protect your business world. It is.

Make a plan.

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Happy birthday

Often, you will do a juggling act between what you want and what you should do. This year, you will learn which voice to listen to. Guilt (not giving enough) and resentment (giving too much) also could rear their ugly heads. If you are single, your charisma isn't to be questioned, though establishing a stable relationship will take time. If you are attached, you and your mate often don't agree. Learn to respect your differences. Passions will run high. CAPRICORN can be challenging.

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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

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.

Difficulty Level ★★★★★

9x9 Sudoku grid with some numbers filled in.

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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.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

Grid showing solutions for yesterday's puzzle.

ARITHMO CrossMath

Fill the grid with the set of given numbers (1 to 12) to satisfy the Equa demands (7 to 24) in the shaded boxes.

Fill in the empty fields with the given numbers so when calculated together they satisfy all Equas in the gray boxes:

2, 2, 6, 7, 7, 10, 11, 12

Solution 46 for Friday

Arithmo puzzle grid with shaded boxes and math operations.



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CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

- ACROSS 42 Abrasive stuff, 43 Min. parts, 44 Platform

DOWN

- 1 Swimmer's choice, 2 Singer Cyndi, 3 Out of the wind, 4 Words from the boss, 5 Computer key, 6 Brood tender, 7 Held forth, 8 King who abdicated in 1937, 9 Prepare for surgery, 11 Yertle's creator, 15 Star supporters' group, 19 Stocking stuffers, 21 Told tales, 24 Knocked down a peg

Crossword grid with words filled in.

Yesterday's answer

- 25 Amulet, 26 Drunks, 27 Ball caller, 29 Asian capital, 30 Town VIPs, 31 Slender, 33 Staggers, 37 '70s cop show, 39 MOMA setting

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Empty crossword grid with numbers in starting positions.

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Fantasy 5 3 22 34 37 38

DAILY 3 MIDDAY: 7 7 1 EVENING: 9 2 8

DAILY DERBY 1st: 08 Gorgeous George, 2nd: 09 Winning Spirit, 3rd: 07 Eureka RACE TIME: 1:41.40

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD BY CHUCK SHEPARD

Their Getaways Hit a Dead End: (1) Noah Comer, 39, crashed his motorcycle and was killed as he tried to flee sheriff's deputies in San Diego in January after allegedly stealing a pack of cigarettes from the AM/PM mini-mart.

British mechanical engineer John Tyrer told an audience at the annual meeting of the Institute of Physics in Brighton, England, in March (1998) that he and his colleagues were using lasers to design a more comfortable bra.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1940 World War II: under the Molotov-Ribbentrop Pact, the Soviet Union presents an ultimatum to Romania requiring it to cede Bessarabia and the northern part of Bukovina.

1942 The first flight of the Grumman F6F Hellcat.

1945 The United Nations Charter is signed in San Francisco.

1948 The Western allies begin an airlift to Berlin after the Soviet Union blockades West Berlin.

1948 William Shockley files the original patent for the grown junction transistor, the first bipolar junction transistor.

1948 Shirley Jackson's short story The Lottery is published in The New Yorker magazine.

1952 The Pan-Malayan Labour Party is founded in Malaya, as a union of state-wise labour parties.

WORD UP!

cakewalk \KEYK-wawk\ , noun; 1. Something easily accomplished. 2. A 19th-century African-American tradition in which walkers performing the most accomplished or amusing steps won cakes as prizes.



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North of Montana	\$3,350,000	\$1,595,000
Between Wilshire & Montana	\$1,495,000	\$699,000
South of Wilshire	\$849,000	\$589,000
Sunset Park	\$1,239,000	\$589,450
Ocean Park	\$1,545,000	\$899,000

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