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THE PROPERTY ISSUE

SMC to buy WISE & Healthy Aging's Pico office

College to use building for administrative office space; senior services to continue

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

PICO BOULEVARD Santa Monica College has entered into an agreement with WISE & Healthy Aging to buy the nonprofit senior service provider's Pico Boulevard property for approximately $4 million, school officials confirmed.

The building, at 1510 Pico Blvd., will be used for "swing space" for office workers and administration staff displaced by construction on the main campus, at least at first, said Greg Brown, SMC's director of facility planning.

"After that, it hasn't been master planned yet," Brown said.

The acquisition will give SMC control over the majority of the block. The school also owns a corner parcel, which serves as a parking lot, and a building on the other side used for the SMC Foundation office.

Although officials are always on the lookout for good pieces of property near the campus, no one expected this piece, which connects the other two buildings, to go on the market so early, Brown said.

Representatives from WISE & Healthy Aging approached school officials with the offer in late 2010, Brown said.

According to Grace Cheng Braun, presi-

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FUTURE IN SITE: **City Hall wants residents to weigh in on the future of this site at Fifth Street and Arizona Avenue, which will prove critical in the success of Downtown. City Hall purchased several lots along Fourth and Fifth streets as part of the Downtown Parking Program. The future is up to you.**

Community weighs in on future of large Downtown lot

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

MAIN LIBRARY The sky was the limit Thursday night when community members packed the multipurpose room of the Main Library to chime in on the future of a 3-acre plot on Fifth Street at Arizona Avenue that is owned by City Hall.

The site is centrally located in Downtown with a wide mix of businesses and attractions within a five minute walk, said Andy Agle, director of housing and economic development.

"You can get money, you can get healthy, you can get fit," Agle said. "You can even get

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Girl Scout cookies go high-tech with Smartphone sales

BY MEGHAN BARR
Associated Press

PARMA, Ohio The Girl Scouts were selling their cookies the old-fashioned way, pulling a creaky-wheeled red wagon laden with Thin Mints and Samoas down a suburban street. But the affair took a decidedly 21st-century twist when, with a polite smile, one of the girls pulled out a smartphone and inquired: "Would you like to pay with a credit card?"

The girls are among about 200 troops in northeast Ohio who are changing the way Girl Scouts do business. For the first time, the girls are accepting credit cards using a device called GoPayment, a free credit card reader that clips onto smart phones. Girl Scout leaders hope that allowing customers to pay with plastic will drive up cookie sales in a world where carrying cash is rapidly going the way of dial-up Internet. Keeping pace with changing technology is a priority lately for the historic Girl Scouts, an organization that's preparing to celebrate its 100th anniversary next year.

"Normally I think a lot of customers would love to buy cookies, but they have to walk by the booth because they're not carrying cash," said Marianne Love, director of business services for the Girl Scouts of Northeast Ohio. "I know I never carry cash when I'm out shopping."

If all goes well, Love plans to roll out the device to all 2,700 troops in northeast Ohio. Ten troops in San Diego, Calif., are also test-

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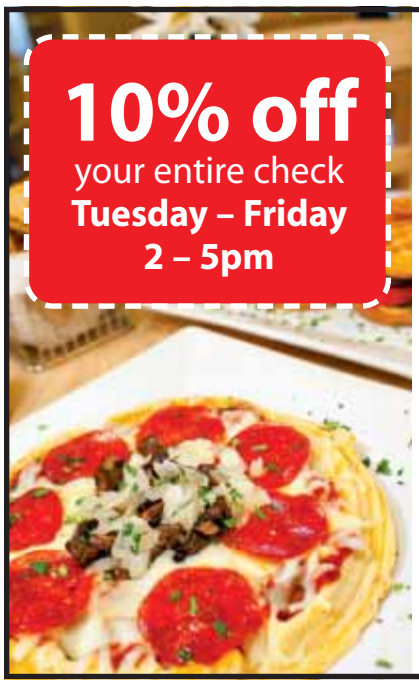
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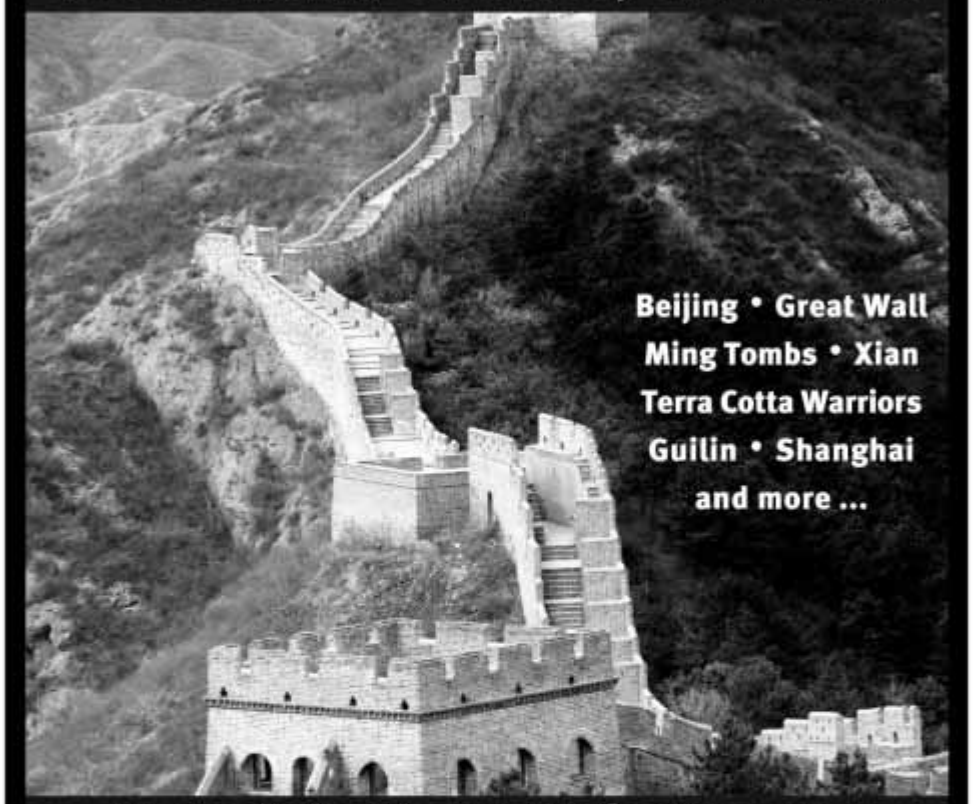
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OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Saturday, March 26, 2011

VDAY Santa Monica presents 'The Vagina Monologues' by Eve Ensler
The Broad Stage
1310 11th St., 8 p.m.
Come celebrate VDAY and be a part of the global movement to end violence against women and girls. All proceeds raised at VDay Santa Monica benefit the Peace Over Violence organization and the Global VDay Spotlight for 2011 — Haiti. The program features "The Vagina Monologues," by Eve Ensler. The all-star cast includes: Beverly Johnson, Julie Newmar, Barbara Bain, Lainie Kazan, Wendy Hammers and other notable performers. For more information, call (310) 428-7258.

Local history workshop
Main Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd., 1 p.m.
The "Santa Monica: Preservation of a Regional History" workshop will discuss the preservation of regional history through local resources including the library's digital collections archive and the Santa Monica History Museum collections. The program is an opportunity to present an overview of both the library and museum collections and to highlight the Santa Monica History Museum's opening in their new location at 1350 Seventh St., on the Library campus. For more information, call (310) 434-2608.

Musical Alchemy: An exploration of Nada Yoga
Bhakti Yoga Shala
204 Arizona Ave., 8 p.m.
The Musical Alchemist, Philippo Franchini, explores the awesome power of tones, chanting and sonic massage to harmonize the body, mind and voice through a series of vocal exercises, along with a sequence of yogic postures led by Jamie Bechtold. Franchini has been a yogi and studied and played music in the yoga world for over 15 years. For more information, call (310) 804-9290.

Mid-City meets
Main Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd., 11 a.m.
Mid-City Neighbors holds its first official meeting. The group was formed out of the lack of representation of this large part of the city.

Pub crawl
Main Street
3:30 p.m., 5 p.m.
The creative team behind the popular TV series "Survivor" have created a pub crawl that is anything but average. They've interspersed hidden secrets, puzzles, and challenges in bars you'll visit up and down Santa Monica's Main Street. Admission pays for unlimited beer at each location you'll visit. Anything off-menu is your responsibility. Tickets: $35. Starting location: World Cafe, 2820 Main St. For more information go to http://inpursuitnetworking.com

Famous food
Gallery KM
2903 Santa Monica Blvd., 11 a.m. — 5 p.m.
"Angel City Eats" an exhibition focusing on two obsessions in the city of Los Angeles — celebrity and food — opens. The show runs through April 30. Emmy Award-winning production designer, Jackson De Govia, and his daughter, Sienna De Govia, renowned food stylist and former leader of the popular L.A. band, The Randies, combine their respective talents in "Angel City Eats."

Sunday, March 27, 2011

Fundraiser for Japan Typhoon
Santa Monica Airport, 11 a.m. — 11 p.m.
Typhoon at the Santa Monica Airport will host a 12-hour "Jazz for Japan" marathon in its new Pan Am Room. There will be music from nine different jazz and blues musicians, as well as a few 20-piece big bands, with 100 percent of ticket sales going to Japan via the Santa Monica offices of the American Red Cross.

Run for funds
Dorothy Green Park
2600 Barnard Way, 10 a.m.
Actor Josh Duhamel is organizing a 2-mile run to raise funds for the survivors of the Japanese earthquake and tsunami. Those who register are asked to donate $10 to the American Red Cross. Registration starts at 10 a.m.

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CORRECTION

In the article "Two arrested for allegedly torturing man," which appeared in the March 25 edition of the Daily Press, it should have said that the two suspects were arrested at their apartment on Thursday.

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For real estate, a giant spring clearance sale

BY MICHELLE CONLIN
AP Real Estate Writer

In suburban Chicago, it's paradise to be a homebuyer.

At the Millbrook Pointe development in quaint and pristine Wheeling, a $269,000, brick-and-stone townhouse comes with $25,000 in free upgrades, including wood-burning fireplaces, all-stainless steel kitchens and marbled bathrooms tricked out with double-bowl vanities and whirlpool soaker tubs.

Down the highway at the Patriot Place golf course villas in Bolingbrook, buyers are lavished with lawns sodded to perfection, absurdly low seller financing and a year of free insurance that will pay the mortgage if you lose your job.

At the Sunset Ridge estates, the amenity bonanza gets even more surreal: Buy a customizable colonial for as little as $170,000 and get a brand new, $17,000 Chevy Cruze. The 2011 model. For free.

Spring for home-sellers is like Christmas for retailers — peak season. Normally, that might mean a few giveaways. A better brand of siding here. An expanded choice of tile color there. But a new car? "Obviously, business has been soft," says Kim Meier, president of KLM Homebuilders, the company offering the promotion.

The festival of upgrades on new homes — especially in the housing markets that were savaged by the subprime meltdown — is queasy confirmation of just how much the housing market remains the sickest part of the U.S. economy.

Existing home sales plunged nearly 10 percent in February to their lowest level in nine years. It was the largest drop since July. Forty percent of those sales were on distressed properties. And new home sales are on track to come in at just 250,000 this year, the fewest since the Kennedy administration, when there were 120 million fewer people in the United States.

"What is discouraging in many markets is that it appears as if some of the local builders are creating the volume," says Wayne Yamano, vice president with John Burns Real Estate Consulting.

Across the country, real estate agents are reporting a rise in traffic at open houses. But they say buyers are reluctant because of the shellshock they suffered after the free-money machine blew up in everyone's face. The foreclosure epidemic. The plague of employment insecurity. The fear that the U.S. is on a downward slide. They're all playing into buyer commitment phobia, brokers say.

There's also confusion over the conflicting signals. Prices are low, but unemployment is high. Mortgage rates are attractive, but lending standards are strict. Renting is newly chic. "Everybody is now self-loathing about how we're greedy Americans and we shouldn't want to own homes," says Jonathan Miller, CEO of real estate consulting firm Miller Samuel.

The U.S. will certainly have a spring home buying season this year. But even if sales rise as usual, they won't pull the zombie housing market out of its stupor. Nationwide, forecasters expect house prices to drop at least 5 percent more this year. And no one in housing land is murmuring about anything like price stabilization until 2012. At least. "We don't expect a dramatic rebound," says Paul Ashworth, managing partner at Capital Economics. "We expect stagnation for several more years."

The housing problems certainly aren't easing. Foreclosures are expected to peak this year. A third of homeowners owe more than their homes are worth. Normally the number of people with negative equity is 5 percent. And strategic defaults, where people simply walk away, are rising.

The buying that is happening isn't coming from first-time homebuyers. A recent study by Capital Economics found that 60 percent of sales are to foreigners and investors, most of them paying cash. In fact, in international real estate circles, the U.S. is viewed as the "new emerging market," says Thomas M. Shapiro, president of global real estate investment firm GTIS Partners.

Foreigners are attracted to U.S. real estate because their local currencies are so much stronger than the dollar. Investors are also attracted to the properties because rents are rising. "You don't get much money from buying Treasurys as safe investments," Ashworth says. "There is a search for yield that is making residential property look more attractive."

Real estate is hyper-local. The places hit hardest by the foreclosure epidemic — California, Arizona, Nevada, Utah and Florida — are certainly skewing the statistics for the worse. In places like New York City, Washington, D.C., and San Francisco, the real estate market is strengthening and can almost seem exempt from the national

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GIVING BACK

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Legendary athletes (bottom) Marcus Allen, Nadia Comaneci, Tony Hawk, and (top) Edwin Moses and Mark Spitz attended a fundraiser at Casa Del Mar on Thursday to raise money for the Laureus World Sports Academy, which uses sports to bring about social change. They have been actively giving their time to kids in need around the world for the last 11 years traveling all over the globe to raise money and draw attention to programs that use sports as a tool for social change.



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SMC too international

Editor:

Why is Santa Monica College wasting precious dollars on a full page color advertisement in the L.A. Marathon guide? I've notice they have dropped "Community" from their name and now have a slogan "Go Where the World Goes."

If it is now a college for the world and not the community, why in the world do Santa Monica taxpayers pick up the tab for funding this institution? Do they even have out of city/state tuition rates? If it were a small community college dedicating its resources to Santa Monica residents as originally intended, that would be one thing. However, its overseers have for some unknown reason decided it should be an international college catering to those outside our community.

It is time we stop funding this institution, which has clearly overstepped its original mandate. We are a small city and our residents cannot afford to support an "international" enterprise.

Frank Greenberg
Santa Monica

Save the junipers

Editor:

Here we go again. This zany City Hall is slowly but surely removing everything that once made our city charming.

The maniac at City Hall who thought it would be a great idea to cut down all the ficus trees on Second and Fourth streets is still among us and still a loose cannon. Their latest idea is to cut down all the juniper trees on Wilshire between Lincoln Boulevard and Seventh Street. And on April Fools Day, they will be cut down, according to a notice I just saw that's hanging from one of the junipers.

The reasons are the usual ones – they're not "sustainable" enough (no one ever waters them and they're doing fine) and more light is needed by public safety entities (B.S., before the foliage begins there is a good 3 feet of clear space in which to spot any bad guys).

No, the real reason, as usual, is a cosmetic one. They're not what the staffers like or want there. And that's never a good reason for a bureaucrat to mess with what's not broke.

Caroline Jacobs
Santa Monica

No victims, only volunteers

Editor:

I hope the SMDP printed this letter "Runners left out in cold," March 22, to show that there really are people who can't get enough of bilking society, business and, last but not least, government for their life set mentality and promotion of victim hood. Long ago my father, and later on my recovery program, told me that "there are no victims, only volunteers."

Joe D. wants to be held accountable for zero in his life. Who did not know of the rain the day of the race? Who forced any one of the runners to fork over their $145.

To think that it is the race organizers responsibility to do what Joe complains about shows that there is a segment of soft brains in the population that can't look in a mirror. I hope we as a people look back to the strong people in society, i.e. volunteer service men and women, first responders and the like, and get some backbone and progress instead of morphing back to spineless single cell life forms.

Gentry Gettsum
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On the Beat

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Disasters bring out the best, worst in people; be aware

Q: I'VE BEEN FOLLOWING THE DISASTER in Japan and other places around the world. I would like to make a charitable contribution, but I don't know if the charity organization is legitimate, or not. What should I be aware of, and what are some resources I can utilize to find out?

A: After a major disaster like the Japanese earthquake and tsunami, millions of people go online to find out how they can help. But, sadly, scam artists also go online to try to take advantage of the tragedy to divert much-needed contributions into their own coffers.

The best way for many donors to select worthwhile charities is to work with a local charity as a volunteer. This helps provide first-hand knowledge about programs that benefit your community. When solicited for charity, learn about the organization, its activities and fundraising practices.

If a commercial fundraiser is involved, ask the name of the commercial fundraiser and for proof of registration with the Registry of Charitable Trusts. By law, the commercial fundraiser must disclose the fact that the solicitation is being conducted by a commercial fundraiser, and the name of the fundraiser as registered with the attorney general. Also, ask what percentage of donations being raised is paying for fundraising expenses. California law requires fundraisers to disclose this fact if asked, either orally or in writing. Ask how much will be used for the program you want to support and how much will cover the charity's administrative costs. And, if a commercial fundraiser is used, ask what percentage of the donation the fundraiser will keep. Again, California law requires solicitors to disclose this information if asked. If you didn't know it, states cannot regulate the amount of money a charity spends on fundraising or administrative costs; state laws that applied percentages to determine the legality of a fundraiser's fee have been held unconstitutional.

When in doubt, ask for as much information as possible. Confirm the charity's name, address, telephone number, proof of exempt status and registration with the attorney general. A charity or fundraiser should give you materials outlining the charity's program services, how your donation will be used and proof that your contribution is tax-deductible. Then call the charity directly. Find out if the organization exists and is aware of the solicitation. If the charity hasn't authorized the use of its name, you may be dealing with a fraudulent solicitor. Ask the charity to send you written information about its revenue, expenses and programs before making a donation. If the solicitor tells you the donation is for your local police, firefighter or other public safety agency, check directly with the agency to ensure that it is actually participating in the fundraising appeal. Remember, some questionable organizations use names that closely resemble those of well-established charitable organizations.

Avoid clicking on any links in solicitations for money, even if they appear to come from an organization you know and trust. In most cases, e-mail solicitations are scams. If you want to give to that or any other organization, locate their actual web address and type that in, or look for them on a search engine. But also be careful about search engine results. Again, don't give to organizations that you don't know or haven't checked out, regardless of how legitimate they may appear to be.

AVOID CLICKING ON ANY LINKS IN SOLICITATIONS FOR MONEY, EVEN IF THEY APPEAR TO COME FROM AN ORGANIZATION YOU KNOW AND TRUST. IN MOST CASES, E-MAIL SOLICITATIONS ARE SCAMS.

Also, talk with your kids about donating. It's great to get them involved and they might be tempted to donate via their mobile phone. Make sure your children know that text donation services are not to be used without your guidance and permission.

I know these are a lot of steps to take when trying to donate your hard-earned money. However, you would feel much worse finding out your contribution went into the pockets of fraudulent scammers trying to earn an easy buck. If you do get what appears to be a fraudulent solicitation, report it to the National Center for Disaster Fraud. You can also report to the Internet Crime Complaint Center and to the Better Business Bureau.

Private watchdog organizations have created spending standards for charities and issue reports based on those standards. Three such organizations are:

- Wise Giving Alliance (www.give.org)
- Council of Better Business Bureaus' Foundation (www.bbb.org)
- American Institute of Philanthropy (www.charitywatch.org)

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The Q Line

Running things

The L.A. Marathon returned to Santa Monica this past week with its boon to business and its companion traffic and parking struggles.

This past week, Q-line asked:
Considering the mixed bag it brings with it, do you think that the marathon should return for a third year in 2012?
Here are your responses:

"THEY COULD START, INSTEAD OF FINISHING, the race in Santa Monica. And to make the race more interesting, include going up a particular set of stairs in Silver Lake. The ones made famous by Laurel and Hardy when they dragged that piano up those very same stairs in their Oscar-winning short 'The Music Box.' Marathon runners do not have to include the piano, but this being Los Angeles, maybe some of them will."

"THE MARATHON SHOULD ABSOLUTELY return for 2012 and every year thereafter. It is a spectacular ending for the race and huge economic driver for the city. Given our budget issues and reportedly our school's and emergency services perilous condition, we need every single sales tax dollar we can get and the marathon leads to increased retail, restaurant and hospitality tax generation. Anyone against it or similar events is against our schools and safety."

"THE L.A. MARATHON MAY BE A BOON to business – I doubt if it was much of a boon considering the weather – but it is one big pain for those of us living along the route. The race should not be run through residential areas, such as San Vicente Boulevard and Ocean Avenue, where residents are virtually prisoners in their homes. In order to leave the area, one must park on the street the previous day, find an acceptable route to leave, and hope that the streets are clear upon our return. If it is to benefit business, then run it through business districts such as Santa Monica Boulevard to the pier, but don't ask Santa Monica residents who have no interest in the race to give up their Sunday."

"I SAY AS LONG AS THE CITY CONTINUES TO be reimbursed for all the costs of having police officers and traffic enforcement out there, closing down the streets, etc., then it is fine by me. When it doesn't rain, the marathon brings a lot of business to the city and we need all the tax revenue we can get."

"IT IS THE LOS ANGELES MARATHON isn't it? Return the entire race to Los Angeles where it belongs. Santa Monica doesn't need the disruption and inconvenience this event brings. If our City Council is so desperate for revenue, let it skip one or two of its many pricey, useless consultant studies or projects."

"I THINK WE CAN SAFELY SAY THE marathon was a dismal failure. How much was spent on police, fire, city worker and hospital staff? Certainly quite a lot when for hypothermic runners transported to our hospitals. I don't think those $20 parking spots will generate enough dough to pay off the nonprofit and selected business boosters. Again, another City Hall event that negatively impacts the middle-class taxpayer. Most people just want to enjoy their weekends, not be degraded for having a car or for living near closed streets or an abhorrence for an endless parade of useless events. The marathon is just symptomatic of Santa Monica's decline from overbuilding, overcrowding, overtaxing, overspending. Next year reroute the marathon's end to East L.A. and see how many people run that race."

" I BELIEVE THE MARATHON IS GOOD FOR Santa Monica. We as a community are for the most part healthy, active people and supporting a marathon is in-line with those values. I know that there are headaches. There always are when doing something of this scale. However, the once-a-year inconvenience is a small price to pay, I think, to participate in a regional event that has the power to bring people together while at the same time inspiring people to get healthy and change their lives around. The marathon is a boost, not a burden."

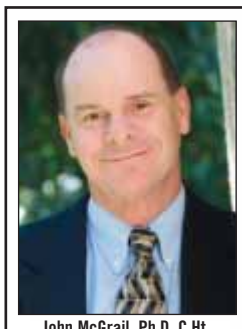
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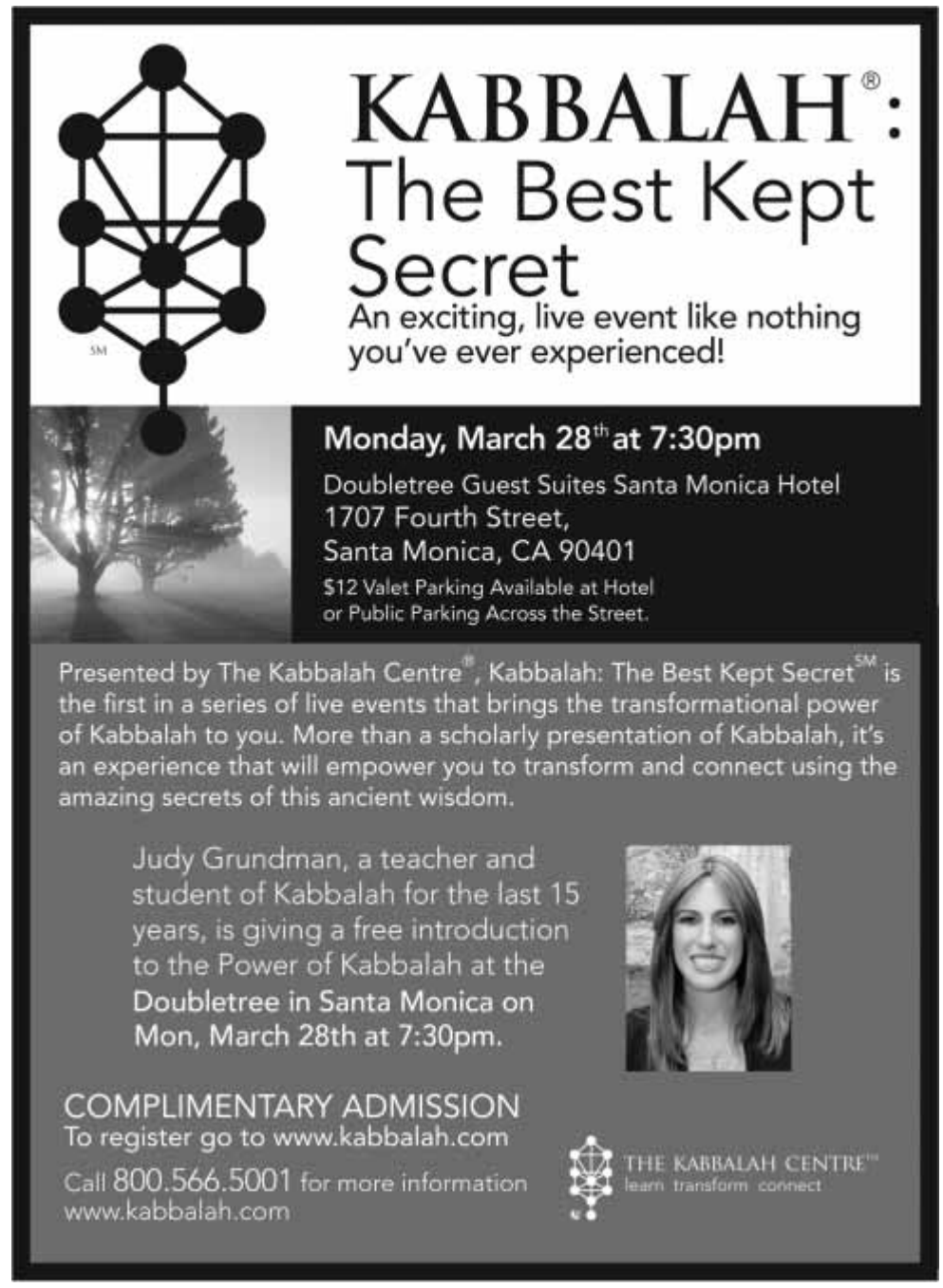

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A healthy, light lamb dish for spring and Passover

BY JIM ROMANOFF
For The Associated Press

For many people, lamb triggers thoughts of spring. And fatty, tough meat.

But lamb — at least spring lamb — can be a healthy choice with a tender texture and mild flavor. It's all a matter of selecting the right cut.

Lamb rib or loin chops, though a bit pricey, are lower in fat than the more popular (and less expensive) shoulder chops. And they have an exceptionally mild taste. A cooked 3-ounce portion (off the bone) of lamb rib meat has only 10 grams of fat (4 grams saturated).

In this recipe for grilled lamb, lollipop shaped rib chops are paired with a fresh, gorgeously green chimichurri sauce made from fresh herbs and healthy olive oil.

Grilling the rib chops is an excellent cooking method for lamb because it allows any excess fat to render out of the meat and drip into the fire, rather than ending up in the finished dish.

This simple recipe can be perfect for a Passover seder. Some Jews won't eat lamb at Passover (or any roasted meats or poultry, for that matter), but others will eat it as long as it's not roasted. For most, lamb is considered an acceptable entree. If you'd rather skip the lamb, this dish is equally tasty when prepared with boneless, skinless chicken breasts.

Grilled lamb chops with mint chimichurri

Start to finish: 40 minutes
Servings: 4
For the sauce:
1/4 cup chopped flat-leaf parsley
3 tablespoons red wine vinegar
4 cloves garlic, minced
2 tablespoons chopped fresh cilantro
2 tablespoons chopped fresh mint
1 teaspoon red pepper flakes
1/2 teaspoon kosher salt
Ground black pepper, to taste
1/4 cup extra-virgin olive oil
For the chops:
12 lamb rib chops (about 1 1/2 pounds total)
1 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil
1/4 teaspoon kosher salt, or to taste
Ground black pepper, to taste

In a food processor, combine the parsley, vinegar, garlic, cilantro, mint, red pepper flakes, salt and pepper. Pulse a few times to chop. With the processor running, add the oil in a stream. Process until the sauce is smooth. Transfer sauce to a bowl and let sit for at least 20 minutes to let the flavors develop. (You can make the sauce ahead, refrigerating it overnight and bringing it to room temperature before serving.)

Meanwhile, prepare the lamb chops.

Light a charcoal fire or gas grill. Rub oil, salt and pepper onto the lamb chops, then grill to desired doneness, about 4 minutes per side for medium rare. Alternatively, cook the lamb chops indoors in a grill pan over medium heat. Serve the chops alongside the chimichurri sauce.

Nutrition information per serving (values are rounded to the nearest whole number): 550 calories; 471 calories from fat (86 percent of total calories); 52 g fat (18 g saturated; 0 g trans fats); 84 mg cholesterol; 1 g carbohydrate; 18 g protein; 0 g fiber; 426 mg sodium.

A fresh, sweetly savory chicken soup for spring

BY J.M. HIRSCH
AP Food Editor

Getting your kids interested in food and cooking really can be as simple as asking, "Hey, do you want some mangos?"

To which my 6-year-old son, an otherwise bored participant in the grocery shopping that day, responded with an all-too-teenager-like, "Sure."

As I carried the mangos back to the cart, the sum of my plans for them amounted to peeling, cubing and dumping them on my son's plate. Apparently he'd come up with other ideas.

"How about if we cut them up and turn them into a soup? A really thick one. And we can add chicken and some spices, like cinnamon and curry," he said. "And there would be chunks of chicken and mango in the soup. Can we do that?"

That's when you find yourself staring and blinking at your kid. And finally stammer, "Um. Sure."

Point being, of course, that giving children a little influence in the food that comes into the house can go a long way to making them willing to get involved with it once it's there. A few extra minutes spent involving children while at the grocery store can pay real dividends at dinner.

This recipe is the simple, weeknight-friendly soup that resulted from Parker's grocery store inspiration. He helped at every stage, from peeling the mangos to cooking the chicken. The result is a delicious and healthy soup-as-meal for spring.

To keep the flavor of the mango sweet and fresh, it is barely cooked. The flavor of lime and curry go wonderfully with it. The soup also could be made dairy-free by substituting coconut milk for the creme fraiche.

Curried mango chicken soup

Start to finish: 30 minutes
Servings: 4
3 tablespoons olive oil, divided
1 teaspoon curry powder
1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
1 large yellow onion, diced
3 mangos, peeled, flesh cut away from the pits, finely chopped
2 1/2 cups chicken broth, divided
1 pound boneless, skinless chicken breasts, cubed
1/2 cup creme fraiche, plus extra for garnish
Juice of 1/2 lime
Salt and ground black pepper, to taste
2 tablespoons chopped fresh cilantro

In a large saucepan over medium-high, heat 2 tablespoons of the oil. Add the curry powder and cinnamon, then heat for 30 seconds. Add the onion and saute until tender, about 5 minutes. Transfer the onion as well as any oil and seasonings in the pan to a blender. Add the mango and 1 cup of the broth to the blender, then puree until smooth. Set aside.

Return the empty saucepan to medium-high heat. Add the remaining 1 tablespoon of oil. When the oil is hot, add the chicken and saute until browned and cooked through, about 6 to 8 minutes. Add the remaining broth and scrape the bottom of the pan to release any stuck bits and seasonings. Bring to a simmer.

Pour the mango puree back into the saucepan and bring to a gentle simmer. Stir in the creme fraiche and lime juice, then season with salt and pepper. Garnish each serving with cilantro and an extra dollop of creme fraiche (if desired).

Nutrition information per serving (values are rounded to the nearest whole number): 359 calories; 129 calories from fat (36 percent of total calories); 14 g fat (3 g saturated; 0 g trans fats); 69 mg cholesterol; 30 g carbohydrate; 28 g protein; 3 g fiber; 722 mg sodium.



The Re-View

Merv Hecht

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French tapas bring back some of the flavor at La Cachette

WHEN JEAN FRANCOIS METEIGNER, ONE of the great French chefs in town, moved his restaurant from Santa Monica Boulevard in Century City to Ocean Avenue in Santa Monica, many of his clients eagerly followed.

We expected the same great food and wines in a more casual, perhaps a bit less expensive, locale.

The new setting at the new location is great, the bar is fun, but where's the great food? If you look at reviews on the Internet the prevailing common theme focuses on nostalgia for the great dishes of yesteryear in the old location.

And that's been my experience as well. The fish soup and the alleged bouillabaisse don't have much flavor, nor does it come with a great rouille. The bread is a disgrace to the French. Even the butter lacks flavor. My wife's favorite soup is butternut squash, and although she's not a big butter and cream person, after taking one spoonful she reached for the butter dish and scooped it all into the soup.

One night I was excited to see cassoulet on the menu, a dish I often crave, but when it came it was a disappointment as it consisted mostly of beans with a scrawny duck leg.

Somehow it seems that the chef got the idea that people in Santa Monica don't want rich, strong flavored foods, but nothing could be further from the truth.

Having lost a lot of his following, the chef has turned to small plates ("French tapas") to get back his crowd. It is an improvement, but in the long run he has to bring back the flavor. And, to some extent he has succeeded with some of the cold and hot small plates.

Among the most notable of the cold plates are octopus salad with cucumber, frisee and lightly spicy dressing ($9) and homemade duck liver paté with pickles and toast ($7).

He is even more successful with the hot plates: Sautéed foie gras with apple corn polenta brule ($12) is a big hit. Everything about it speaks rich flavors, and a small plate is just right. The stuffed dates with Gorgonzola and crispy prosciutto at $9 is another winner, and not a dish you can easily find. And veal sweetbreads with apples and glaze of capers ($10) is the kind of small plate I look for in a French restaurant.

On the other hand, baby back ribs with BBQ sauce and lentils ($12) I can find everywhere, probably at less cost. The chef is not really that good at BBQ and ditto with the shrimp brochettes with carrot curry sauce. Please, leave the curry dishes to all the great Indian restaurants in town.

And so it goes. The small plate menu is a really good idea, and fun. The restaurant is very pleasant, and I always find the service adequate (unlike the comments found in the reviews online). The wine list is fine. The chef is a really nice guy, and he is right on site watching over things — a really important feature to me.

Now let's get out the butter, cream, rich reductions and French techniques (that we know the chef can do) that made French food famous around the world.

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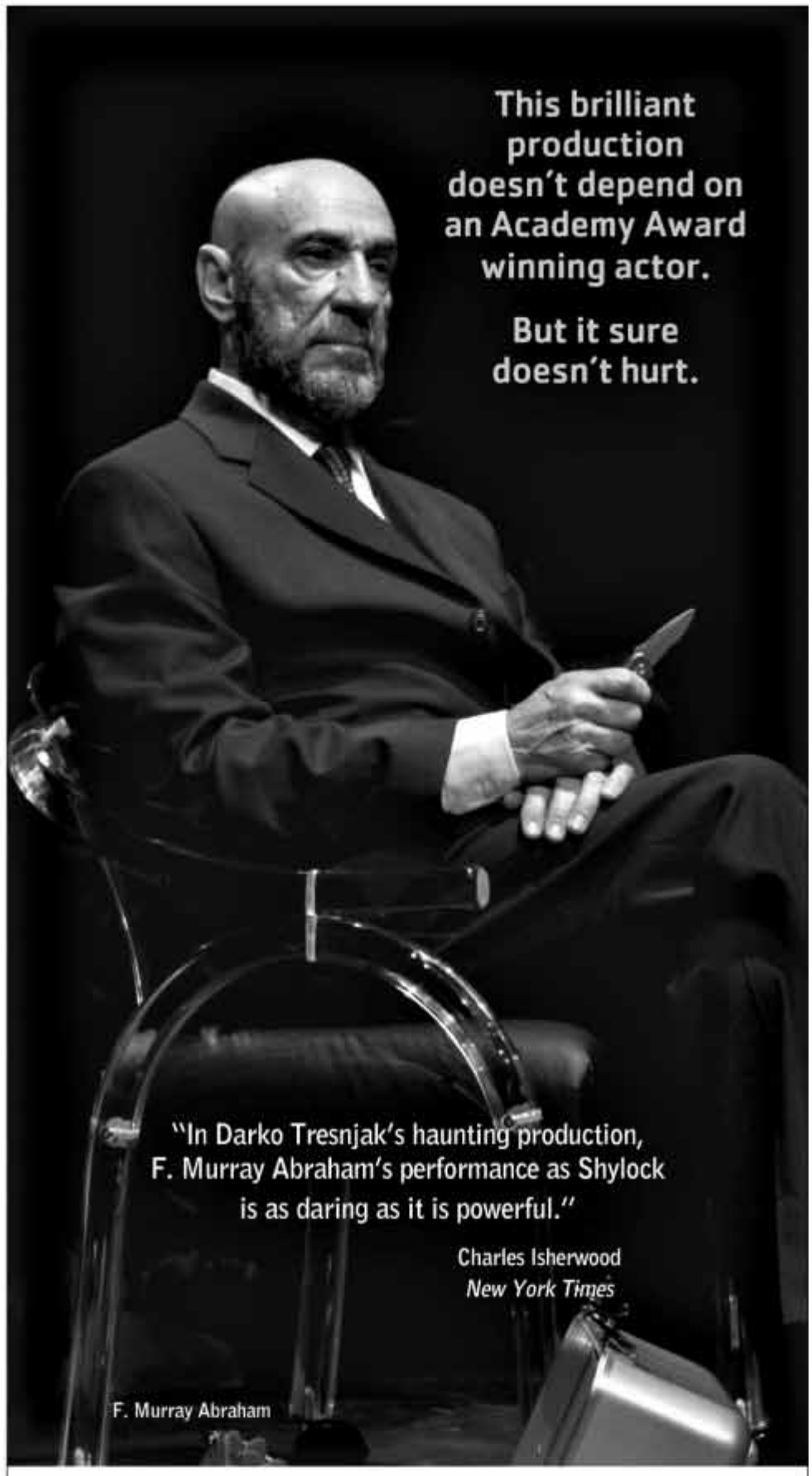
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malaise. That's because the job market in those cities — dominated by finance, the federal government and the tech sector, respectively — remains robust compared with the rest of the nation.

"If you have a secure job and the economy around is growing, then it's a great time to buy," says Barbara Corcoran, a New York real estate investor and analyst. "That's not true in too many places, but you can see improvement in certain pockets."

Adds Tara-Nicholle Nelson, director of consumer education at the online real estate search firm Trulia.com: "It's like a big spring clearance sale on real estate."

Todd Leykamp, 29, works in TV production in Los Angeles. He and his girlfriend have been casing the open-house market for six months. They pay $1,200 a month for their Hollywood rental and can afford to double that payment if they buy a house. But he says they have yet to find The One. "There are just too many factors, and every time you find one you love, there are 10 more out there you haven't found that you'll love just as much," Leykamp says.

Worse news for sellers is that buyers don't think the housing market has hit bottom yet, according to Truila.com. A recent survey by Trulia and Harris Interactive found that nearly 70 percent of renters who aspire to being homeowners say they will wait at least two years before buying. And nearly 60 percent say a housing recovery won't come until after 2012.

"Many are reluctant to purchase a home even if they have the means because of the uncertainties in the economy," says Celia Chen, a housing market analyst at Moody's Analytics.

It's clear that many sellers are panicked. A quarter of sellers who listed their properties on Truila.com on March 1 have already slashed their prices at least once.

Last summer, Bobby Barweki started looking for a foreclosure to buy. Barweki, 30, scraped together a 20 percent down payment by living with his parents after graduating from college in 2007. The foreclosures he looked at were all "trashed," he says.

Then one day his dad sent him an email about the free-car deal at Sunset Ridge Estates.

Barweki, a store manager at Chicago recreation goods chain Novotny Sales, just closed on a $178,900 ranch. He has a 4.875 percent interest rate on a 30-year-loan. Instead of getting the new car, he opted for $17,000 worth of free upgrades, including a stone facade and hardwood floors. Barweki doesn't have much faith in an economy where the definition of a recovery seems to be that things don't get worse. He says all the new jobs are low-paying. And he doesn't think the housing market has hit bottom. But for him, it was the right time. "Interest rates are low, I had the money, and I got a great deal," Barweki says.

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dent and CEO of WISE & Healthy Aging, the sale represents another part of the process of integrating WISE Senior Services and the Center for Aging by consolidating space.

The two groups merged three years ago to create a single entity focused on providing services and support to seniors, their family members and caregivers.

It will not mean a reduction of service to seniors, Braun said, because the same programs now provided at the Pico location will be offered at the main offices on the second and third floors of the Ken Edwards Center in Downtown.

The Pico building hosts adult day services, where seniors socialize and participate in enrichment activities during the daytime to give a break to friends and caregivers.

"We thought it best to further streamline," Braun said.

The $4 million deal is in escrow until May 15.

It will be paid for using Measure AA bond money, Brown said.

AA, a $295 million bond measure passed by voters in 2008, focused on renovating or replacing old facilities that don't meet modern building and safety standards, or which can't be adapted for newer technology.

It is part of the third phase of the SMC master plan, which was approved in 1998.

Projects covered by Measure AA include new math and science wings, career center, moving KCRW to the SMC academy campus, replacement of the Corsair Stadium, a new bus pull-out shelter on Pico Boulevard and community classroom joint-use projects.

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religion in that zone."

It's also big enough to fit all of City Hall and most of the neighboring Police Department, dwarfing other city centers like Rockefeller Square in New York or Pioneer Square in Portland.

Planners hoped to get residents brainstorming on what they'd like to see at the site, while keeping with the basic tenants of the Land Use and Circulation Element by maximizing linkages between the new project and others nearby, including the Colorado Esplanade or the Expo Light Rail line.

"We want this to be a model of sustainable development, keeping with the LUCE," Agle said.

Of course, he noted, the project also needs to be capable of sustaining itself and potential public benefits by bringing in enough income to make it economically viable.

With that, the audience was scattered into "break out sessions," coordinated by city planners to encourage discussion.

Much like at the previous town hall on March 16, people called out for open space, cultural programming, a permanent ice rink and possibly a large market reminiscent of the Ferry Building in San Francisco or Pike Place Market in Seattle.

Some attendees also requested cooperative art space, independent retailers and an arts and crafts store to replace the out-going Michaels.

Although massive, obtrusive buildings had no supporters, many were able to find a compromise between height — mitigated with good architecture and appropriate massing — and the income it would bring to pay for things that the community really wanted.

Parking, always a heated issue, was built into the project by a City Council directive to replace at least some of the spaces that will be lost in the demolition of Parking Structure 3, which will be replaced by a new movie theatre and retail. The question then became whether staff will pursue largely above-ground parking, or the community-preferred subterranean garage.

Below-ground parking is very expensive, planners warned.

The plan is in its earliest stages, Agle said. From the input gathered at community meetings, staff will develop several design alternatives, which will then be reviewed in another series of community meetings.

After developing guidelines for the design, the City Council will have a chance to sign off on the concept, which then frees staff to seek out a developer. Only after the council approves the choice of a developer can the work of creating a permanent design begin.

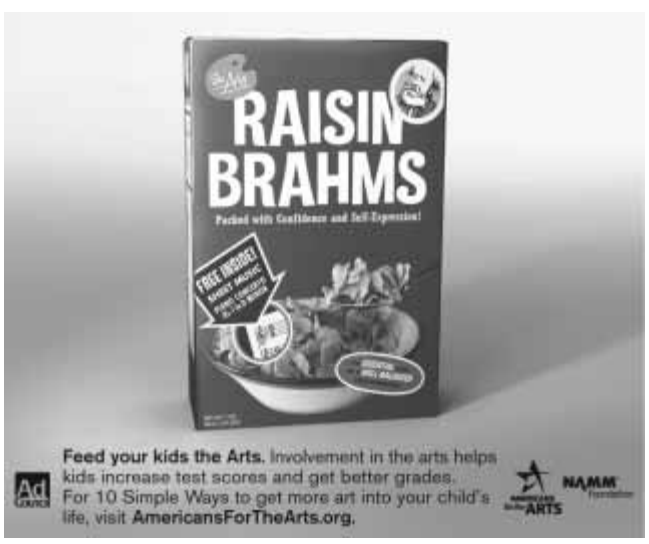
That puts the development of the site years into the future, the hope being that it will become a Downtown destination, similar to the Third Street Promenade or Santa Monica Pier.

The site falls partially within the boundaries of Downtown Santa Monica Inc., a public-private company that runs the Downtown business district for City Hall, and represents another effort to add vitality to the thriving district, said Kathleen Rawson, CEO of Downtown Santa Monica Inc., formerly the Bayside District Corp.

"The Downtown represents one of the most successful revitalization projects of public space in the world," Rawson said as she gave a rundown of the area.

Downtown Santa Monica employs 20,000 people, has 3,300 residents and generates $470 million a year in visitor spending, Rawson said.

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ing out the device this month.

"I know there's a lot of interest across the country with other Girl Scout councils," Love said. "So I wouldn't be surprised if you see it everywhere this time next year."

GoPayment is just one of several popular mobile payment devices that took off in 2010, with hundreds of thousands of people signing up to use them, said Todd Ablowitz, president of Double Diamond Group of Centennial, Colo., a consulting company focused on the mobile payment industry.

"Everyone from delivery drivers to Girl Scouts to baby sitters are swiping cards on their phones to take a payment," Ablowitz said. "I mean, this barely existed before 2010. The numbers are staggering."

The technology has actually existed for years, but it wasn't until San Francisco-based Square, Inc., began offering its card readers for free that the industry really gained momentum, Ablowitz said.

Intuit, the Mountain View, Calif.-based company that manufactures GoPayment, charges a small fee per transaction and offers various pricing plans to customers based on sale volume. GoPayment has been on the market for about two years. Intuit charges the Girl Scouts its lowest rate, at 1.7 percent plus 15 cents per transaction. Most customers pay 2.7 percent per transaction.

"We saw people that wanted to take electronic payments and just didn't have a way to do it," said Chris Hylen, vice-president of Intuit's payments business. "It's been the fastest-growing part of our business."

Sales are already picking up in Ohio, with one troop reporting selling 20 percent more than they did in the same location the previous year, Love said.

"And we also had a customer earlier today say he was taking out cash to buy two boxes, and he ended up buying seven because he was able to use his credit card," she said.

Selling cookies is a massive and lucrative operation for the Girl Scouts, hauling in about $714 million every year. It started out in 1917 in Muskogee, Okla., when Girl Scouts began baking cookies at home with their mothers, said Michelle Tompkins, spokeswoman for Girl Scouts of the USA. The sale went commercial in 1935.

Nowadays, the actual baking of the cookies is done by commercial bakers, who receive a small portion of the profit. But the rest goes to local troops, who use the money for whatever they like. Some girls decide to pool their funds to travel abroad, while others donate money to charity.

Transitioning to mobile payments was natural for most of the girls, said Gwen Kolenich, a troop leader in Parma, a Cleveland suburb.

"This is something that makes it easy because we're now in a touch generation," she said. "So being about to offer this kind of payment method and technology to girls is right up their alley."

Cassie Walko, 10, was stationed at an outdoor shopping mall in Oakwood Village on one cold Saturday morning, where most shoppers who stopped by the booth still insisted upon using cash, despite the girls' best efforts to wield their cell phones. Cassie said it was confusing the first time she tried to ring up a customer.

"At first the machine wouldn't work because it was so cold," she said. "But then we figured it out."

Linda Bellomy, who bought 10 boxes and donated them to the troops, said she used her credit card because she never carries cash anymore.

"I gave her my card, they zipped it through, and they actually were able to key in an email address that my receipt goes to," she said.

About 30 miles away in Parma, the Girl Scouts pulling their wagon from door to door encountered a problem that can't be fixed by technology. Most people weren't home to answer the door.

For the geographically challenged, Girl Scouts of the USA is introducing yet another digital innovation: an app for the iPhone called the "USA Cookie Finder," which uses GPS technology to pinpoint the user's location and map out the nearest cookie sales. Users can even post cookie sale locations on Twitter and Facebook.

"When it comes to technology, I think the best way to sum up Girl Scouts is: We are where the girls are," Tompkins said. "We listen to what they say. And when they tell us that they are on Facebook, then we go on Facebook."







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Target sues San Diego gay rights group

BY JULIE WATSON
Associated Press

SAN DIEGO A judge said Friday he would issue a ruling next week in a lawsuit filed by Target Corp. against a pro-gay marriage group to make it stop canvassing outside the retailer's San Diego County stores.

The suit alleges the activists are driving away customers by cornering them and talking about gay marriage.

Rights advocates say the legal battle between Target and Canvass For A Cause could further strain the retailer's relations with the gay and lesbian community.

Target previously made a $150,000 donation to a business group backing a Minnesota Republican candidate opposed to gay marriage.

Minnesota-based Target insisted it remained committed to the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community and its lawsuit has nothing to do with the political agenda of the organization.

During a court hearing Friday in San Diego, Target attorney David McDowell told Judge Jeffrey Barton that the solicitors are on private property, and Target has the right to enforce its policy against solicitors.

"The question is Target's property right and its right to exclude," McDowell told Barton.

The group tries to collect signatures and donations in support of gay marriage.

Barton had asked McDowell why the company did not present testimony from customers complaining about the activists. McDowell said Target could get such testimony if needed, but it was not needed since Target just wants to exercise its right to ask people to leave its property.

Bryan W. Pease, the attorney for Canvass For A Cause, said Target does not have that right. He told the judge the outside area surrounding stores in shopping centers like Target have been considered by the courts to be public domain for free speech.

He argued that Target is taking action because it does not agree with the group's message about gay marriage.

Barton said he will issue a written ruling by the end of next week.

Target says it has taken similar action against a number of organizations representing a variety of causes. It alleges in the lawsuit that activists with the San Diego group harass customers by cornering them near front entrances of stores and debating with them about their views on gay marriage.

The corporation says at least eight Target stores in the area have reported receiving more than a dozen complaints daily since canvassers started working outside their stores in October 2010. Target says the activists have refused to leave when asked politely and shown the company's policy prohibiting "expressive activity" on its property.

Canvass For A Cause director Tres Watson says Target wants to silence the 12,000-member group that formed in 2009 because it promotes gay marriage.

"It's very David vs. Goliath," he said. "We understand they're the Goliath in the room. They've got all money in world to get us to stop talking about gay marriage."

Watson says volunteers are trained daily on being professional and polite and their aim is to educate the public about the rights of gays and lesbians.

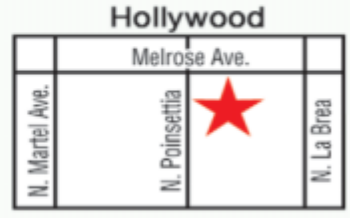
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Prisons looking to share food costs with Ohio State

BY ANN SANNER
Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio College students might think their dining hall food tastes like prison grub. In Ohio, that could become reality.

Looking for ways to save money, the state's correction department and Ohio State University are exploring whether to buy food jointly and in bulk.

Sure, not all the dining options of prison and college are identical. Sushi isn't served in the slammer; it is on campus.

But despite the prison grub reputation in popular culture as slop slapped on a plate, food served behind bars and on campuses may not be all that different now.

Tacos, pasta and pizza are dished out in the cafeterias of prisons and the university alike, with some overlapping ingredients even though the recipes probably differ.

That's a menu lineup that stands in contrast to the images in Ohio State senior Ben Wallace's head — though the 23-year-old biology major admits his knowledge of prison meals comes from the movie "The Shawshank Redemption."

"I would just imagine that it's more canned food and stuff that's preserved," said Wallace, of Findlay.

Budget woes have cash-strapped states such as Ohio searching for extra bucks. In Connecticut, the governor has proposed a budget that raises taxes on everything from personal income to haircuts. Florida's governor wants to reduce fees paid to Medicare providers such as hospitals and nursing homes.

Still, inmates and students at one of the nation's largest universities noshing on the same eats?

It's possible, Ohio State spokeswoman Shelly Hoffman said.

"But eggs are eggs, milk is milk, bread is bread," she said.

No other states have prisons and universities buying food together or considering such plans, as far as the National Conference of State Legislatures knows.

Ohio State and the prison system are in the early stages of drafting a proposal, so it's unknown which foods they could buy together. But both parties contend that a purchasing partnership wouldn't make the meals less tasty or snacks less savory.

"It'll change how much we spend on it," Hoffman said. "It would not change quality."

That's good news to Wallace, who praised the food from his dining hall days.

"I should have put on the freshman 15, but my metabolism said otherwise," he said. "The food's really good at all of the places."

The partnership idea comes as Ohio faces an estimated $8 billion gap in a two-year budget likely to be around $55 billion.



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States looking overseas for scarce execution drug

BY GREG BLUESTEIN
Associated Press

ATLANTA Prison officials around the country have been going to extraordinary — and in at least one case, legally questionable — lengths to obtain a scarce lethal-injection drug, securing it from middlemen in Britain and a manufacturer in India and borrowing it from other states to keep their executions on track, according to records reviewed by The Associated Press.

"You guys in AZ are life savers," California prisons official Scott Kernan emailed a counterpart in Arizona, with what may have been unintentional irony, in appreciation for 12 grams of the drug sent in September. "Buy you a beer next time I get that way."

The wheeling and dealing come amid a severe shortage of sodium thiopental, a sedative that is part of the three-drug lethal injection cocktail used by nearly all 34 death penalty states. The shortage started last year, after Hospira Inc., the sole U.S. manufacturer of the drug and the only sodium-thiopental maker approved by the Food and Drug Administration, stopped making it.

As supplies dwindled, at least six states — Arizona, Arkansas, California, Georgia, Nebraska and Tennessee — obtained sodium thiopental overseas, with several of them citing Georgia as the trailblazer.

Documents obtained through open-records requests show Georgia managed to execute inmates in September and January after getting the drug from Dream Pharma, a distributor that shares a building with a driving school in a gritty London neighborhood. Dream Pharma's owner has not returned several calls and emails for comment, and an AP reporter who visited the office last week was told the owner was not available.

Last week, however, the Drug Enforcement Administration seized Georgia's entire supply — effectively blocking the scheduling of any further executions — because of concerns over whether the state circumvented the law. "We had questions about how the drug was imported to the U.S.," agency spokesman Chuvalo Truesdell said, declining to elaborate.

Federal regulations require states to register with the DEA before importing a controlled substance and to notify the agency once they have it. John Bentivoglio, a former Justice Department attorney who represents a condemned Georgia inmate, said in a February letter that Georgia appears to have broken those rules, and that such violations mean "adulterated, counterfeit or otherwise ineffective" sodium thiopental could be used in executions, subjecting prisoners to extreme pain in violation of the constitutional ban on cruel and unusual punishment.

Georgia Corrections Department spokeswoman Joan Heath said only that the state is cooperating with federal investigators to "make sure we're in regulatory compliance with the DEA over how we handle controlled substances."

Kathryn Hamoudah of Georgians for Alternatives to the Death Penalty praised the DEA for forcing Georgia to "give up its black market drugs."

Defense attorneys elsewhere have called on the Justice Department to investigate whether their states broke the law in the way they obtained sodium thiopental. But most of the states that swapped or imported it have said they followed protocol. And the DEA has refused to say whether it is investigating them.

According to the DEA, states can share or sell each other doses of the drug as long as both sides are registered with the agency and the substance was imported properly.

The documents obtained by the AP show that authorities in Kentucky frantically reached out to more than two dozen other states, several companies and the federal Bureau of Prisons throughout 2010 in hopes of finding sodium thiopental.

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Fighting's effect on Libya civilians remains murky

BY HADEEL AL-SHALCHI
Associated Press

TRIPOLI, Libya Moammar Gadhafi's government accused U.S.-led forces of ignoring civilian casualties on Friday, showing journalists a Tripoli neighborhood that has come under attack for at least two nights. U.S. and British officials insisted civilians have been spared and retort that the Libyan leader has engineered his own atrocities.

At the heart of the dispute is the difficulty separating rhetoric and stage-management from the pain of people who may have lost family, homes and sometimes livelihoods. Or maybe not.

On Friday, Libyan officials took foreign journalists to Tripoli's Tajoura neighborhood, on the outskirts of the city. Two military bases on the way had clearly been hit, their buildings twisted and damaged. Black smoke still rose from one.

The small farm where the bus finally stops was a wreck: The windows were smashed in, the television toppled over. Plaster was everywhere on the floor, but the painted walls were intact. It's the home of Rajab Mohammed, who said the bomb hit at the base of the palm just outside. Next to the palm was a pit, the size of a large beach ball.

"There were bullets everywhere," said Mohammed, struggling to explain the source of bullet holes on the outside of the house.

A U.S. official said ships in the Mediterranean launched 15 more Tomahawk cruise missiles overnight, targeting garrisons near Tripoli. The official spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to speak on the record.

Airstrikes and missiles are unpredictable, and the Gadhafi government's efforts seem only to muddy the picture. Journalists are taken to the morgue, where bodies are hauled out without identification or circumstances of death.

The U.S. military said coalition jets flew about 150 sorties on Thursday, about 70 of them with American planes.

"I cannot be sure that there have been no civilian casualties. What I can be sure of is that we have been very, very precise and discriminate in our targeting," Army Gen. Carter Ham said late Thursday at a briefing at the Sigonella air base in Sicily.

"They don't talk about the thousands of Libyan citizens which they have killed, which we know it is very true. And I'm sorry if I'm a little emotional about this. The people who are killing civilians are the regime of this current government leader in Libya," Ham said.

On Friday, the British government went farther.

"In fact there are no confirmed civilian casualties so far from the coalition airstrikes, and missile strikes, in all the operations since Saturday. Civilian casualties are being caused solely by the Gadhafi regime," British Foreign Secretary William Hague said.

Libyan state television showed blackened and mangled bodies that it said were victims of airstrikes in Tripoli. Rebels have accused Gadhafi's forces of taking bodies from the morgue and pretending they were civilian casualties, an allegation bolstered by a U.S. intelligence report.

The report Monday said that a senior Gadhafi aide was told to take bodies from a morgue and place them at the scene of the bomb damage, to be displayed for visiting journalists. A senior U.S. defense official revealed the contents of the intelligence report on condition of anonymity because it was classified secret.

Human Rights Watch's London director Tom Porteus cautioned that even confirmed evidence of civilian deaths did not necessarily mean negligence or malice given the uncertainties of aerial bombardment.

"Just because you've got a civilian body killed in an airstrike, doesn't mean there's been a war crime or even a violation of international humanitarian law," he said. As for coalition officials, he said that they were "clearly bending over backward to say that they're bending over backward to avoid civilian casualties."

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Drivers in Santa Monica might have noticed some recent changes to many intersections around town that have people wondering if they are headed down the Champs Elysees towards the Arch de Triumph or perhaps lost on an English country road. The roundabout intersection has made a roundabout trip across the world to Santa Monica with the hopes of easing traffic congestion and making the roads safer for drivers and pedestrians alike. Drivers here in Santa Monica must be aware of the traffic rules and regulations that govern roundabout driving so that motorists are not stranded like foreigners in a foreign land. Here are some basic rules and explanations about roundabouts that will hopefully help you on your way around town.

The basic definition of a roundabout is a circular junction in which road traffic must travel in one direction around a central island. Roundabouts increase safety in the community by requiring drivers to both decrease their speeds and in turn increase their awareness upon entering the intersection. Roundabouts also increase a neighborhood's aesthetic appeal by creating charming and unique architectural designs. Neatly landscaped circles or placement of a statue, monument, or flagpole give roundabouts a homely and suburban feel despite their very urban purpose. Pedestrians are often prohibited or discouraged from entering the center circle of a roundabout, but pedestrians and drivers can nonetheless enjoy the visual charisma that the intersection adds to a community. Roundabouts facilitate motorists, bicyclists, runners, and dog-walkers in an efficient and competent manner.

Roundabouts have some negative drawbacks as well. Larger vehicles and trucks may find it difficult to navigate through narrow roundabouts that are not built to handle such vehicles. The recent implementation of roundabouts in Santa Monica has also caused some backup and unwanted traffic delays at roundabouts where drivers are not familiar with the traffic laws and traffic flow. On the same note, there is a greater risk of traffic collisions and accidents from drivers who are simply not paying attention to their surroundings. Roundabouts require far greater concentration and awareness than do conventional squared intersections.

Upon entering a roundabout, drivers should first notice a sign or traffic indicator alerting the driver to slow down and prepare to yield. A painted dashed line will also alert drivers that they are entering a roundabout intersection. Unless otherwise indicated, drivers do not have to come to a complete stop; however, the situation may require a complete stop depending on traffic conditions at the time. Remember, pedestrians always have the right of way! So, if you see a bicyclist, jogger, or walker you must stop in order to allow that person safe passage. If there are no other cars in the roundabout and no pedestrians, the driver can then safely enter the roundabout. Most Santa Monica roundabouts are one-way, meaning a driver can only make a right turn to enter the roundabout and a right turn to exit the roundabout.

A driver that is already in the roundabout has the right of way over a driver that is entering the roundabout. Thus, if you are the car that is approaching the roundabout and slowing down getting ready to turn into the roundabout, do not expect another car that is already in the roundabout to stop or slow to let you in! This area tends to be one of the most confusing aspects of roundabouts, but if you remember that the car already in the roundabout has the right of way…you should be alright. Regardless of who has the right of way, drivers should nonetheless always remain vigilant and aware of their surroundings to prevent any kind of accident. Keep a slow to moderate speed while circling depending on the traffic at the time. Also, it is very important that drivers remember to use their turn signals. Turn signals alert circling drivers inside the roundabout and allow other drivers to adjust speeds based on turns. Moreover, a turn signal also notifies drivers waiting to enter the roundabout that the path is clear for them to safely make the maneuver.

Avoid unnecessary traffic citations, accidents, and congestion by following these simple roundabout rules. Remember to be aware, vigilant, and attentive to your surroundings at all time. Adjust to a roundabout way of thinking and enjoy the ride around town!

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9:00-12:00noon	Patent, Trademark and Copyright Law with Attorney Marcus Risso (By appointment only)
1:00-4:00pm	Employment Law: Wrongful Termination, Sexual harassment, Disability Accommodation, Leave Law, Discrimination, Retaliation, Whistle Blower, Wage & Hour disputes with Attorney Sara Eliot
WEDNESDAY	
5:00-6:30pm	Divorce and Legal Separation; Domestic Partnerships; Child Custody, Support and Visitation; Spousal Support; Prenuptial Agreements & Mediation with Family Law Specialist Attorney Elizabeth Fields
THURSDAY	
12:00-2:00pm	Immigration and Family Law with Attorney Galorah Keshavarz
5:00-6:00pm	Chapter 7 and 13 Bankruptcy Filings, Debt Negotiation and Personal Injury cases with Attorneys Paul Mankin and/or Jeff Hughes (By appointment Only)
FRIDAY	
4:00-5:00pm	(2st & 4th Friday/Month) Criminal, DMV & Traffic Law: Felony and Misdemeanor Crimes with former Deputy D.A. and Attorney Jacob Glucksman
SATURDAY	
10am-12noon	(1st, 3rd, & 5th Saturday/Month) Estate Planning, Trust & Will Contests Probate, Elder Law, Business Litigation, Formation & Dissolution, Contracts, HOA & Personal Injury with Attorney Richard Ruman

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March Sadness: Couple fights for basketball hoop

BY RANDALL CHASE
Associated Press

DOVER, Del. A Delaware mom climbed atop her family's basketball hoop Friday in a short-lived bid to keep authorities from ripping it out and confiscating it.

Transportation workers and state police came to her neighborhood in Wilmington Friday morning to remove several basketball goals that officials said were too close to the roadway.

Several residents were sent letters last year warning them that the state's "Clear Zone" law prohibits trees and other objects from being within seven feet of the pavement's edge in a residential subdivision.

John and Melissa McCafferty said they'd gotten more than one warning letter, but that police cars and heavy machinery showed up without warning Friday morning to remove the hoops.

While their neighbors weren't home, the McCaffertys decided to fight back.

Melissa, 39, parked her van underneath the goal, climbed the pole and perched herself behind the backboard, risking arrest. McCafferty said she could only think about how sad her 10-year-old daughter would be about the removal.

NFL

Browns fan sues over NFL lockout

BY THOMAS J. SHEERAN
Associated Press

CLEVELAND A Cleveland Browns fan sued the National Football league and its teams over the player lockout, claiming it violated his contract to buy tickets through his personal seat license.

Ken Lanci, a self-made millionaire who ran unsuccessfully last year for the top county government job in Cleveland, filed the lawsuit Thursday in Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Court.

"It's a fight between billionaires and millionaires," Lanci said Friday in a phone interview. "There isn't any sympathy for multimillionaires. It's just not going to happen. And somebody has to stand up and say, 'Enough's enough.'"

The lawsuit asked for damages of more than $25,000 from the Browns on both breach of contract and bad faith counts and more than $25,000 from the league and its teams for alleged contract interference.

Neal Gulkis, a Browns spokesman, refers questions to the league.

NFL spokesman Greg Aiello told The Associated Press in an e-mail that the league had not seen the lawsuit but understood fans' frustration.

"NFL clubs all have announced refund policies to protect fans during the work stoppage," Aiello wrote. "The best solution to Mr. Lanci's concern is for the union to return to the bargaining table and complete a labor agreement."

The lawsuit also asked for any additional unspecified damages that the court considers fair.

The case was assigned to Judge John P. O'Donnell. The league and teams have four weeks to respond in court.

Lanci claimed that the lockout denies him the right under the personal seat licenses to go to Browns games and has destroyed the value of the seat-license agreement.

The lawsuit claims the NFL and its teams have "conspired with the Browns and one another to lock out the players, without justification, resulting in the Browns' breach of the PSL agreement."

City of Santa Monica

CITY OF SANTA MONICA
NOTICE INVITING BIDS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Santa Monica invites Contractors to complete and submit sealed bids for the:

Palisades Garden Walk + Town Square: Tree Relocations and Site Demolition (SP2168)

Bids shall be delivered to the City of Santa Monica, Office of the City Clerk, Room 102, 1685 Main Street, Santa Monica, California, 90401, not later than 2:30 p.m. on **April 13, 2011**, to be publicly opened and read aloud after 3:00 p.m. on said date in City Hall Council Chambers. Each Bid shall be in accordance with the Request for Bids.

MANDATORY PRE-BID JOB WALK:
A mandatory pre-bid job walk is scheduled for March 29, 2011 at 9:00 AM.
Please meet on the front steps of City Hall, 1685 Main Street, Santa Monica, California 90401.

Bids will not be accepted if bidders fail to attend the pre-bid job walk.

PROJECT ESTIMATE: **$800,000**
CONTRACT DAYS: **120 Days**
LIQUIDATED DAMAGES: **$1,000 Per Day**
COMPENSABLE DELAY: **$900 Per Day**

Bidding Documents may be obtained by logging onto the City's Finance website at: http://www01.smgov.net/finance/purchasing/. The Contractor is required to have a **C-27 license (and including a licensed arborist) and/or Class A** license at the time of bid submission. Contractors wishing to be considered must submit Bids containing all information required pursuant to the City's Request for Bids.

Pursuant to Public Contracts Code Section 22300, the Contractor shall be permitted to substitute securities for any monies withheld by the City to ensure performance under this Contract.

Lotus
Platforms

This week we will tell you a bit about ourselves. We are moving slowly to launch our business and will provide more details in the next few weeks.

We manage research and development of technology Platform. These Platforms help people and businesses to interact using modern communication technologies. This sounds vague. So, we will try to explain by words here and by examples in the future.

A relevant entry from a dictionary goes like this:

Pronunciation:/'platfôrm/

OPERATING SYSTEM: oftware that controls the operation of a computer and directs the processing of programs.

We use the above meaning of Platform in a broader sense. Platform still describes an "operating system" but not just controlling one computer. Our Platforms act as an operating system for supporting people to interact socially and with businesses.

Our Platforms therefore have to coordinate computers, networks, and phones but we also have to support a cast of agents like customer support agents, sales agents, real estate agents etc. Just like an operating system provides basic functions needed for us to make productive use of the hardware, our Platforms provide basic functions for consumers, businesses so they can interact more efficiently.



Visit us at our web site:
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It will be ready soon!



SURF REPORT

Surf Conditions **Water Temp:** 61°

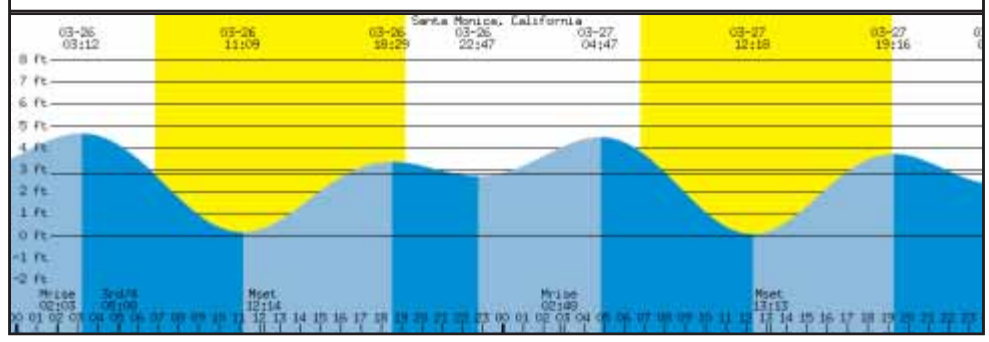
Swell Forecast

Looking at an increase in size for the dawn patrol from NW ground swell, with west facing breaks running a couple feet overhead.

Long Range Synopsis

NW should back off to around waist to chest for west facing breaks. South facing breaks are looking at waist to chest max sets.

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 **March 23, 2011**

HEAL THE BAY - 1444 9th Street, Santa Monica, CA 90401 - www.healthebay.org - brc@healthebay.org - 800 HEAL BAY

QUICK STATS (for the last 30 days)

- Number of sewage spills -- 0
- Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0
- Number of wet days -- 15
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 33 / 14
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 11 / 31

The Beach Report Card is made possible by: The Diller – von Furstenberg Family Foundation, Groudeck 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 Cerrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth.	F	F
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	A+
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechusa and Las Alisa creeks.	A+	A+
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	A+	A+
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth.	A+	F
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	A+	F
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	A+	A+
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth.	C	F
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	F	A
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	F	F
Solstice Canyon at Dan Blocker County Beach.	A+	F
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth.	A+	F
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd..	B	A+
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fences.	A+	F
Surfrider Beach (breach location)- daily.	F	F
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	F	F
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	F	F
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero).	A+	A
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs.	A+	F
Pena Creek at Los Tunos County Beach.	A+	B
Tuna Canyon.	ns	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	F	F
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+	F

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence.	A+	F
Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain.	A+	F
Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain.	A+	F
Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua).	F	F
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain.	A+	F
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.	B	A
Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain.	A+	F
Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain.	A+	F
Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain.	A+	A
Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south.	A+	F
Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St..	A+	F
Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- lifeguard tower.	B	F
Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth.	A+	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 D&W jetty).	A+	F
Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain.	A+	A+
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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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.

The Beach Report Card is an indication of past water quality and is not a warranty of the current safety of those areas surveyed. Our lawyers are happy.

MOVIE TIMES

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

Call theater for information.

AMC Loews Broadway 4
1441 Third Street Promenade
(310) 458-6232

Just Go With It (PG-13) 1hr 50min
1:45pm, 4:30pm, 7:15pm, 10:00pm

Adjustment Bureau (PG-13) 1hr 39min
1:35pm, 4:10pm, 6:45pm, 9:20pm

Red Riding Hood (PG-13) 2hrs 00min
1:30pm, 4:00pm, 6:30pm, 9:00pm

Kill the Irishman (R) 1hr 46min
1:40pm, 4:15pm, 7:00pm, 9:35pm

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

Gnomeo & Juliet 3D (PG) 1hr 24min
11:35am, 1:50pm, 4:00pm, 10:15pm

Rango (PG) 1hr 47min
11:15am, 2:00pm, 4:35pm, 7:15pm, 9:55pm

Battle: Los Angeles (PG-13) 1hr 56min
11:00am, 1:50pm, 4:45pm, 7:40pm, 10:30pm

Adjustment Bureau (PG-13) 1hr 46min
12:00pm, 2:35pm, 5:10pm, 7:45pm, 10:20pm

Mars Needs Moms in Disney Digital 3D (PG) 1hr 28min
12:15pm, 2:30pm, 4:50pm, 7:10pm, 9:30pm

Hall Pass (R) 1hr 38min
11:10am, 1:55pm, 4:40pm, 7:20pm, 10:10pm

Red Riding Hood (PG-13) 1hr 40min
11:45am, 2:30pm, 5:00pm, 7:30pm, 10:00pm

Carmen in 3D (PG-13) 2hrs 55min
6:30pm

Laemmle's Monica Fourplex
1332 Second St.
(310) 478-3836

Saint Misbehavin': The Wavy Gravy Movie (NR)
1:00pm, 3:10pm, 5:20pm, 7:40pm, 10:10pm

Over the Hill Band (Meisjes) (NR) 1hr 33min
4:45pm, 9:30pm

King's Speech (R) 1 hour 58 min
1:40pm, 4:30pm, 7:20pm, 10:10pm

Cedar Rapids (R) 1hr 26min
1:10pm, 3:20pm, 5:30pm, 7:50pm, 10:10pm

Phil Ochs: There But for Fortune (NR) 1hr 36min
2:20pm, 7:10pm

AMC Criterion 6
1313 Third Street Promenade
(310) 395-1599

Take Me Home Tonight (R) 1hr 54min
12:15pm, 2:40pm, 5:05pm, 7:35pm, 10:00pm

Rango (PG) 1hr 47min
1:05pm, 3:40pm, 6:15pm, 9:00pm

Beastly (PG-13) 1hr 35min
12:30pm, 2:45pm, 5:00pm, 7:20pm, 9:35pm

Battle: Los Angeles (PG-13) 1hr 56min
1:00pm, 4:00pm, 7:00pm, 10:00pm

Unknown (PG-13) 1hr 49min
1:30pm, 4:20pm, 7:10pm, 9:55pm

I Will Follow (NR) 1hr 28min
12:40pm, 2:50pm, 5:10pm, 7:30pm, 9:45pm

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

Keep it coming, Pisces

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Make calls and let friends know your plans. They might enjoy joining you. Your creativity flourishes. You can aggravate an older friend or relative far more than you realize. A partner might be rather uptight. Tonight: Could be a late one.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ Reach out for someone at a distance. Try to understand what is going on with a friend by imagining what it must be like to live his or her life. Invite this same person to hop in the car and go for a drive. Both of you can relax finally. Tonight: How about a movie?

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Relate on an individual level. People seem to be far more responsive. Have you not been giving certain loved ones and/or friends enough attention? A child or new friend could be more difficult than you anticipated. Now is the moment for diplomacy. Tonight: Add a little more spice to your life.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Defer to another person and see what is happening behind the scenes. Be imaginative with a partner who might be more challenging than you are comfortable with. Fatigue could pull you down, giving you a case of the blues. Tonight: Go with another's ideas.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ You are upbeat and spirited. An easy, laid-back approach allows greater give-and-take. Your ability to home in on a situation and pitch in needs to happen. Someone appreciates you being able to free him or her up. Tonight: Hanging out -- no more, no less.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Keep reaching out for a child or new friend. Though you might feel as if this person is standing on ceremony, he or she isn't. Understanding evolves to a new level. Your sense of humor emerges. Tonight: It's Saturday night!

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ If you want to hang at home, it is a perfect day to do just that. You might want to invite a friend or two over. Make it easy. Whatever the project -- taxes or visiting with friends -- play it low-key. Tonight: You don't need to move out of the neighborhood in order to have fun.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★★ How you visualize a situation could change radically if you loosen up and relax. Sometimes you cannot see everything, and others must talk if they are bothered. Don't take someone's comments personally. Tonight: At a favorite spot.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★★ Imagine what it would be like if you felt totally free and as if you could do anything. Your sincerity makes a big difference to those in your immediate circle. Someone you care about could be pulling back. Trying to get this person back in could be impossible. Tonight: Your treat.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★★ Others would prefer not to have to say "no." Evaluate what you are asking for. There could be a gigantic backfire later. Note the power of kindness when dealing with a neighbor, sibling or friend. Let this person know you empathize. Tonight: All smiles.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★ Sometimes, as extroverted as you are, or friend-oriented, you need to pull back and have some personal space. Whether you share some time with one other person makes no difference. Just opt for quiet and calm. Tonight: Not to be found, leaving others wondering.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★★ What you want to do is exactly what you need to do. You can be sure that one other person is involved as you look at plans and choices. What might start as a movie and a dinner with friends could become a veritable party. Tonight: Don't stop.

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 will have a natural audience. You can lead or instrument changes. Responsibilities might feel demanding and sometimes drag you down. Friends remain a delightful source of great ideas and a change from routine. Partners can get caught up in the moment, feeling the heaviness of it. If you are single, you might not be as up for relating as in the past. Nevertheless, you'll meet some great people. If you are attached, help your sweetie lighten up. CAPRICORN makes demands.



MYSTERY PHOTO

Brandon Wise *brandonw@smdp.com*

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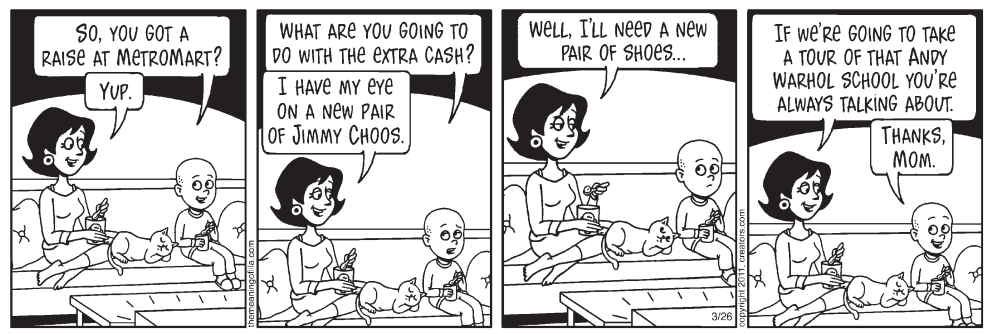
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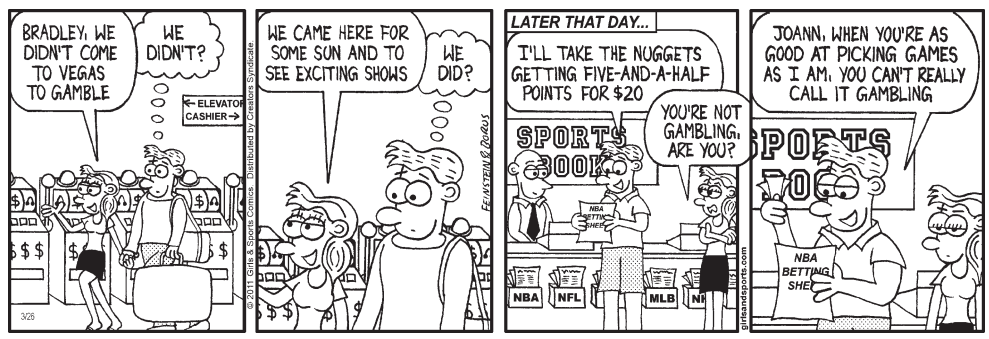
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By John Forgetta & L.A. Rose



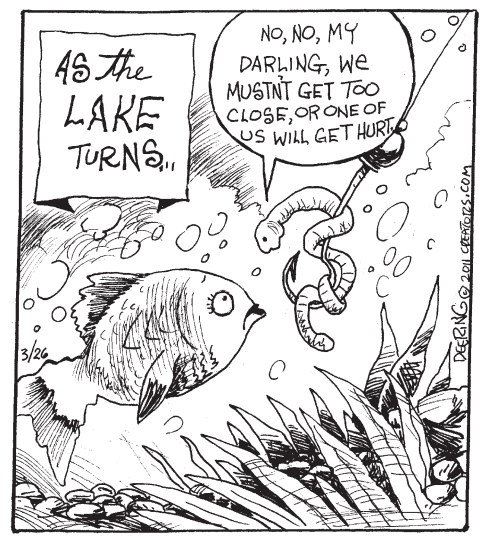
Girls and Sports

By Justin Borus and Andrew Feinstein



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 ★★★★

	7	9				1	2	
4				1				6
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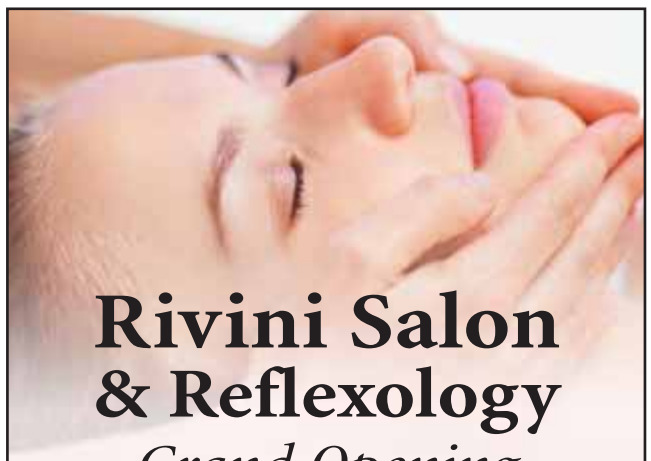
King Features Syndicate

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

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



CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Baby-wipe additive
5 Came up
10 Salon jobs
12 Mint output
13 Incurred
14 Chess turns
15 "Patience — virtue"
16 Canard
18 "— had it!"
19 Admits
21 Sharp
22 Helen Reddy hit
24 Earthy color
25 Leader of the pack
29 Farm puller
30 Urban planner's concern
32 Pitcher's stat
33 Fast flier
34 Hoopla
35 Famed lover
37 Bit from the fire
39 Serious
40 Light fare
41 Stand for art
42 Agrippina's son

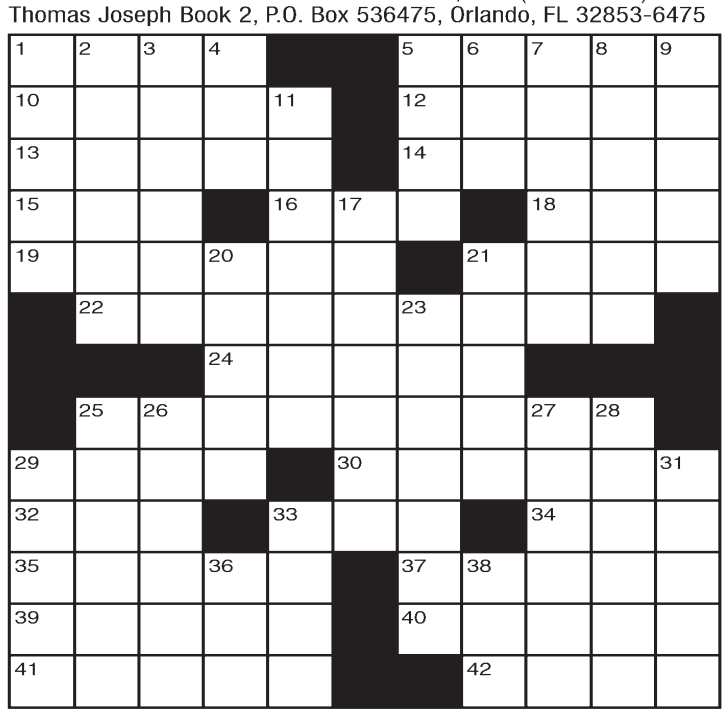
DOWN

1 Rainy month
2 Not owned
3 Rococo
4 Outback runner
5 Pinnacle
6 Early auto
7 Exhibited
8 Tyler of "American Idol"
9 German steel center
11 Stain
17 Confused
20 Incline
21 Designer Donna
23 Lowers in rank
25 Dawn goddess
26 Spitting critters
27 Prone
28 Make beloved
29 Join together
31 Nickname of astronaut Cooper
33 Singer Billy
36 Planning time
38 Chess piece

C	A	M	E	L	■	E	T	H	E	L
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Yesterday's answer

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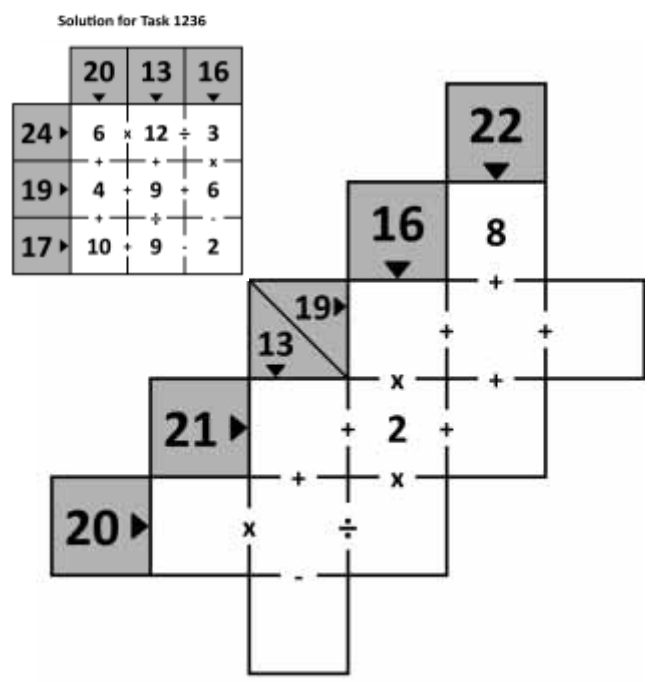
- Fill the grid with the set of given numbers (1 to 12) to satisfy the Equa demands (7 to 24) in the shaded boxes. The Equa demands represent the sum of the digits that you will insert into the empty squares.
- Each horizontal row has one Equa demand to satisfy; each vertical column also has one demand to satisfy. Each empty square in the grid dictates the math operation (addition +, subtraction -, multiplication X, and division ÷) that must be performed to meet the demands.
- You must follow the given math operations for each square and you must make sure all the numbers satisfy the demands in the shaded boxes when connected in adjacent threes and calculated together from left to right, and top to bottom.
- The numbers you insert into the grid must satisfy the Equa demands both horizontally and vertically.

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

2, 4, 5, 6, 6, 8, 8, 9, 11

Solution for Task 1236



DAILY LOTTERY

MEGA MILLIONS: 1 14 35 50 53 Meganumber: 43 Jackpot: $312M

SUPER LOTTO PLUS: 9 18 31 33 42 Meganumber: 8 Jackpot: $17M

Fantasy 5: 4 9 18 19 30

DAILY 3: MIDDAY: 3 9 8 EVENING: 4 6 2

DAILY DERBY: 1st: 08 Gorgeous George 2nd: 12 Lucky Charms 3rd: 10 Solid Gold RACE TIME: 1:42.95

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ World's Greatest Lawyer: Christopher Soon won an acquittal in February for his client Alan Patton, who had been charged with violating a law that had been passed primarily to stop Alan Patton. That law makes it illegal to collect urine from public restrooms. Patton, of Dublin, Ohio, was convicted in 1993 and 2008, and charged again in October 2010, with waiting in restrooms and, when young boys finished using the urinal (after Patton had obstructed the flushing mechanism), rushing to gather the contents, which he admitted sexually excited him. After Patton's 2008 conviction, the Ohio legislature made that specific act a felony, and Patton's arrest in October was supposed to lead to a premiere conviction. (The judge did find Patton guilty of "criminal mischief," a misdemeanor.)

■ Doug Guetzloe, one of central Florida's most prominent political operatives (and a subject of investigations by the Florida Elections Commission and an expressway commission in Orlando), had long infuriated prosecutors with his slippery denials of knowledge of unethical campaigns that they were certain he was deeply involved in. However, late (in 2006), Guetzloe missed a payment on his rental storage locker, and 50 boxes of his professional and personal records were seized and auctioned for $10 to a curious citizen, who then gave them to Orlando's WKMG-TV, which had several earlier investigations of Guetzloe still open. Based on early readings of the storage-locker papers, Guetzloe was quickly indicted for felony perjury.

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