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THE NEW FACES OF DOWNTOWN ISSUE

Despite a sluggish economy, City Hall fulfilling promises

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL While times might be tough financially — as reflected in a city budget that's 8 percent smaller than last year — a handful of neighborhood improvement projects that residents have demanded for years could survive the cut.

The recently unveiled five-year Capital Improvement Program (CIP), which covers fiscal years 2009-10 to 2013-14, proposes seeing through the completion of both the Longfellow Street and Ocean Park Boulevard pedestrian enhancement and greening projects, fulfilling promises made to residents who have complained about traffic issues in their areas.

"We funded primarily the design of those projects last year and it was important to continue commitment made to the community and also in other areas," said Don Patterson, an assistant to the city manager who just wrapped up a six-month stint as the acting assistant director of public works.

The CIP next year will fund about $103.5 million worth of projects, including roughly $16.2 million for the Bus Replacement Program, $3 million for street resurfacing and $2 million for streetlight retrofit. The figure does not include projects that are expected to be funded through the Redevelopment Agency, such as the Pico Library and the Civic Center improvements. They will be folded into the budget after the City Council makes its decision on which RDA projects to prioritize at its meeting on Tuesday, Patterson said.

This is the first year that city officials developed a five-year financial plan for its CIP, shifting away from the traditional three-year outlook.

"We're tying the CIP budget into the same time frame that all the other city financial planning documents are tied to," Patterson said. "It's a great advantage and gives us a longer time horizon."

The CIP budget is made up of 10 different funds, the majority of which comes from the Big Blue Bus, capital and general funds.

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NEW IN TOWN: **Downtown Ambassador Ginomar Cello talks with visitors about his job Thursday afternoon on Santa Monica Boulevard.**

Ambassadors come to Downtown

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

DOWNTOWN Gino Marcello Adina always enjoyed playing the part of the helpful local, directing inquiring visitors to their destination and answering questions about the city.

So when the Santa Monica resident and writer saw an advertisement that the Bayside District Corp. was looking for a group of friendly people to staff its new Ambassadors Program, he thought it would be a natural fit.

Today Adina is one of 25 ambassadors who make up the face of Downtown, serving as the eyes and ears of the city's biggest commercial district, assisting visitors while at the same time offering a sense of security.

"I love interacting with people and I think it's a great program because our city really needs it," Adina, who writes for restaurant magazines, said.

The program, which officially launched on Monday, is funded with revenue from the new Property Based Assessment District, which Downtown property owners established last year to improve services, including maintenance. The new district is estimated to bring in approximately $3.4 million annually, a substantial hike from the preceding two assessments that raised in a combined $1 million together.

Approximately 800 people applied to be ambassadors, a field that was narrowed down to more than two dozen by Block by Block, a management company that was hired to institute the program.

"They looked for the right type of people to interact with the community in a very positive way," Kathleen Rawson, the executive director of Bayside, said. "(The ambassadors) have all undergone extensive training to make sure we address all issues they may encounter Downtown."

The training was conducted over several days with various organizations and agencies in the city, including the Convention and Visitors Bureau (CVB), which ran its "I am Santa Monica" customer service course, the Santa Monica Police Department, which educated the ambassadors on applicable municipal codes, and the Human Services Division of City Hall, which discussed the homeless issue.

The ambassadors do not have any law enforcement powers and have instead been taught to respond to incidents like a regular citizen, contacting the police substation or dispatch, Lt. Darrell Lowe of the SMPD said.

"They can be an extra set of eyes and ears for the PD," Lowe said.

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OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA AND SURROUNDS



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1534 14th St., 9 a.m. — 4 p.m.
Come eat great food, play fun games, bid in a silent auction, get tips from expert pet trainers and meet Marley from "Marley and Me." All proceeds go to support the Friends of Animals Foundation and the Pennies for Pets charity fund. Admission is free. Call (310) 393-8218 for more information.

Tai-Chi
Santa Monica YMCA
1332 Sixth St., 11 a.m. — 12:30 p.m.
Enjoy a free Tai-Chi class for athletes, martial artists and anyone who wants to improve their fitness level. Tai-Chi improves speed, strength and coordination. Arrive five minutes early and bring two big towels. Free parking is available underground. For more information, call (310) 403-0437 or (310) 393-2721 ext. 135, or e-mail yoyoed@mac.com.

Welcome to the jungle
Mount Olive Preschool
1343 Ocean Park Blvd., 10 a.m. — 3 p.m.
Find delicious food and drinks, fun games, prizes, crafts, music and a silent auction at the Jungle Safari Carnival and Silent Auction. Call (323) 938-8363 ext. 101, (310) 489-4628 or (310) 452-2342 for more information, or e-mail colleen@hypeworld.com.

Back to their roots
Santa Monica Pier
11 a.m. Saturday and Sunday
Experience folk music at its finest at the first ever L.A. Acoustic Music Festival, a benefit for the California Acoustic Music Project, a nonprofit dedicated to providing school children with the benefit of music education every day. Folk heroes like Nancy Griffith, Bruce Cockburn, The Kingston Trio and The Refugees. For more information and to purchase tickets, go to www.laacousticmusicfestival.com.

Sunday, June 7, 2009

Walking for awareness
Santa Monica Beach, Lot 5
8 a.m. — 10 a.m.
Choose either a one-mile or three-mile non-competitive walk starting on the beach to raise funds and awareness and to honor those who suffer from arthritis. This disease affects more than 1.3 million people in Los Angeles, including over 11,000 children. Enjoy food and entertainment along the way. Call (323) 954-5750 or visit www.laafwalk.com for more information. You must register to participate.

The art of compassion
Bergamot Station
2525 Michigan Ave., 1 p.m. — 4 p.m.
CLARE Foundation, a nonprofit organization providing alcohol and drug recovery services, presents the third annual ART for CLARE. The event features a silent auction, a group art sale, a chance drawing, talented street musicians and delicious food from local restaurants. Over 60 talented artists are coming. To view the artwork, visit www.artslant.com/la/events/show. Call (310) 314-6200 for more information. General admission is $25.

Monday, June 8, 2009

Game day
Fairview Branch Library
2101 Ocean Park Blvd., 1 p.m. — 3 p.m.
Have fun, meet new people and challenge your mind every Monday while playing free games of Bridge and Scrabble. Call (310) 450-0443 for more information.

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



COMMUNITY BRIEFS

CITY HALL

Keeping an eye on the cash

City Hall has a new financial watchdog. After a nationwide search, Marty Kolkin was selected as the new internal audit manager for City Hall. He began working for the city on June 1.

"I am delighted to have Marty on our team," said Carol Swindell, director of finance for City Hall. "During these challenging economic times it's especially important to protect our assets and maintain healthy fiscal monitoring practices. Marty has the right experience to assist our city departments in evaluating their internal and administrative controls and reviewing operational efficiencies."

Kolkin oversees the operations and activities of the Internal Audit Division, which conducts citywide internal control system assessments of municipal business practices to ensure the safeguarding of public assets, consults with staff to develop adequate systems of administrative and internal controls to mitigate risk, and conducts internal financial and program audits of city operations. Most recently, Kolkin was the city auditor for Sacramento, where he has served since 2003. In Sacramento he identified and recommended solutions to material weaknesses in internal controls in a number of key areas, directing the internal audit program for a city with a $966 million operating budget and 5,300 employees. He has many years of auditing experience in municipal government, having also served as the county auditor for Johnson County in Kansas, and the city auditor for the city of Olathe in Kansas. In addition, he has worked as a budget manager for Hill's Pet Nutrition, Inc. and as a senior auditor for Commodity Futures Trading Commission. DAILY PRESS

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Suggestions please

The Santa Monica Citywide Reads Advisory Committee asks for the community's input in choosing a book for Citywide Reads 2010.

Citywide Reads celebrates reading and conversation by encouraging all members of the community to read and discuss the same book. Book suggestions must be works of fiction that appeal to a variety of people. Appropriate titles should challenge readers, yet be accessible and inspire discussion. Only novels available in a variety of formats such as paperback and audiobook will be considered.

The deadline for suggestions is June 30, 2009. Since 2003, Citywide Reads selections have included: "Balzac and the Little Chinese Seamstress" by Dai Sijie; "The Berlin Stories" by Christopher Isherwood; "The Kite Runner" by Khaled Hosseini; "Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close" by Jonathan Safran Foer; "The Time Traveler's Wife" by Audrey Niffenegger; "The Highest Tide" by Jim Lynch; and "The Shadow Catcher" by Marianne Wiggins. To suggest a book, e-mail citywidereads@smgov.net, complete an on-line suggestion form found at www.smpl.org/cwr, visit the blog at www.santamonicacitywidereads.blogspot.com, call (310) 458-8600, or visit any Santa Monica Public Library. DP

MID-CITY

Shopping for a good cause

With thousands of shoes offered at half the manufacturers' suggested retail price, shoe lovers had the opportunity to splurge in the name of charity at the 15th annual QVC Presents "FFANY Shoes on Sale" event during Breast Cancer Awareness Month last October. The John Wayne Cancer Institute Breast Center at Saint John's Health Center was one of the beneficiaries of the televised fundraiser that benefits breast cancer research and education institutions.

QVC and FFANY representatives recently presented Patrick Wayne, chairman of the JWCI Board of Directors, and William Watson, chief development officer, with a check in the amount of $363,875.

"For many years, we have greatly appreciated QVC and FFANY's generosity and deep commitment to finding a cure for this dreadful disease," said Dr. Armando E. Giuliano, chief of science and medicine and director of the John Wayne Cancer Institute Breast Center. "We are making tremendous progress in research and education thanks to this high level of support."

Since its inception, the QVC Presents "FFANY Shoes on Sale" event has sold more than one million pairs of shoes and donated more than $30 million to leading breast cancer research and education institutions. It is the largest fundraising event in the shoe industry where dozens of top name brands, such as Nine West, AK Anne Klein, Via Spiga, Enzo Angiolini and Naturalizer, graciously donate products to help fund research for a cure for breast cancer. DP

Conviction upheld in deadly Farmers' Market crash

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Editor in Chief

LOS ANGELES A state appeals court panel on Thursday upheld the conviction of an elderly man whose car plowed through the Wednesday Farmers' Market in July 2003, killing 10 people and injuring 68 others.

The three-justice panel from the Second District Court of Appeal rejected the defense's claim that errors were made in the trial of Santa Monica resident George Russell Weller, who was found guilty in October 2006 of 10 counts of vehicular manslaughter with gross negligence following a four-week trial that included more than 30 witnesses, including experts on traffic collisions and scores who were at the market and testified to seeing bodies bounce of Weller's sedan as he drove through the entire length of the market.

Weller, who was 86 at the time of the accident, was sentenced to five years probation and order to pay $57,500 for restitution and $44,200 in fines, penalties and fees. The judge, Michael Johnson, said Weller deserved to go to prison, but because of his advanced age and failing health, he opted for probation. Weller was nearly 90 years old when he was convicted.

In a 24-page opinion, the appellate court panel turned down the defense's contention that the trial court erred in ruling on evidence and jury instructions and in denying a

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PLAYING 'ROUND: **Jeremy Cook watches as his son Liam plays with the globe sculpture 'First We Scream, Then We Act' created by artist Nancy L. Steinmeyer at Airport Park on Friday afternoon. The sculpture, one of three at the park, was created for the 'Cool Globes' exhibit meant to raise awareness about global warming.**

Using art to protect Mother Earth

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

The spirit of Earth Day will carry on through July in Airport Park with a new temporary art exhibition, "Cool Globes: Hot Ideas for a Cooler Planet."

The collection of whimsical yet informative globes was conceived in Chicago in 1997 as a community arts project similar to the "Cows on Parade" exhibitions popular throughout much of the country. In this instance, artists were asked to paint and otherwise decorate fiber-glass globes, each one 5 feet in diameter and 6.5 feet tall and weighing more than a ton.

Following their tenure in Chicago, the globes went on the road traveling to Washington D.C., San Francisco and San

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Stop your complaining

Editor:

In response to those residents at Mountain View who refuse to allow their units to be inspected for necessary code requirements regarding safety for themselves and the safety of the entire park population, I say, what do you expect? We have some very old trailers here. I retired as president of the Mountain View Residents Association last month after serving four out of the last five years. We have about 65 units occupied either rented or owned. I believe I speak for the majority of our residents when I say how grateful we are to the city for preserving our park and giving our community this wonderful complete makeover.

The project has to dig a trench deep enough for a sewer line, which in front of my home is 11 feet deep. Then more trenches were dug for water, gas, electric and fiber optic cable at different levels. The city told us that to provide these new utilities there would be major disruption. How could it not be? In my view the city and the construction company have bent over backwards to put the residents first throughout this project. It has been dirty, loud and there have been electrical and water outages ... duh.

The city is doing this for us who are mostly low income and could not afford to live in Santa Monica as well receive the best gift of all and that is a beautiful future. Thank you Santa Monica, every day I feel like I have won the lottery to be here. Unfortunately we have residents here who instead of being grateful seem to be just complainers.

Randy Walburger
Santa Monica

An angel among us

Editor:

I am a father of eight wonderful kids. We live in rural Maryland. In October of 2008 we tragically lost our two teenagers, Matthew, 17, and Caitlin, 15, in a car wreck. They were on their way to take their college ACT exams. It has been a hard, devastating seven months. The purpose of my letter is to tell you about a "Chief Executive Angel" working right there in Santa Monica. My sister, Ann Weiser, (an angel in her own right), works for a high-tech gaming company, Activision Blizzard, in Santa Monica.

After the accident, she was putting together a vacation trip for my family when her CEO, Bobby Kotick, heard about our story. I had never met him. Out of the simple goodness of his heart, he put together and paid for an entire trip to Disney World for my family. This was a first class, VIP trip which we had always wanted to do but we could never afford to.

At a time when we were all hurting and grieving beyond belief, this Chief Executive Angel gave us such a tremendously generous gift. I cannot begin say how much that did for my family. To see my kids smile again was wonderful. We needed that trip to take our minds off the tragedy that had occurred in our lives. We will never be able to adequately thank him.

He wants no credit or fanfare for this act, and he probably won't like the fact that I am naming him in this letter, but I just wanted the good people of Santa Monica to know that they truly have an angel among them.

If knowing that there is a great, compassionate man running a company that makes fun games helps you and you buy a few more of Activison's products, great. If not, at least maybe this letter can restore your faith in humanity just a little in our times of economic strife. Thanks Bobby, we love you.

Patrick F. Boles
Westminster, Md.



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Hummers to the rescue?

IF I HEARD THAT SOMEONE HAD actually bought a Hummer in this day and age, I'd consider that big news. So when I heard that someone actually bought the entire company, the Hummer brand, I considered it enormous news. No, it wasn't bought by the great Hummer-lover Gov. Schwarzenegger. As you undoubtedly know by now, if the deal is approved, a Chinese company will buy the Hummer division from General Motors. This raises many questions, but the big one is why?

Last year, sales of Hummers fell 51 percent, and they are down 67 percent so far this year. Maybe the new owners think that those who weren't buying Hummers were saying to themselves, "What's holding me back is that they're a General Motors product. I'd buy one of those things if they were just owned by a Chinese company."

The prospective owner is Sicuan Tengzhong, a heavy machinery company. They say they plan to keep selling Hummers in America and all over the world, including China. In China, the Hummers would be subject to a 40 percent tax that they impose on vehicles with engines above four liters. So, good luck on that. The good news is that Sicuan Tengzhong says that they are going to continue to manufacture Hummers in this country. So at least for now, approximately 3,000 Americans will be able to keep their jobs. But if I were those workers, I'd keep one eye on the want ads, because I don't know how long they're going to keep making these simulated military vehicles.

It's interesting that General Motors was able to unload Hummer before it sold Pontiac, Saab, or Saturn, the other brands that it is dumping. I would've thought Hummer would've been a tougher sale. After all, the Hummer had come to symbolize many of the admitted negatives of the cars that the American auto industry has been making: It's too big, it's not fuel-efficient, and it looks silly in a nursery school parking lot.

I guess those Chinese businessmen see something in the Hummer that I don't. The parties won't disclose how much money the Chinese company is going to pay for Hummer, but I'm sure it was a bargain. And maybe they made one of those deals the car companies keep advertising on TV — you know, if the Sicuan Tengzhong executive who agreed to this deal loses his job, G.M. will take back the cars and the Chinese company won't owe a penny.

Legend has it that Hummers came about because of our Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger. Apparently, while making the classic film, "Kindergarten Cop," he saw a convoy of military Humvees drive by. He loved the way they looked, so he persuaded the Humvee company to make a civilian version, which became the Hummer. Can you imagine having that kind of power? You'd like to have something, so you talk a company into manufacturing it? I wish Schwarzenegger would look at a commercial aircraft, and call the people who make it and persuade them to make one that's comfortable in coach and always on time.

The Hummer story is filled with irony. Since it looks like a military vehicle, the Hummer has always projected the image of a super-patriotic American car. Some of them are even painted with a camouflage design.

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The company that made the Humvees that Schwarzenegger admired was located in America's heartland — in Indiana. Now you'd have to go to China to talk to the head Hummer honcho.

It's possible that this arrangement won't end up making either side happy. Why do I say that? Guess who G.M.'s financial advisor is for this deal. It's Citigroup. I'm not kidding. That's the same Citigroup that was so mismanaged that the phrase "toxic assets" came into the vernacular. It's the same Citigroup that received billions of bailout bucks. And that's who G.M. went to for financial advice? That makes about as much sense as a military vehicle company taking business advice from an actor who someday would be governor of a state that goes billions of dollars in debt while he's in office.

Like I said, I'm happy that you Hummer workers won't be thrown out of work, but keep your options open. And don't let them pay you in stock.

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The Q Line

QLINE HEADLINE

This past week, Q-line asked:
A recent Daily Press article revealed that local high school students are finding that a good education is a hard thing to come by during these dark economic times. Do you think that parents and students should take the plunge and get the best education available regardless of the cost or should they seek out more affordable options?
Here are your responses:

"THEY SHOULD VERY DEFINITELY SEEK more affordable options. Most people today are already way too much in debt. The economy isn't getting any better and won't for a long time to come. People better wake up and try to start living within their means. Of course, if you are a Santa Monica bum and freeloader, you have it made. Maybe that's the route to go."

"SANTA MONICA MONEY SHOULD GO TO Santa Monica schools. The Malibu-Santa Monica connection is a now-illegal arrangement that was grandfathered in. Malibu should pay for its own schools instead of being subsidized by Santa Monica residents."

"PEOPLE SHOULD ALWAYS TRY TO GET the best education they can, although some kids are just too stupid and lazy to be placed in college, they don't belong in college. Most people do, some are just too stupid."

"IT USED TO BE THAT ALL PUBLIC SERVICE jobs were very low-paying. You joined the police because you wanted to protect people and fight crime. Firemen were all volunteers. A teacher, the schoolmarm, worked for free or for almost nothing and taught all grades at once in a one-room school. Many of our great fore-fathers walked all day to get to school and back and studied all night by candlelight. Sometimes their parents would be the teachers, using readers. Somehow we turned out some of the greatest thinkers of all time, such as Washington and Lincoln. Now, all we ever hear is our public servants whining and striking for higher pay and bigger benefits for themselves. All powerful unions have made it nearly impossible to fire incompetents and even criminals. Kids may not have good books, but our selfish teachers have more paid breaks, shorter hours and enormous pay checks. The only answer is to outlaw all unions for public service jobs."

"IT IS INTERESTING TO NOTE THAT THE following individuals became very successful and internationally known with very little or no formal education. Indicating ambition and applying oneself are the cornerstones of success. Albert Einstein, mathematical genius; Thomas Edison, inventor; Harry S Truman, president of the United States; George Romney, chairman of American Motors Corp.; Barry Goldwater, air force general and United States senator; Ted Kennedy, United States senator. Still those men mentioned are a few of the exceptions and not the rule and we do need public houses of education. Still again, it is not the students that create the high cost of education. The students merely sit at their desks and wait to be taught. The high cost of education is due to the enormous education bureaucracy that nationally is one of our nation's largest business enterprises that does not manufacture a tangible product that can be sold and depends entirely on tax revenues. Therein lies the problem. No taxes, no school business. It will eventually render down to the children of the wealthy families will do well as usual. The children of families who are not wealthy will struggle as usual. Them that have shall get, them that have not shall lose. So the Bible says, and it still holds true."

"GOSH, WE DON'T HAVE THE BIGGEST crybabies in education. First, the teachers, and now their dumbed-down intellectual spawn. When I went to college I worked 30 hours a week. I paid for my college tuition. Some of my friends got full scholarships to USC, others went to Valley State. It's all about karma. Some are born rich, some are real smart, some work harder than most. Nothing in life is free. But that's what today's students have been taught. They want a free education and then to go traveling for a year in Europe. Is this what we teach young people? Intellectual elitism at the lesser taxpayers' expense? What happened to wisdom in our society? The wisest person I know finished just high school. Yet he understood the razor's edge."

"I THINK ONE NICE SOLUTION FOR THE need for inexpensive, good education might be to look into a school which is advertised in "L.A. Parent" magazine that is called Connections Academy. It's at 1001 Fleet St., fifth floor in Baltimore, Md. and the telephone number is (800) 382-6010. They advertise that they teach the equivalent of public school education free, kindergarten through 12th grade. And online. It also says it's the first of its kind that's totally free. So I think that would be a nice thing to look into and see if it is a nice quality of education."

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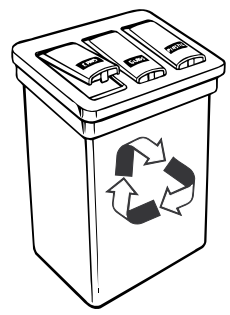
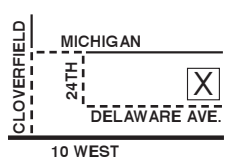
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Regulating the digestive tract with friendly bacteria

AFTER A BOUT OF ANTIBIOTIC THERAPY for a sinus infection, I have been researching the benefits of probiotics, also known as "friendly bacteria." Although we think of probiotics as the stuff we get in yogurt or from probiotic supplements, we actually have tons of friendly bacteria living in our digestive system all the time. Just to give you a frame of reference, we have 10 trillion cells and about 10 times that many gut bugs living harmoniously inside our digestive tract. There are at least 400 known species but how they all function is yet unknown.

I've been reading studies about probiotics for the past two weeks. I was hoping by now to tell you all there is to know about probiotics: what they are, where you get them, how much to consume, how often and why. Perhaps if I were working on my dissertation, in about five years I could expound upon the wonders of probiotics.

Like all nutrition science, the science of probiotics is fairly new. The probiotic term only came about in 1965, but friendly gut bacteria are not new at all. They have always been there, living in a symbiotic relationship inside the host body of every man, woman and child as well as some animals and insects.

In the 1800's French scientist Louis Pasteur hypothesized about the importance of microorganisms in human life. Nobel Prize-winner Elie Metchnikoff wrote in his book "The Prolongation of Life" that he found the secret to longevity in the Russian mountains where the people ate homemade yogurt. In 1906, Henry Tissier, a French pediatrician, observed that children with diarrhea had fewer Y shaped "bifid" bacteria in their stools than healthier children. He suggested that these bacteria could be administered to patients with diarrhea to help restore a healthy gut flora.

Probiotic means "for life." Probiotics are substances produced by microorganisms to promote growth of other microorganisms. Some define probiotics as "a live microbial feed supplement which beneficially affects the host animal by improving its intestinal balance." So basically these little bugs aid our overall balance by living in our bodies, helping us digest our food and warding off bad elements. Hmm, sounds like the ideal relationship!

As far back as 5,000 years, people were ingesting probiotics when they ate fermented foods. Designed as a process to preserve foods, fermentation also confers many health benefits.

Probiotics have been touted as digestive aids which may alleviate diarrhea or constipation, help digest fiber-rich food, increase nutrient absorption and perhaps even assist in preventing cancer, reducing upper respiratory distress and decreasing urinary tract infections.

These gut bugs share some common names because they come from the same family or genus such as Lactobacillus, Bifidoacterium, Streptococcus and Saccharomyces. These names are followed by the species name such as Lactobacillus acidophilus which resides in the small intestine or Bifidobacterium lactis which live in the large intestine.

Health claims can only be made about specific strains if there has been adequate research done to show an effect. For example, Lactobacillus rhamnosus GG, a very specific strain of Lactobacillus, has been shown to reduce symptoms of diarrhea associated with rotavirus in children but have not been shown to help with constipation.

However, Bifidobacterium lactis has been shown to help alleviate constipation. These bacteria are just two of hundreds of examples of research showing the effectiveness of probiotics in the body.

Although probiotic supplements are sold over the counter, it is best to consult with your healthcare provider before self-diagnosing and treating any digestive disorder with random amounts of probiotic supplements.

At the very least, you can always help to replenish your gut bugs with some time honored doses of fermented foods. An age old tradition, fermentation was originally used to preserve food when cold storage was not an option. But even today these foods live in various cultures for their potential health benefits. Eat your probiotics found in popular foods such as yogurt, miso, tempeh, kimchee, suaerkraut and my favorite, kombucha. Let's start with some homemade yogurt which can contain up to (pinky finger to lip when you read this) 1 trillion beneficial bacteria per cup. That beats any supplement any day!

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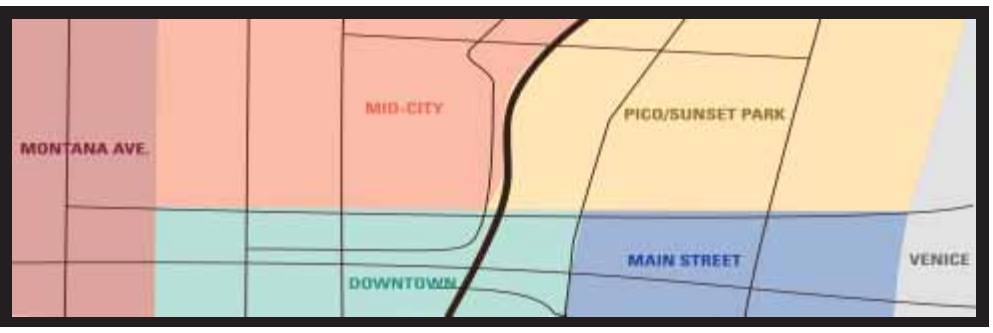
Heat the milk while mixing until it begins to froth (185 degrees). Cool the milk in an ice bath in the sink to 100-103 degrees. Add 2 tbs. organic yogurt, or specified amount of yogurt starter, per quart of milk. Mix thoroughly with a spoon or beater until all the yogurt is blended. Pour the yogurt into sterilized glass containers and keep warm in an oven that you periodically turn on and off over the next seven hours. The key is to keep the yogurt at around 100 degrees. It thickens as the bacteria grow.

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Ocean Park project to absorb runoff

FROM CIP PAGE 1

The latter two funds are the only ones that give any flexibility as to how the money should be spent. Projects from the water fund for example have to be used on water improvement projects.

The proposed program is also the first one developed through recommendations from the new CIP committee, which is made up of various departments with an interest in the budget, such as Community and Cultural Services, Planning and Community Development and Public Works.

The committee reviewed all proposals according to how they fit with city priorities and made its recommendation to the city manager, who then made some changes before presenting it to the City Council during its budget sessions late last month.

There was approximately $1.2 billion worth of projects requested for the five-year period, which includes ones that will be funded through the RDA.

"After the five-year-period, knowing what we know today there are still $700 million of unfunded projects," Patterson said, adding that the figure is likely to change significantly after the RDA decisions are made next week.

While City Hall has not studied how the CIP projects will lead to job growth, construction projects, especially those dealing with infrastructure, have traditionally been known to stimulate the economy.

Jim Earp, the executive director of California Alliance for Jobs, which represents the heavy construction industry, quoted a general formula where every $1 million spent on a construction project generates about 1,800 jobs, about one-third of which are directly related to construction.

"The rest of those jobs filter out into every other part of the economy," he said.

STATUS OF GREEN STREET PROJECTS

Construction for the Ocean Park Boulevard project could begin as soon as the fall of 2010.

The Ocean Park Boulevard project seeks to improve walkability and slow traffic through various means, including adding more landscaping and perhaps creating a signalized crosswalk at Highland Avenue and Seventh Street.

City Hall is currently conducting a geotechnical survey to determine the ground's ability to absorb runoff. The boulevard will be designed to take in water coming from the 55 acres of the surrounding neighborhood.

Peter James, associate planner for City Hall, said the project is expected to undergo final schematic design after the summer, a process estimated to take about a year. Construction could be completed in the fall 2011. The project is estimated to cost about $3 million, about $1.4 million of which will come from Proposition 1B transportation funds.

The project has grown over the year to include new elements, such as a viewing deck from the Fourth Street bridge.

Located in the Borderline Neighborhood, the Longfellow Street project aims to create a more pedestrian-friendly environment by adding landscaping and narrowing the travel way. Residents have complained that the street has often been mistaken as an alley.

The final design of the project is about 90 percent complete, Mark Cuneo, principal civil engineer for City Hall, said. The project altogether is estimated to cost about $2.5 million.

Construction could begin in the fall, taking about six months to complete.

The project will involve raising the elevation of the street and sidewalk so it's at the same grade. Both sides of the street will have landscaping.

"It's almost like a creation of parkway on both sides," he said.

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Court rejects Weller appeal

FROM APPEAL PAGE 3

motion for a new trial.

The justices also rejected the defense's contention that the trial court erred by allowing certain crime scene and autopsy photographs of the victims to be admitted during trial.

"We have viewed the photographs about which defendant complains and find no basis upon which to conclude that the trial court abused its discretion in allowing them into evidence," Presiding Justice Robert M. Mallano wrote on behalf of the panel.

Weller's defense attorney Mark Overland could not be reached for comment.

The accident occurred on July 16 2003 around 1:45 p.m. after Weller rear-ended a Mercedes Benz at the corner of Arizona Avenue and Fourth Street. Some witnesses said Weller, who was on his way home after mailing a letter to his niece, drove around the Mercedes and accelerated rapidly into the market, as if he was trying to flee the scene of an accident.

Weller's defense argued that their client suffered from "pedal error," became confused and disoriented following the fender-bender and lost control of his 1992 Buck LaSabre as it barreled into the market.

Jurors ultimately sided with the prosecution, which argued that Weller had plenty of time to react and stop his vehicle.

The death toll from the 20-second drive was at the time the largest number of pedestrian fatalities from a traffic accident in California history, according to the California Highway Patrol.

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City Hall hires contractors for extra cleaning

FROM **AMBASSADORS** PAGE 1

The homeless portion of the curriculum addressed how the ambassadors should respond when approached by panhandlers and how to advise visitors, recommending that they direct the money to social service agencies instead.

The lesson plan also included a historical overview of the issue and current efforts by City Hall.

"I stressed that people should be respectful," Danielle Noble, senior administrative analyst for homeless services, said.

The ambassadors spent two hours in class for the "I am Santa Monica" lesson, after which they received a tour of the various business improvement districts in the city, including Main Street, learning about everything from history to arts and culture, Alison Best, the vice president of sales for the CVB, said. Wearing salmon-colored shirts, the ambassadors circulate the area on Segways, allowing them to cover more ground during their shifts. Staffing is heavier on the weekends and during the Wednesday Farmers' Market.

"We chose the Segway over bicycles for the reasons that they are more approachable," she said.

The ambassadors come from all walks of life, Rawson said. Some are young, some are a bit older. Several are Santa Monica residents, others are newcomers to the city.

Niki Svara found out about the job through a posting on Craigslist, hooked on the idea of walking around and meeting people for a living.

Originally from Oregon, Svara said she came into the program with little knowledge about the city, but feels she learned a lot through the training program. She moved to Hollywood about a month ago and plans to relocate to Santa Monica. When Svara gets stumped on a question, a quick call over the radio will usually bring the answer.

"I feel we've been very helpful to people in terms of getting information and helping to find things," she said.

Riding around on a Segway, people are first taken aback when approached by an ambassador, but the initial reaction is soon followed by a smile, Adinas, who described riding the vehicles as "floating," said.

"The tourists are very thankful to have someone for information and the residents are happy we're there to give out information (so) they're not bothered," he said.

COMPANIES HIRED TO PROVIDE MAINTENANCE

Along with jump-starting the Ambassadors Program, Block by Block also received a more than $1 million contract with Bayside to maintain eight public parking structures in Downtown.

Its contract covers structures 1-6, and 9, which are all on Second and Fourth streets. It also includes structure 10, which is on Third Street just north of the promenade.

Bayside also hired H20 for a roughly $1 million power-washing deal.

The contracts are meant to supplement existing maintenance services provided by City Hall.

Rawson compared it to the occasional carpet steam cleaning to daily maintenance.

"The issue was that there were more resources that needed to be put into the cleaning efforts because you can only do so much with what you got," Rawson said.

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Art project reveals how small actions can add up to major reduction in CO2

FROM **GLOBES** PAGE 3

Diego. This year the collection has come to Los Angeles with an exhibition of more than 50 globes currently on display in Exposition Park along with the three in Airport Park. Following their visit here, the globes will continue on to Houston for a fall display.

Each of the artist-crafted globes carries a different message about what ordinary citizens can do to combat global warming. Nancy Steinmeyer's globe "First We Scream, Then We Act" uses imagery from Edward Munch's "The Scream" along with a representation of the iconic Uncle Sam to signify the planet's call for help along with a directive for the viewer to act.

The globe reveals ways in which small actions can add up to a large reduction in the emission of carbon dioxide into the atmosphere.

"Cool Energy" by artist Angelina Villanueva is designed to inform viewers about environmentally-friendly options for energy through the symbols and words depicted on its surface. The third globe in the collection, "Walk, Run, Rollerblade and Bike More" by Bob Anderson sends a message encouraging the use of clean, alternative forms of transportation.

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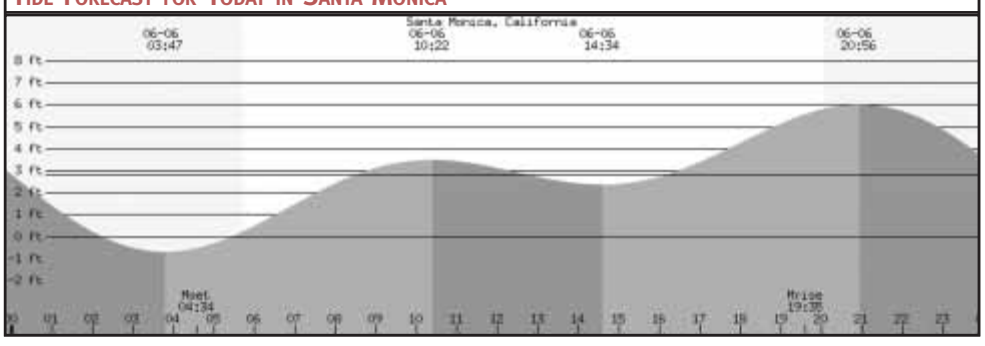
Swell Forecast (3-5 FT)

Saturday the 6th this southern hemi should peak with chest high sets around most south facing breaks, with standouts running shoulder high or so on the better sets. Sunday the 7th this SW swell should back down to waist to chest, and with periods weaker, around 14 seconds.

Long Range Synopsis

Monday the 8th this swell will likely back down further to waist high, although standouts can still expect some chest high sets.

Tide Forecast for Today in Santa Monica



BEACH REPORT CARD

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Grades for this report are based on monitoring data from the previous four weeks up to the ending date of: **June 2, 2009**

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QUICK STATS (for the last 28 days)

- Number of sewage spills -- 0
- Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0
- Number of wet days -- 8
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 40 / ns
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 5 / ns

The Beach Report Card is made possible by simplehuman, The Goldhirsh Foundation, the James Irvine Foundation, Ford

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	A+	ns
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth	A+	ns
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechusa and Las Aliso creeks	A+	ns
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach	A+	ns
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth	A+	ns
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth	A+	ns
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private)	A+	ns
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth	C	ns
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach	A+	ns
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth	A	ns
Solstice Canyon at Don Blocker County Beach	F	ns
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth	A+	ns
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd.	A	ns
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence	A+	ns
Surfrider Beach (breach location)- daily	F	ns
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east	B	ns
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon	A+	ns
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero)	A+	ns
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs	A	ns
Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach	A+	ns
Tuna Canyon	A+	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth	C	ns
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	A	ns
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	ns	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain)	A+	ns

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

LEGEND

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

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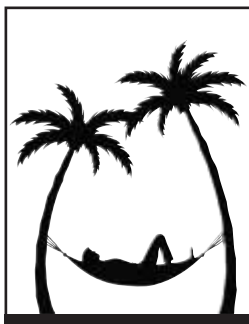
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Aero Theatre
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Saturday, June 6 - Spanish films
The Missing Lynx: Paws on the Run (NR) 1hr 37min
4:00

Just walking (NR) 2hrs 9min & The Oxford Murders (NR) 1 hr 48 min
7:30

Sunday, June 7
The Blind Sunflowers (NR) 1hr 38 min & El Escorial Conspiracy (NR) 2hrs 8 min
7:30

AMC Loews Broadway 4
1441 Third Street Promenade

Drag Me to Hell (PG-13) 1hr 39min
11:30am, 12:45, 2:00, 3:15, 4:30, 5:45, 7:00, 8:15, 9:30, 10:40

The Hangover (R) 1hr 36min
11:35am, 2:10, 4:40, 7:15, 9:45

Land of the Lost (PG-13)
12:00, 2:30, 5:10, 7:50, 10:30

AMC 7 Santa Monica
1310 Third St.
(310) 289-4262

Up (PG) 1hr 36min
10:45am, 1:20, 4:00, 6:30, 9:10

Night at the Museum: Battle of the Smithsonian (PG) 1hr 45min
12:00, 2:35, 5:10, 7:45, 10:25

Up (Digital 3-D) (PG) 1hr 36min
11:30am, 2:15, 4:55, 7:30, 10:10

Angels & Demons (Digital) (PG-13) 2hrs 20min
12:50, 4:05, 7:10, 10:15

Star Trek (2009) (PG-13) 2hrs 06min
10:50am, 1:40, 4:35, 7:35, 10:35

The Hangover (R) 1hr 36min
12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:05, 10:45

Land of the Lost (PG-13)
11:00am, 1:40, 4:20, 7:00, 9:40

Laemmle's Monica Fourplex
1332 Second St.
(310) 394-9741

The Brothers Bloom (PG-13) 1hr 49min
1:30, 4:20, 7:10, 9:55

Every Little Step (PG-13) 1hr 36min
1:50, 4:30, 7:20, 9:45

Downloading Nancy (NR) 1hr 57min
1:20, 4:10, 7:00, 9:40

Easy Virtue (PG-13) 1hr 33min
1:00, 3:20, 5:40, 8:00, 10:15

The Girlfriend Experience (R) 1hr 32 min
11:00 a.m.

The Boys (NR) 1hr 42min
11:00 a.m.

Fados (NR) 1 hr 47 min
11:00 a.m.

Mann's Criterion Theatre
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Terminator Salvation (Digital) (PG-13) 1hr 54min
11:40am, 2:20, 5:00, 7:40, 10:20

X-Men Origins: Wolverine (PG-13) 1hr 47min
1:30, 4:20, 7:20, 10:10

Dance Flick (PG-13) 1hr 23min
12:50, 3:00, 5:10, 7:30, 9:40

The Soloist (PG-13) 1hr 49min
1:00

Terminator Salvation (PG-13) 1hr 54min
1:10, 3:50, 6:40, 9:20

My Life in Ruins (PG-13) 1hr 38min
11:50am, 2:10, 4:40, 7:10, 9:50

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Don't fight it, Pisces

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★★ Reach out, knowing what you want. Watch out for a tendency to overdo it. How you handle someone could be very different from in the past. Though you might not be comfortable with someone's ebullient caring, know that it is sincere. Tonight: Go for exotic.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ Act as if it is a people day, and a people day it will be. Sometimes you could find a situation challenging. Know that you will find answers, even though you might feel discomfort with new ideas. Tonight: Be a duo.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ As you adjust to different situations, you demonstrate your flexibility. Your sign is known for this quality. Basics and core values guide your ideas and imagination. Others seek you out. Tonight: Go for someone's suggestion.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★★ Your ability to understand and get past an immediate issue colors your day. Investigate possibilities, never closing a door. Sometimes the strangest mix of people, situations and ideas work. Trust your ingenuity. Tonight: Follow your imagination's lead.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Your creative juices come forward no matter what is occurring. You seem to be able to give extra support to an older relative or friend. Caring seems to emanate from you. Allow the romantic to emerge and delight others. Tonight: Express your kidlike wonder.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★ Staying close to home feels right. Express what you feel is absolutely necessary, though if you are feeling uncomfortable or awkward, don't hesitate to tell it like it is. Tonight: Only with those very close.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Keep talking about what is important and significant. Speak about your priorities. Understand exactly why you are nervous or uptight. Someone holds back or doesn't let you know the total story. Sensing something is off, you could be ill at ease. Tonight: Hang out with pals.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Curb wild indulgences of any sort. One cannot predict a risk, and presently, you don't need bad results or a disappointment. Be direct with friends and loved ones, though diplomacy does help. Tonight: Treat a friend to dinner.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★★ Naturally, you put your best foot forward. What is going on behind the scenes with a loved one? You might not be hearing the whole story but only selected parts. Knowing when to back out could make a big difference. Tonight: As you like it.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★ Know when to take your leave. Know when even a little is too much. The wise Goat will take off where he or she is more comfortable and can achieve a lot more. Question alternatives that surround travel or a potential seminar. Tonight: Some things are best left unsaid.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ Where you are heading could be more significant than you know. Investigate a situation involving funds and perhaps a very important friendship. You might not be getting all the facts. Tonight: Throw a spontaneous party.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ Pressure builds, as you are in the limelight and responsible. Keep expressing yourself; speak about limits. Check out a situation with care. You might encounter a challenge, leaving you wondering what to do. So do others. You are a role model. Tonight: Don't fight being the lead actor.

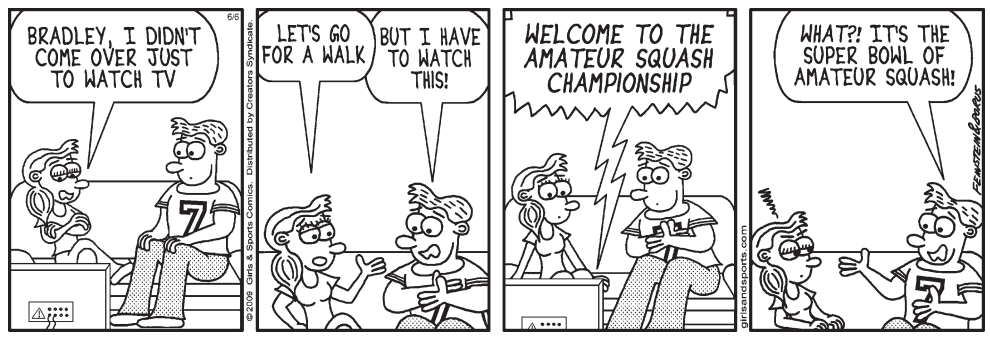
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The stars show the kind of day you'll have:
★★★★★Dynamic ★★ So-So
★★★★ Positive ★ Difficult
★★★ Average

This year, you befriend many. More often than not, you won't make the first move. In any case, do remember a hard-learned lesson: No one can control anyone. The only person you can control is yourself. So don't bother with balance of power or control issues. If you are single, many potential admirers surround you. The issue is: Who should you choose? You might date several people; many will meet "the one" this year. If you are attached, this year allows you to socialize more than ever. Let your sweetie take the lead. Learn from SAGITTARIUS.

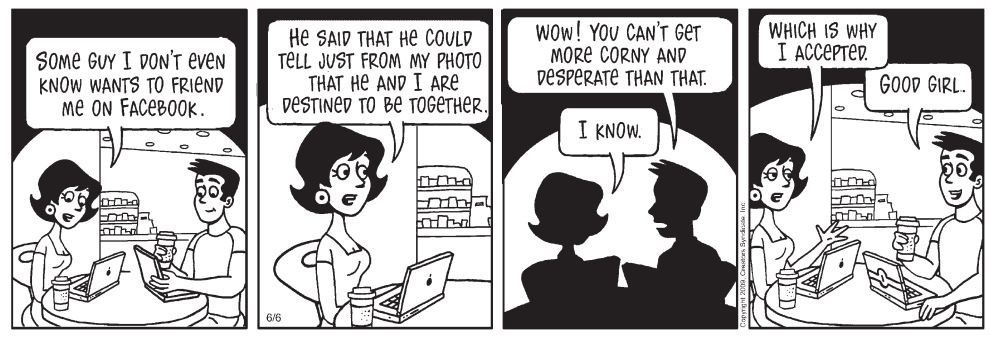
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There are many strategies to solving Sudoku. One way to begin is to examine each 3x3 grid and figure out which numbers are missing. Then, based on the other numbers in the row and column of each blank cell, find which of the missing numbers will work.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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

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CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Farm implement
7 Plunge
11 Large lizard
12 Columnist Barrett
13 Writer Steven
14 Chooses
15 Tissue layers
16 Hägar's dog
17 Itches
18 Senate victim
19 Clickable picture
21 Far from friendly
22 Kind of sketch
25 Long-distance copy
26 Janitor's janglers
27 Fish hawk
29 Bar bills
33 Messy places
34 Afternoon hour
35 Confident
36 Tomboy
37 Furious
38 Tickled
39 Smaller amount
40 Plagues

DOWN

1 '60s sort
2 Like gymnasts
3 Altercation
4 Gains in abundance
5 Adding column
6 General activity
7 Unmanned plane
8 Inveigles
9 Proceeding as planned
10 Danish, e.g.
16 Yellow-gray
18 New York's — Island
20 Bakery buys
22 Stock spot
23 Runs out
24 Panama, for one
25 Paleontologist's prize
28 Oboe parts
30 Happen
31 "John Brown's Body" poet
32 Core feature
34 Broken
36 Yak it up

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EVENING: 4 9 3

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ In April, a manager at a Dean Health System clinic in Madison, Wis., received corporate instructions to "immediately" lay off 50 listed employees, and the manager (a 30-year nursing veteran) decided that that included pulling one RN out of a room in which she was assisting with surgery, leaving just a physician and lower-level staff members present. A clinic executive later called the manager's timing an error, but said there were no adverse consequences to the patient.

■ Ms. Indra Ningsih, a 26-year-old maid, was detained by a court in Hong Kong in April after her employer accused her of spiking her vegetable soup with menstrual blood. According to a report of the case in Hong Kong's The Standard, the maid was employing a belief in some Southeast Asian cultures that menstrual blood has special powers and would improve an otherwise-contentious relationship between the maid and the employer.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1925 Walter Percy Chrysler founded the Chrysler Corp.

1934 the Securities and Exchange Commission was established.

1966 black activist James Meredith was shot and wounded as he walked along a Mississippi highway to encourage black voter registration.

1968 Sen. Robert F. Kennedy died at Good Samaritan Hospital in Los Angeles, a day after he was shot by Sirhan Bishara Sirhan.

1978 California voters overwhelmingly approved Proposition 13, a primary ballot initiative calling for major cuts in property taxes.

1982 Israeli forces invaded Lebanon to drive Palestine Liberation Organization fighters out of the country. (The Israelis withdrew in June 1985.)

WORD UP!

abstemious \ab-STEE-mee-uhs\, *adjective*:

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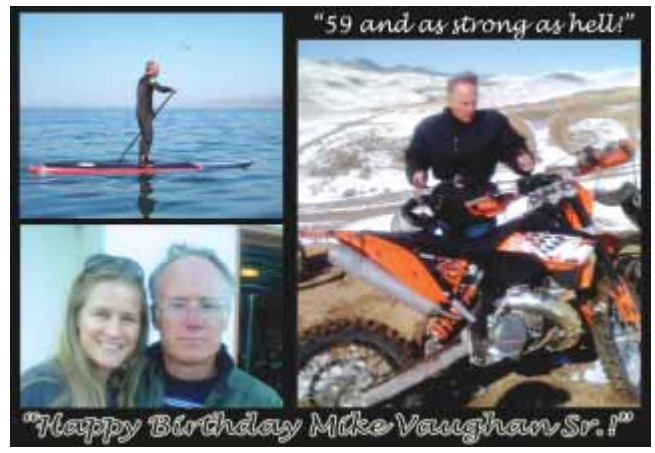
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First Five Months of 2008 compared to First Five Months of 2009

Santa Monica Single Family Homes

Santa Monica Canyon

	previous period 1-1-08 thru 5-31-08	current period 1-1-09 thru 5-31-09	% change
Number of Sales	2	4	100%
Average Days on the Market	53	54	2%
Lowest rice	$2,050,000.00	$1,500,000.00	-27%
Median Price	$2,200,000.00	$1,545,000.00	-30%
Highest Price	$2,350,000.00	$1,900,000.00	-19%
Average Price Per Square Foot	$811.00	$745.00	-8%
Average Sale Price / Average List Price	93.00%	95.00%	2%

North of Montana

	previous period 1-1-08 thru 5-31-08	current period 1-1-09 thru 5-31-09	% change
Number of Sales	21	13	-38%
Average Days on the Market	43	88	105%
Lowest Price	$1,575,000.00	$1,600,000.00	2%
Median Price	$2,500,000.00	$2,486,000.00	-1%
Highest Price	$3,930,000.00	$4,000,000.00	2%
Average Price Per Square Foot	$1,010.00	$802.00	-21%
Average Sale Price / Average List Price	99.00%	94.00%	-5%

Between Wilshire and Montana

	previous period 1-1-08 thru 5-31-08	current period 1-1-09 thru 5-31-09	% change
Number of Sales	7	5	-29%
Average Days on the Market	70	60	-14%
Lowest Price	$1,508,000.00	$1,085,000.00	-28%
Median Price	$2,699,000.00	$2,150,000.00	-20%
Highest Price	$3,000,000.00	$2,487,000.00	-17%
Average Price Per Square Foot	$896.00	$679.00	-24%
Average Sale Price / Average List Price	98.00%	95.00%	-3%

South of Wilshire

	previous period 1-1-08 thru 5-31-08	current period 1-1-09 thru 5-31-09	% change
Number of Sales	2	none	
Average Days on the Market	23		
Lowest Price	$830,000.00		
Median Price	$905,000.00		
Highest Price	$980,000.00		
Average Price Per Square Foot	$457.00		
Average Sale Price / Average List Price	96.00%		

Sunset Park

	previous period 1-1-08 thru 5-31-08	current period 1-1-09 thru 5-31-09	% change
Number of Sales	19	10	-47%
Average Days on the Market	62	50	-19%
Lowest Price	$780,000.00	$610,000.00	-22%
Median Price	$1,170,000.00	$9,891,000.00	745%
Highest Price	$2,200,000.00	$1,225,000.00	-44%
Average Price Per Square Foot	$642.00	$531.00	-17%
Average Sale Price / Average List Price	94.00%	93.00%	-1%

Ocean park

	previous period 1-1-08 thru 5-31-08	current period 1-1-09 thru 5-31-09	% change
Number of Sales	8	4	-50%
Average Days on the Market	218	64	-71%
Lowest Price	$615,000.00	$1,250,000.00	103%
Median Price	$1,250,000.00	$1,995,000.00	60%
Highest Price	$2,225,000.00	$2,775,000.00	25%
Average Price Per Square Foot	$876.00	$782.00	-11%
Average Sale Price / Average List Price	89.00%	98.00%	10%

Santa Monica Condo's & Townhomes

Santa Monica Canyon

	previous period 1-1-08 thru 5-31-08	current period 1-1-09 thru 5-31-09	% change
Number of Sales	1	1	0%
Average Days on the Market	330	11	-97%
Lowest Price	$1,150,000.00	$5,100,000.00	343%
Median Price	$1,150,000.00	$5,100,000.00	343%
Highest Price	$1,150,000.00	$5,100,000.00	343%
Average Price Per Square Foot	$824.00	$1,684.00	104%
Average Sale Price / Average List Price	96.00%	97.00%	1%

North of Montana

	previous period 1-1-08 thru 5-31-08	current period 1-1-09 thru 5-31-09	% change
Number of Sales	16	4	-75%
Average Days on the Market	68	75	10%
Lowest Price	$465,000.00	$575,000.00	24%
Median Price	$1,360,000.00	$1,030,000.00	-24%
Highest Price	$5,800,000.00	$1,570,000.00	-73%
Average Price Per Square Foot	$903.00	$777.00	-14%
Average Sale Price / Average List Price	91.00%	96.00%	5%

Between Wilshire and Montana

	previous period 1-1-08 thru 5-31-08	current period 1-1-09 thru 5-31-09	% change
Number of Sales	40	52	30%
Average Days on the Market	70	51	-27%
Lowest Price	$394,000.00	$270,000.00	-31%
Median Price	$657,500.00	$707,500.00	8%
Highest Price	$1,200,000.00	$1,799,000.00	50%
Average Price Per Square Foot	$607.00	$561.00	-8%
Average Sale Price / Average List Price	97.00%	96.00%	-1%

South of Wilshire

	previous period 1-1-08 thru 5-31-08	current period 1-1-09 thru 5-31-09	% change
Number of Sales	36	34	-6%
Average Days on the Market	81	90	11%
Lowest Price	$160,000.00	$259,000.00	62%
Median Price	$625,000.00	$550,000.00	-12%
Highest Price	$1,040,000.00	$945,000.00	-9%
Average Price Per Square Foot	$509.00	$444.00	-13%
Average Sale Price / Average List Price	96.00%	95.00%	-1%

Sunset Park

	previous period 1-1-08 thru 5-31-08	current period 1-1-09 thru 5-31-09	% change
Number of Sales	13	5	-62%
Average Days on the Market	73	69	-5%
Lowest Price	$345,000.00	$489,000.00	42%
Median Price	$735,000.00	$573,000.00	-22%
Highest Price	$995,000.00	$825,000.00	-17%
Average Price Per Square Foot	$475.00	$443.00	-7%
Average Sale Price / Average List Price	97.00%	98.00%	1%

Ocean Park

	previous period 1-1-08 thru 5-31-08	current period 1-1-09 thru 5-31-09	% change
Number of Sales	16	19	19%
Average Days on the Market	125	48	-62%
Lowest Price	$410,000.00	$395,000.00	-4%
Median Price	$683,000.00	$739,000.00	8%
Highest Price	$1,750,000.00	$1,200,000.00	-31%
Average Price Per Square Foot	$694.00	$615.00	-11%
Average Sale Price / Average List Price	97.00%	95.00%	-2%

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