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THE WE CAN DO IT ISSUE

City Hall has budget surplus, but rough times still expected

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Editor in Chief

CITY HALL While Santa Monica city officials were worried last year that they may have to tap into a "rainy day" fund to help close a projected $13 million budget deficit, it turns out they had nothing to fear after all, ending up with a budget surplus of $7.9 million at the end of 2009-10, City Manager Rod Gould said.

The rainy day fund of $8.2 million will remain fully intact at the end of the current fiscal year as well, as City Hall expects to have another budget surplus of $1.7 million, Gould told the City Council Tuesday during a mid-year budget review and five-year forecast.

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HIGH SCHOOL BOYS' SOCCER

Samohi not content with recent success

BY DANIEL ARCHULETA
Managing Editor

SAMOHI Winning the Ocean League title is fine and good, as is being ranked No. 1 in the California Interscholastic Federation Southern Section, but what has Santa Monica High School's head boys' soccer coach Serafin Rodriguez excited is the prospect of capturing another state title.

As the Vikings prepare to end the season against Hawthrone today at John Adams Middle School, it's the big picture that Rodriguez has his eye on.

"It's not about clinching league, what we're focusing on is the playoffs," Rodriguez said. "Hopefully we can get back into the state tournament."

It was just three years ago that the Vikings were able to clinch the first state title in the sport in school history, a feat that Rodriguez thinks this team can accomplish again. But, before that lofty goal can become reality, he knows that his team would be wise to stay focused on the task at hand and end the season with a win over Hawthrone.

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PAY TO PLAY: **The City Council recently approved increases to recreational program fees including green maintenance fees for lawn bowling.**

Fee increase for recreation programs approved

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Editor in Chief

CITY HALL If you like taking a dip at the Santa Monica Swim Center, are an avid lawn bowler or have a kid enrolled in a city-run sports league, be prepared to pay more come July 1.

The City Council on Tuesday agreed to raise fees for recreation programs and permits to use city facilities, a move that officials said is needed to stave off cuts as financial projections show a growing budget gap despite reductions in spending and a recently passed half percent sales tax hike.

Council's decision followed a detailed report on City Hall's financial health which included three scenarios, the worst case being a budget deficit as high as $26.3 million in five years.

The fee increases range from 25 cents to $218, changes that are expected to generate an additional $350,000 annually for City Hall.

"If we don't start raising fees we will have to start cutting services or stop offering some programs," said Mayor Pro Tem Gleam Davis. "We need to realize that as unfortunate as it is, we need to raise fees."

Of the 33 programs and services provided by the Community and Cultural Services Department, 18 were subject to the fee increases. Of those, seven are subject to bumps that solely capture cost-of-living increases that have not been applied in previous years, said Barbara Stinchfield, director of Community and Cultural Services.

In addition to the fee increases, four new fees were approved, including a lawn bowling green maintenance fee, an administrative fee for community events, a private coaching fee and a lane fee for non-resident swim teams.

In preparing the increases, Stinchfield said her team was sensitive to the fact that the recession has hit some families hard. Her proposal to council aimed to preserve significant subsidies for programs that provide a "broad community benefit" — things like playground use, senior activities and enrollment in the Police Activities League, which would remain free — while relying more heavily on user fees to fund programs that serve a "targeted population" — like the community gardens, lawn bowling or use of a city park for a private function, which would see fee increases.

City staff also considered how recently each program's fees were increased and what nearby cities charge for comparable programs in coming up with the recommendations, she said.

In most cases, the fee increases would lessen City Hall's subsidy by only a few percentage points of overall program expenses. For the community gardens, for instance, the 25 percent fee increase, from $60 per plot per year to $75 per year, would result in only a 2 percent decrease in the share of the program's cost covered by City Hall's general fund, from 93 percent to 91 percent.

Stinchfield said City Hall provides about $940,000 in financial assistance to youth,

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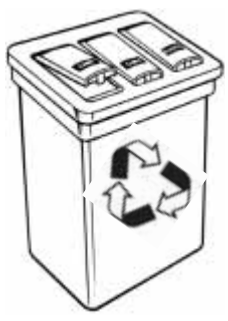
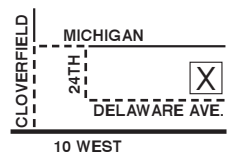
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Thursday, Feb. 10, 2011

Art for Hearts
Annenberg Community Beach House
415 PCH, 6 p.m.
Benefiting Pico Youth & Family Center, Art for Hearts will include a silent auction of original works of art, live jazz, food and wine and guest appearances by "Machete" star Danny Trejo and "La Mission" star Jesse Borrego. For more information, contact Yolanda de Cordova, yolandita@picoyouth.org.

Take control of your food supply
Main Library, 601 Main St., 7 p.m.
Urban dwellers are going beyond gardens and edible landscape to produce even more of what they eat. Hear how urban gardeners and farmers on the edge of urban development have increased their personal "food security" by taking control of their food supply. This presentation will be moderated by KCRW's Evan Kleiman, host of "Good Food." This event is free and open to the public.

Ice time
Fifth Street and Arizona Avenue
12 p.m. — 10 p.m.
ICE at Santa Monica offers the unique opportunity to ice skate in the sunshine. The rink will close on Feb. 15. Admission is $10. For more information, call (310) 393-8355.

Friday, Feb. 11, 2011

Gem Faire
Santa Monica Civic Auditorium
1855 Main St., 12 p.m. — 6 p.m.
The 22nd Annual Gem Faire returns with all its glory this weekend. Over 70 renowned importers/exporters will be on site selling their wares. The event also includes classes and demonstrations by a host of experts. The faire takes place through Sunday. For more information, visit www.gemfaire.com.

Lisa McMann in the flesh
Barnes & Noble
1201 Third Street Promenade, 7 p.m.
Award-winning author Lisa McMann, writer of the best-selling "Wake" trilogy, will be on hand to present her new work, "Cryer's Cross." For more information, call (310) 260-9110.

Something special for sweetie
Santa Monica Museum of Art
2525 Michigan Ave., Daily
Gracie, SMMoA's gift shop, will feature Valentine's Day gifts for your special someone on Friday and Saturday. Some of the more notable gifts are sweets from Morning Glory Confections and pop culture-inspired jewelry by Cast of Vices. For more info, visit www.shopgracie.com.

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TOO COOL: **Hellride, featuring Stephen Perkins, is scheduled to perform at the CENTRAL Social Aid and Pleasure Club on Saturday.**

Hellride rolls into town

BY TAYLOR VAN ARSDALE
Special to the Daily Press

MID-CITY Looking for a good ride on Saturday night?

If that peaks your interest, you may want to check out Hellride, a "live only" all-star outfit made up of a trio of iconic rockers playing this weekend at the CENTRAL Social Aid and Pleasure Club. Hellride is comprised of Stephen Perkins, Mike Watt and Pete DiStefano — all noteworthy in their own rights.

All three have made names for themselves playing for legendary bands Jane's Addiction, fIREHOUSEand Porno For Pyros, but have put that and any egos aside to create a band that is as much about rock royalty as it is about just rocking out.

The three artists share a mutual love and respect for musical experimentation and exploration. Since their Porno For Pyros days — and coincidentally years before Watt got a gig with Iggy Pop — the guys were yearning to do something together, but due to hectic schedules they weren't able to get together to write new material. Songs by The Stooges, featuring Watt, became a starting point.

"As soon as Mike started playing with Iggy I called him and said, 'Hey if you want to discontinue the Hellride I totally understand,'" Perkins said. "But his opinion was, 'we're taking a whole different angle on the songs, and it's something I think is still relevant to on-stage shenanigans.'"

Hellride grew out of Watt and Perkins' more frequent collaborations in the jazz-punk improv milieu. Indeed, Hellride's entire set list is devoted to playing and reinterpreting the music of Iggy Pop's The Stooges by way of jazz legend John Coltrane. And when Perkins says "jazz" he's referring to the improvisational interpretations not the music itself.

"We'll do a verse and a chorus, maybe another verse and a chorus and then we're off to the races, kind of like a 'Live At Leeds' by the Who, full-throttle energy," Perkins said.

It is always "live, without a net," and the band, which plays locally in Los Angeles area clubs, is always trying new stuff on stage. This approach keeps all the members on their toes. When they're going into musical grooves, they are feeding off each other with no set guidelines or boundaries.

"There's always that moment where we're all searching at the same time and it could be a great train wreck, but sometimes a train wreck is fun to watch as well," Perkins said.

It's about having an improvised musical chat.

"A lot of music today loses that conversation between musicians," Perkins said. "I learned that early from John Densmore and The Doors. Morrison would say something and Densmore would react to it on the drums, and I think it's so important to bring that lyrical content to the surface of any gig or session, allowing that musical conversation to stand as its own moment in time."

You might even say the band itself is like a jazz solo in that the members rotate in and out depending on who's on tour — for this upcoming show at the CENTRAL, Wayne Kramer from MC5 will be subbing for DiStefano.

"It's unfortunate that Peter couldn't make the gig, but we got lucky that Wayne Kramer was available," Perkins said. "He's a punk-rock poet, and has both a lyrical sensibility as well as that understanding of raw power."

Those unfamiliar with The Stooges' music may simply think the set is a bit of exciting, unusual punk rock, but if you're a fan and know the tunes you will truly

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HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS ROUNDUP

Samohi boys stay alive

BY DANIEL ARCHULETA
Managing Editor

SAMOHI Santa Monica High School's boys' basketball team kept its playoff hopes alive by beating Ocean League rival Morningside, 63-48, Tuesday at home.

The win puts Samohi in a flat-footed tie for third place in a league that sends three teams to the California Interscholastic Federation Southern Section playoffs.

If both teams either lose or win their next games — the final ones of the regular season — it would force a one-game playoff to determine the final playoff berth from the

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Strokes on the rise among young and middle-aged

MARILYNN MARCHIONE
AP Medical Writer

LOS ANGELES Strokes are rising dramatically among young and middle-aged Americans while dropping in older people, a sign that the obesity epidemic may be starting to shift the age burden of the disease.

The numbers, reported Wednesday at an American Stroke Association conference, come from the first large nationwide study of stroke hospitalizations by age. Government researchers compared hospitalizations in 1994 and 1995 with ones in 2006 and 2007.

The sharpest increase — 51 percent — was among men 15 through 34. Strokes rose among women in this age group, too, but not as fast — 17 percent.

"It's definitely alarming," said Dr. Ralph Sacco, American Heart Association president and a neurologist at the University of Miami. "We have worried for a while that the increased prevalence of obesity in children and young adults may take its toll in cardiovascular disease and stroke," and that appears to be happening, he said.

Stroke still takes its highest toll on older people. For those over 65, there were nearly 300 stroke cases among 10,000 hospitaliza-

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Move on, de la Torre

Editor:

When [school board member] Oscar de la Torre started crying victim and called for an independent review of the events at the Pico Youth & Family Center last year he received it. Now that the review is done and the city was cleared of any wrong-doing, Mr. de la Torre is stomping his foot again and demanding an apology and for more reviews of Sgt. Dave Thomas' work ("de la Torre demands review of investigator," Feb. 9, 2011, page 1).

After the DA didn't prosecute you'd think Mr. de la Torre would just be like most and carry on since the charges were dropped. It's called a DA reject in legalese lingo, but no, he wants to waste more "tax dollars" and ask for ANOTHER review.

It is clear there is some personal vendetta de la Torre must have with the SMPD. The very fact that a Pico Youth Center mural paints a larger-than-life image of Che Guevara should give us a clue as to Mr. de la Torre's opinion of established authority.

His politicizing victim excuse that he had to forego his bid for a City Council seat "because of the investigation" lets us know in advance that he may not seem capable of the pressures of having more than one thing on his plate as an administrator.

I commend City Manager Mr. Gould for seeing through this publicity scheme and refusing any "demanded" apology.

Cameron Hopper
Santa Monica

Look into driver etiquette

Editor:

I read and enjoy your paper everyday. My neighbor and I walk six days a week at 6:45 a.m. from 15th & Alta to Ocean Avenue, and back – sometimes with a neighbor's dog. Pedestrian and dog safety are at peril in this neighborhood and in many other Santa Monica areas. The "rolling" stops and speeding up to the crosswalk by motorists is ever-present and dangerous. We need an article focused on driver civility and courtesy in a way that people really "get it." Unfortunately, it seemingly is not that serious to the average person – EXCEPT when their loved ones are affected.

Perhaps you and your creative team (maybe with the help of the SM Police Department Community Relations' Lauralee Asch) can come up with some novel, interesting and mutually beneficial series of articles to keep this uppermost in the citizens' minds. I hate to see people injured when most of the time these things are entirely preventable. I've heard that Santa Monica is the most dangerous city for pedestrians. The drivers are way too aggressive for reason. Certainly not what we want to be known for.

I appreciate anything the paper can do.

Ruby Neumann
Santa Monica



Life Matters



JoAnne Barge & Katrina Davy Send comments to editor@smdp.com

What's the right thing to do about Valentine's Day?

DEAR NEW SHRINK,

I have a question regarding Valentine's Day. It is something that has bothered me for years now.

I am happily married to a man I generally get along with quite well. We have two lovely children and overall, I am satisfied and believe that he is too.

But we have a total disagreement regarding Valentine's Day and actually, Mother's Day as well.

My husband feels that all of these types of holidays are very commercial and completely hyped up for the monetary gain of restaurants, stores, jewelry shops, flower shops and so on.

He goes along with Christmas for the kids' sake but doesn't like the rest of it at all. He came from a family that does not celebrate birthdays after you turn 18.

I, on the other hand, came from a family that celebrates all of these things and when it comes to Valentine's Day or Mother's Day, I feel especially hurt because it seems like all the other wives and mothers around me are getting some really nice gifts from their husbands on these holidays.

My husband will take me to dinner for Mother's Day but as many times as I have told him how much I need him to do something for me, he never buys me anything! He absolutely thinks I am being ridiculous and demanding.

But when some of my friends are getting diamonds on Valentine's Day and I don't even get a card, it really hurts.

Signed,
Upset Wife & Mother

DEAR UPSET WIFE AND MOTHER,

Thank you for writing in, I am sure you are not alone on this subject matter.

I hope I don't disappoint you because I am not going to take sides; instead I want to present the facts, as I know them and some things for everyone to consider.

Valentine's Day was originally supposed to have been named in honor of one or more martyred saints but in 1969 the Catholic Church took it off its religious calendar. There are many questions about the real facts pertaining to its origin. However, there has never been a question that it is a day for love and affection! It use to be that men wrote love letters and poems to their ladies of love but somewhere in the mid 20th century, greetings cards started to appear and prevail. It wasn't until the 1980s that anyone was considering diamonds as a gift on Valentine's Day. Prior to this, candy or flowers were sometimes offered up as a testament to love and actually, here in the U.S. we started to give cards or little candies to friends or relatives we were especially fond of as well.

Today, many of us send cards to people we care about without any romantic implication.

There is no question that capitalism has generated the commercial aspects of Valentine's Day and just about every other holiday. Many people feel that the real meaning of a given holiday has been lost because of this.

On the other hand, it is hard to ignore the cards and gifts that are everywhere around us. Valentine's Day gifts were already in the stores as soon as Christmas was over. Hang on because after Monday, it will be Easter.

What is the right thing to do? I think each and every couple and family should decide for themselves. What is the meaning of this for us? What is our intent? How do we want to respond and how do we want to spend our money?

The sad thing about your question is that you and your husband cannot come together on this. He really should have empathy for your hurt feelings and you should be able to discuss what you need without making him feel bad or guilty. You two need some communication with compassion.

Also, you say that your marriage is otherwise really good but that you fight over this one thing. Why? How did it become so big in your lives?

It's difficult to some degree for all of us to avoid the influence of what others have or are getting. But maybe we really need to stop comparing our insides, be it feelings, relationships, possessions or whatnot, to what other people have.

Hope you have a loving and happy Valentine's Day!

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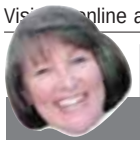
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Play Time

Cynthia Citron — Send comments to editor@smdp.com

‘Impossible’ is the word

CHELSEA SUTTON’S PLAY “99 IMPOSSIBLE Things” should really be called “100 Impossible Things.” The hundredth being the play itself. Filled with faux fey characters, almost all of whom are nuts in one way or another, the play presumably aims to add a little amusing fantasy to your otherwise drab life. But what it provides is a boring production: flat, staccato acting and dopey dialogue.

Harold (Jason Britt) is nutcase No. 1. His obsession is to catalog 99 impossible inventions, like a time machine that, instead of whisking you off to the future or the past, gives you more time in the present to enjoy a beautiful or unique moment. He is also being stalked by a sea monkey (Jillian Easton) that nobody else can see.

Casey (Mason Hallberg) has an imaginary friend, Paul (Geoff James), who he hopes, if he concentrates hard enough, he can turn into a real person.

Ellen (Tiffany Cole), who runs the Magic Bean Coffee Shop where all this takes place, is being hounded by a guardian angel with paper wings (RJ Farrington) who is trying to bully her out of her depression.

There is also a dirty-faced, homeless, would-be magician, Alice (Barbara Scolaro), and a newcomer to the neighborhood, Jaye (Jessica Lightfoot), who may or may not be a famous movie star.

The only ostensibly sane character is Lydia (Ashleigh Boiros), who also happens to be the only consistently good actor in the bunch. She is Harold’s sister and Ellen’s assistant in the coffee shop, as well as the invisible and imaginary Paul’s potential love.

As for the dialogue: the most often-repeated line is, “Who are you talking to?” as everyone converses with their invisible companions. And then there’s Harold’s inexplicable line, “The most important things in our life have no name.” (Can you give a name to a bad play?)

The Magic Bean Coffee Shop, designed by Bryan Forrest, at least provides a few interesting things to look at. The famous poster of Albert Einstein with his tongue sticking out. A glossy photo of Claudette Colbert. And innumerable tiny tchotchkes lining the shelves. And Virginia VandenBerg has done a good job with the costumes — especially the one worn by the homeless Alice.

Chelsea Sutton who wrote and directed this “world premiere,” has directed such outstanding plays as “Twelve Angry Men,” “Alice in Wonderland,” and recently, “The Traveling Carnival Freakshow,” which she also co-wrote. Her plays have also been produced by The Looking Glass Theatre in New York, the UCSB New Plays Festival, and The Eclectic Company Theatre, which produced this one.

As Sutton admits in the playbill, this production started off as “a terrible little one-act” about the characters Casey and Paul, which she expanded in one month to a full play for her senior project at UCSB. She’s been fiddling with it ever since, she says. And all I can say is, “keep fiddling. It ain’t no symphony yet.”

“99 Impossible Things” will continue at The Eclectic Company Theatre, 5312 Laurel Canyon Blvd., in Valley Village, Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 7 p.m. through Feb. 13. Call (818) 508-3003 for tickets.

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D.U.I. Do's & Don'ts

With a slumping economy, ensuing global conflicts and our own personal dilemmas, a few drinks come as a welcome respite for many. But before you have that extra glass of wine at dinner, make sure you are aware of some new laws and issues that may drastically affect your driving privileges. California has some of the toughest DUI laws in the country, and while no one plans to get arrested for DUI, here are 5 helpful tips to remember if you find yourself at the wrong end of a DUI checkpoint this year.

1) Submit To FSTS: When arrested for DUI many people look for a quick and easy way out of it such as refusing to submit the officer's tests. Well, truth be told, this doesn't really work. Refusing to submit to field sobriety tests (FSTS) will almost always earn a year suspension from the DMV regardless what happens with your court case. Refusing to submit to FSTS might weaken the State's evidence against you, but is it worth risking an automatic one year suspension? This includes submitting a breathalyzer test at the scene of the arrest (called a PAS test). A PAS test might not even be admissible in the criminal case, but if you are below a .08 it will save you a ton of hassle…and probably earn a get out of jail free card. Submit to testing and let a skilled lawyer take it from there. Even if the test results appear "bad," by hiring the right attorney there are many legal arguments and challenges that can be made to the manner in which the tests weand administered, your statements, and the results of the tests.

2) Request A Hearing: if arrested for DUI you will receive a temporary driver's license that is good for 30 days before your license is suspended. However, you have the right to request an administrative hearing with the DMV in order to challenge the suspension. This hearing might also yield valuable testimony from the arresting officers that could help you later on when fighting your case in court. Administrative hearings are conducted either in person or telephonically, are far less formal than a court proceeding, and have a lower evidentiary standard of proof required to sustain a suspension. Administrative hearings must be requested within 10 days of arrest, so make sure to act fast if you are arrested. A trained experienced lawyer is also advantageous in order to help navigate through the complexities of the DMV.

3) Know The Penalties: In most Los Angeles County courtrooms a "standard" first time DUI conviction carries with it a $390 fine, 3 month alcohol program, 3 year probation, and mandatory installation of an ignition interlock device (a new 2010 law that L.A. County D.A.'s and C.A.'s are widely enforcing). Typically, prosecutors will not seek jail confinement on a 1st time conviction. In addition to the fines, the court will add on various penalty assessments and fees that could raise your final bill to upwards of $1,750. Depending on the circumstances of your case (under 21, high blood alcohol, refusal) the court could also order you to complete community service, caltrans work, attend AA meetings, and complete a MADD or hospital/morgue program. A first time DUI conviction is priorable, meaning it will be used to enhance punishment on any subsequent DUI in a 10 year period. A second time DUI begets similar punishment with heightened fines and a mandatory minimum of 96 hours (4 days) in jail. Of course, all of these penalties and punishments are subject to change based on varying circumstances, and it should be noted that there are additional restrictions that the DMV can enforce on top of all the court required punishments.

4) Be Polite & Courteous: No matter what crime you are arrested for, be it for DUI or some other offense, dealing with police officers in a calm, respectful, and appropriate manner is always the best approach and will reward you in the end. Officers will note your behavior in their reports, and any belligerent outburst or tirade will likely be used against you as a sign of intoxication and could also earn you additional charges. Of course the opposite is also true meaning if you are calm and collected it could be used as a sign of non-impairment. Even if you didn't do anything wrong always remember that you attract more bees with honey!

5) Don't Drive!: The easiest tip of all...drink to your heart's content and enjoy the holidays, and when you're done take a cab, ride a bus, or call a friend...just don't drive!

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Traveling Back to Fitness

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It's all about confidence

FOLKS WHO SEE MY FACEBOOK PAGE know that I'm constantly "checking in" to Burn Fitness, so they see my level of dedication. But just so all of you know how dedicated I truly am to getting my workout on, the other day, I actually pushed a car out of the way to get to the gym.

That's correct. You heard me right. Believe it or not, a woman ran out of gas just at the entrance to the public parking structure on Fourth Street, inconveniently blocking the way in. I had less than 10 minutes to make owner Tom Williams' most intense class and you don't dare show up late. The woman got out of her car (her dog following) lamenting her problem. I asked and confirmed that she had road service assistance and a working cell phone. I told her to take a ticket so the gate would go up and to get in her car and put it in neutral. She did as I instructed and I pushed her dusty Toyota Corolla safely out of the path of incoming cars and away from the entrance to the parking structure. Several cars behind me cheered. I then hopped in my car, found parking and made it to class with a few minutes to spare.

Just a routine day helping people with my new found strength. I can tell you, folks, I could not have done that a year ago. And it's not just bicep strength I'm talking about here, it's a little something extra you get when you start shedding pounds — it's called confidence. Working out gives you confidence, confidence to kick off your day, to look for a new job, to make new friends, to find a mate, and to rise to the occasion, whatever that occasion may be. Working out makes you feel like you can do anything — even move a car with your bare hands.

Now, a couple weeks ago I told you I was determined to lose some more weight. I did just that. I dropped another four pounds. But it has not been easy. The weight I'm at now feels like a comfortable shoe, and while a comfy shoe is fine for trolling around the house, it's not going to get you noticed when you strut down the Third Street Promenade. Know what I'm saying? When I step out I want to be wearing a sexy thigh-high boot. I've lost 30 pounds, I want to be noticed and I never want to put those horrible, nasty fatty-fat globs on my body ever again. In fact, I so believe in this program that I want to spread the word.

So owner Tom Williams and I sat down to talk about the Fat Burn program and what makes his program so special and doable and workable while others seem to doom you to failure; with rebound weight gain or impossible and extreme rules — such as a diet of only meat or grapefruit — which no one in their right mind could sustain.

"There's only two reasons that a person will not lose weight on this program," he said. "They've either got a metabolic problem or they're lying about the food they log into the site."

Interesting. That was not something I had considered.

But it does make me think of a friend of mine, a runner — no names involved here — who works out constantly but never loses any weight, and always seems mystified by my weight loss. Now I know firsthand that she works out constantly because on weekends, I run into her on the Fourth Street steps and she's always drenched in sweat. In fact, she probably works out more than I do. When I ask her what she's been eating she responds, "My diet is totally clean." Hmmm, I think, OK. I have no reason not to believe her.

"Are you drinking any alcohol?" I ask, because alcohol is just empty calories and sugar. You might as well grab a pint of Ben and Jerry's, a spoon and have yourself a night on the couch. "No. Never," she responds.

"Do you eat late at night?" Again, I get a resounding, "No!"

A few nights later I had a very late meeting at a local restaurant. It was just by chance I ran into this gal. She asked me to join her and her friends. It was close to midnight and they were eating French fries, dipping beef tips into some sort of high-caloric cheese dip and sucking back appletinis. Sugar and starch and everything you don't want to be ingesting. So, there you have it.

Look, if you aren't losing the weight, it's time to come clean about what you are putting into your body. There are many things in this life that you can't control. But one thing you can control is your diet. In fact, Williams is going to be coming out with an e-book on the Fat Burn program. Finally you're going to be able to get all his amazing health and fitness tips first hand. And best yet, the book will be available to everyone, not just Burn Fitness members.

Everyone should be able to feel good about his or her body. Everyone should be able to lose weight and keep it off. We should all be able feel like Superman or Superwoman. Go forth and grab the power, people.

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Romantic destinations for lovers on Valentine's Day

Valentine's Day is quickly approaching, and here is my advice; get rid of the roses and chuck the chocolate and give a gift that you will remember forever. Nothing is more romantic than time away from the day-to-day grind of life where you can really focus on the one you love. So, cut out a picture of your favorite destination or one of these romantic hot spots listed here and put it in your Valentine's card. I guarantee it will be the best gift ever. Here are three of my favorite places for an intimate and romantic time away.

LOVE ON THE ROCKS

The Wickaninnish Inn is an enchanting and critically acclaimed destination perched on the awesome western edge of beautiful British Columbia. Built on an outcropping of rock that juts into the Pacific Ocean and surrounded by dense old growth forest, it recently won the "Most Excellent Eco-Resort in North America" by Conde Nast.

Each of the rooms offer breathtaking water views, fireplaces, and furniture made from recycled old growth fir and driftwood. Winter and spring is the off-season and the area around the lodge and the small town of Tofino is quiet. It is the perfect escape where hiking the forest, kayaking the sound, and staying off grid is the only thing to do.

One hidden spot I particularly recommend is Hot Springs Cove. There are no roads to get there, only a bumpy and exciting hour-long boat-ride followed by an amazing 30-minute hike along the pristine coastline. At the end of the hike you will be rewarded with a natural hot springs with a temperature of around 120 degrees bubbling from the dark soil amid ferns and huge conifers. The water cascades down the rocks into several natural pools and then into the ocean. Bathers can stand under the hot waterfall or sit in one of the many natural pools including one pool at the bottom where at high tide the cold waves of the ocean rush in giving you a hot and cold bath all at once.

Finish one of your days with a romantic dinner at The Point, the fine dining restaurant in the inn. The dining room faces the pounding surf with glass all around and a huge pounded copper fireplace to drive away the wet chill that often fills the air. Make your plans by visiting their web site at www.wickinn.com.

BURNING LOVE

Get your honey heated up and head to a wonderful private retreat on the edge of one of the world's most active volcanoes. Head to Hawaii's Big Island to the town of Volcano, which sits just minutes away from the entrance to Volcano National Park and check into the romantic private retreat called, At the Craters Edge. With only three rooms you are guaranteed privacy at this beautifully designed hideaway. The rooms feature huge windows and sliding glass doors giving full views into the tropical foliage around the property that make it seem that you are floating in an adult tree house. Being on the rainy side of the island you can rest assured that at least one night you will cuddle up to the gentle sound of rain falling on the tin roof. Because of the proximity to Mauna Loa (the other volcano) and its observatory there are no street lights and almost no outdoor lights of any kind in the town of Volcano. So, each room is furnished with flashlights as well as top of the line linens, a deep Jacuzzi bath, and fresh fruits and breads. Get even more romantic and take a stroll along the raised wooden walkway meandering through the tall trees and ferns to a secluded spa area for a Jacuzzi or sauna.

One thing not to miss is the night hike to see the oozing glowing lava spit and steam as it hits the ocean. Plan your trip to At The Crater's Edge by visiting http://visitthevolcano.com/accommodations.html

CALIFORNIA ROMANCE

There is simply no more beautiful place to be with that special someone than on the Monterey Peninsula. The quaint towns, the blue waters, and windswept coast all seemed designed to kindle the flames of love. One of the best places for romance is the L'Auberge Hotel and restaurant (www.lauberge-carmel.com).

Built in 1929 after a villa in Prague, it is now one of the most luxurious places to stay in Carmel. Each of the 20 rooms features a unique tub which is the focal point of the bathroom. The hotel also offers top of the line linens, flat screen TV's, and amazing photography by Helmet Horn done just for the hotel. Rooms range from $295 to $650.

The restaurant is also well worth a visit. The attention to every detail is very evident here from the menu made of pressed copper to the elegant and simple décor. With only 10 tables make a reservation and plan to spend a long, leisurely evening enjoying wines from around the world paired with exotic dishes. The chef changes the menu with the season to take advantage of the local fresh fare. This fall the menu featured cauliflower mousse with fennel seeds and cumin oil, abalone with chanterelle mushrooms, and duck breast with root vegetables. The tasting menu is the best way to go to get a variety of the chef's special dishes.

Get close to your special someone on a kayak built for two from Adventures by the Sea (www.AdventuresByTheSea.com). Guided tours around the bay are the perfect way to see the wildlife.

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PROUD MOMENT: **Members of the 2010 CIF-SS champion Samohi softball team pose Tuesday on campus. The team gathered for the unveiling of their championship banner.**

ROUNDUP
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league. That game would take place Friday.

Samohi (5-4 in league) will close the regular season Thursday at home against Hawthorne. That game is part of a doubleheader with the girls' team. Morningside faces first place Inglewood, also on Thursday.

ST. MONICA GIRLS CONTINUE HOT STREAK

The girls' basketball team at St. Monica kept its hot streak going with a close 39-38 defeat of Camino Real League rival Cantwell-Sacred Heart Tuesday on campus.

The win improved St. Monica to 12-14 overall and 5-2 in league. The second place Mariners are assured a spot in the playoffs. Cantwell-Sacred Heart retained its hold on first place.

St. Monica, winners of six of its last seven games, was again led by the school's all-time scoring leader Cory LaGuardia, who tallied 12 points, 12 rebounds and four blocked shots. Freshman guard Katrina Balatico added 14 points.

Next for St. Monica is the season finale at home against Pasadena La Salle. It will be senior night.

SAMOHI SOFTBALL HONORED

The defending CIF-SS Division 4 champion Samohi softball team was honored during the unveiling of their banner on Tuesday during a basketball double-header.

Members of the team, including retired head coach Debbie Skaggs and her coaching staff of Dan Ramos and John Heavens, were attendance as the banner was revealed. The championship was the first in the sport in school history.

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STROKES
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tions in the more recent period studied. For males 15 to 34, there were about 15 stroke cases per 10,000, and for girls and women in that age group there were about 4 per 10,000.

Several small studies had recently suggested an ominous rise among the young and among middle-aged women.

"We were interested in whether we could pick that up in a much larger, nationwide dataset," said Dr. Mary George, a stroke researcher at the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The researchers examined federal records from a sample of hospitals in 41 states, covering about 8 million cases each year. They looked at the percentage of all hospitalizations for stroke by gender and in six age groups.

For every 10,000 hospitalizations in 1994-95 compared with 2006-07, strokes rose:

• 51 percent, from 9.8 to 14.8, among males 15 to 34 years old

• 17 percent, from 3.6 to 4.2, in females 15 to 34

• 47 percent, from 36 to 52.9, in males 35 to 44

• 36 percent, from 21.9 to 30, in females 35 to 44

"The increases seen in children are very modest, but they are more so in the young adult age groups, and we feel that deserves further study," George said.

Better awareness of stroke symptoms and better imaging methods for detecting strokes in young people could account for some of that change, but there is no way to know, she said.

Trends went the opposite way in older people. Strokes dropped 25 percent among men 65 and older (from 404 to 303 per 10,000 hospitalizations), and 28 percent among women in this age group (from 379 to 274). Doctors think better prevention and treatment of risk factors such as high blood pressure in older people may be contributing to the decline.

At the University of California at Los Angeles, doctors are seeing more strokes related to high blood pressure and clogged arteries in younger people, said Dr. Jeffrey Saver, director of the stroke center at UCLA.

Early estimates from 2007 death certificates suggest that stroke is now the nation's fourth leading cause of death instead of the third, partly because of better treatments and prevention among the elderly. "But at the same time we're seeing this worrisome rise in mid-life," Saver said.

Allison Hooker, a nurse who coordinates stroke care at Forsyth Medical Center in Winston-Salem, N.C., said her hospital also is seeing more strokes in younger people with risk factors such as smoking, obesity, high blood pressure, alcohol overuse and diabetes.

Also at the conference:

• A preliminary study raised concern about diet soda and stroke risk. Researchers surveyed about 2,500 adults in the New York City area at the start of the study and followed their health for nearly 10 years afterward. Researchers found that people who said they drank diet soda every day had a 48 percent higher risk of stroke or heart attack than people who drank no soda of any kind.

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UP AND AWAY

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Crossroads' Cameron Fuller goes up for a lay-up against Calvary Chapel Tuesday on campus. Crossroads won the Delphic League game, 55-51.

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with more than $844,000 supporting before and after-school programs.

"We have a financial assistance program that no other city has at our level, with almost $1 million a year," Stinchfield said.

While opposition to the increases has been minimal, city staff did make one change at the request of residents. Instead of eliminating a discount for nonprofits, staff recommended a 50 percent discount for local groups wanting to rent city facilities.

Councilman Bobby Shriver was the only council member to vote against fee increases for recreational programs, saying those services should be provided for free given that Los Angeles County is park poor.

"I just have always had a soft spot for parks and recreation," he said. "I buy [charging fees] for trash collection and water and some of the other services. … I think we are lucky that in Santa Monica we have the beach and the city planned well to have the parks it does, but we're still pretty limited in things people can do."

Shriver said the council has the power to pull money from other areas and invest in programs or services it believes are needed.

"It's not really a zero sum game. It's a choice game," Shriver said. "It's an unpleasant task, but it's real."

Councilman Kevin McKeown said he has sympathy for those who will be impacted by the fee increases, but he felt comfortable approving the new fees because of City Hall's generous subsidies and financial assistance to those in need.

"Frankly, some of us can afford it while some of us can't, but as a community we won't be able to afford it if we don't raise fees," he said.

Councilman Bob Holbrook said if the economy improves in the next few years and more revenue is generated, there's no reason why the council could not revisit the fees and possibly lower them.

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HELLRIDE
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appreciate the dynamics and innovation going on.

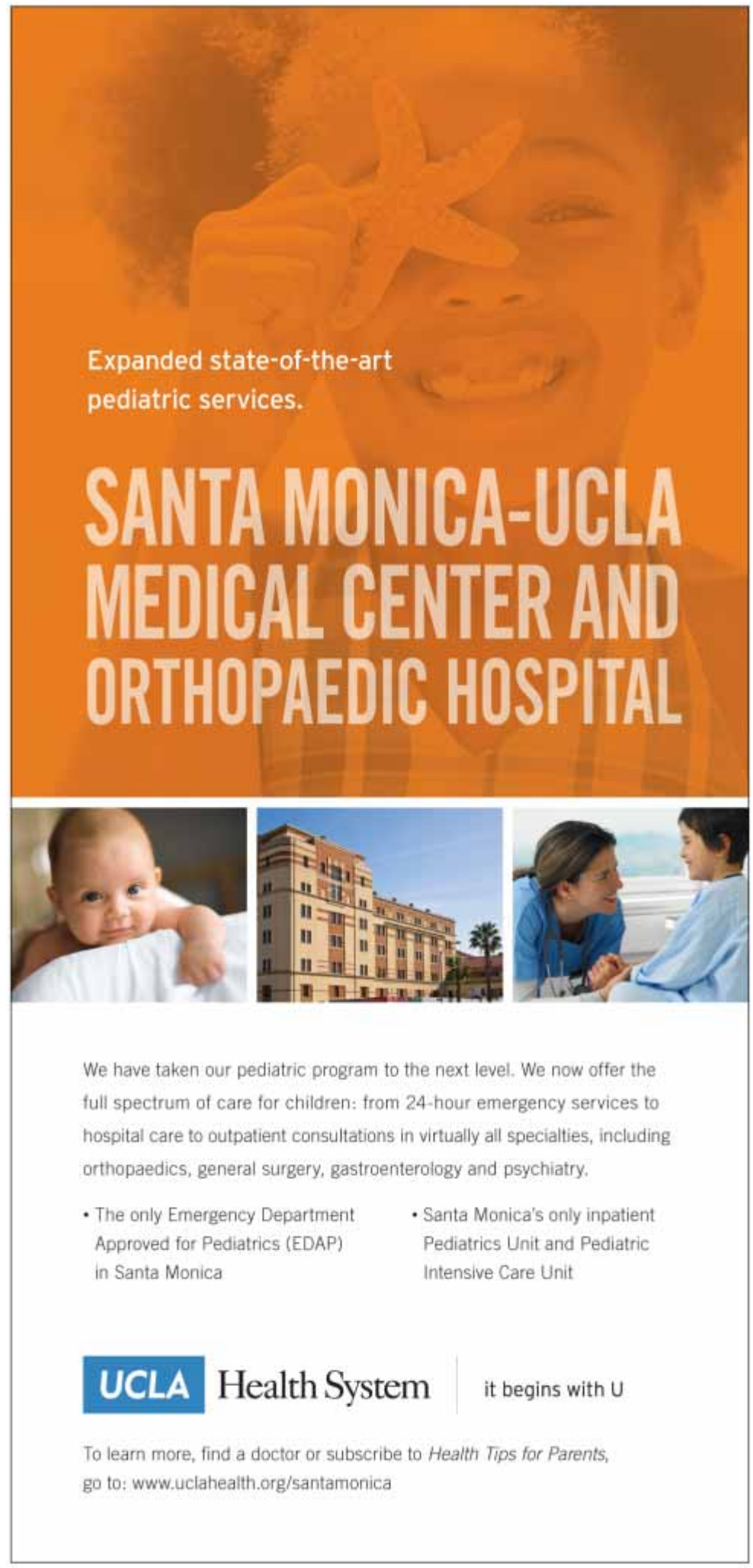
"We want to thread the themes of the songs through the experience, through the jam and at the same time we want to always be searching and break new ground, not just for the sake of breaking new ground but because we need to as artists," Perkins said. "If I were a painter I wouldn't want to paint the same thing year after year, day after day. We don't want to sound the same each night."

Sounds like it should be one hell of a ride.

Check out Hellride Saturday, Feb. 12 at the CENTRAL, 1348 14th St. in Santa Monica. Opening bands include Silver Needle, JayaR and River of Suns. Tickets are $8. Doors open at 7 p.m. For more information, visit www.thecentralsapc.com.

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BUDGET

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Gould said the unexpected surplus was due to a "multi-faceted financial strategy" that included reductions in spending, some fee increases, eliminating waste, the use of one-time funds and some city employees agreeing to pay 5 percent of their healthcare costs and forgo bonuses.

"These strategies, taken together, have strengthened the city's financial position," Gould said.

Revenues were also greater than anticipated as the economy showed signs of improvement, but still remains fragile, he said.

City staff plans to use the surplus to pay down pension costs for employees, which are projected to rise considerably given the poor performance of the stock market. That reduced the value of CalPERS' investment portfolio, triggering higher contribution rates for cities. CalPERS stands for the California Public Employee's Retirement System, which provides retirement and health benefits to more than 1.6 million people. City Hall is required under labor agreements to pay into CalPERS, which invests the money in domestic and international markets. As of Oct. 31, 2010, it had assets totaling $218.8 billion.

Gould also said there is some encouraging news. Hotel taxes are rebounding faster than anticipated with tourists "coming back in droves and faster than any place in the southland," he said. Gould also mentioned the passage in November of Measure Y, a half percent sales tax increase expected to generate $12 million annually, half of which is expected to go to local public schools.

Consumer confidence is rebounding, which could translate into more sales tax revenue, and the local housing market has been relatively stable with only a slight decline in property values of 2.1 percent, according to City Hall's finance director, Carol Swindell. It was only the second year since the passage of Proposition 13 that property values in Santa Monica dropped.

Gould said local tax revenues are not expected to recover to peak levels until at least 2013.

"We expect to see slow revenue growth," said Gould, who has been preaching "flat is the new up."

What is of particular concern to Gould is the state's fiscal health and the governor's proposal to eliminate redevelopment agencies, which could mean a loss of $350 million in projects Santa Monica's Redevelopment Agency have asked City Hall to complete. There are proposed cuts to library funding totaling roughly $200,000 a year, and cuts to education and child care services, which could increase demand on city programs.

To better manage finances, Gould recommended and the council approved changing the way City Hall drafts its budgets. Instead of creating a budget every year, city staff will now develop a two-year budget, with council having the ability to review it every six months to make course corrections. Gould said it will save staff time and provide better financial footing. The budgets are also expected to be more easy to digest.

Another change that was approved is moving to an "expenditure control budget," where city departments will be able to keep a portion of their budget that is not spent over the course of a fiscal year. Gould said typically departments at all levels of government will ramp up spending close to the end of the fiscal year out of fear that they will have their budgets reduced if they do not use all of their cash. With expenditure control, departments will be able to retain some of the left-over cash, which he said creates the incentive to save.

Swindell presented three scenarios as part of the five-year forecast, the most dramatic showing a budget deficit of $26.3 million. The baseline showed a deficit of $12.3 million while the best-case scenario projected a budget surplus of over $8 million.

A key factor is the rising health insurance costs and CalPERS rates. In five years, City Hall could be spending as much as $45.6 million on CalPERS and $31.4 million on health insurance for employees.

In May, Swindell will lead two budget study sessions with the council and a budget is expected to be adopted by June 21.

Councilman Bobby Shriver once again called on the council to tackle the "800-pound gorilla" in the room, which he said was the rising pension and healthcare costs provided to city employees, in particular the Santa Monica Police Department. Benefit compensation costs for police officers is projected to rise 86 percent in five years, meaning that for every dollar paid in salary the actual cost to City Hall will be $1.86.

Shriver made his comments following a discussion on raising fees for recreation programs and permits for the use of city-owned facilities. He warned his council colleagues that they should be prepared for the worst-case scenario because "there is a lot of uncertainty out there."

"In an era of declining or flat revenue with … escalating expenses, what has to happen at some point is choosing between an additional police officer or senior services," Shriver said.

Mayor Richard Bloom and Councilwoman Pam O'Connor defended the police department and said it wasn't fair for Shriver to single out any one group.

"We provide services, and services are done by people," O'Connor said. "It's always a balance of priorities, but the biggest chunk of the budget will always be staff."

Bloom said public safety is a top priority for residents.

Matt Rice, a detective with the SMPD and the chair of the Police Officers Association, the union representing the rank and file, spoke with the Daily Press Wednesday and said he strongly disagrees with the premise that the police department should be singled out for budget cuts.

"The department has already made numerous cuts over the last several years in order to assist with the city budget issues," Rice said. "Further budget cuts to the Santa Monica Police Department would negatively impact the quality of service the citizens of Santa Monica have come to expect."

Police officers, along with other city employees, will be meeting with the city manager in the coming months to discuss terms of new labor agreements. It is expected that Gould will push hard for employees, including police and fire, to contribute more toward their health benefits and pensions.

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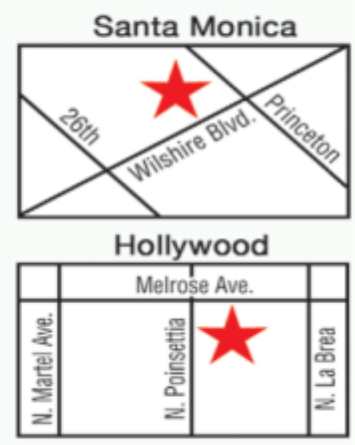




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GOAL! **Samohi's Trevor Kovacs (far right) scores against Morningside on Tuesday at JAMS.**

SAMOHI

FROM PAGE 1

The coach's forward thinking has certainly caught the attention of his players.

"That No. 1 ranking is what we're striving for," senior mid-fielder Trevor Kovacs said. "We know we have to win out to stay No. 1."

Kovacs said that the No. 1 ranking comes along with an easier path to winning the regional crown before advancing to the elite state tournament. He said that he agrees with Rodriguez that this edition of Samohi soccer has the goods, but said that the team shouldn't get ahead of itself as it pursues its goals.

"We have to play the same soccer we've been playing the whole year," Kovacs said. "We just have to finish our opportunities in front of the goal."

It is that brand of soccer that has propelled the Vikings to a 16-2-3 overall record, league title and No. 1 ranking. The Vikings actually clinched league last week, but it wasn't until Monday that they learned that they earned the top spot in the division.

Rodriguez gives most of the credit for the team's recent success to a roster that includes an incredible 16 seniors, many of which have been playing together since middle school.

That group of seniors has been led by Kovacs, Ian Spetgnar and Daniel Hulbert, a trio of players with a nose for the goal and a wealth of experience playing together. Kovacs believes that kind of chemistry makes the game fun to play.

"We're all really close and good friends," Kovacs said of the team. "The feeling is a lot better when we're all close off the field."

Aside from the camaraderie, the team's secret to success has come in its style of play. Rodriguez said that he looks to his defenders to press the ball up field, creating opportunities to rattle the opposition by creating early leads.

"We attack from everywhere," Rodriguez said. "We build up from the back and our defenders like to go on attack. The defenders come from no where."

That style suits Kovacs who as a defensive mid-fielder often gets the chance to put the ball in the net. Kovacs enjoys those chances, which are not commonly associated with playing defense.

But, at times, its that aggressiveness that gets the Vikings in trouble. For instance, the team's most recent win came against Morningside on Tuesday. Despite winning the contest 2-0, Rodriguez said the score could have easily been 8-0. The Vikings were, as usual, controlling the flow of the game, but he said they appeared to focus on scoring individually.

He said that style doesn't usually translate into big goal totals, instead it makes it easy on defenses to regroup knowing that the attack isn't using misdirection and movement to create scoring opportunities.

"It's a mental thing, we have to build opportunity after opportunity," Rodriguez said. "We have to talk to them about sharing the ball because that's how you can put teams away early."

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SURF REPORT

Surf Conditions **Water Temp:** 58°

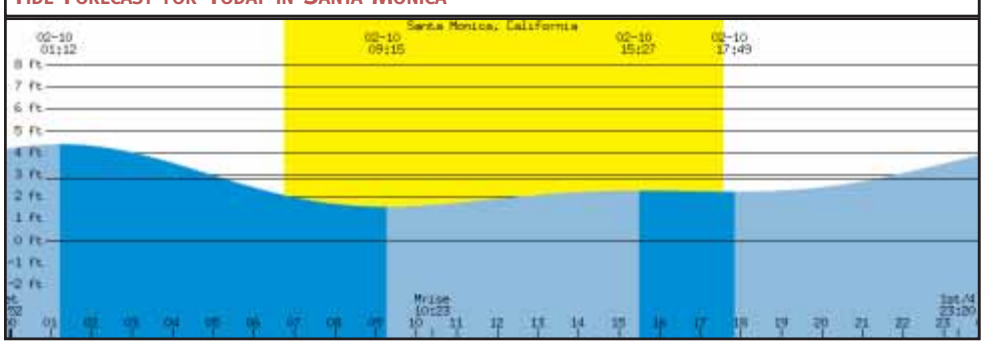
Swell Forecast

Should see the NW back down, with size just waist to chest high at west facing breaks in the AM. We may see some pluses later in the day from Friday's westerly swell.

Long Range Synopsis

Sees a mix of mostly westerly ground swell and light southern hemi.

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 **February 2, 2011**

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QUICK STATS (for the last 30 days)

- Number of sewage spills -- 1
- Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0
- Number of wet days -- 6
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 31 / 23
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 12 / 12

The Beach Report Card is made possible by: The Diller – von Furstenberg Family Foundation, Groundwork Family Foundation, simplehuman, LAcarGUY, SMA

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

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Los Cerritos Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth.	A	B
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	B
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechusa and Las Alins creeks.	A+	A+
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	A+	A+
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth.	A	B
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	A+	A
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	F	A+
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth.	B	B
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	C	B
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	A	C
Solstice Canyon at Don Blocker County Beach.	C	A+
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth.	A	A
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd..	A+	A+
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).	B	A
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs.	A+	A+
Pena Creek at Los Tunos County Beach.	A+	A+
Tuna Canyon.	A+	as
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	F	B
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	A+
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	A+
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 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+	A+
Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain.	A+	A+
Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain.	A+	A+
Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua).	F	B
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain.	A+	B
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain.	F	D
Santa Monica Municipal Pier.	A	F
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain.	C	D
Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms).	A+	F
Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain.	A	A+
Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain.	C	D
Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain.	A+	B
Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain.	A+	A
Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south.	A+	B
Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St.	A	F
Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- lifeguard tower.	B	D
Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth.	C	B
Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain.	A+	A+
North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach.	A+	A+
Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of D&W jetty).	A+	D
Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain.	D	A+
Dockweiler Beach- opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant.	A+	A+
Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain.	B	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
as -- no sample taken

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

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SPORTS BRIEFS

NBA

Pierce, Shaq miss practice for Celtics

WALTHAM, Mass. – Paul Pierce is home sick. Shaq is out with a sore Achilles' tendon.

A day before their rematch with the Los Angeles Lakers, the Boston Celtics were down to 10 healthy players in practice. Semih Erden also sat out with a strained leg muscle.

On the bright side, Delonte West participated in his first full-contact practice since he broke his right wrist Nov. 24 against New Jersey.

Rivers said he expects Pierce to play Thursday but not O'Neal or Erden. It's the second rematch of last season's NBA finals. The Celtics, who lost the series in seven games, won 109-96 Jan. 30 at Staples Center.

Rivers cautioned his players to use good judgment so that West's right wrist wouldn't be hit.

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MLS

Stadium bid part of wider Spurs-Galaxy alliance

LONDON – David Beckham's training stint with Tottenham is part of a "strategic alliance" that will see more exchanges of players between the Los Angeles Galaxy and the Premier League club.

Tim Leiweke, president of the AEG group that owns the Galaxy, says the trans-Atlantic partnership will grow stronger if AEG and Tottenham win their joint bid to take over London's Olympic Stadium after the 2012 Games.

Beckham extended his training with Tottenham by another two weeks. He'll begin preseason training with the Galaxy on Feb. 24 in preparation for the Major League Soccer season.

Leiweke says the group is trying to "think outside the box on football." That includes Beckham's training and "maybe players from Tottenham coming to the Galaxy (or) playing games against each other."

AP

NFL

Suit filed over Super Bowl seat problems

DALLAS – Ticket-holding football fans who ended up with no seats or what they considered bad views of the Super Bowl have filed a class-action lawsuit against the NFL, the Dallas Cowboys and team owner Jerry Jones.

The federal lawsuit filed Tuesday in Dallas – just two days after the big game – alleges breach of contract, fraud and deceptive sales practices on behalf of people who ended up watching the game on TV at Cowboys Stadium in Arlington, or had seats the lawsuit labeled "illegitimate."

The NFL had announced just hours before the Green Bay Packers played the Pittsburgh Steelers on Sunday that about 1,250 temporary seats were deemed unsafe, and the league scrambled to find new seats for about 850 people. The remaining 400 were forced to watch from standing-room locations around the stadium.

One plaintiff is a Steelers fan from Pennsylvania who was among the 400 with a ticket but no seat. The other is a Cowboys season ticket holder who claims many of Jones' biggest-spending fans were stuck in metal folding chairs without a view of the stadium's giant video board.

Spokesmen for the Cowboys and the NFL had no comment Wednesday.

Los Angeles-based attorney Michael J. Avenatti said he expects the suit to cover about 1,000 people.

AP

NCAA BASKETBALL

Mich St, UNC moving forward with carrier game

SAN DIEGO – Michigan State and North Carolina are moving forward with plans to play a basketball game aboard an aircraft carrier on Veterans' Day.

Michigan State athletic director Mark Hollis said Tuesday night that the long-discussed game is to take place this year in San Diego's harbor. The schools have been working with Morale Entertainment to produce the event, which will include a concert on the converted flight deck.

"We're very pleased with the progress that we've made with the Pentagon, Morale Entertainment and the University of North Carolina," Hollis said. "We've been looking at doing this for eight years to give something back to those who put themselves in harm's way and to the families they leave behind when they're away on duty. We wanted to do something unique that could be shown to troops worldwide on Veteran's Day – 11-11-11 – as a sign of appreciation."

Hollis says organizers are in discussions with television networks and potential sponsors to ensure the event is financially viable.

Hollis said capacity on the carrier will be 6,000 with both schools getting about 500 tickets. The rest will be distributed to enlisted men and women and their families.

Magic Johnson, who led Michigan State to the national championship in 1979, is expected to participate in a basketball clinic for children of troops, possibly with North Carolina legend Michael Jordan.

AP

NCAA BASEBALL

Decision on Cal program expected

BERKELEY – A decision on whether California's baseball team and four other programs will be saved will come Thursday.

UC Berkeley spokesman Dan Mogulof says Chancellor Robert Birgeneau will announce Thursday whether the baseball program will be cut.

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12:50pm, 3:40pm, 6:30pm, 9:15pm

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Sanctum 3D (R) 1hr 43min
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Rite (PG-13) 1hr 52min
11:00am, 1:40pm, 4:25pm, 7:20pm, 10:05pm

Green Hornet 3D (PG-13) 1hr 48min
11:00am, 1:45pm, 4:30pm, 7:15pm, 10:10pm

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Biutiful (R) 2hrs 27min
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Roommate (PG-13) 1hr 33min
12:30pm, 2:00pm, 3:00pm, 4:30pm, 5:30pm, 7:00pm, 8:00pm, 9:30pm, 10:20pm

Mechanic (R) 1hr 40min
12:00pm, 2:35pm, 5:05pm, 7:35pm, 10:00pm

Waiting for Forever (PG-13) 1hr 34min
1:15pm, 4:15pm, 7:15pm, 10:15pm

Fighter (R) 1hr 54min
12:15pm, 3:15pm, 6:15pm, 9:15pm

From Prada to Nada (PG-13) 1hr 47min
12:00pm, 2:30pm, 4:55pm, 7:25pm, 10:00pm

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Head home, Aquarius

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★ Curb going overboard. In a meeting, others seem to want a group commitment. You might be evaluating the true costs. Make other suggestions and/or decide to go on your own path. A negative loved one or friend could rain on your parade. Tonight: Join a friend. Go to a game.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ You are strong, but dealing with another person's difficult mood could be less than pleasant. Authority figures are irritated at best. Let their words go. Expect a change in attitude. For now, walk away from difficult people. Tonight: Pushed to the max, choose a stress-buster.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ You have a lot more to say. Stretch and seek new information. Someone might not have given you the big picture. Anger builds around a person at a distance. Know when to walk away from someone, at least for a little while. Tonight: See the big picture.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Work with individuals. You might suddenly find yourself in the position of leader, whether titled or not. Can you take action and move in a new direction? Knowing what you want could make a big difference. Tonight: Try to stay calm with a frustrated person.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★ Others make demands. You deliver time after time. A partner, associate and/or friend could test your limits inadvertently. Don't hesitate to say "enough." Resist pushing someone who has a short fuse across the line. Tonight: Could be late.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Seek out solutions, especially as others seem to be chasing their tail. Be logical and direct in your dealings. Your funds might not stretch as far as you would like. Curb a tendency to over-indulge someone close to you. Tonight: Treat your mind to a stress-buster.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Deal with a key person in your life. Listen to what this person says, but also understand why you might be triggered. Use this situation to clear up an emotional issue but also to creatively sleuth out a solution. You could feel out of sync with what is happening. Tonight: Talk to a trusted friend. Gain a new perspective.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Others create an environment in which they push for what they want without worrying about others. Getting the support of others could be more important than you realize. In a meeting, battle out the pluses and minuses. Tonight: Where the gang is.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★ Pace yourself. A difficult situation could evolve into a confrontation if you aren't careful. Remember, everyone has a different style of clearing out a problem. Emotions tend to go to the extreme; many people seem to overindulge and go overboard. Tonight: Squeeze in a walk.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★★ You could walk into a firestorm and know that everything is OK. You know how to quell the flames and you trust your innate creativity to find a solution. Use care with spending. You easily could go overboard. Tonight: Start your weekend early.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★ Process your thoughts or discharge them with a quiet talk with the person involved. Otherwise, you could be involved in quite an angry confrontation. Use care with a real estate or emotional matter. Try to separate work from your personal life. Tonight: Head home.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★★ Keep talks active and open. The biggest problem would be to close down a person, who will then not share his or her feelings. Flow with opportunities. Don't let a lucky break fall away. Tonight: Hang out with a pal.

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 are on top of many issues. Stop and take personal inventory more often. Your feelings could be building up, making you perhaps accident-prone or sick. You have the ability to mobilize a lot of energy and frustration into exercise, work or any physical outlet. If you are single, you might be uncomfortable with a fast pace, which on another level you like. Your potential suitors pick up on this ambivalence. If you are attached, your clarity will be instrumental to the well-being of your relationship. TAURUS often cannot or does not participate in your wild moments.



MYSTERY REVEALED!

Reader Mike de Mendoza correctly identified this photo of a mural located at the corner of Broadway and Cloverfield Boulevard. He will receive a reusable shopping bag from the Daily Press. Check out Friday's paper for another chance to play. Send your mystery photos to *editor@smdp.com* to be used in future issues.

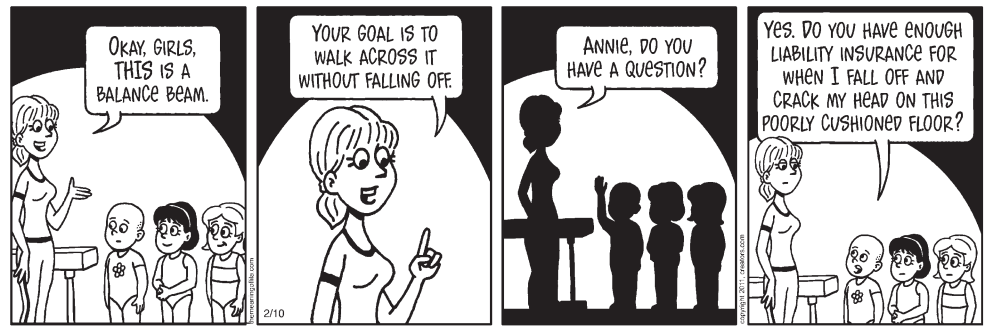
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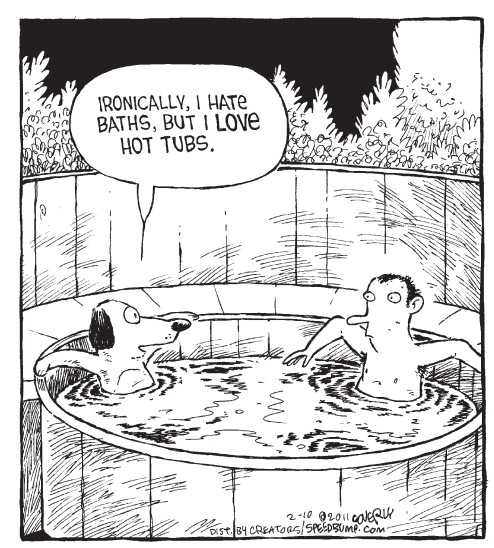
Strange Brew

By John Deering



Speed Bump

By Dave Coverly



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

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



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25 Hand over
26 Become entangled
28 Words of understanding
29 Not too hard
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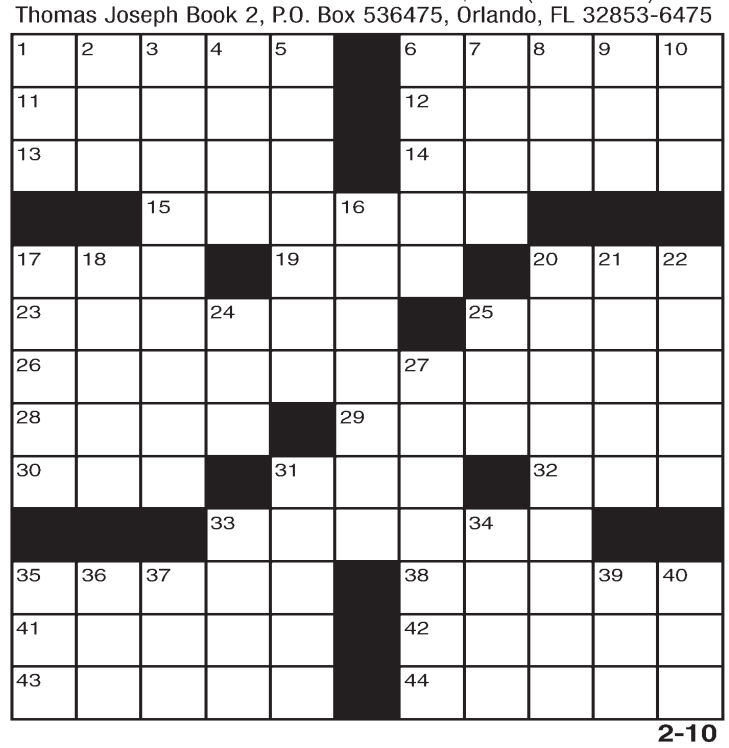
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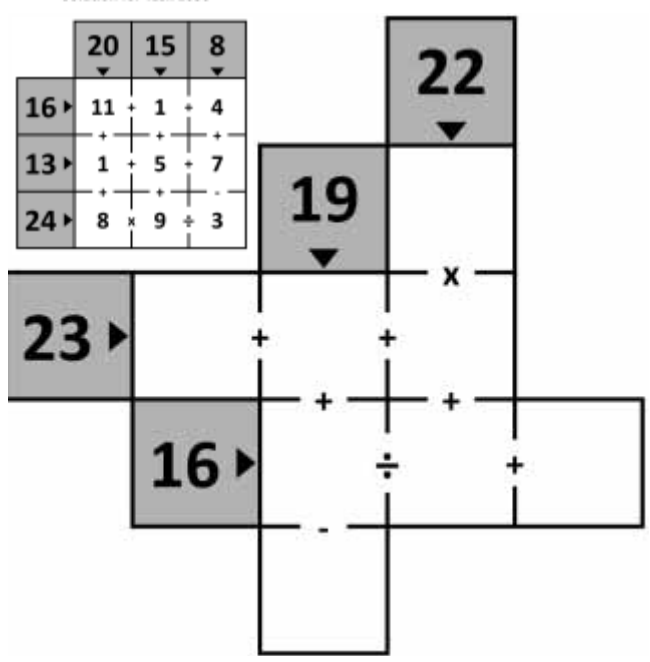
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■ (1) When longtime Orange County, Calif., inmate Malcolm King demanded kosher meals and double helpings, jailers resisted, and King went to court. Judge Derek Johnson asked King if his demands were religion-based, and King said yes -- citing "Festivus" (a joke religion popularized on the "Seinfeld" TV show). According to a December Orange County Register report, Judge Johnson approved King's demands. (2) A 2010 Chicago Tribune public-records examination of suburban Chicago traffic-stop drug searches found that sniffer dogs are usually wrong -- that 56 percent of all "positive" signals by dogs yielded no contraband (73 percent failure if the driver was Hispanic).

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