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THE BACK TO WORK ISSUE

Samohi student collaborates on exploration of L.A. that never was

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

WEST L.A. It's rare that childhood pastimes translate into adult pursuits, particularly when they involve small plastic building blocks.

Don't tell that to Thomas Musca, a 16-year-old junior at Santa Monica High School who is taking a Legos obsession to a whole new level in an art exhibit that resurrects projects in Los Angeles that never made it past their conceptual stages.

"Never Built: Los Angeles" will feature buildings and even infrastructure proposals that never quite got off the ground, sometimes to the benefit and other times to the detriment of the Los Angeles of today.

The exhibit, which is expected to open in July at the Architecture and Design Museum in West Los Angeles, is the culmination of over two years of work by co-curators Sam Lubell and Greg Goldin who scoured research institutions, libraries and "brain trusts" of historians and architects to dredge long-forgotten projects out of the dustbins of history.

Musca has been tasked to recreate a Catholic "skyscraper cathedral" originally conceived by Lloyd Wright, the son of architectural innovator Frank Lloyd Wright, entirely out of Legos.

As strange as it sounds, Musca has some experience in these matters.

He first created a Legos recreation of the Petronas Towers in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, designed by his favorite architect Cesar Pelli, for a third grade project at Roosevelt

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Daniel Archuleta *daniela@smdp.com*

FROM HERE TO THERE: **A forklift operator raises a load of lumber at the site of Parking Structure No. 6 on Monday.**

New BBB tool, parking structure highlight consent spending

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
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Editor's note: This story is part of an ongoing series that tracks the city's expenditures appearing on upcoming Santa Monica City Council consent agendas. Consent agenda items are routinely passed by the City Council with little or no discussion from elected officials or the public. However, many of the items have been part of public discussion in the past.

CITY HALL The City Council is expected to approve another infusion of cash into the municipal bus system, this time in an effort to reduce reporting errors by taking people out of the equation.

The system, provided by Pennsylvania-based Trapeze Inc., involves a module installed on each bus that communicates certain operational information wirelessly every time a bus stops to refuel or add fluids like coolant and motor oil.

Right now, employees have to type in their vehicle's identification number, mileage, dispenser number and their own employee number, which can lead to mistakes, according to the staff report.

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Bill would regulate ammunition sales

TERRY COLLINS
Associated Press

OAKLAND, Calif. A California assemblywoman introduced a bill on Monday that aims to regulate ammunition sales.

The measure, AB48, would establish restrictions similar to those covering gun sales, including requiring sellers to be licensed and buyers to have and show valid identification.

"When we have so many safeguards in place around the purchase of guns, why is it so much easier to buy bullets, the things that make guns deadly?" Assemblywoman Nancy Skinner asked as she unveiled the measure during a news conference outside her office in Oakland.

"Today, it is easier in California to buy bullets than it is to buy alcohol, cigarettes or Sudafed cold medicine. We've had enough," she said.

Joined by a coalition of lawmakers, law enforcement officials and community leaders, Skinner, D-Berkeley, said the bill she introduced late last month and co-authored with Assemblyman Rob Bonta, D-Alameda, would also ban clip kits that can convert guns into assault weapons.

Saying more than 2,000 Californians were killed by gunfire last year, Skinner said the bill would "bulletproof our communities."

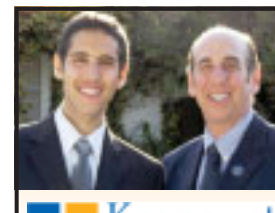
It would also require ammunition sellers to report all sales to the Department of Justice, which would create a registry of purchases to be available for use by law enforcement.

In addition, the Justice Department would also notify local authorities of any

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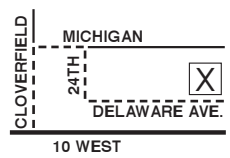
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What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Tuesday, Jan. 8, 2013

It's a cabaret
Ocean Park Library
2601 Main St., 6 p.m. — 9 p.m.
Filmmaker Elaina Archer screens and discusses "Cabaret," starring Liza Minnelli, Michael York and Joel Grey. For more information, call (310) 458-8683.

Rest the mind
Fairview Library
2101 Ocean Park Blvd., 7 p.m.
The library invites you to enjoy a pause in the day to refresh yourself by simply sitting and paying attention to your senses, feelings and thoughts. Henry Schipper, a graduate of UCLA's program in mindful studies, will guide the session. For more information, visit smpl.org.

Fresh jokes
Mi's Westside Comedy Theater
1323-A Third Street Promenade, 7 p.m. — 9 p.m.
Check out the best up-and-coming comics Comedy Central has to offer during a night of jokes dubbed Freshman Faces. For more information, call (310) 451-0850.

Wednesday, Jan. 9, 2013

Mystery in those pages
Montana Library
1704 Montana Ave., 7 p.m.
This week's mystery book group selection is Henning Mankell's "Faceless Killers," in which a horrible crime ignites anti-immigrant sentiments. For more information, visit smpl.org.

Staying the night
Main Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd., 7 p.m.
Wear your PJs for a pajama story time, and then leave your stuffed friend for a night of fun at the library. Come back the next day to receive a memento of their sleepover adventures. Just one stuffed animal per child. Space is limited. For more information, visit smpl.org.

Thursday, Jan. 10, 2013

Telling stories
Santa Monica Playhouse
1211 Fourth St., call for times
"MAHMOUD" is a unique one-woman show about an aging Iranian engineer turned taxi driver, a fabulously gay Spaniard, and a young Iranian-Canadian girl, all trying to get by the day-to-day grind in a big metropolitan city. Iranian born playwright/performer Tara Grammy invites you to laugh, cry and laugh some more as these characters' stories intertwine over the course of an hour, exploring themes of displacement, immigration, home and culture. For more information, call (800) 504-4849.

Making a list
Main Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd., 7 p.m.
Travel journalist Patricia Schultz, author of the New York Times bestseller "1,000 Places To See Before You Die," presents her favorite worldwide locations to visit followed by a Q&A and book signing for the second edition of this travel classic. Cost: free. For more information, call (310) 458-8600.

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X-mas trees set ablaze

At least two Christmas trees were set on fire on the same day last week and police are trying to determine why and who was involved.

The first tree was found burning in the back of a pick-up truck around 3 a.m. on Jan. 4 on the 3100 block of Virginia Avenue, said SMPD Sgt. Richard Lewis.

The second tree was found burning near a telephone pole on the 2100 block of Ocean Park Boulevard around 3:30 p.m. that same day. A resident living nearby extinguished the blaze before fire fighters arrived. The telephone pole sustained some damage, Lewis said.

No one was injured in either incident.

Those with information on either fire are urged to contact Santa Monica detectives at (310) 458-2201 ext. 6679.

– KEVIN HERRERA

DOWNTOWN

History Museum gets $10K grant

In recognition of its youth programs, the Santa Monica History Museum recently received a $10,000 competitive grant from the Edison Company.

"The Magic of History" youth program at the museum seeks to engage and involve young people in the history of their community, educating them with stories and events from the past that also have relevance to the world today, museum officials said in a news release. The museum reaches out to a broad spectrum of young people through elementary and high school classes, Santa Monica College, youth groups and families.

The museum also collaborates with the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District, museum officials said.

The grant was recommended by Mark Olson, regional manager of Southern California Edison and member of the Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce's environmental affairs committee.

– KH

COUNTYWIDE

Leading in green

The county of Los Angeles is now accepting applications for the 2013 "Green Leadership Awards" program, announced Chief Executive Officer William T Fujioka.

"As one of the largest employers in Southern California, the county of Los Angeles practices and promotes good environmental stewardship," said Fujioka. "The Green Leadership Awards program provides a unique opportunity for the Board of Supervisors to recognize the outstanding efforts of both the private and public sectors to improve environmental sustainability."

Each year, residents, businesses, local governments and community-based organizations in the county submit entries that show innovative and creative solutions to challenges involving environmental issues.

All county residents, public agencies, businesses, and nonprofit organizations are eligible to participate in the Green Leadership Awards program. The Board of Supervisors will recognize the winning projects at a regular board meeting in April as part of its annual observance of Earth Day.

For more information, including guidelines and an application, visit www.lacounty.gov.

The deadline to apply is Feb. 22 at 5 p.m.

– KH



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MAKING A RUN AT LEAGUE TITLE: **Santa Monica's Troy Maloney runs past a Loyola defender in December.**

LOCAL SPORTS ROUNDUP

Samohi boys' hoops open league season

BY DANIEL ARCHULETA
Managing Editor

CITYWIDE If polls and preseason results are to be trusted, the Ocean League opener between Santa Monica and Inglewood on Wednesday may hint at who will win league.

CalHi Sports had both boys' basketball teams in its preseason state top-20, but Inglewood has struggled to a 7-5 record while Samohi has held up its end of the bargain with an 11-4 mark with a schedule featuring some of the top teams in Southern California. Samohi is currently ranked No. 19 in the state. Inglewood is among the teams that dropped out of the poll after being ranked No. 15.

A pair of Samohi's losses have come at the hands of powerhouse Loyola, with Chaminade and Corona Centennial rounding out the select group of teams that have defeated the Vikings, a team ranked No. 1 in the latest CIF-Southern Section Division 1A poll. Inglewood is ranked No. 13 in the tougher Division 1AA.

Samohi is the defending league champ. Inglewood took second a year ago.

The game is scheduled for Wednesday at Inglewood. It begins at 7:30 p.m.

Samohi will wrap up the week at home against Culver City on Friday. That game also begins at 7:30 p.m.

ST. MONICA CONTINUES TO ROLL

As St. Monica's girls' basketball team prepares to open the Camino Real League season on Tuesday against Saint Joseph it brings into the game a 14-3 preseason record and No. 1 ranking in the latest CIF-Southern Section Division 4A poll.

St. Monica has won five of the last six. Saint Joseph is 10-6 overall.

The game is scheduled for Tuesday at Lakewood's Saint Joseph. Game time is 7 p.m.

On Thursday, St. Monica travels to Santa Fe Springs St. Paul. That game also begins at 7 p.m.

TIME TO PLAY BALL

Registration is now open for Santa Monica PONY Baseball's spring season.

If you're interested in playing this season sign-up soon as player evaluations take place on Saturday, Jan. 12 and again on Saturday, Jan. 19.

Visit santamonicaponybaseball.com to download a registration form.

Santa Monica PONY Baseball is a non-profit organization that was created to provide all players between the ages of 4-14 the opportunity to participate in baseball.

For more information, call (310) 314-7578.

NEVER TOO LATE FOR HOOPS

There's just one week left to register for the Santa Monica YMCA's winter youth basketball season.

Practices are all held in the YMCA gym during the week, and games are on Saturday and Sunday afternoons beginning in late January, running through late March. Forms are available through Jan. 16 in the main lobby of the YMCA at Sixth Street and Santa Monica Boulevard.

Three divisions of co-ed teams are planned, including ages 5-6, 7-8 and 9-11. For more information, contact league director Peter Arbogast at (310) 393-2721 ext. 137.

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Defending PYFC

Editor:

Some things never change, but they can get uglier. The Pico Youth & Family Center is under attack again, and clarity is needed. The Friday article ("City staff recommends cutting funding to youth center," Jan. 3) fails to report issues of libel: false and biased reporting by Judy Spiegel, who has a direct conflict of interest in the takedown of PYFC.

In the big picture, the attempt to destroy PYFC is urban planning warfare over land use: take down the PYFC, native Chicano leaders and advocacy of renters. This opens the floodgates on prime coastal real estate as the new rail line brings tourist dollars to the city's 1 percent. At stake are renters and racial communities that have been here since the 19th century. Like the destruction of the nativity scenes in Palisades Park, figures like City Manager Rod Gould have no interest in tradition. They are the 1 percent. No need to help at-risk youth or working families, the logic goes, because these families will be shipped out to blighted areas of Los Angeles, someone else's social "problems."

The City Council needs to seriously and aggressively call the "objective" consultant Judy Spiegel into question. She has clearly demonstrated incompetence, bias, racism and conflict of interest as a hired consultant by the city. First and foremost, her report constitutes a clear violation of truthful reporting and is grounds for libel. Her document, in writing, was biased, untrue and deliberately incomplete, with malicious intent. Her report omits all the careful reporting of staff over the last six months of services to youth. The impact on and the voice of youth was left out. It deliberately highlights weaknesses and petty shortcomings to the detriment of PYFC's existence.

Secondly, Spiegel expressed ignorance – on record in board meetings – of the "meaning of social justice." Her incompetence led her to attempt to remove "social justice" from the center's mission statement.

Thirdly, Spiegel stands to benefit from the loss of philanthropist money she helped sabotage. Spiegel is the president of the SM YWCA and, in cahoots with other corrupt board members (who left the board possibly to avoid incrimination), stands to benefit from this same windfall of philanthropist money (which the YMCA is also a recipient of). She attempted an unconstitutional premature take-over of the PYFC directorship in December, but the board rejected her.

Lastly, this ordeal is also a matter of organic, native leadership. Oscar de la Torre is being attacked for being a vocal, caring advocate of the Pico Neighborhood. His legacy has been realizing improvements of the least funded schools like Edison and Will Rogers, and the construction of the first library in the Pico Neighborhood. Truth be told, Oscar is likely the most able, disciplined, educated, caring and visionary leader that has ever come out of the Pico Neighborhood. This city should commend him, and stop the persecution by police and City Manager Gould of Pico leaders.

I stand by Oscar's statement "the sum of good is 100 times more than the sum of its faults." So should the council and citizens of Santa Monica. Defend the PYFC.

Elias Serna
Santa Monica

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What's the Point?

David Pisarra — Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Staying connected by disconnecting

THIS HOLIDAY SEASON I DID SOMETHING very unusual — I left my phone at home. For 16 days I was blissfully away from the electronic leash that dominates my, and most others, lives.

It is a truly American thing that taking a vacation is remarkable. We have such an obsession with working and with the new technologies available to us we expect, and are expected, to be available at all times, to all people. It is a horrid concept and frankly after having been away for almost three weeks, I am more relaxed and comfortable in my own skin than I have been in years.

My vacation spot of choice this year was Ajijic, Mexico, a little community on Lake Chapala in the state of Jalisco. The population is heavily saturated with ex-patriate Americans, Canadians and Europeans who are retired and writing their memoirs.

I spent the first week sleeping and working on my tan poolside. I did not realize how deeply exhausted I was. Unplugging from the constant pressure to check e-mail, text messages, Twitter feeds and Facebook updates took some effort, but man was it worth it.

One of the benefits that I noticed was not just a relaxing of my body, but of my thought process, which paradoxically resulted in increased creativity. The persistent chatter of a to-do list was gone and it allowed other thoughts and ideas to float up and be developed. I suppose it was a bit like Roald Dahl's writing shed, a place to retreat from the "real world" so that the imagination can begin to run free again.

In our ever-connected life we lose the ability to sit back and see the big picture. We also lose the ability to be truly present with the people we are sitting with when we are constantly responding to texts, posts and phone calls. I've noticed this more of late when I have lunch with someone and they cannot put their phone away for an hour. It is an ironic twist that in a constantly wired world, we are losing touch with each other in person.

This Saturday, I was at the Aero Theater getting ready for a Buster Keaton double feature and all around me people were online with others who weren't in the room and ignoring the person seated next to them. I saw iPads, iPhones and Galaxies glowing in the darkened room before the first flickers of the movie started. Tweets and texts were going off while conversations were started and stopped.

It was ironic to me that movie fans are there to watch a classic artist from a simpler time while being fully connected. Maybe they were just looking up Buster Keaton's IMDB rating or seeing if he had a fan page on Facebook, but I doubt it.

IT IS AN IRONIC TWIST THAT IN A CONSTANTLY WIRED WORLD, WE ARE LOSING TOUCH WITH EACH OTHER IN PERSON.

Our society has become so plugged-in that we don't connect as well as we used to, in my opinion. I feel a little disrespected and devalued whenever I'm out with a friend and they are checking their texts, e-mail or Facebook updates. It seems to me that if we are going to be in each others' presence then we should really make an effort to be present.

One of the benefits that I noticed while on my hiatus from technology was the ability to really focus on a conversation with the person I was with. I was able to follow their conversation more completely, and emotionally I was able to connect in a deeper way.

I made two resolutions this year; the first is to put the phone down more, be present in conversations, and ask that those who are with me do the same. It just seems like a more genteel way of being.

The second resolution I made was to take more vacation time. I notice that I always get a lot of work done the week before a vacation, and the week after a vacation. So obviously if I take a week off every two weeks, I'll be at my highest productivity level.

We'll see if I can pull that off.

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The Washington con game goes on

MUCH OF WHAT GOVERNMENT DOES seems unfathomable until you remember one thing: the politicians think the people are morons.

Take the latest example: the effort to avert the "fiscal cliff." If, as the politicians say they believe, the country is in a budgetary deficit and debt crisis combined with an anemic economic recovery, why would they raise taxes on everyone (don't forget the hike in the payroll tax and the Obamacare taxes) and not reduce spending? The anemic recovery is explainable by the burden of government, and the budget crisis is explainable by runaway spending. So Congress and President Barack Obama have done precisely the opposite of what they needed to do, namely, roll back government dramatically, nay, radically.

Former U.S. treasury official David Malpass, writing in the Wall Street Journal, says, "The Congressional Budget Office scores the Senate bill [passed by the House and signed by the president] as adding $4 trillion to the national debt by 2022. That assumes the sequester or equivalent spending cuts are fully implemented in March, which seems unlikely." This is what the country was on the edge of its seat waiting for? Is Washington full of fools? No. But it's full of men and women who think we are fools.

America is smothered by government, but the news media are too busy to notice. They're far more interested in picking political winners and losers. That's to be expected. The Washington media are little more than the propaganda arm of the ruling elite, and most reporters and pundits see things through the eyes of the governing class. Cable TV programs are merely parades of stale establishment types who repeat the same old clichés, while blithely tossing off plans to spend other people's money. Fed a steady diet of this gruel, most people are lulled into a state of semiconsciousness (at most) or helplessness about government policy.

The politicians have a million ways to obscure what they do, and they exploit their options to the hilt. They clearly are more comfortable if they can work their will beyond the scrutiny of outsiders, namely, the people in whose name they act. When spending increases are called cuts — and most of the media help perpetrate the scam — we are in trouble.

Washington has amassed a debt that exceeds the dollar value of all the goods and services produced in a year by the American economy. It runs a trillion-dollar-a-year budget deficit, borrowing over 40 cents out of every dollar it spends. Its central bank, the Federal Reserve, creates money every month to buy the government's debt, enabling Washington to borrow even more. In a few years the federal budget will be consumed by interest on the debt and so-called entitlements. The American empire, all told, costs well over a trillion dollars a year (not to mention that it finances death and mayhem in many countries).

IS WASHINGTON FULL OF FOOLS? NO. BUT IT'S FULL OF MEN AND WOMEN WHO THINK WE ARE FOOLS.

This spending, along with subsidies and regulations that interfere with the market process, is the source of our economic woes. Nothing short of a radical reduction can begin to address the coming debacle.

The politicians, however, have no incentive to do what's necessary. Spending keeps them in office because it's the largess that wins them votes. The sheer size of the debt and deficits, and the burden on future generations, have lately worried the people, but the popular will to see spending drastically cut always fades when it comes down to specifics. Just as most folks want only other people's taxes raised, so they want only other people's spending cut. The politicians respond to such incentives. So the government burden grows, but the illusion of austerity is created. That, however, will not fix the problem.

Now we prepare for the next set of crises in March. Sequestration, the postponed automatic and largely bogus spending "cuts," will be back on the table, and the Obama administration will ask that the debt ceiling be raised — again. Panic will return to the airwaves — although these are all Washington-created crises. Those who balk at raising the debt limit will be accused of not wanting the government to pay bills already incurred. For once someone should ask, "Why is Congress allowed to spend money it doesn't have?"

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The Q Line

Food rules

Cities around the country continue to struggle with the obesity issue. New York City went as far as banning large soft drinks at restaurants to help people slim down.

So, this week's Q-Line question asks:
Do you think it's the role of government to regulate what we eat or is that too close to a nanny state for your liking?

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Study: Billions of Earth-size planets located in Milky Way

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AP Science Writer

LOS ANGELES Our Milky Way is home to at least 17 billion planets that are similar in size to Earth, a new estimate suggests. That's more than two Earth-size planets for every person on the globe.

Just how many are located in the sweet spot where water could exist is "simply too early to call," said Francois Fressin of the Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics, who presented his work at an astronomy meeting Monday.

It's the first reliable tally of the number of worlds outside the solar system that are the size of Earth, but the hunt for our twin is far from over.

Despite the explosion of exoplanet discoveries in recent years, one find remains elusive: A planet that's not only the right size but also in the so-called Goldilocks zone where it's not too hot or too cold for water to be in liquid form on the surface.

The sheer number of Earth-size planets gives astronomers a starting point to narrow down which ones are in the habitable zone.

Fressin and his team came up with their figure by conducting a fresh analysis of data collected by NASA's Kepler spacecraft, which was launched in 2009 to track down other Earths. They estimated at least one in six stars in the galaxy hosts a planet the size of ours, translating to at least 17 billion Earth-size worlds.

Using a different method, a team from the University of California, Berkeley and University of Hawaii separately came up with a similar estimate. They calculated 17 percent of distant stars have planets that are the same size as Earth or slightly larger.

The findings were presented at the American Astronomical Society in Long Beach, Calif.

Meanwhile, the Kepler spacecraft continues to spot planets as they pass between Earth and the star they orbit. It found 461 new candidate planets, bringing the total to 2,740 potential planets, said mission scientist Christopher Burke at the SETI Institute.

Most of the new Kepler finds were driven by discoveries of Earth-size planets and super-Earths. Four of those are thought to reside in the Goldilocks zone, but more observations are needed.

Fressin said it's clear that rocky planets abound outside the solar system.

"If you look up on a starry night, each star you're looking at — almost each one of them — has a planetary system," Fressin said.

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tem takes out the opportunities for error.

The system would cost $152,725 for a period of four years, but the staff report recommends paying the full amount upfront.

The new software is the most expensive item on the relatively-modest consent calendar, which comes out to $390,359.

DOING A REBUILD

As they approve another electronic system for the Big Blue buses, the City Council will also be asked to say yes to a repair contract for the buses' electronic systems.

Intercon Technologies Inc. wants $100,000 a year to repair worn out electronics on the buses, but that's quite a bit cheaper than buying brand new units, according to the staff report.

The company can fix mirrors, controller panels, battery chargers and other equipment, preventing City Hall from purchasing new models from the manufacturer.

Although 32 companies downloaded the bid documents, only Intercon Technologies turned in a complete bid.

The full contract is for one year with two, one-year renewal options. Future funding will be contingent on City Council approval.

PARKING COSTS

Things always seem to cost more than one expects they will, and that's never more true than when it comes to the city of Santa Monica's construction projects.

The City Council will likely approve an additional $82,500 in the first contract modification with Willdan Geotechnical, the company contracted to inspect and provide material testing for the demolition and rebuilding of Parking Structure 6, which is located on Second Street near Broadway Downtown.

As construction went forward, workers discovered extra work for the testing firm, including support structures that needed to be tested to ensure they could bear a higher load and additional support structures that needed to be installed and checked out.

Some details, like electrical service and a certain permits, were delayed, meaning in some cases that the firm did not know exactly what it was bidding on and had to revise its price upward.

According to the staff report, the total budget for the project will not be increased because of unexpected cost savings during the demolition of the original parking structure.

The project is expected to be completed by December.

SUIT UP

Staff is recommending a three-year, $150,000 contract with Castlerock Environmental to test for and dispose of asbestos and other hazardous materials encountered during demolition.

Asbestos can be found in older ceilings, flooring, ventilation ducts and other building components, while mold tends to build up in water-damaged areas or other places with insufficient ventilation.

To get rid of it, you need a contractor that has specific state certifications to remove, package and transport the waste to an appropriate disposal location.

Castlerock was the second-lowest of seven bidders that went out for the project. The lowest, Asbestos Instant Response, does not offer a warranty on their work, knocking them out of the running.

Castelrock will only receive $50,000 this year if the contract is approved. The remaining two years' worth is contingent on future council approval.

UNDER PRESSURE

There's an environmentally-friendly way to do anything these days, including pressure washing a bus.

The Big Blue Bus will likely get another $50,000 worth of "green" cleaning solution from DeltaGreen that's used to take the worst grime off the buses before preventative maintenance inspections and vehicle repairs.

DeltaGreen was one of three bids opened in November. The Office of Sustainability and the Environment rated its product the highest, a stamp of approval that helped it secure the spot as best bidder.

The full cost of the purchase order with DeltaGreen is $150,000, but future funding will be contingent on council approval.

IN THE CLUB

Many exclusive clubs have fees, and that's true even of those wrapped around public service.

City Hall is likely to put out $2,634 to join the U.S. Conference of Mayors, an organization that facilitates collaboration with other cities on national issues.

The conference includes representatives from 1,200 cities with populations of 30,000 or more. Its primary purpose is to promote effective national urban policy and strengthen the connection between cities and the federal government.

Although Santa Monica did not participate in 2012, issues like homelessness and gun control are on the docket and City Hall wants to take part in the national search for solutions.

ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING

Santa Monica has to pony up some cash to keep up with federal requirements to monitor pollutants in the local watershed.

The city by the sea works with Los Angeles to control pollution that runs into the Santa Monica Bay including bacteria, heavy metals and toxic organic chemicals.

The Los Angeles Regional Board adopted individual maximum levels called "total maximum daily loads" for each kind of pollutant, and performs regular monitoring to make sure runoff doesn't exceed those limits.

That costs money, although Santa Monica doesn't shoulder much of the burden given that it occupies less than one-third of 1 percent of the total land area in the watershed.

City Hall will pay $7,500 over a three year period as part of its agreement with Los Angeles. Only $2,500 is required now.

NEW COTS

City Hall proposes to use $50,000 in federal grant funding to purchase roughly 230 emergency cots compliant with disability laws.

The grant funding comes from the Department of Homeland Security's Urban Area Security Initiative. The cots will be divided amongst Santa Monica, Beverly Hills and Culver City, with Santa Monica receiving at least 25 percent of them.

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Elementary School.

Goldin knew Musca through family friends, and when he and Lubell selected the cathedral for the project, he knew Musca would be capable of bringing the concept into reality.

"I knew Tommy was going to be interested in this 'Never Built' project," Goldin said. "We started talking about what to do with this pair of columns in the museum. … We talked about turning the columns into 'never built' sky scrapers."

The fact that both Lloyd Wright and his father used pre-cast concrete slabs in their work only made the concept of using Legos more perfect.

The building itself was meant to be a tower that never got past basic sketches.

Without official renderings, Musca had to be creative. He first expanded the sketches using architectural software and extrapolated the result into plans for the Legos shell which will enshroud one of two columns in the museum.

The completed work will be a single, free-standing layer of Legos that will not rely on the column for support.

The challenge of the assignment lay less in the recreating of the tower and more in seeking out the most efficient way to do so. Musca, after all, is still in high school, and can only devote weekends to building the project because of classes and a passion for competitive bicycling, a sport that will pick up again in coming weeks. Time was a factor.

And, while your average Legos set may not seem too pricey, things change when you have to buy in bulk.

Even with the slim envelope, Musca's project requires 70,000 of the small plastic building blocks and, at a quarter a piece, that equates to roughly $17,500 for his piece of the exhibit alone.

Fortunately, the museum can get a deal on the pieces which brings the cost down to a more manageable $7,000.

"We're on a budget," he said. "I needed a design with the smallest amount of pieces that was also the easiest to build."

Musca's skyscraper will be one of two in the floor plan designed by Clive Wilkinson Architects. Each will stand on a map of Los Angeles carefully crafted so that the two columns jut out approximately where the original skyscrapers would have been located.

His will be only one of a myriad of entries in the exhibit, which will also include selections of a book by Lubell and Goldin that includes many of the "never built" projects that had to be left out of the exhibit.

Lubell and Goldin chose those that would appear in the exhibit based on the availability of materials with which to recreate them as well as the impact that they might have had on Los Angeles, Lubell said.

"There were revelatory plans for Los Angeles that would have transformed it," Lubell said.

Something called the Olmsted Plan would have imbued the concrete jungle of a city with huge amounts of open park space. Planners had also envisioned an extensive subway network that would have riddled the city with underground transportation when it was still cost-effective to do so.

Angelenos are facing the impacts of that project's failure today with the furor raised by the path of the "subway to the sea" now expected to go under Beverly Hills High School.

Not all of the projects were winners, however.

People mulled building an off-shore freeway in the Santa Monica Bay between Santa Monica and Malibu, for instance, or a grid of the high-speed roads that would have literally blanketed the city, ensuring that no Angeleno would be more than four miles from a freeway.

For his part, Musca might argue that the building he's recreating might be left off the list of projects to mourn.

Asking which projects might have improved the city is an exercise in the counterfactual — it's impossible to determine what would have made the best possible Los Angeles, although both curators point to the parks plan as a solid choice.

"Los Angeles is not an ideal city, but what city is?" Goldin said. "What we learned is that there have always been ambitions to make Los Angeles a much better city than it is, and they were run up against terrible institutional, economic and political obstacles that reveal this alternative vision of a city that I suppose would have been a better place."

They hope that the exhibit will expose some of the fantastic things that could have happened, had the ideas not been broken on the walls of Los Angeles' bureaucratic inertia.

"I hope people will have a new view of Los Angeles, that they can change their perspective of what they think the city is," Lubell said.

Step one, however, is making sure the exhibit gets seen at all.

Even with museum-level discounts, the project is still expected to cost tens of thousands of dollars. The team is trying to raise $40,000 through a Kickstarter campaign and, halfway there and with 38 days to go, they have a chance.

Kickstarter is a risk — if you don't raise all of the money you request, you get none of it.

"I'm optimistic for the Kickstarter goals," Musca said. "We're 60 percent there and we have over a month."

If you have any interest in exploring the Los Angeles that could have been, head over to Kickstarter.com and search "Never Built: Los Angeles" to donate.

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large ammunition purchases made in a short period of time.

Bonta said rampant gun violence has to end, noting that 131 people were killed in Oakland last year. He specifically mentioned the seven people who were shot and killed at tiny Oikos University in April, when authorities said a disgruntled former nursing student opened fire on students and staff.

"It's absolutely unacceptable that a person can buy thousands of rounds of ammunition over a short period of time without being detected by law enforcement," Bonta said.

Oakland Mayor Jean Quan said there is a critical need for tighter restrictions for ammunition sales. She hopes a state law might lead to stronger federal laws.

Jennifer Almendarez, a high school senior in Oakland who works with Youth ALIVE!, a nonprofit group that teaches nonviolence, agreed.

"This bill can save lives in any given situation," she said.

Skinner said the bill will be heard by the state Assembly's public safety committee in late February or early March with a companion bill that would restrict online bullet sales.

Senate President Pro Tem Darrell Steinberg, D-Sacramento, said he expects the Democratic-controlled Legislature to act on gun control measures this year.

"I think there is a time in history where action is compelled," Steinberg told reporters in Sacramento. "I think the country's views on this subject are changing and Newtown, I think, was an obvious catalyst for that. California has some of the, is more advanced if you will, when it comes to reasonable gun control, but I think we have more to do."

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Fewer gun buyers seen in mass shooting states

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WASHINGTON People who lived in the two states that saw the most deadly U.S. mass shootings in 2012 were less enthusiastic about buying new guns at the end of the year than those in most other states, according to an Associated Press analysis of new FBI data.

The latest government figures also reflect huge increases across the U.S. in the number of background checks for gun sales and permits to carry guns at the end of the year. After President Barack Obama's re-election in November, the school shooting in Connecticut last month and Obama's promise to support new laws aimed at curbing gun violence, the number of background checks spiked, especially in the South and West. In Georgia, the FBI processed 37,586 requests during October and 78,998 requests in December; Alabama went from 32,850 to 80,576 during the same period.

Nationally, there were nearly twice as many more background checks for firearms between November and December than during the same time period one year ago.

Background checks typically spike during the holiday shopping season, and some of the increases in the most recent FBI numbers can be attributed to that. But the number of background checks also tends to increase after mass shootings, when gun enthusiasts fear restrictive measures are imminent.

"It's a fear there will be a crackdown," said Thomas Wright, who runs Hoover Tactical Firearms near Birmingham, Ala. Wright said he took on more employees to handle the sales crush after 20 young students were shot to death in Newtown, Conn. "We used to have what was called our wall of guns. It's pretty much empty now." Every high-capacity magazine in his store was sold out.

The government's figures suggested far less interest in purchasing guns late in the year in Connecticut and Colorado, where 12 people were shot to death in a movie theater. Background checks in those two states increased but not nearly as much as in most other states. The numbers of checks in Colorado rose from 35,009 in October to 53,453 in December; checks in Connecticut went from 18,761 to 29,246 during the same period. Only New Jersey and Maryland showed smaller increases than Colorado in December from one month earlier.

In Connecticut, people were having second thoughts about whether it's a good idea to have a gun in the home after the Newtown shooting, the governor's criminal justice adviser, Michael Lawlor, said. The gunman, 20-year-old Adam Lanza, first shot and killed his mother at their home using weapons she had legally purchased before he drove to the school. Lanza shot his way into the building and carried out the massacre before killing himself as police arrived.

Lawlor also said that in Connecticut it can take months to obtain a permit to buy a handgun.

A federal background check doesn't always indicate a new gun is purchased, but the firearms industry uses these numbers as an indicator of how well the gun business is doing.

After the Colorado shootings, the FBI conducted 1.5 million background checks across the country in August, compared with 1.2 million checks in June. Yet the Connecticut shootings energized gun buyers more: Background checks surged in December to nearly 2.8 million, compared with 1.6 million in October.

Even before the Colorado and Connecticut shootings, the gun industry was strong. Sales were on the rise — so much that some manufacturers couldn't make guns fast enough. Major gun company stocks were up, and the number of federally licensed retail gun dealers was increasing for the first time in 20 years.

Many attributed the surge to Obama, whom the gun lobby predicted would be the most anti-gun president in American history.

After the Colorado shooting, during the final months of the presidential campaign, Obama spoke out against assault-style weapons but did not push for new gun laws. Just days after the Connecticut shootings, Obama said new gun laws would be a top priority.

"Gun owners are scared," said Dudley Brown, executive director of Rocky Mountain Gun Owners, a Colorado group that promotes gun rights.

People in the business are calling this rush to buy guns after the Newton shooting a "banic," meaning people are panicked that Obama would ban guns, said Bill Bernstein, owner of the East Side Gun Shop in Nashville, Tenn.

Tennessee saw among the highest increase in gun checks at the end of last year, with 91,922 background checks in December, up from 59,840 in November. Bernstein said sales after the Connecticut shooting "went on steroids."

Gregory Johnson, of Molalla, Ore., said he and his wife aren't afraid of Obama taking away their guns. He said they are signed up to take a required class to get a concealed license permit because they want to make sure they can protect themselves in a situation like the Dec. 11 shooting spree at an Oregon mall where a gunman killed two people before killing himself. Johnson was shopping in a Milwaukie, Ore., gun store Friday, looking for a small gun his wife could carry in her new job that will have her driving at times alone at night.

"I'm not expecting her to carry, but at least she has the option if she needs it, or at least have something available to her in her vehicle," Johnson said. "That's my priority, my wife's security."

Outside New Orleans, the manager of Gretna Gun Works, Jason Gregory, said surging sales were no cause for celebration. In Louisiana, background checks increased from 38,584 in November to 59,697 in December. Gregory said sales more than doubled in his store, spurred by politicians calling for tougher gun laws.

"They're causing such fear among the people," he said. "It's not the way the market should be working."

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Report: Death rates from cancer still inching down

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WASHINGTON Death rates from cancer are continuing to inch down, researchers reported Monday.

Now the question is how to hold onto those gains, and do even better, even as the population gets older and fatter, both risks for developing cancer.

"There has been clear progress," said Dr. Otis Brawley of the American Cancer Society, which compiled the annual cancer report with government and cancer advocacy groups.

But bad diets, lack of physical activity and obesity together wield "incredible forces against this decline in mortality," Brawley said. He warned that over the next decade, that trio could surpass tobacco as the leading cause of cancer in the U.S.

Overall, deaths from cancer began slowly dropping in the 1990s, and Monday's report shows the trend holding. Among men, cancer death rates dropped by 1.8 percent a year between 2000 and 2009, and by 1.4 percent a year among women. The drops are thanks mostly to gains against some of the leading types — lung, colorectal, breast and prostate cancers — because of treatment advances and better screening.

The news isn't all good. Deaths still are rising for certain cancer types including liver, pancreatic and, among men, melanoma, the most serious kind of skin cancer.

Preventing cancer is better than treating it, but when it comes to new cases of cancer, the picture is more complicated.

Cancer incidence is dropping slightly among men, by just over half a percent a year, said the report published by the Journal of the National Cancer Institute. Prostate, lung and colorectal cancers all saw declines.

But for women, earlier drops have leveled off, the report found. That may be due in part to breast cancer. There were decreases in new breast cancer cases about a decade ago, as many women quit using hormone therapy after menopause. Since then, overall breast cancer incidence has plateaued, and rates have increased among black women.

Another problem area: Oral and anal cancers caused by HPV, the sexually transmitted human papillomavirus, are on the rise among both genders. HPV is better known for causing cervical cancer, and a protective vaccine is available. Government figures show just 32 percent of teen girls have received all three doses, fewer than in Canada, Britain and Australia. The vaccine was recommended for U.S. boys about a year ago.

Among children, overall cancer death rates are dropping by 1.8 percent a year, but incidence is continuing to increase by just over half a percent a year. Brawley said it's not clear why.

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Pre-dawn high tides will be draining out to pretty low tides late mornings next couple of days. Nothing too bad on Monday but start becoming more of a factor into as the week progresses. Keep it in mind when/where planning your session as size/consistency of the surf can be affected by the tide.

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LOCATION	DRY	WET
Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	A+
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechusa and Las Alloe creeks.	ns	ns
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	A	A
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth.	A	A+
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	A+	C
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth.	A	A+
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	A+	A
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	B
Solstice Canyon at Don Blocker County Beach.	F	B
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth.	A+	A+
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd..	B	D
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	A+
Surfrider Beach (breach location)- daily.	F	F
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	D	D
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	B	B
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero).	A+	A+
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs.	A+	A+
Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach.	A+	A+
Tuna Canyon.	ns	A+
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	D	B
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	C	A
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	F	A
Will Rogers State Beach at 17208 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	A+	A+

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

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

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NBA

Howard, Gasol, Hill all sidelined for Lakers

GREG BEACHAM
AP Sports Writer

EL SEGUNDO, Calif. Dwight Howard, Pau Gasol and Jordan Hill all will miss the Los Angeles Lakers' upcoming road trip with injuries, leaving the struggling club without its top three big men.

Howard has a torn labrum in his right shoulder, and Gasol has a concussion after taking an elbow in the face late in Sunday night's loss to Denver. Hill, a key backup to both starting big men, has a right hip injury.

The three injuries are the latest blows for the Lakers (15-18), who still haven't meshed despite a star-studded roster, a bulging payroll and an early-season coaching change. Los Angeles has lost three straight and four of five since beating the Knicks on Christmas, falling to 11th place in the Western Conference.

"The NBA is unforgiving, and nobody is feeling sorry for us," Los Angeles coach Mike D'Antoni said. "There's 29 other teams that are happy, and we've got to do the best we can do. It's kind of weird coming to work thinking you have three centers, and all three of them are hurt."

The Lakers' biggest concern is Howard, who hurt his shoulder in last Friday's loss to the Clippers and aggravated it in Sunday's loss to the Nuggets while grabbing a career-high 26 rebounds. The six-time All-Star center said he won't need surgery, but he'll sit out for at least a week before his injury is re-evaluated.

"It depends on how fast I heal up," Howard said. "I was in pain (Sunday night), and the biggest thing right now is I have to make sure I'm 100 percent. I don't want to play with my shoulder weak. I'd have a chance for more injuries. I've got to let it heal up."

The Lakers said Gasol and Howard are both out indefinitely. Hill will be examined by team doctors later Monday before getting a prognosis.

When the Lakers open a stretch of four games in six days starting Tuesday in Houston, Robert Sacre is likely to be their starting center. The final pick in last June's draft has been playing for the Lakers' affiliate in the D-League.

D'Antoni will be forced to improvise with his top three post players sidelined from an already top-heavy roster. The coach said 6-foot-7 Metta World Peace could play center at times as part of a small lineup he'll be forced to use.

"We'll have little guys guarding big guys who will have to be quick," D'Antoni said.

The Lakers haven't been fully healthy for any significant stretch of the season. After Howard missed their first five preseason games while recovering from offseason back surgery, new point guard Steve Nash got a small fracture in his leg in their second game of the season, keeping the two-time NBA MVP out for seven weeks.

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Kon-Tiki (NR) 1hr 58min
7:30pm
Directors Joachim Ronning and Espen Sandberg will introduce the screening.

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

Not Fade Away (R) 1hr 52min
1:30pm, 4:20pm, 7:20pm, 10:10pm

Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey in 3D (PG-13) 2hrs 46min
2:15pm, 6:15pm, 10:00pm

Les Miserables (PG-13) 2hrs 37min
1:00pm, 4:45pm, 8:30pm

Lincoln (PG-13) 2hrs 30min
12:30pm, 3:45pm, 7:00pm, 10:15pm

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

Life of Pi 3D (PG) 2hrs 06min
12:45pm, 3:55pm, 6:55pm, 10:10pm

Skyfall (PG-13) 2hrs 23min
3:45pm, 10:30pm

Django Unchained (R) 2hrs 45min
11:10am, 2:55pm, 6:45pm, 10:30pm

Zero Dark Thirty (R) 2hrs 37min
11:20am, 12:05pm, 2:45pm, 6:20pm, 7:05pm, 10:00pm

Jack Reacher (PG-13) 2hrs 10min
11:45am, 3:00pm, 6:15pm, 9:30pm

Parental Guidance (PG) 1hr 44min
11:30am, 2:00pm, 4:45pm, 7:30pm, 10:00pm

This Is 40 (R) 2hrs 13min
12:35pm, 4:00pm, 7:15pm, 10:20pm

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1332 Second St.
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Opera in Cinema: Royal Opera House's "Carmen" (NR) 2hrs 30min
7:30pm

On the Road (R) 2hrs 20min
1:00pm, 4:00pm, 7:00pm, 10:00pm

Argo (R) 2hrs 00min
1:30pm, 7:10pm, 9:55pm

Sessions (R) 1hr 38min
4:30pm

West of Memphis (R) 2hrs 30min
1:10pm

Impossible (PG-13) 1hr 47min
1:20pm, 4:10pm, 7:20pm, 10:10pm

Hitchcock (PG-13) 1hr 38min
4:20pm

AMC Criterion 6
1313 Third St.
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Guilt Trip (PG-13) 1hr 35min
5:00pm, 7:45pm, 10:20pm

Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey (PG-13) 2hrs 46min
11:30am, 3:15pm, 7:15pm

Texas Chainsaw 3D (R) 1hr 32min
11:55am, 2:30pm, 5:15pm, 8:00pm, 10:30pm

Les Miserables (PG-13) 2hrs 37min
11:15am, 2:40pm, 6:15pm, 10:00pm

Monsters, Inc. 3D (G) 1hr 32min
2:15pm

Silver Linings Playbook (R) 2hrs 00min
11:15am, 2:00pm, 4:50pm, 7:40pm, 10:30pm

Cirque du Soleil: Worlds Away 3D (PG) 1hr 31min
11:30am

Promised Land (R) 1hr 46min
11:20am, 1:50pm, 4:40pm, 7:25pm, 10:10pm

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

Visit with a friend over dinner, Taurus

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★★ Reach out for a second opinion, preferably from an expert. You could be confused by everything that you are hearing. You also might be resistant to the underlying message. Remain optimistic that you can resolve this matter well. Tonight: A must appearance.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ Have discussions on an individual level. Your creativity soars, and you make a difference, no matter who your company is or what you do. Tonight: Visit with a friend over dinner.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ Defer to someone else and get down to the basics, if you find that a conversation takes on a confusing tone. Your optimism and willingness to ask questions saves the day once again. Do some thinking about taking a trip in the next six months. Tonight: Listen to suggestions.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Your answers are irrelevant to an associate. This person has a way of letting you know this fact, like it or not. A close loved one helps you understand what is going on with this person. Be open to this individual, as his or her perceptions are right on. Tonight: Accept an invitation.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Nothing can stop you as long as you stay focused and resolute in your belief that solutions are out there. The unexpected creates havoc, but you'll manage to emerge unscathed. Tonight: Let the fun begin.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★ You could be too concerned with a domestic matter. Until you resolve the issue, you might have difficulty staying centered and attending to other tasks that require your attention. A partner or loved one could be adding an element of confusion. Tonight: Say "yes" to living.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★★ Keep communication flowing. You might wonder exactly what someone is trying to say. The message is mixed, but you will come out OK. A partner gives you a jolt. Lately, this person has been prone to doing more of the unexpected. Tonight: Go to a favorite spot.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★ Be aware of a possessive side or a need to demonstrate that you are more than capable. Pull back some before reacting to a situation and expressing your feelings. In a few days, if you feel the same way, then perhaps you might want to look at your options. Tonight: Your treat.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ A family member wants to communicate, but this person could not be any more vague if he or she tried. The unexpected occurs, which forces your hand with a child or loved one. If you're single, you could meet someone quite interesting. Tonight: Let the good times happen.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★ You only can trust your instincts so much. You might want to ask more questions, though know that you could be taken aback by what you learn. Be gentle when approaching someone. Your creativity soars, and your energy is high. Tonight: In the game of life.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ You care about a friend, perhaps a bit too much. This person might not be as honest or open as you might like. Listen more to a child or loved one who brings out your caring side. Tonight: Where the crowds are.

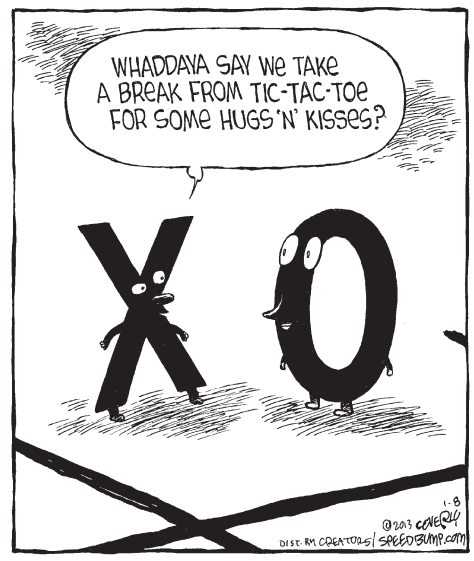
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ You might want to hear more about what is happening on the homefront. You could be confused, as you are distracted right now. Tonight: To the wee hours.

Happy birthday

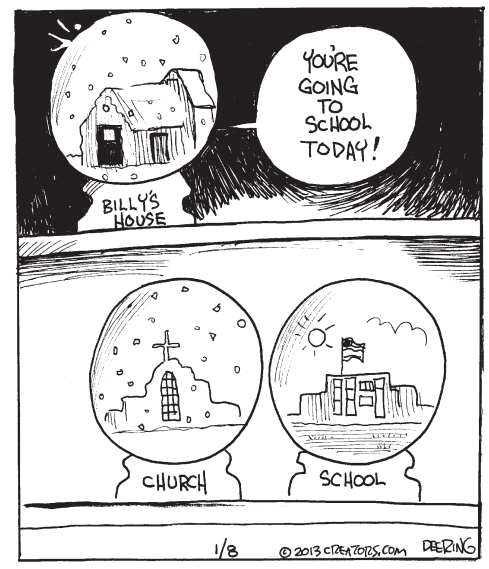
JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS
The stars show the kind of day you'll have:
★★★★★Dynamic ★★ So-So
★★★★ Positive ★ Difficult
★★★ Average

This year you might feel as if you have a lot of ground to cover. Don't worry so much, and you will do just that. Your energy seems to continually renew itself, as you're always ready for the next step. If you are single, you could be wondering what might be the best way to meet people. You will notice that you have a vast selection of wannabe sweeties, no matter what you do. If you are attached, the two of you will experience a lot of energy between you. Respect each other's differences. SAGITTARIUS brings out your adventuresome nature.

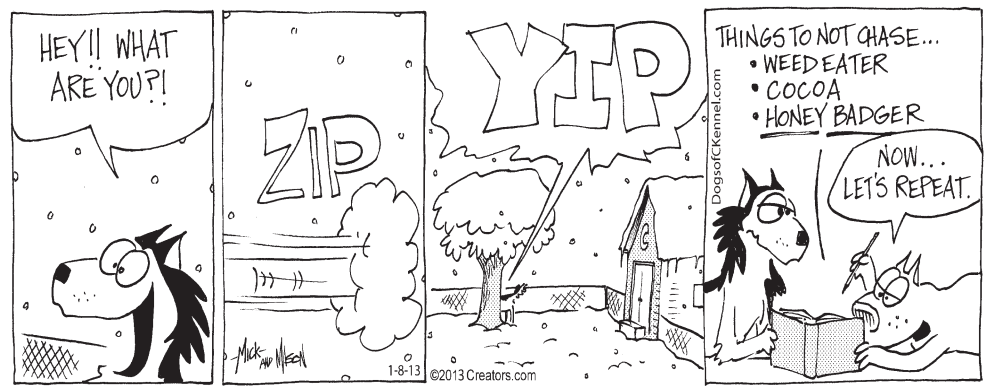
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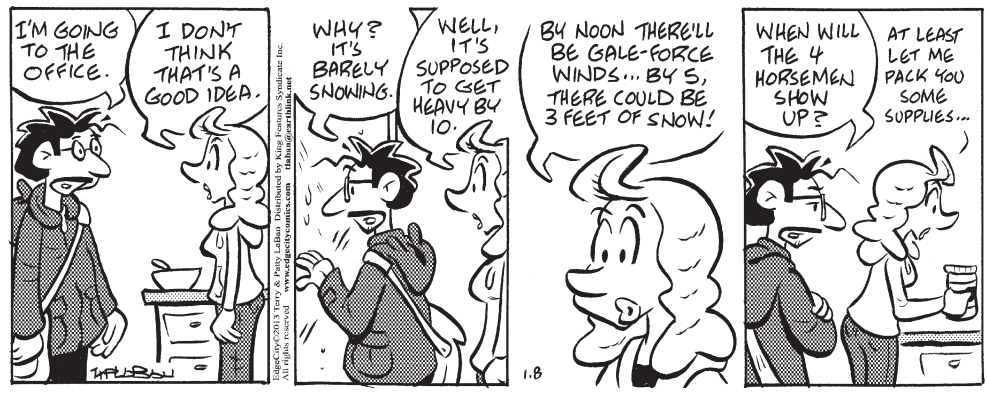
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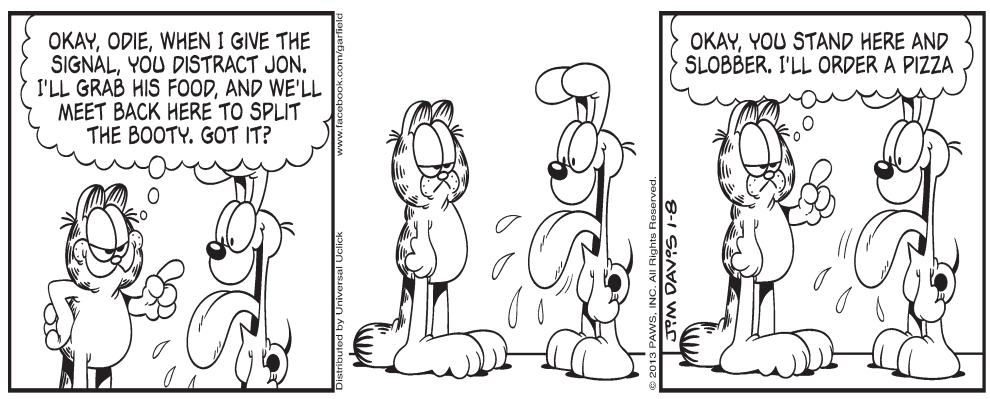
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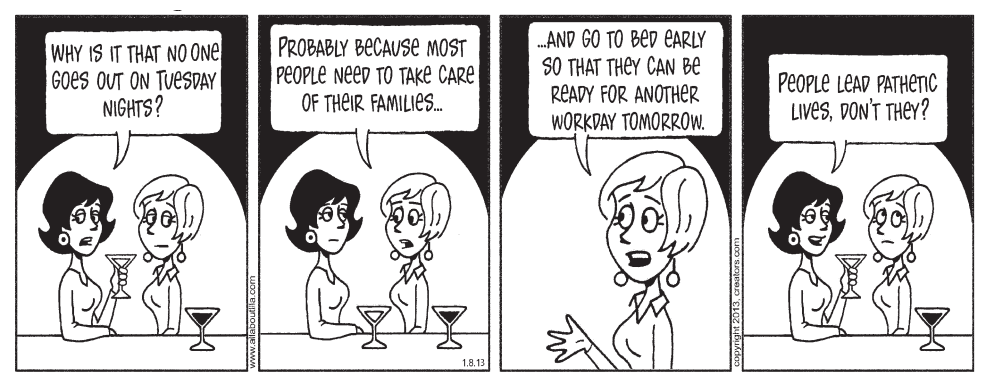
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Sudoku

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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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

2	6	8	4	7	1	9	5	3
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CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

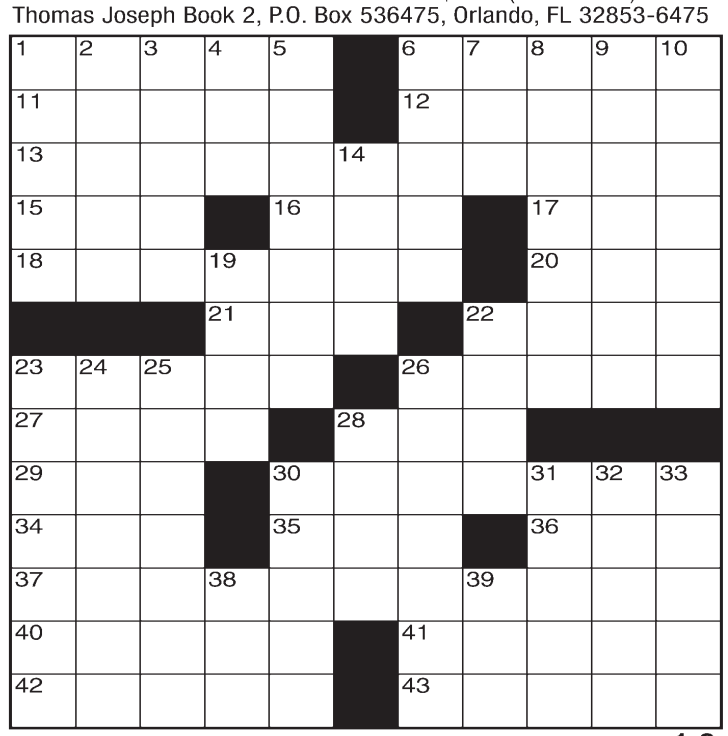
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21 Dogfight pro
22 Take it easy
23 Stand on both sides of
26 Like some floors
27 Breathing organ
28 May honoree
29 Music's Yoko
30 Mini waves
34 Informant
35 Conclusion
36 Mine rock
37 Perry Como song
40 Brother's daughter
41 June honorees
42 Propeller type
43 Shoe parts

DOWN
1 Zodiac ram
2 Pillage
3 Namely, in Latin
4 Ripen
5 Tom of "Blue Bloods"
6 Edinburgh natives
7 It's north of Afr.
8 Very bad
9 Treat as a celebrity
10 Competed in a regatta
14 Golf cry
19 Zesty flavor
22 Walk unevenly
23 Old gold coins
24 Madman
25 One more
26 Dominant ones
28 Stole stuff?
30 Make fresh
31 Faithful
32 Eat away
33 Grinch's creator
38 Motel freebie
39 To's counterpart

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ One of the principal recommendations following the Sept. 11 attacks was that emergency and rescue personnel have one secure radio frequency on which all agencies that were merged into the Department of Homeland Security could communicate. In November, the department's inspector general revealed that, despite $430 million allotted to build and operate the frequency in the last nine years, it remains almost useless to DHS' 123,000 employees. The report surveyed 479 workers, but found only one who knew how to find the frequency, and 72 percent did not even know one existed (and half the department's radios couldn't have accessed it even if employees knew where to look).

■ Remember Alaska's "Bridge to Nowhere"?: In November, the Anchorage Daily News reported the Army Corps of Engineers is building a harbor on the Aleutian native community's island of Akutan, even though there is no road away from it. Thus, reported KUCB Radio, the only way to get into or out of the harbor is by boat. Any connector road to the only town on the island is "likely years in the future," according to the Daily News. As well, there is no assurance that the largest business in the area, Trident Seafoods, would ever use the harbor.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1904 - The Blackstone Library is dedicated, marking the beginning of the Chicago Public Library system.

1906 - A landslide in Haverstraw, New York, caused by the excavation of clay along the Hudson River, kills 20 people.

1912 - The African National Congress is founded.

1918 - President Woodrow Wilson announces his "Fourteen Points" for the aftermath of World War I.

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$1,249,000

- Wonderful Townhome
- Great Location
- 2 Bedroom
- 2.5 Baths
- Private Sun Deck
- Huge Loft



Just Reduced

603 16th Street
For Lease
$5,750 per month

- 3 Bedrooms
- 1 Bath w Vintage Tiles
- Hardwood Floors
- Freshly Painted
- Kitchen Appliances Incld
- Great Neighborhood



Average Price of **ALL** Santa Monica Single Family Homes From **ALL** agents in **ALL** companies Listed for Sale As of early January 2013		
Santa Monica Canyon	=	$1,650,000
North of Montana	=	$4,869,286
Between Wilshire & Montana	=	$2,425,800
South of Wilshire	=	$ 0
Sunset Park	=	$1,472,986
Ocean Park	=	$1,964,333
Statistics updated every Friday		

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