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THE WAY TO GO, BOYS ISSUE

Residents find flaws in Saint John's plan

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

MAIN LIBRARY A proposed amendment to the Saint John's Hospital development agreement drew ire from community members Tuesday night when it was suggested that the hospital would find "functionally equivalent parking" to replace a promised 442-space subterranean parking structure.

Saint John's Hospital entered into a development agreement with City Hall in 1998 to get permission to repair its facilities in the wake of the 1994 Northridge earthquake.

The process was broken into two phases, the first of which included the demolition of a 536,000 square foot building, construction of 475,000 square feet of new facilities, healing garden, north lawn landscaped entry plaza and parking garage.

Of those requirements, the hospital has completed neither the entry plaza nor the parking garage, much to the irritation of its neighbors who complain that the hospital's workers and patrons take up street parking.

In 2007, a year before the garage was supposed to be completed, the hospital filed an application to amend the development agreement.

That amendment, which originally requested a 10-year stay in construction, evolved into the presentation seen Tuesday.

Rather than construct the garage, which would be expensive, hospital officials requested permission to supply 1,540 on and off-site parking spaces, and operate a full service valet at the Santa Monica Boulevard-facing entry plaza.

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SPACE FINDERS: **Sam Friedman (left) and Alex Israel are the co-founders of Parking in Motion.**

Doing away with the pain

Santa Monica duo's app cuts down on parking issues

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITYWIDE On a Friday night, nothing rankles the weary traveler more than incessant circling in bumper-to-bumper traffic only to see "Lot Full" signs plastered on every visible parking lot, structure or random alleyway.

So, while many citizens of Santa Monica complain about traffic and parking, two Crossroads High School graduates set their minds to doing something about it.

Sam Friedman and Alex Israel launched a business called Parking in

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MINOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Former Samohi stars receive starting nods

BY DANIEL ARCHULETA
Managing Editor

VISALIA Tyler Skaggs and Cody Decker have come a long way since their days on Santa Monica High School's baseball diamond.

Each player has been named a starter for their respective teams as the minor league season kicks off today. Skaggs got the nod on the mound for the single-A affiliate of the Arizona Diamondbacks, the Visalia Rawhide. Decker will start at first base for the San Diego Padres' double-A affiliate, the San Antonio Missions.



Photo courtesy Ken Weisenberger
SKAGGS



Photo courtesy SA Missions
DECKER

For each former Viking standout, the opportunity to continue their march to the big leagues comes as validation of their hard work.

"I'm pretty good with it," Skaggs said of the assignment. "Now all I have to do is work on throwing strikes and getting ahead of batters."

The lanky lefthander, who was originally drafted by the Los Angeles

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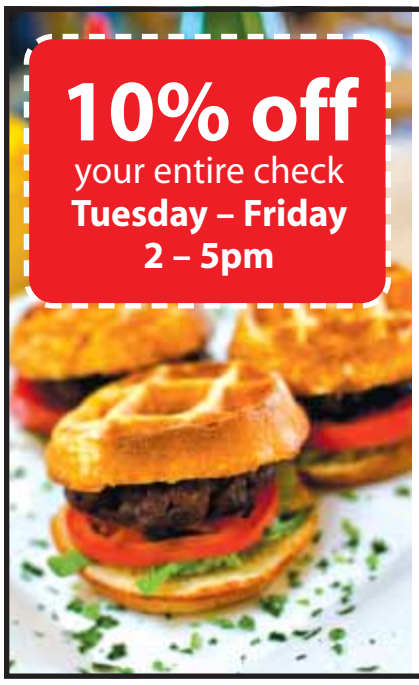
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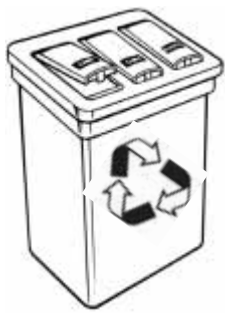
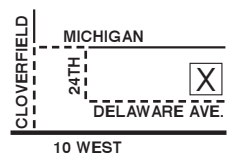
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Thursday, April 7, 2011

Stairway of the Stars
Santa Monica Civic Auditorium
1855 Main St., 7 p.m.
The annual Stairway of the Stars is a showcase for the local school district's acclaimed music program and features hundreds of students. The guest conductor will be Pete Anthony and award recipients will be Zina Josephs and Jean Sedillos. This event also takes place on Friday. For more information, visit smmusd.org/vapa/stairway.

An Evening of Peter Brook
The Broad Stage
1310 11th St., 7:30 p.m.
Combining two of his most revered recent works in one extraordinary run, acclaimed director Peter Brook delivers the West Coast premieres of "Fragments" by Samuel Beckett (co-directed with long time collaborator Estienne), and "The Grand Inquisitor" from Dostoevsky's The Brothers Karamazov featuring the astonishing Bruce Meyers. For more information, visit thebroadstage.com/brook.

Gaga for Bollywood
VLounge
2020 Wilshire Blvd., 8 p.m.
blue13 dance company presents "Gaga for Bollywood," a wild club night of performances, drinking, and dancing to the music of DJ's Tej Gill and Sandeep Kumar spinning the latest and greatest Bollywood, pop, Bhangra and hip hop tunes of today. The fundraising event will benefit blue13 dance company, a non-profit organization, with a portion of the evening's proceeds benefiting the Red Cross' Japan Tsunami Relief Effort and to the Dancers Care Foundation, whose mission is to raise funds to prevent cancer, raise awareness and ultimately find a cure. For more information, visit blue13dance.com.

Friday, April 8, 2011

Save the theatre with Lily and Jane
Santa Monica Playhouse
1211 Fourth St., 8 p.m.
Lily Tomlin and Jane Wagner present "Charlie & Doni Help Save the Theatre," an irreverent musical comedy extravaganza. For more information, call (310) 394-9779.

'Locked and Loaded'
Santa Monica Playhouse
1211 Fourth St., 8 p.m.
"Locked and Loaded," Todd Susman's first published play, stars stage and screen personalities Paul Linke, Andrew Parks, Tarina Pouncy, Terasa Sciortino and Sandra Thigpen and is helmed by award-winning director Chris DeCarlo. For more information, visit santamonicaplayhouse.com.

'The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee'
Morgan-Wixson Theatre
2627 Pico Blvd., 8 p.m.
"The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee" is a hip musical comedy which follows six young people in the throes of puberty, who are overseen by grown-ups who barely managed to escape childhood themselves, as they learn that winning isn't everything and that losing doesn't necessarily make you a loser. At each performance, four audience volunteers are selected and invited on stage to participate in the Bee, making each performance unique. This play also takes place on Saturday and Sunday. For more information, call (310) 828-7519.

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Santa Monica Stories

Tom Viscount — Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Thousands cheer street racers

IN 1909, SANTA MONICA HAD LESS than 8,000 residents and was in danger of being annexed by a hungry, nearby Los Angeles. Believing they needed to increase the city's population and profile to survive, city leaders made the bold move to stage yearly automobile races that they hoped would promote Santa Monica as an exciting and attractive place to live.

The races were not going to be held on a track, but instead take place on the streets of Santa Monica. The initial 8.4-mile course began on Ocean Avenue at Montana Avenue. It then turned left on Nevada (now Wilshire Boulevard) and took the long straight-away down to where the Old Soldiers Home (now the Veterans Building) was located, where it would then take a sweeping left turn onto Federal. It then took a sharp left onto San Vicente and headed back toward the ocean where it would take another hard left back onto Ocean Avenue.

The first race was 24 laps and the winning driver attained an average speed of nearly 65 mph. Incredibly, the drivers would reach these speeds while driving on streets that consisted only of uneven dirt and gravel that had been sprayed with oil to increase stability. They wore no seatbelts or helmets and the cars were basically stripped-down convertibles with no windshields or doors. Clearly, the cars were built for speed, not safety.

In addition to the driver, each car also carried its own mechanic, because cars

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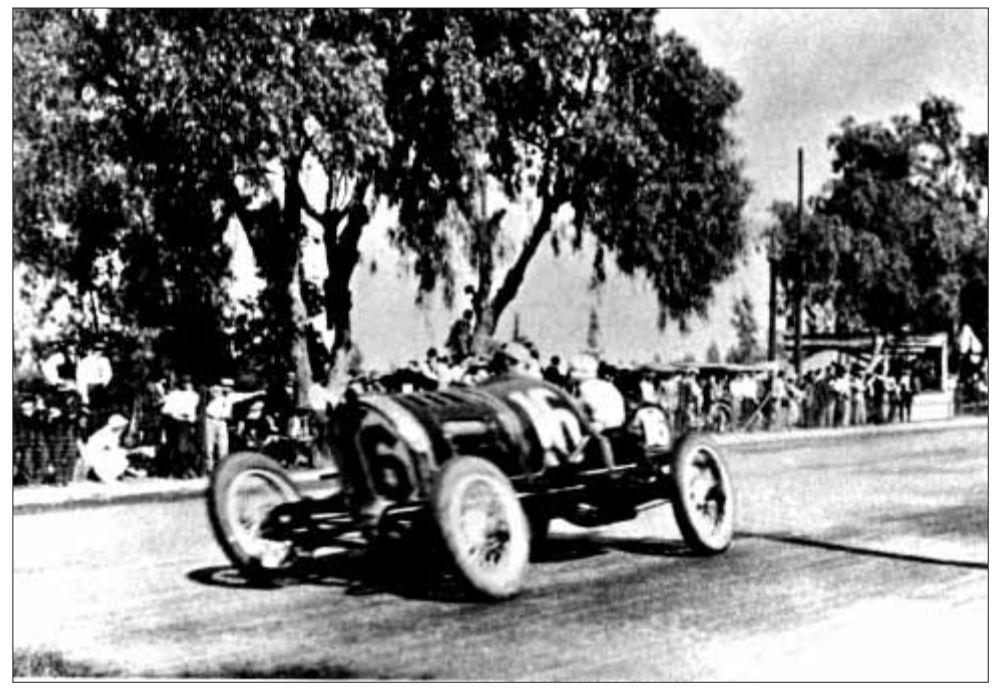


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VROOM: **A race car driver barrels down Ocean Avenue early last century. During the early 1900s this sight was common as Santa Monica hosted annual automobile races.**



THE TREATMENT

Brandon Wise *brandonw@smdp.com*

Hair stylists pamper homeless and low-income women who are seeking jobs with hair cuts, beauty tips and job attire during the Chrysalis Women's Empowerment Program, 'Makeover Night,' at Studio DNA on Broadway on Wednesday afternoon.

Woman arrested while trying to protect junipers

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Editor in Chief

PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITY At least one person was arrested Tuesday after refusing to leave a section of Reed Park where 45 junipers were to be removed as part of a renovation project.

Police report that Sherry Ann Martini, a resident, was placed under arrest for trespassing, a misdemeanor, and booked at the Santa Monica Jail. She was released several hours later after posting $5,000 bail.

Martini told the Daily Press that her decision to sit under the junipers was the only way for her to convince City Hall to change course and keep the trees.

"I've attended City Council meetings to have my voice and those of my fellow treesavers heard," she said. "I've tried writing letters. I've signed petitions. Nobody in the city … has tried to help."

City officials said the junipers were to be removed because of concerns for public safety. Many of the trees were pruned to the point that they had lost structural integrity and had signs of ill health, said Community and Cultural Services Director Barbara

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Removing trees is sustainable?

Editor:

I read with dismay that plans for the removal of the healthy and drought-tolerant Reed Park junipers (juniperus torlosa) are proceeding. All this in the name of sustainability as well as public safety concerning the homeless population that frequents the park. Is it really sustainable to remove healthy, drought-tolerant trees in an effort to eradicate homelessness? As to the subsequent claim that these trees are in declining health, the fact that this was not mentioned in the original notice sent out two weeks ago makes this claim suspect. It appears City Hall has in reality adopted the wasteful principle of disposability — disposable homeless people and disposable trees — and resorted to Orwellian doublespeak to cloak it in the trendy guise of "sustainability."

Patsy Maddock
Santa Monica

Channeling Thoreau

Editor:

The revolutions sweeping the Middle East will arrive in Santa Monica right on time. Like the tsunami, the incredible shrinking radioactive cloud and change. We are not exempt and it's going to come. It's on its way. Real "On the Beach" here in paradise.

I asked before, now I'm asking again, how much are we paying the jerks on the joke of a City Council? More important: why are we paying? I'm serious! I say throw them overboard and save the money for something worthwhile. What have they done for us? Pass unconstitutional and ridiculous "laws" and ruin our days with stupid activities and secret police out patrolling the safe (no drive-by shootings here) and happy streets of Santa Monica for vicious violators like leaf blowers, heinous criminals with hedges, dastardly deeds like smoking, and a lot of stuff that has no place in government. No government has ever legislated morality or culture. When will we ever learn from history here? I say we sack the bunch of them. This is our city ... not theirs.

The revolution begins at home. But social change is happening in remote places and guess what, it's the incredible shrinking world (just like the man). Pretty soon that spider (from the movie) is going to be hunting you. No more eating cake when that happens. It's a hard rain that's going to fall in Santa Monica.

When is it time to take a stand? When is it just too much? How much must we endure? And we are paying for this? Not me. I will not pay any tax to Santa Monica. Go ahead and put me in your luxury jail where the prisoners have better health care than me. OK, you got me when I buy stuff, but that's it. You wonderful specimens of humanity on the City Council can go to Cucamonga.

Brian Madden
Santa Monica

Taxi fares are fair

Editor:

I read an article about increased taxi rates and actually the meter rates are down. Gas is $4-plus a gallon and so to the guy who complains about taxi fares, tell him like everything else in life the cost has to be passed on. After all, you do want a taxi driver to be able to afford his rent and by food don't you, sir? How can you expect $28 to $30 to the airport with these gas prices? If you don't like the fare, sir, take a bus.

Dave Cohen
Santa Monica



Your column here



Sarah Mosko — Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Soy not so healthy after all

SOY-BASED FOODSTUFFS LIKE VEGGIE burgers and nutrition bars are a source of protein and generally considered "health foods" often eaten out of a belief they are good for you.

Soyfoods also have a reputation for being produced in a more environmentally friendly or sustainable fashion than animal sources of protein.

However, whether foods containing highly processed forms of soy protein are really good for people or the environment is brought into question by a November 2010 report from the Cornucopia Institute, a Wisconsin-based nonprofit, which claims that non-organic soy protein is commonly extracted from the soybeans by literally bathing the beans in hexane, a chemical by-product of petroleum refining.

Even popular brands of nutrition bars, veggie burgers and other meat alternatives marketed as "natural" are often guilty of this practice unless they are specifically "USDA Organic."

Soybeans were originally introduced to U.S. farmers in the 1930s from Southeast Asia where soybeans have traditionally been treated with hot water to yield soy milk and tofu or else fermented to obtain products like soy sauce, miso and tempeh. Soybeans were initially grown in the U.S. to obtain soy cooking oil which was extracted mechanically (through pressure), and the protein rich residue was and is still used as animal feed.

By the 1950s, soy oil was the most popular vegetable oil in the U.S., though rapeseed oil (canola) later surpassed it in popularity.

However, chemical extraction was applied to soybean processing in the latter half of the 20th century to derive the various protein derivatives now added to many human foods: soy protein isolate, soy protein concentrate, and textured soy protein. The first step in obtaining any of these is the chemical bath which extracts the soy oil, leaving behind "defatted" soy flour which undergoes further processing into the different forms of soy protein incorporated into foods.

Hexane remains today the chemical of choice for oil extraction for not just soy but other vegetable oils too, like corn and safflower. However, any oils meeting USDA Organic standards, which prohibit processing with synthetic chemicals, are always extracted mechanically with pressure via an expeller, screw or ram press. The more traditional oils, like olive and coconut, are also often obtained through mechanical extraction, whether organic or not.

According to Cornucopia's food policy analyst Charlotte Vallaeys, the standard hexane bath is literally 50-60 percent n-hexane, and the rest is composed of other related petrochemicals — cyclohexane, methylcyclohexane and methypentanes.

Hexane is a readily available component of gasoline used as an industrial solvent for cleaning and degreasing all sorts of items. As to why it continues to be applied to extracting soy protein when mechanically extracted organic soy protein has been available for many years, the answer is obvious: Hexane extraction is cheaper and the yield is greater.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency classifies hexane as a neurotoxin affecting the nervous system of humans and lab animals, based on effects of chronic inhalation. Chronic workplace exposure increases risk for polyneuropathy, a neurological disorder characterized by muscle weakness, nerve damage and visual impairment. The agency cites no studies that have yet looked into the effect of oral exposure, and studies are also lacking to determine hexane's carcinogenic potential except for one which linked brain tumors to workers exposed to hexane and other chemicals at a petrochemical plant.

Hexane is also regarded as a hazardous air pollutant because it contributes to ground-level ozone, a component of smog. According to Cornucopia, 19 million pounds were released into the air in 2009 from the processing of soybeans and other grains. Furthermore, hexane is highly explosive and has injured or killed both plant workers and tanker truck drivers.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has not set any restriction on the maximum level of hexane allowed in soyfoods, nor are manufacturers required to measure residues in foods, so how much hexane humans could be exposed to through consumption of processed soyfoods is unknown. The European Union, however, adopted a directive in 2009 targeting residues of solvents used in food processing and set a hexane limit of 10 ppm (parts per million) for foods containing defatted soy protein products.

In 2009, Cornucopia sent a sample each of soy meal and soy grits to an independent testing lab which detected hexane residues of 22 ppm and 14 ppm, respectively. Cornucopia has since petitioned the FDA to measure both soy foodstuffs and human tissues for hexane contamination, with particular focus on products made for infants and children because of the greater vulnerability of youngsters to environmental toxins. The FDA has yet to respond.

According to Cornucopia, the more mainstream brands of infant soy formula (Enfamil, Similac and Nestle) rely on hexane-extracted soy protein, and the manufacturers offer no organic alternatives. At least three smaller companies do: Vermont Organics made by PBM Nutritionals, Earth's Best from The Hain Celestial Group, and Baby's Only from Nature's One.

Downloadable shopper's guides are offered by Cornucopia which list popular brands of nutrition bars, veggie burgers and meat alternatives according to whether or not their soy ingredients are processed with hexane (www.cornucopia.org/2010/11/hexane-soy/).

Twenty of the 44 nutrition bars inventoried, including Cliff Bars, Odwalla, and Genisoy, are processed with hexane, and the same is true for 17 out of 31 meat alternatives, including popular products made by Boca, Morningstar Farms, Gardenburger, and Yves Veggie Cuisine.

A word of warning: It can be tricky to get the straight scoop from manufacturers of non-organic soyfoods on how the protein was extracted because most will have purchased it from one of the handful of corporate giants that actually do the extractions (e.g. Archer Daniels Midland or Solae). Soyfood makers can disingenuously skirt the issue by stating that their company does not use hexane.

Cornucopia emphasizes the importance of scanning the ingredient list for non-organic soy protein ingredients or, better yet, looking for the USDA Organic seal. A product labeled "made with organic ingredients" can still contain up to 30 percent non-organic ingredients, and a "natural" label conveys nothing about how soybeans were processed.

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Not enough time to enjoy life

DEAR NEW SHRINK,

I have this issue with self-motivation. I am extremely busy with my work schedule, so when I have free time, I like to spend it with my friends, family, and my boyfriend since I am most often working. However, I constantly mope about wishing I took piano lessons, read more, took a photography class, etc. I also always say I wish I had time to work out, and even though I recognize it is not my first priority, I really don't have time given my schedule during the week, and then it becomes an issue again on the weekend when I would rather be with people.

Does this mean I really don't want these things and I just say I do, because I feel like really I do? How can I better manage my time, priorities? Thanks.

Signed,
Am I Kidding Myself

DEAR AM I KIDDING MYSELF,

This is an interesting question, actually it's several questions in one.

Your idea that you are looking at this as "self" and motivation makes me wonder what motivates you. Is it truly your "self?" Or are you working so hard because you need the money or does someone else have this expectation of you?

If its financial, then that is really financial motivation and perhaps, basic need and survival. Many people find themselves struggling with this in today's economy.

If you are working away in someone else's image of you, I think you might want to step back and think this over. When people truly love us, they usually want what is best for us. It is often a loved one that sets expectations that we try to meet. However, sometimes we imagine that if we just do more and more, we will bring happiness to someone or that they will love us more. If this is the case, after you have really thought it through, had a conversation with yourself, you may also need to have a talk with that person you are trying to impress.

Life goes by pretty quickly and it is very important to think about what you want, who you really are and what is meaningful to you. Happiness does not come from forcing yourself to be something that doesn't really work for you. It also doesn't come from money or the acquisition of material things. This mistaken idea is and has been the illusion of many people. This is not to say that having money doesn't make life easier and certainly you need enough to survive. But if you make it your God, you won't be happy.

It also sounds like you might be a tad too hard on yourself. If you need to be working right now, then give yourself a break and take those classes later.

If you a workaholic then yes, you need to re-evaluate your priorities.

Also, being with the people we love and care about is very important. We need it for the social support it provides and research has repeatedly shown that it has health benefits as well.

I have the feeling from your question that you do want these other things and that you just need to decide your priorities and put some of these things aside for now. Photography, reading and piano lessons are not going anywhere and neither is work.

If you are someone who has problems with self-regulation, this may be something you need to work on or see a therapist for. Self-regulation has to do with managing our own behaviors and emotions. If you are truly out of balance, consider this as a serious question.

Some quick suggestions are 1) take some alone time to evaluate what you are doing and what you want as priorities and then 2) given what is possible, try to make some small changes toward that end. For example, maybe take one night a week, or a few hours on a weekend to be alone and do something you really want to do. Give yourself a little bit of time off. Being alone some of the time is actually good for your mental health.

Finally, if there is someone that you feel pressured by, either have a conversation with that person or learn to say "No!"

Good luck.

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The Q Line

We have to ask

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After the black list

IF A MAN COMMITS A MORAL crime against his best friend and torments himself with that secret for more than 50 years, is it necessary — or even appropriate — for his children to sit in judgment and literally destroy him — and the lifetime friendship?

That's the dilemma posed by Allan Manings' new play "Goodbye, Louie … Hello!" now having its world premiere at Theatre West in Hollywood.

It's yet another story about the House Un-American Activities Committee witch-hunt in the 1950s and the black list of the entertainment industry that followed. As usual, it's a fascinating story that bears repeating, and this one, though familiar, is well told.

Louie Berns (a histrionic Alan Freeman) is the haunted comedian who "named names" to the committee, and the name he named was that of his best friend and comic partner, Benjy Gordon (beautifully played by Steve Franken).

In return for his testimony, Louie's participation was kept hidden, and he went on to a long and successful career on his own television show and in nightclubs, theater, and films. Benjy, on the other hand, wound up in obscurity without ever knowing why. Louie, out of love as well as guilt, has "looked after" his friend through the years and made sure Benjy always had some role in all his (Louie's) theatrical ventures.

Now the two men, both widowers, are about to part. Louie is determined to move from New York to an "active adult community" in Arizona that he chose largely because it didn't have an obfuscating name like "Golden Sunset Villas." And he wants Benjy to come with him. But Benjy is adamant. "Arizona?" he says. "That's just like New Jersey, only with cactus!"

When Benjy questions why a lifelong New Yorker would want to move to the Wild West, Louie counters by claiming that his grandfather was "the Wyatt Earp of the Ukraine."

The two men are very funny together, and like all the old-time vaudevillians, they have impeccable timing. As Louie says, "The first rule is to be funny. Funny has a long shelf life." The challenge with facing an audience, he adds, "is getting them all to laugh at the same things."

The challenge facing Louie, however, is his aging memory. Ironically, the man who "named names" now has trouble remembering anyone's name. But he vividly remembers the past, which comes and goes in flashes.

The plot thickens when Louie's two grown children show up. The obvious favorite is the daughter, Amy (Maria Kress), who kvetches over her father as if she were his mother. The son, Scott (Paul Denniston), is seething with resentment and anger because he has chosen to become an actor rather than a lawyer, and he is well aware of his father's disappointment in him.

Being a show business family, the children have grown up with Louie's mantra, Polonius' speech to his son, Laertes: "This above all, to thine own self be true …" And now they are putting their father's feet to the fire. It's time for him to be true to his mantra. Whether the penalty is worth the price it exacts is up to you to decide.

And while Freeman and Denniston, as father and son, are a little over the top from time to time, Director John Gallogly has managed to make the actors believable; they make an engaging drama out of what is essentially a rather thin story line.

"Goodbye, Louie … Hello!" will run Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m.through May 8 at Theatre West, 3333 Cahuenga Blvd. West, in Hollywood. Call (323) 851-7977 for reservations.

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Grammys trim category list

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NEW YORK Men and women will compete head-to-head, some of the more exotic awards like best Native American album and best spoken-word children's record have been eliminated, and the number of categories has been reduced by more than 30 in the biggest overhaul in the 53-year history of the Grammys.

While no musical genres will be excluded from Grammy contention, the changes will make the awards a lot more competitive.

"It ups the game in terms of what it takes to receive a Grammy and preserves the great esteem of which it's held in the creative community, which is the most important element," Recording Academy President and CEO Neil Portnow said in a telephone interview Wednesday.

While the Academy has adjusted its rules and adapted to industry changes over the years, these changes follow its first major examination of the awards structure, a process that took more than a year.

The biggest change will come in the number of categories, cut from 109 to 78. Awards will no longer be given in such categories as rap performance by a duo or group; some of the instrumental categories in pop, rock and country; traditional gospel; children's spoken-word album; Zydeco or Cajun music album; and best classical crossover album.

That doesn't mean that those types of music are ineligible; they will simply compete within larger fields.

Portnow said the changes will make the awards process more rigorous.

"That's appropriate. We are talking about the most prestigious, coveted award and it should be a high bar in terms of the measurement of receiving that," he said.

Separate male and female vocal categories in fields like pop, R&B and country are among those being dropped. Men and women will now compete in each overall field. That is already the case in the field of rock, which does not have male and female vocal categories.

"A great singer is a great singer is a great singer, and somebody that has a gift in terms of their voice, and is at the top of their game in terms of their delivery and emotion, really isn't necessarily defined by gender," Portnow said.

The changes would appear to make it more difficult for artists in lesser-known and less mainstream categories. Tia Carrere won't be taking home any more Grammys for best Hawaiian music album, for example. But she could still win in the new best regional roots music album category.

Lawyers: Jackson was down over finances

LINDA DEUTSCH
AP Special Correspondent

LOS ANGELES A defense lawyer for Michael Jackson's doctor said Wednesday the singer was so anguished about his deteriorating finances in his final days that he took desperate actions that caused his own death.

The statements by attorney Edward Chernoff came during a pretrial hearing in the case of Dr. Conrad Murray, who has pleaded not guilty to involuntary manslaughter in Jackson's death.

Chernoff was asking to see Jackson's financial records to prove a key defense theory.

"The crux of the defense is going to be that Michael Jackson engaged in a desperate act and took desperate measures that caused his death," Chernoff told Superior Court Judge Michael Pastor. "We believe at the time Michael Jackson died he was a desperate man in relation to his financial affairs."

Deputy District Attorney David Walgren accused the defense of trying to distract from the main issue of the trial — whether Murray acted with gross negligence when he gave Jackson the anesthetic propofol and other sedatives on the day he died..

"This is an irrelevant sideshow designed to take issues away from the jury and smear Michael Jackson," Walgren said. "It has nothing to do with the case on which Dr. Murray is being prosecuted. "

Attorney Howard Weitzman, representing the late singer's estate, also opposed the request for financial records.

"Is the theory that Michael Jackson committed suicide, took his own life?" he said incredulously. "I don't think that's a salable theory.

The judge refused to grant the request.

"I'm not going to turn an involuntary manslaughter trial into some kind of an escapade in analysis of the finances in Michael Jackson's entire life," Pastor said. "Right now this is major deep sea fishing."

However, Pastor did order Weitzman to confer with defense counsel on financial records that are already available in the public record.

The reference to Jackson's finances added a new twist to the defense case.

During an earlier preliminary hearing, Murray's lawyers suggested that Jackson, who was desperate for sleep, gave himself an additional dose of propofol while Murray was in a restroom. A coroner's report showed the singer died of an overdose of propofol and an assortment of other sedatives.

Defense lawyers never used the word suicide and implied his death was accidental but self-inflicted. They seemed poised to argue that Jackson was about to embark on an extremely strenuous concert tour because it was the only way to save himself financially.

They are likely to suggest that was why Jackson was so desperate for sleep as he was preparing for the tour. At a preliminary hearing for Murray. Jackson was quoted by a witness as saying if he didn't sleep he would have to cancel the tour.

Lawyers were ordered to return Thursday to continue screening prospective jurors through written questionnaires. Jury selection is scheduled to move into open court on May 4 and opening statements are expected on May 9.

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Angels with the 40th overall pick of the 2009 Major League Baseball draft, has the added pressure of being considered one of the top prospects in the Arizona organization since coming over in a trade for big leaguer Dan Haren last year. Any added pressure that comes with that distinction is something the young prospect should handle with ease, said Visalia pitching coach and former Cy Young Award winner Doug Drabek

"He's obviously a young kid, but he has good poise," Drabek said. "I like the way he handles himself."

Like Skaggs, Decker too has quickly made a name for himself since being drafted in the 22nd round of the 2009 draft after starring at UCLA. He's already been named the Most Valuable Player in the Arizona league in 2009 and tabbed as MLB.com's Short-Season Best Hitter of the Year last season.

These accomplishments have the potential to build a player up too high, but Decker is unassuming as he prepares for his third year in pro ball.

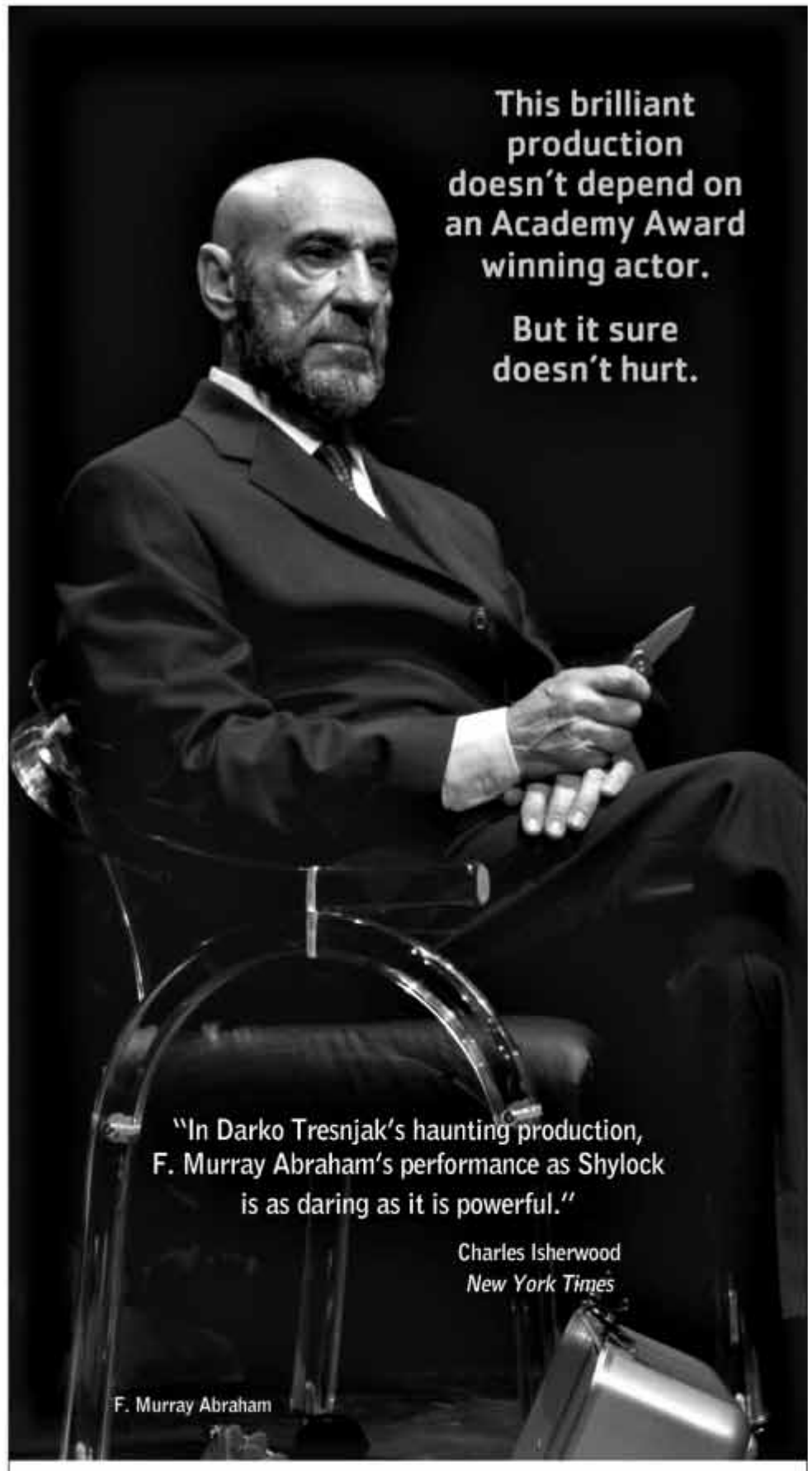
"My personal goal is to just go out there and have some fun," Decker said while riding a bus to Arkansas for the season opener. "If it isn't fun, it isn't worth doing for me."

Despite being in a log jam on the Padres' organizational depth chart at first base, Decker's early-career performance has his current team curious to see what the slugger can add in their offense.

"He's going to provide some much-needed power," said Jim White, the Missions' director of public relations. "Any time we get a prospect with a big reputation like Cody we get pretty excited."

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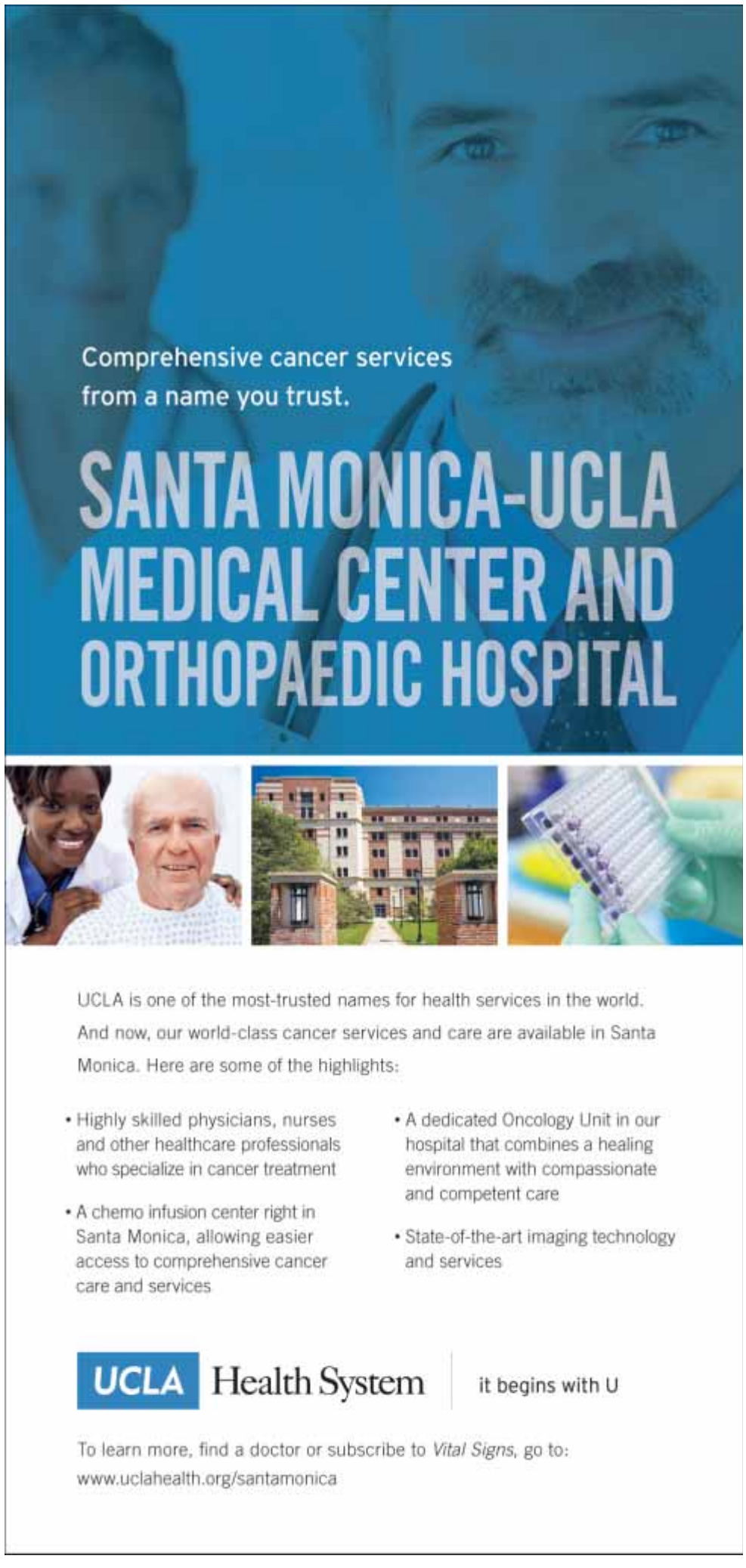
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Of those spaces, 1,184 would serve staff and physicians, with limited valet parking. Visitors and patients would get approximately 356 spaces, with no self-park option.

The original development agreement included a total of 1,487 spaces, with peak demand by 2013 estimated at approximately 1,300 spaces used.

Incorporated into the proposed amendment are provisions to put in place an "aggressive" transportation demand management program, including carpool enhancements, bicycle parking and showers, a designated employee transportation coordinator and the potential to form a transportation management association for the entire health care district, amongst other provisions.

To mitigate traffic coming out of the entry plaza, where the valet for patients and visitors would be operating, City Hall requested a new signal.

The original application for the amendment was filed in the midst of the Planning Department's efforts to complete the new land use and circulation element, or LUCE. Any development agreement must comply with the most recent LUCE, which, in part, contributed to the delay of the amendment.

"The focus is on reducing vehicle trips, and the associated parking demand," said Senior Planner Roxanne Tanemori. "This is supported and envisioned by the LUCE, and this is our opportunity to start implementing those objectives with projects of scale."

Saint John's and city staff are still in negotiations regarding further community benefits which would come out of the project, Tanemori said.

Community members present were not placated by the proposal, instead demanding the parking structure they felt was promised under the original development agreement.

"What was in the development agreement better happen," said former Mid-City Neighbors leader David Cole. "Those parking spots need to be built where they were planned. Their financial issue is not my problem, and it's not yours either."

Other speakers noted that the hospital got what it wanted out of the 1998 agreement — a new building and the promise of more when phase two of the project comes up — but that it had cut out the community benefit by first not building the garage, requesting an extension and now trying to kill the project altogether.

Hostility and frustration mounted over the course of the meeting, with one person nearly ejected from the library's multipurpose room.

A more muted point which came out of the evening was an argument by Chris Harding, Saint John's land-use attorney, that the development agreement gave the hospital the right to build a parking structure, but did not obligate it to do so.

"The matter is in dispute," Harding said at the meeting. "What we're trying to do is resolve that."

Saint John's Hospital itself has not yet taken a public position on the obligation versus vested right issue, Harding said.

City staff and hospital officials have much more to work out before the Planning Commission and City Council get a crack at the amendment, including a provision which would force the hospital to build the subterranean garage if the proposed off-site parking couldn't meet the peak-use requirements.

Such a scenario could be a lot more relevant than many realize.

Under the proposal, Saint John's Hospital would lease 450 spaces in the Yahoo Center parking lot for the use of physicians and other employees.

In fact, the hospital already leases those spaces, which may violate the Yahoo! Center's development agreement with City Hall. Staff have scheduled the hearing for the amendment of that development agreement to come immediately before Saint John's Hospital's agreement gets to the City Council, in case either the Planning Commission or the council's decision invalidates part of Saint John's proposal.

An extra City Council meeting has been tentatively scheduled for May 3 to hear the Yahoo! Center's agreement, with the Saint John's Hospital agreement scheduled for the regular meeting on May 10, said Councilman Kevin McKeown.

It's unclear what would happen if the Yahoo! Center's development agreement hit a snag at the Planning Commission level, which still does not have firm dates for hearing either agreement.

"The two agreements are co-dependent, at least," McKeown said. "While I regret the lack of civility demonstrated (Tuesday) night, I regret and share the community's frustration at how long this parking question has been allowed to remain unresolved, and look forward to doing what I can to get it completed."

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ARREST
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Stinchfield. There were also concerns that the trees prevented police from having a clear line of sight into the park.

City officials plan to replace the trees with native plants that are drought resistant, increasing sustainability, Stinchfield said.

Officers gave Martini several chances to leave the area without being cited, but she refused. Officers also allowed her to call her husband on the phone to consult with him before her arrest, said SMPD Sgt. Jay Trisler.

Officers tried to convince Martini to protest the removal in a different manner that was not illegal, Trisler added.

Martini said the officers were polite.

However, she did complain that she was held for almost seven hours and believes the bail amount was too high.

"I can see why so many people are not willing to exercise their God-given right to protest peacefully if the process is to make the bail exceedingly high," she said.

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GETTING BACK

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Santa Monica High School's Matthew Stancil catches the ball as the Vikings try to pick-off El Segundo's Nigel Nootbaar on Wednesday at Samohi. The Vikings lost, 6-4, in extra innings.

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would be disqualified if anyone other than its own crew members worked on it if it were to break down. And these powerful machines could be temperamental, so your choice in mechanics was critical.

Grandstands were set up along Ocean Avenue and were packed with several thousand fans before race time. In fact, nearly 50,000 spectators lined the streets, screaming and waving their hats as the cars flew by. The first event was so successful that it immediately gained the attention of the national racing scene. In a few years, the Santa Monica venue was so popular that it would host top national events such as the Vanderbilt Cup and Grand Prix in 1914, where more than 100,000 raucous spectators crowded the streets as the cars roared by at top speeds of more than 75 mph.

The drivers were a rough and daring group, and were seen as modern-day cowboys, bouncing wildly around on their supercharged horses. They and their sponsors worked feverishly to tweak and improve their race car's speed and performance. The team had only two goals: to win races and to break speed records. And, at Santa Monica, speed records were constantly being broken as it became one of the premier road race venues in the country. The top speed reached was an astonishing 91 mph.

Santa Monica lost the hosting rights to the Vanderbilt and Grand Prix to San Francisco in 1915, because the city promised it could make it an even more successful event. But it returned to Santa Monica the following year after races in San Francisco didn't come close to matching the attendance and revenue at Santa Monica. As wild and unruly these events were, up until now there had been no serious accidents or deaths. It was a remarkable feat because, in addition to the obvious risks, the competitors also never knew when a dog, horse or cow might wander onto the track.

But that changed in 1916 when a driver spun out and killed three spectators, one a lemonade street vendor. The driver also lost his life as his car crumpled into one of the large oak trees that lined Nevada (Wilshire Boulevard). Incredibly, his mechanic was thrown from the car, but somehow walked away, with only scratches and a face full of dirt.

World War I forced the races to be suspended for two years — 1917 and 1918. Then, in 1919, the races returned and the course's overall length was shortened by a mile when Ocean Avenue was replaced by the now less-populated Eighth Street, which ran eight blocks east of the original route. The winner's average speed was an astounding 81.27 mph.

But 1919 would be the last year a race would ever be held in Santa Monica. The city had experienced incredible growth, both in its population and stature during the race's 10-year run and was now safely free of Los Angeles' clutches. And since residents had grown tired of this yearly mass "locust-like" invasion on their quiet beach town, city leaders met little resistance when they sent the race and its fans packing after the 1919 event.

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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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PARKING

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Motion, a company which provides real-time parking data through GPS and smart phone applications.

They were inspired by their own woes trying to park in the city by the sea.

"We started three years ago," Friedman said. "We were both born and raised here. We wanted to figure out how to solve the parking problem on a macro level, and that means helping people find parking."

They decided to create a nationwide real-time parking system, which not only tells users where parking structures and lots are, but if the sites are likely to have parking spaces by the time you get there.

"If you're driving into Santa Monica on a Friday night, parking will be a nightmare no matter what, but we can tell you which lot and which street to go down first," Friedman said.

Israel and Friedman launched the company straight out of college. The original base of operations was Friedman's garage.

The first year and a half was an uphill battle as both tried to educate themselves on how to get the business underway.

Although neither of them had any experience in technology or parking policy, what they did have was hustle.

Friedman and Israel surrounded themselves with an advisory council of experts, including Donald Shoup, a professor of urban planning at UCLA who "wrote the book" on parking.

Parking in Motion officially launched in 2009.

Using a variety of open source technologies, Parking in Motion crafted a free app available on iTunes that guides people to their ultimate destination.

PIM covers 20,000 public parking lots in 300 U.S. cities, 50 in Canada and 200 in Europe. The information comes with rates, hours, entrance points and, eventually, how many spaces are left in any given location.

Their ability to provide that kind of detail is completely dependent on municipalities and private garage operators' ability to keep track of their own parking supply, however.



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EASY DOES IT: **Sam Friedman (left) and Alex Israel want to make parking less painful.**

The guys reach out to cities with offers of aiding with traffic congestion in return for real-time information.

"We'll provide the value-added service, all we need is data from the cities," Friedman said.

Santa Monica was the first city included in the PIM database.

"It was easy to work with the IT department in Santa Monica," Friedman said. "Beyond that, we wanted to test it ourselves."

Santa Monica's street and garage parking already has the capacity to link into GPS devices, said Don Patterson, Santa Monica's business and revenue operations manager.

The app is free, so the company has to make money in other ways. Garages pay PIM to market to customers using the platform, and the company gets paid for its licensing deals and location-based advertising.

The technology is ever-evolving.

PIM hopes to roll out an app with the capability to reserve and prepay for parking before their users arrive at the garage, potentially cashing in on discounts for advertising garages and hooking up patrons with coupons to local restaurants or other attractions.

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School district cleans green

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

SMMUSD HDQTRS Classrooms and other facilities in the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District are being cleaned with environmentally-friendly chemicals, officials with the district said Wednesday.

These new green cleaning products and procedures will be phased in as the inventory of current products is depleted, and are expected to be fully implemented district-wide by the end of the school year.

Before selecting these new cleaning products, the district specified that they must be certified to have a reduced impact on human health and environment by third-party organizations like EcoLogo and Green Seal. The products that were ultimately selected incorporate the latest in innovative green chemistry, and they have been tested for cleaning efficacy and approved by the district custodial team, district officials said.

This new cleaning product selection is the culmination of a process that began when City Hall suggested the district apply for a California Department of Health grant for testing of green cleaning supplies.

In addition to the ongoing endorsement from the city of Santa Monica Office of Sustainability and the Environment, this grant was also supported by the Environmental Working Group (EWG), a national environmental research and advocacy organization, and two other nonprofits — the Green Schools Initiative and the Green Purchasing Institute.

With this grant, the district will receive training for custodial, facilities, and purchasing staff on the hazards of conventional cleaners, and how to select and purchase safer, more environmentally preferable cleaners.

A major goal of this initiative has been to improve overall indoor air quality in district facilities by taking steps to minimize exposure of students, staff, and building occupants to environmental triggers that can exacerbate asthma.

Studies have shown that using green cleaning products emit far fewer volatile organic compounds (VOCs), which are known to potentially trigger asthmatic reactions — and since 20 percent of the district's enrollment currently has asthma related conditions, it is the goal of the district to try to control as many variables that can trigger a reaction as possible, district officials said.

In addition to the third-party certifications, two of the three new cleaning products have also been certified to be "Clean Air Choices Certified — Cleaners" by the South Coast Air Quality Management District, which recognizes products with ultra low VOC content.

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SURF REPORT

Surf Conditions **Water Temp:** 61°

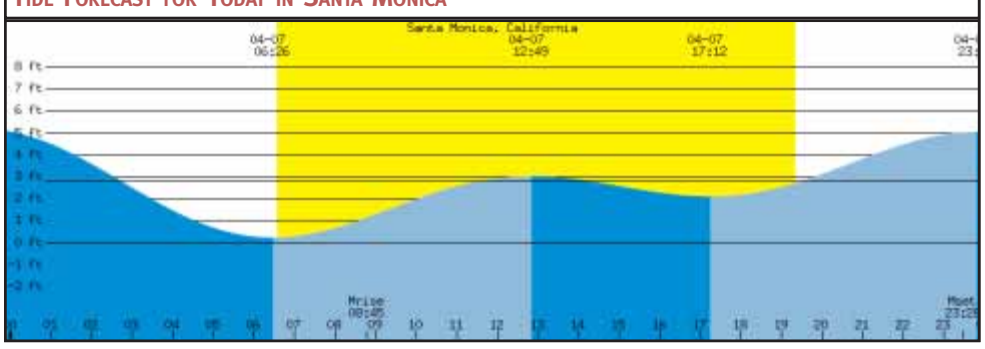
Swell Forecast

ETA for our next SW swell, and NW wind/ground swell is expected as well. Southern hemi should bring chest to head high sets to south facing breaks.

Long Range Synopsis

SW remains at chest to head high. **NW** wind swell, so far, is expected to peak, possibly to a few feet overhead.

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 30, 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 -- 32 / 23
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 14 / 19

The Beach Report Card is made possible by: The Diller – von Furstenberg Family Foundation, Grousbeck 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
Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth.	F	D
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	A+
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechusa and Las Alisos 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).	B	A+
Paradise Cove Pier at Rameer Canyon Creek mouth.	C	F
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	F	A
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	F	B
Solstice Canyon at Don Blocker County Beach.	A+	F
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth.	A+	F
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd..	F	A+
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	A
Surfrider Beach (breach location)- daily.	F	F
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	F	C
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+	A
Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach.	A+	A
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.	F	A+
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	A+	B
Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence.	A+	B
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).	C	F
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain.	A+	A
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain.	A+	A
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+	A
Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain.	A	F
Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain.	A+	F
Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain.	A+	A
Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain.	F	B
Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south.	A+	A
Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St..	A+	A
Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- lifeguard tower.	A	C
Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth.	A+	F
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+	A
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+	B

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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MLB

Barry Bonds' lawyers rest with no defense witnesses

RONALD BLUM
AP Sports Writer

SAN FRANCISCO Barry Bonds' confident defense team rested its case Wednesday without calling a single witness, just minutes after a federal judge accepted the government's request to dismiss one of the five counts against the home run king.

Prosecutors called 25 witnesses to the stand over 2? weeks, but the defense needed just one minute to present its side. The jury of eight women and four men barely had time to get settled in the courtroom before being told to return Thursday morning for closing arguments.

"We are expecting that you will get this case for decision tomorrow," U.S. District Judge Susan Illston said to them. "Tomorrow will be the last day."

Once indicted on as many as 15 counts, Bonds will face just four charges when the jury starts deliberations in a court house less than two miles from the ballpark where he set records for the Giants. A decision could come as early as Friday — when the World Series championship flag is raised in San Francisco for the first time.

Faced with a defense motion that Illston was prepared to grant, prosecutors dropped the count accusing Bonds of lying to a grand jury in 2003 when he said prior to that season he never took anything other than vitamins from trainer Greg Anderson. The defense said the government presented no evidence that Bonds was given Tetrahydrogestrinone (THG) and a testosterone ointment, designer steroids known as "The Clear" and "The Cream," before 2003. Bonds testified in front of the grand jury that Anderson told him the substances were flaxseed oil and arthritic balm.

The remaining counts charge Bonds with lying when he denied knowingly receiving steroids from Anderson, denied getting human growth hormone from Anderson and said he only allowed himself to be injected by doctors. The final count accuses Bonds of obstruction of justice.

On the 11th day of the trial, the defense presentation lasted about the time it took Bonds to circle the bases after one of his record 762 home runs. Lawyer Cristina Arguedas read the jury one answer from the grand jury testimony of former Bonds' girlfriend Kimberly Bell in which Bell said she wrote her own diary. That conflicts with Bell's trial testimony, in which she said ghost writer Aphrodite Jones collaborated on the diary.

Defense lawyer Allen Ruby had said Tuesday he might call up to six witnesses, including Bonds, and every spectator seat in the court room was filled in anticipation. But Bonds' never took the stand to tell the jury his side of the story, signaling the defense thinks the government has failed to prove its charges beyond a reasonable doubt.

Just one witness, former Bonds' personal shopper Kathy Hoskins, gave eyewitness testimony that corroborated any of the charges. She said she once saw Anderson inject Bonds near the belly button — she didn't identify what substance was being injected.

With Anderson in jail on a contempt citation for his refusal to testify, prosecutors had to rely on witnesses who put Bonds near Anderson and needles, along with evidence that Anderson was supplying players with performance-enhancing drugs.

If Bonds is convicted, he could be sentenced to up to 10 years in prison on each count.



City of Santa Monica

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MOVIE TIMES

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Two westerns directed by Sam Peckinpah
Pat Garrett and Billy The Kid (R) 2hr 2min
Ride The High Country (NR) 1hr34min
7:30pm
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AMC Loews Broadway 4
1441 Third Street Promenade
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Lincoln Lawyer (R) 1hr 59min
12:00pm, 3:00pm, 6:00pm, 9:00pm

Insidious (PG-13) 1hr 42min
1:30pm, 4:00pm, 7:05pm, 9:40pm

Kill the Irishman (R) 1hr 46min
1:30pm, 4:40pm, 7:25pm, 10:00pm

An Affirmative Act (NR) 1hr 40min
1:55pm, 4:30pm, 7:00pm, 9:30pm

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

Rango (PG) 1hr 47min
11:10am, 1:55pm, 4:30pm, 7:05pm, 9:50pm

Sucker Punch (R) 2hrs 00min
11:20am, 2:00pm, 4:40pm, 7:20pm, 10:00pm

Hop (PG) 1hr 30min
11:05am, 1:35pm, 4:00pm, 7:00pm, 9:30pm

Paul (R) 1hr 40min
11:00am, 1:45pm, 4:30pm, 7:15pm, 9:55pm

Adjustment Bureau (PG-13) 1hr 46min
12:00pm, 2:30pm, 5:05pm, 7:40pm, 10:10pm

Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Rodrick Rules (PG) 1hr 36min
11:15am, 1:50pm, 4:35pm, 7:10pm, 9:40pm

Source Code (PG-13) 1hr 34min
11:50am, 2:25pm, 5:00pm, 7:35pm, 10:05pm

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

Barney's Version (R) 2hrs 12min
3:20pm, 8:30pm

Win Win (R) 1hr 46min
1:40pm, 4:20pm, 7:10pm, 9:50pm

Super (NR) 1hr 36min
1:50pm, 4:40pm, 7:30pm, 9:55pm

I Am (NR) 1hr 16min
1:10pm, 6:20pm

King's Speech (PG-13) 1hr 51min
1:20pm, 4:10pm

Girl of the Golden West: Live from Netherlands Opera (NR) 2hrs 40min
7:30pm

AMC Criterion 6
1313 Third St.
(310) 395-1599

Battle: Los Angeles (PG-13) 1hr 56min
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Limitless (PG-13) 1hr 45min
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Jane Eyre (PG-13) 2hrs 01min
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Trust (R) 1hr 44min
11:30am, 2:10pm, 4:45pm, 7:30pm, 10:05pm

Lincoln Lawyer (R) 1hr 59min
1:00pm, 4:00pm, 7:00pm, 10:00pm

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Start the weekend early, Aquarius

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ One doesn't need to be up for long to note the tenor of your day. Confusion seems to reign as you symbolically play "who's on first." If you maintain a sense of humor, you actually could be laughing. Tonight: Swap war stories with a friend.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ With chaos as a theme, especially when dealing with funds, you know what not to do. Make no decisions; take no action or do anything that could have an impact. Observe rather than play. Tonight: A happy Bull is a frugal Bull!

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Yes, you might have stardust dropping on you, but look around. If everyone in your life is having issues, perhaps even just talking to you, how good of day can it be? Remain sensitive to an older relative or friend. Tonight: Keep on smiling.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★ Realize that you cannot do it all, nor would you want to. Just the same, take advantage of an opportunity to do just that. You might remember where your desire to cooperate came from! A sense of humor goes far. Tonight: Extra R and R. (Do vanish.)

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ You might be naturally more jovial than many of your contemporaries. Still, enough is enough in your book -- especially when an associate or loved one you considered stable goes flaky. The good news: This too will pass! Tonight: Where your friends are.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★ You easily might be left holding the bag, as much tumbles to the wayside. How you handle a situation and decision you need to make might not be the norm. Look around -- how normal is everything? Then decide. Tonight: Could be late, very late.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Reach out for a friend or associate who often gives you excellent advice. You might not be ready for this person's opinions and feedback. You'll see a situation far differently after a discussion. Rethink your options. Tonight: Put on a great piece of music.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Close relating occurs with so much ease that you might be frightened! Do whatever you need to do to be harmonious with this person. Ultimately, is that not what you want? Stay open and light with others. Tonight: It is nearly the weekend. Add in more romance.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★★ You might like being in charge, but that looks like allowing some other person to do what you normally handle. This person needs that experience and opens up with ease. Another person's high creativity triggers your innate ingenuity. Tonight: Determine your weekend plans.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Deal with someone as directly as possible. You might not be sure about what could emerge from this situation. A roommate or family member seems very energetic. Let this person pick up what you would prefer not to do. Tonight: Get as much rest as possible. You are going to need it come Saturday.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ You might not be work-oriented or in the mood to accomplish much. A good conversation here and there allows greater give-and-take within these relationships. Face it -- you feel like a socialite of sorts. And you want to be one, too. Tonight: Start the weekend early.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ Hold another's place open until he or she can center and make a decision. You know what is happening within a special relationship -- the other party might not be getting the message. Tonight: Go with the flow, but stay home.

Happy birthday

This year, you rethink many of your decisions of the past. You also are more aware of your greater potential. In this type of process, it is often tempting to look backward, not forward. There is no purpose in analyzing the past without going into the future. If you are single, others find you to be flirtatious and desirable. Enjoy the many content moments, and know that you don't need to make a commitment until you are ready. If you are attached, the two of you renew your caring and frequently go out as a couple. GEMINI understands you well.

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



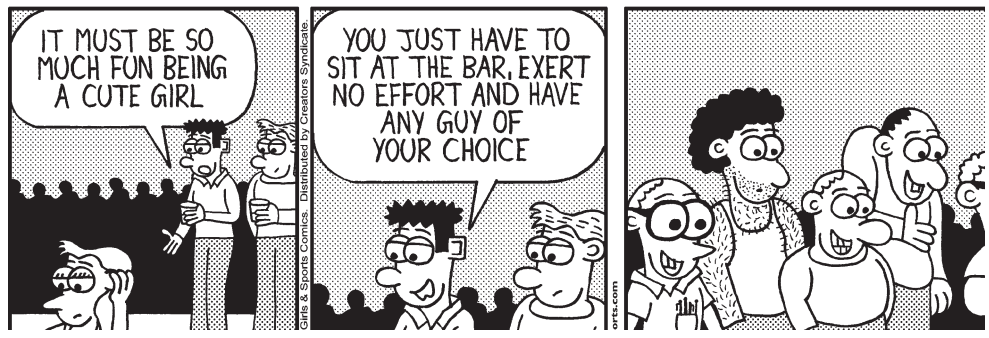
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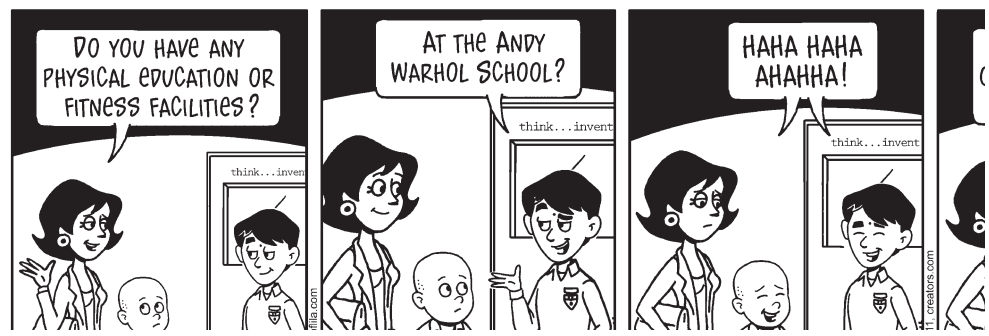
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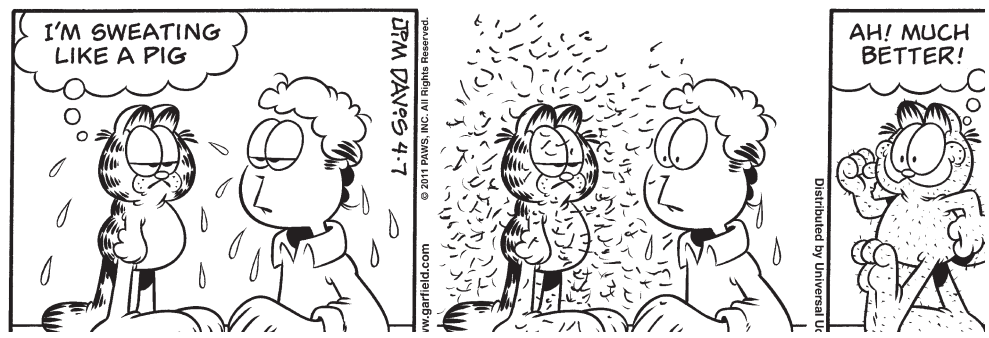
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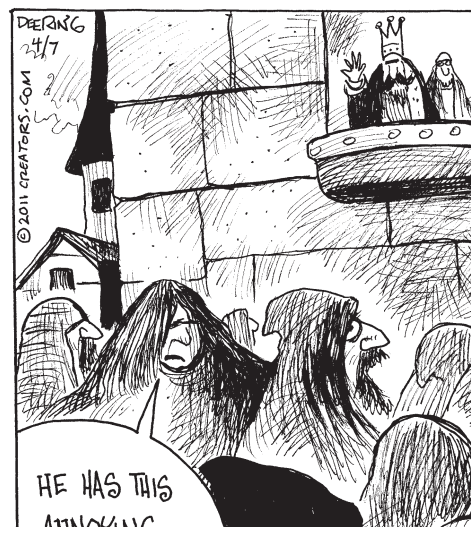
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Sudoku

Fill in the blank cells using numbers 1 to 9. Each number can appear only once in each row, column, and 3x3 block. Use logic and process of elimination to solve the puzzle. The difficulty level ranges from ★ (easiest) to ★★★★★ (hardest).

Difficulty Level ★★★

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GETTING STARTED

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

8	2	7	5	9	3	1	6	4
6	3	4	1	8	2	9	5	7
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3	9	8	4	2	5	6	7	1
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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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6 Lindsay of "Mean Girls"
11 Singer Lennox
12 Baja buddy
13 Cassoulet base
14 Identified
15 Not for young eyes
17 Timetable abbr.
19 Ones with power
20 Busy org. in April
23 Fails to
25 Fresh
26 As a whole
28 Shopping site
29 Maine park
30 Snaky shape
31 Motor need
32 Dog doc
33 Low points
35 Wash-room fixture
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41 In a frenzy
42 Bolivian city
43 Sorts
44 Choose

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2 Early hour
3 Owing
4 Ship of 1492
5 Lab work
6 Touches down
7 Poet Khayyám
8 That fellow
9 Historic time
10 Silent OK
16 Board the Limited
17 Stop on —
18 Barrett and Jaffe
20 Ahead of time
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22 Work byproduct
24 Corp.'s superior
25 — Khan
27 Astro-mical event
31 Pig plaints
33 Maze runners
34 Treat roughly
35 Night flier
36 Writer Tan
37 Have a late meal
39 Compass tracing
40 Convened

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• 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:

3, 5, 6, 8, 8, 8, 11, 11

Solution for Task 1038

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BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Artists Adam Zaretsky and Tony Allard told AOL News in February of their plans to create "bio-art" based on an epoxy-preserved "glob" of feces excreted by the counterculture novelist William S. Burroughs (who died in 1997). The pair would isolate Burroughs' DNA, make copies, soak them in gold dust, and, with a laboratory "gene gun," shoot the mixture into blood, feces and semen to create "living bio-art." (Zaretsky was less certain when asked what was actually being produced, suggesting that they may call their work a "living cut-up literary device" or just a mutant sculpture. Zaretsky is a Ph.D. candidate at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute; Allard is a college professor in San Diego.)

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