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THE **BUSTING RAPS** ISSUE

Board approves 1 percent rent increase

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL An economic downturn that has driven up the unemployment rate and jeopardized housing for many will push rents up by 1 percent this fall, the lowest since 1999 when city officials authorized an increase by the same amount.

The Rent Control Board on Thursday adopted a general rent adjustment of 1 percent effective Sept. 1, establishing a floor of $8 and ceiling of $16, calling the changes reasonable.

"It's fair for the landlords, it's fair for the tenants and that is what rent control is all about," Zelia Mollica, a board member, said. "We all have to share in this economy."

Robert Kronovet, who is the only member of the board who was elected without support from the city's leading political party, Santa Monican's for Renters Rights, was the lone member who voted against the proposal, asking his colleagues to consider a compromise between the Santa Monica increase and the 4 percent adjustment previously approved in Los Angeles.

He adds that there are other expenses that aren't accounted for in the rent increase, such as legal fees. The property management company owner suggested levels of 2.5 or 2.6 percent instead, which he said would allow owners to recuperate additional expenses.

"The one percent increase may not be as equitable perhaps to both sides," he said.

The annual rent adjustment is based on a formula that takes increases or decreases to several expense components into consideration, including property taxes, refuse, fire inspections, water and sewer costs, maintenance, insurance and management costs. Some components, such as fire inspection and water and sewer are based on actual increases, while the cost change for others, such as maintenance and insurance, are determined through the consumer price

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STANDING UP FOR SENIORS

Brandon Wise *brandonw@smdp.com*

Seniors outside the WISE Adult Day Service Center on Pico Boulevard stage a protest on Friday against possible cuts to services for older adults that have been proposed by Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger to close the budget gap. Those opposed to the cuts say seniors and caregivers would be devastated, left without food delivery services, Alzheimer's care and adult day care. 'Eliminating aging programs will only shift millions of dollars in expenditures, as many older persons become inappropriately placed in nursing homes,' said Grace Cheng Braun, president and CEO of WISE & Healthy Aging in Santa Monica, and one of the Senior Stand-In organizers. 'We strongly believe that as the demographics of California begin to shift to an aging society, that it is crucial that we commit the necessary resources to helping frail older persons remain in the community and live with dignity and independence.'

A Latin revival for the masses

BY CATHERINE CAIN
Special to the Daily Press

AERO THEATRE Whoever says Latin is dead has not heard of "Pacifica," a resucitation of sorts from Santa Monica High School's Latin department in the form of a teen drama.

"Pacifica" is a four-episode teen soap opera done all the ancient language, created by students in Luke Henderson's Latin class at Samohi. It premieres Saturday, June 13 at the Aero Theatre.

"'Pacifica' follows the lives of eight high school students who live in a fictional Latin-speaking wonderland known as Pacifica," said senior Michael Mann, who plays the role of a stalker named Crispus. "The location of Pacifica is supposed to be similar to Orange County or someplace like that where you would find spoiled, tennis-playing, trust-fund-baby teenagers indulging their vices. We try to cram as many teen problems as possible into each episode."

Mann said "Pacifica" was originally created as a one-time class project by senior Kylie Monagan and is now written by Monagan and directed by senior Jacob Garber.

"It was originally purely satirical, making fun of shows like 'One Tree Hill,' 'Degrassi' and the like, but after the response it got from the class, we all knew there had to be more 'Pacifica,'" Mann said. "So the talented

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OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA AND SURROUNDS

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California Heritage Museum
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A regular fixture on collectors' calendars, the Antique and Contemporary Tile Sale brings together specialist dealers and craftsmen to share their treasures with the general public. Tickets are $5 but for $10 early birds can gain access at 9 a.m., one hour before the regular opening. The sale is a chance to pick up unique pieces, talk over rare finds, and mingle with enthusiasts and celebrities who love California decorative arts. For information, call (310) 392-8537.

Happy birthday, Very Hungry Caterpillar!

Santa Monica Main Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd., 10:30 a.m. — 3:30 p.m.

Join a celebration of children's author/illustrator Eric Carle and the 40th publication anniversary of his children's book, "The Very Hungry Caterpillar." Enjoy a puppet show, collage art workshops, showing of the "Very Hungry Caterpillar" movie and more. The celebration is sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Santa Monica and is for ages four and up and their families. Admission is free. Call (310) 458-8621 or visit www.smplkids.org for more information.

Yogi training

Santa Monica Yoga
1640 Ocean Park Blvd., 11:30 a.m. — 1 p.m.

Santa Monica Yoga will hold a free information session about its fall teacher training session. The session, which will include a short class, discussion and question and answer session, is for those interested in teaching or simply deepening their understanding of yoga. The teacher training itself will be held from mid-September through mid-November. Cost is free. Call (310) 396-4040 for more information.

Sunday, June 14, 2009

Feeling social?

Third Street Promenade
3 p.m. — 7 p.m.

Celebrating creativity, the Lucky Brand Neighborhood Social will feature pop singer Bat for Lashes and works by L.A.-based artists. The set by Bat for Lashes will feature acoustic versions of her favorite songs. Artist Blake E. Marquis will be silk screening reusable tote bags for visitors.

Monday, June 15, 2009

Mariachi Margarita Monday

El Texate Restaurant
316 Pico Blvd., 5 p.m. — 10 p.m.

Come enjoy the beautiful music of Mariachi Alta California over the only fresh-squeezed margaritas in Santa Monica. The band includes Samohi alumni and UCLA and USC students, making it the only mariachi band based in the Westside. Call (310) 399-1115 for reservations. Cost is only for dinner and drinks.

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

SMC

New vice president selected

Robert "Bob" Isomoto, who has had 35 years of experience in community colleges in counseling and administrative posts, has been named vice president of business and administration at Santa Monica College. Currently vice president of administrative services at East Los Angeles College, Isomoto, who succeeds Jeanine Hawk, will begin at SMC on June 29.

As the college's chief business officer, he will be responsible for leadership and administration of all aspects of the college's business operations, including fiscal services, budget planning, contracts, risk management, and facilities planning and management. In that capacity, he will oversee a staff of 176.

Born and raised in Los Angeles, Isomoto graduated from Montebello High School. He earned a bachelor's degree in psychology at USC and a master's degree in counseling at Northern Arizona University.

Immediately after completing his formal training, he dedicated his life to education. His first job was as a staff aide for vocational training with the Los Angeles Community College District and he quickly concluded that community colleges offer the best opportunity for economically disadvantaged and minority students to succeed in higher education.

In 1975 Isomoto accepted a position as an academic counselor at East Los Angeles College, twice serving as elected chairperson of the department. In 1990 he began his administrative career as associate dean of administrative services. In 1995 he moved to the position of dean of student services and in 1996 was promoted to vice president of student services. Five years later he was promoted to vice president of administrative services, responsible for budget allocations and college operations.

Isomoto's parents were working-class, second-generation Japanese-Americans who were incarcerated in relocation camps during World War II. There were five children in his family. However, his oldest sister died a few years ago. He is the father of three daughters and three grandchildren. DAILY PRESS

KCRW

The world is yours

Radio station KCRW, a community service of Santa Monica College, is partnering with the Los Angeles Philharmonic for the 11th season of KCRW's World Festival at the Hollywood Bowl, kicking off on June 21.

Highlights of this year's line up include performances from Afrobeat superstar Femi Kuti & The Positive Force, soulful singer Ray LaMontagne, reggae pioneer Toots & The Maytals, Grammy winner Adele, Bhangra superstar Malkit Singh as well as an appearance by Grace Jones, who is headlining her first live performance in Los Angeles in over 20 years.

Six Sunday concerts will showcase sounds from around the globe from both established and rising artists.

"Simply put, there is nothing like this magnificent canyon amphitheater," said KCRW music director and host of "Morning Becomes Eclectic" Jason Bentley. "The 2009 music program at the bowl's World Festival is a concert series without equal. Where else can you enjoy insightful pairings like Femi Kuti and Santigold, or Ray LaMontagne and Jenny Lewis? It's a bold and progressive lineup that reflects the taste and sophistication of the city of Los Angeles itself."

Bentley, as well as KCRW DJs Henry Rollins, Garth Trinidad, Anne Litt, Jeremy Sole and Tom Schnabel, will serve as hosts for these captivating concerts held throughout the summer months.

Though many of this year's featured artists are making their Hollywood Bowl debuts, quite a few have already been through KCRW's studios for live performances. For a preview of this summer's line up, check out archived performances at www.kcrw.com/worldfestival. For more information on the festival, go to www.kcrw.org. DAILY PRESS

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COLLEGE BASEBALL

West L.A. takes on Samohi flavor

BY DANIEL ARCHULETA
Managing Editor

WEST L.A. Connections are everything when it comes to recruiting ball players.

West Los Angeles College's Assistant Coach Kevin Brockway appears to have worked his connections to local baseball talent to perfection as he's helped successfully recruit a bevy of Santa Monica High School players to play at the junior college next year.

"It helped," Brockway said of his connection to Samohi having coached the team for three seasons ending in 2007. "They know what I'm about from when I was over there at Samo."

Brockway, a familar face at area baseball diamonds, was instrumental in luring pitcher Drew Hammond, catcher Colter Johnson, shortstop Ricky Gomez, third baseman Josh Huerta and outfielder Vince Lawrence to play for West.

He said that it didn't hurt that West L.A. pitcher Mario Gallardo was drafted by the Arizona Diamondbacks, proving that junior college players have a shot at catching the eyes of pro scouts. Gallardo was taken in the 44th round earlier this week.

As for his technique in swaying prospects to play for his squad, Brockway kept it simple.

"We just told them how much we wanted to have them come to West L.A.," he said. "They don't want to travel, that's why they are coming to West."

Some had other places to go, but Brockway said that the proximity to the campus and familiarity with one of the team's coaches helped clinch the deal.

Lawrence, who was a second team All Ocean League selection this year, said that he'd been talking to Brockway all year about the possibility of attending West and decid-

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GREEN SWEEP

Fabian Lewkowicz *FabianLewkowicz.com*

City employees test the new 'Green Street Project' by pouring 2,000 gallons of water onto Bicknell Avenue on Friday. The demonstration project is intended to improve water quality by constructing landscaped biofilter swales, underground holding tanks and laying permeable concreate to capture urban runoff and let is seep back into the soil before it reaches the bay. This project, which can also help replenish groundwater supplies, is funded by Clean Beaches & Ocean Parcel Tax (Measure V) funds and a grant from the State Water Resources Control Board.





LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Rethinking film permits

Editor:

I live on the block referred to in the letter to the editor ("Too many movies," page 4, May 31) about the accident at Colorado and 10th Street. Issues like this have been ongoing and I have e-mailed members of the City Council and other services about this repeatedly only to get no response or stonewalled.

The issues aren't limited to such things that may have added to the accident, but starts at the beginning of the process and extends throughout. At just about every opportunity to apply a "check and balance" type of system, the city has instigated a process in which there is no recourse or repercussion for doing a bad job, etc.

In the letter to the editor, the writer states that an officer told them about the revenue for film permits, etc. Well, in the case of this location, there is no revenue for the permit as it's a private facility, and they film between six to 12 times a year there. The only revenue is in the form of the parking permit, which I have also offered to purchase to protect the residential permit parking, and the fee paid for the officer that must be on duty.

Which brings us to the officer on duty. Where was s/he? Why weren't they watching out for traffic problems, etc. and protecting the neighborhood from the impact of filming. I guess they must have been at the craft-service table having a doughnut.

How many times a year can a permit be issued for a location, especially when it resides next to some residential areas? Permit placard placement – very broken process for placement and verification. If erroneously placed, there is virtually nothing that can be done as the city is so slow to respond that it is often after the fact. The residents are inconvenienced. The officer is often more concerned with the shoot than residents. This was also the case in L.A. proper, which is why this is now a responsibility of the LAPD proper, not off duty or rent-a-cop. That way there is recourse, a chain of command and a definite duty to the citizen/resident, not the production.

I feel that this is much like the "broken window" policy initiated by Bratton in N.Y. years ago and now in some parts of L.A., and should be done here. This is such a small/minor thing that many may see it and say big deal, we have other things that are more important, but if you can't do the little things well, then how can you expect to tackle the big problems?

Jim Goodman
Santa Monica

The anti-tax charade

Editor:

Republican anti-tax ignorance is winning out over common sense in California's ongoing budget crisis. A few GOP politicians are holding the state of California hostage. Their answer to the current fiscal crisis is spending cuts for the most vulnerable and essential services. Republicans are in the wrong.

Taxes are still the way, some say, and here are some practical ways to raise revenue and alleviate the financial crunch. Restore state fees on vehicle licenses to their 2003 levels. Reassess all commercial property, thus raising property taxes on "non-residential" property. Increase corporate income tax rates. Impose an oil production tax. Raise tax rates on tobacco products and alcoholic beverages.

There is a problem to this simple solution. Gov. Schwarzenegger seems to be unwilling to flex his still powerful, political muscle and millions of Californians are blindly following the GOP anti-tax charade.

Ron Lowe
Santa Monica



Modern Times

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Economic recession so bad even crooks are depressed

YOU MAY THINK THAT CRIME HAS GONE up in these dark economic times when more and more people are out of work and fewer and fewer people have money. That hasn't been the case. Generally speaking, most types of crime have declined nationally during the past year. There are many theories about this. Not surprisingly, I have some of my own.

I think this downturn in criminality is a result of lawbreakers feeling like most of us — terribly discouraged about the economy. My guess is they have been thinking things like, "Why steal that money? It's not really worth very much anymore." Or, "By the time I pawn that watch, it'll be worth less than the one I bought at Walgreen's last year." Or, "If I get hurt while committing a violent crime, there's no way that my insurance company is going to pay the medical bills." So crooks have probably determined that committing crimes right now is just not worth their trouble.

Here in California, the statewide drop in crime has been larger than the national decline. For months, we've been hearing the expression, "Nobody has money these days." I think you can also say, "Nobody has money these days to buy stolen goods." So thieves are probably just staying home and watching daytime TV rather than getting off their butts and doing what they've done for years. The longer they stay home without earning money, the more depressed they get. Feeling down, they are less likely to go out, and their self-esteem suffers. It's hard to see an end to this spiral until the general economy goes up.

The only exception to the decrease in crimes has to do with small towns. Places with fewer than 10,000 residents have actually had an increase in illegal activity during this same period.

That shouldn't be all that surprising. Sometimes it takes a while for trends to reach rural areas. If you are a student of history, you know this was the case when it came to foreign films, post-modern fiction, and the Macarena. I think that once small-time crooks learn how their big-city brothers and sisters are comporting themselves during this period, they will start staying home from "work" as well.

In the meantime, one solution for residents of small towns who want to avoid crime is to go to New York. Those new FBI statistics rate New York as the safest city among the 25 largest cities in the United States. Soon you may be seeing an ad campaign for the "Big Apple." It may go something like this: "Tired of locking your doors after you feed the hogs? Angry about looking over your shoulder while you walk down Main Street? Afraid to walk into the General Store with more than $8 in your pocket? Come to New York where you'll feel safer than a mare in a gelding corral."

Nationally, the type of crime that has gone down the most (while your IRA has suffered the same fate) has been auto theft. That activity has gone down slightly more than 13 percent. As if things weren't bad enough in the auto industry, now there's proof that you actually can't give cars away. Not even thieves want them.

NATIONALLY, THE TYPE OF CRIME THAT HAS GONE DOWN THE MOST (WHILE YOUR IRA HAS SUFFERED THE SAME FATE) HAS BEEN AUTO THEFT. THAT ACTIVITY HAS GONE DOWN SLIGHTLY MORE THAN 13 PERCENT. AS IF THINGS WEREN'T BAD ENOUGH IN THE AUTO INDUSTRY, NOW THERE'S PROOF THAT YOU ACTUALLY CAN'T GIVE CARS AWAY. NOT EVEN THIEVES WANT THEM.

The FBI didn't give statistics for specific makes or models in terms of which ones are being stolen the least. However, my guess is SUVs and any big car with a huge engine aren't on thieves' "to steal" lists. As we head closer to that time of year when gas prices always "mysteriously soar," car thieves will have a more and more difficult time unloading gas-guzzlers.

And maybe it's not just about money. Maybe car thieves have evolved just like the rest of us. Perhaps they say to each other, "I don't want my kids to be ashamed of me anymore. I've gone green. I only steal high-mileage vehicles."

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The Q Line

READING INTO IT

This past week, Q-line asked:

City leaders are considering building a new library in the Pico Neighborhood. There are currently two proposals on the table. One calls for having the library placed in Virginia Avenue Park. Others think it should be elsewhere on Pico Boulevard. Where should the new library be located and why?

Here are your responses:

"THE CITY OF SANTA MONICA CERTAINLY does need a new library. The multi-million dollar library just completed with a tomb of printed literature is simply not adequate. We must also consider the enormous distance between the Santa Monica Main Library and the Santa Monica boundary lines that must be at least two to four miles. For convenience's sake, I suggest we place a library on both Virginia Street, Pico Boulevard and Montana Avenue. Also on Wilshire, Olympic, Lincoln Boulevards and the I-10 freeway. That way we would have all of our literary bases covered. A perfect make-work project."

"WE'VE ALREADY GOT THE MAIN LIBRARY and three branch libraries that pretty much cover the whole city. We don't need another one. The people who are there in Virginia Park — if it was really big that would be fine, but then they'd have to close the Fairview Branch. Replacing one is one thing but we don't need another one."

"WE DON'T NEED ANOTHER LIBRARY. There already is a library only a couple blocks away on Ocean Park Boulevard. Also, libraries are now obsolete, since everyone just reads on the Internet. Santa Monica's libraries have become mostly ... motels and toilets for the homeless."

"UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES SHOULD the library be held in Virginia Park. It should be placed on Pico Boulevard. Pico Boulevard as it is now is a dump and it needs to be cleaned up and revitalized by putting a library on the street. It will help bring in other services like cafes and restaurants, and help that neighborhood."

"THIS IS A GREAT QUESTION AND EASY to answer. According to your paper, we the taxpayers can save $6 million by building the new library within Virginia Park. Pico Neighborhood residents say they are in need of book-learning. At Virginia Park you already have increased security, custodial and grounds staffing, hopefully by union city workers. The Pico Neighborhood has become the big crybabies in our city, but not the big taxpayers. Anyway, I agree with them in regards to keeping Pico Boulevard simple. It's one of the few low-density streets in our town. Don't let City Hall spin its utopian ideal on Pico Boulevard and destroy its quaintness like it has to the rest of Santa Monica."

"WHY SHOULD WE HAVE ANOTHER library over in that part of town? What's wrong with the Ocean Park Library? I think it's insane that they want to put a multi-million dollar new library over at Pico when there's already one at Ocean Park and one at Main Street and one on Montana and there's the Downtown one. What's the point, people? Let me reiterate to you the hours of the libraries. For Montana, at least, and Ocean Park, they're closed on Fridays and Sundays. On Sundays, at the Main Library, they're only open from one to five. They open during the weekdays at 10. Let's take some of that money for this excessive and not needed, unnecessary library they're talking about on Pico to be built and open the libraries longer. We totally understand why you open at 10 — to keep the homeless people from sleeping there all day, which they generally do as soon as the place opens. But to have library hours up Sunday at the Main Library from one to five, why even bother opening? Take that money and get the libraries open more hours. We pay taxes, we don't need another superfluous library. We need longer hours at the existing libraries. Anyway, it's just going to turn into another sleeping place for the homeless, what's the point?"

"I THINK THE PARK IS THE BEST PLACE for it, because young people will be there already."

"INSTEAD OF BUILDING A BRANCH library, use that money to extend the hours at all the other branches including being open on Fridays. Outreach can be done to the Pico Neighborhood to raise awareness of the Fairview Branch Library, which is a very short walk away. There could also be free passes offered to the Ocean Park and Main libraries, and I recommend increasing the budgets for books and materials at all the existing libraries rather than building more."

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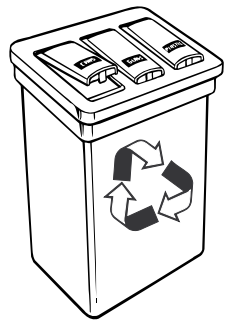
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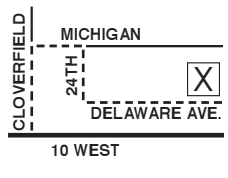


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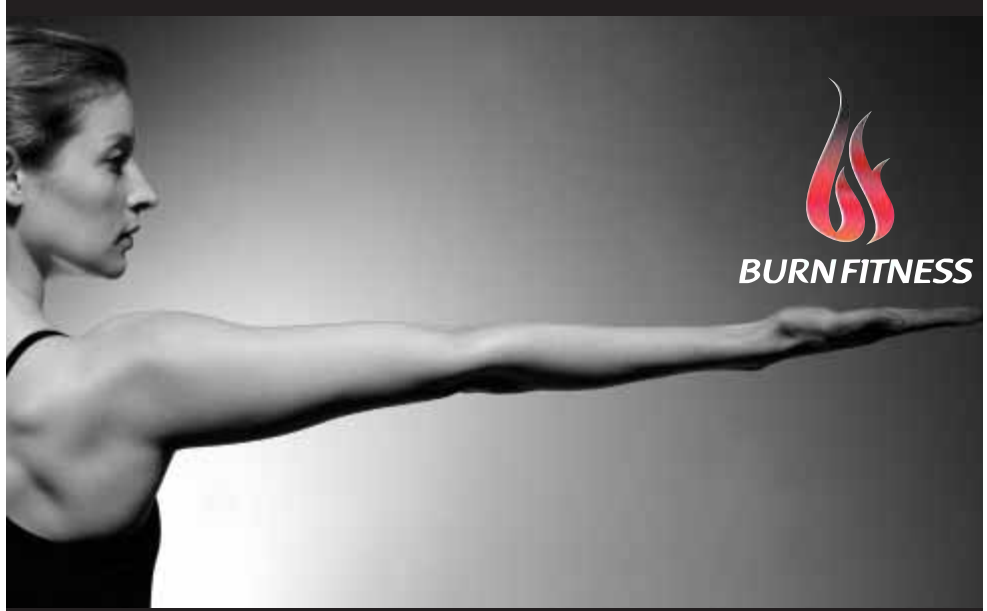


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Fun with fermented foods

LAST WEEK WE EXPLORED SOME OF THE rationale for probiotics, something people often take in supplement form after ingesting antibiotics. Interestingly, probiotics means "for life" and antibiotics means "against life."

Since probiotic (good bacteria) research is fairly new and since not all good bacteria have been thoroughly studied, it is unlikely that any one probiotic supplement will provide all of the good bacteria you need to completely restore the symbiotic balance of life in the digestive system.

Therefore, it might be best to turn to that 5,000-year-old practice of consuming fermented foods. Plus, growing your own good bacteria can be fun, rewarding and more economical than buying supplements.

Besides, you have to eat, so why not eat and replenish your good gut bugs at the same time.

Now, you may be thinking, "Fermented foods. Mmm. Yum. Sign me up!"

I find it difficult enough to get clients to eat more leafy greens let alone telling them, "While you're at it, throw on a nice fermented dressing to aid digestion."

Perhaps the "fermented foods" classification is not going to prompt people to run out and stock up on these microbial feasts, but they probably should.

Aside from preserving food when cold storage was not an option, fermented foods also serve as the first line of defense to fight off intruders trying to enter your body through the gastrointestinal tract (GI tract). Lactobacillus, found in fermented dairy products such as yogurt and kefir, may inhibit the growth and proliferation of pathogenic bacteria such as salmonella.

Sauerkraut is very popular in my home state of Pennsylvania. Pork and sauerkraut is a traditional New Year's Day meal meant to bring good luck or at least smooth digestion to those who partake in this New Year's feast.

Not a pork eater? Try tempeh instead. Tempeh is a perfect vegan protein. Made from soybeans, this fermented thin bean slab makes a great "meat" substitute. Soybeans are a complete protein, meaning they contain all of the essential amino acids in the right proportion. The fermentation process aids the digestion of an otherwise difficult to digest food.

Miso is a traditional Japanese seasoning produced by fermenting rice, barley and/or soybeans, with salt and a fungus. The most common miso is made with soybeans — great for adding flavor to any dish. However, miso should not be heated too high or all those great little microbes go bye-bye. Add miso to any broth based soup only after you have heated the soup and allowed it to cool.

Aid your digestion one meal at a time by trying some of my favorite fermented foods courtesy of Kathy Cummins and The Bauman School for Holistic Nutrition. For more information about fermentation visit www.wildfermentation.com/.

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Miso Ginger Dressing
1, 2-inch piece fresh ginger, peeled and coarsely chopped
2 tbs. white miso (shiro)
3 tbs. tahini (sesame paste)
1/2 cup water
3 tbs. fresh lemon juice

Blend in a blender. Use to top leafy greens or any vegetable of your choice.

Tempeh Sausage
2 packages plain tempeh, steamed, whole
1 tsp. sage, marjoram, thyme, cumin, onion powder, garlic powder and herbs de provence
1/4 cup flour (your choice)
1/8 cup apple juice
3 tbs. oil (canola or olive)
2 tbs. tamari soy sauce
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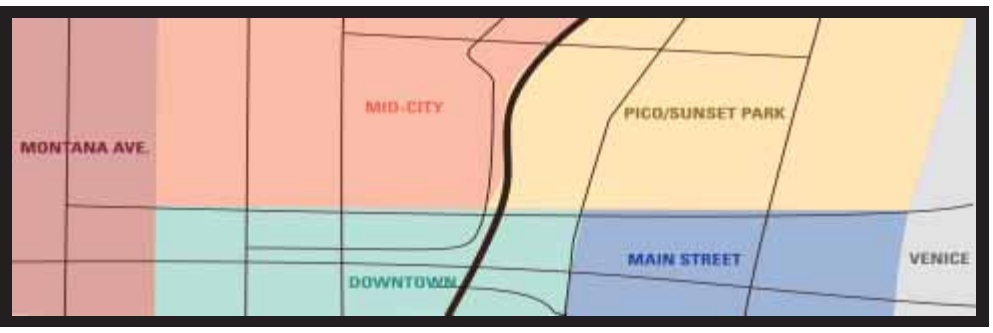
Steam the tempeh for 15 minutes. Cool and grate. Mix seasonings and flour in a separate bowl. Combine seasoned flour to grated tempeh. Blend with apple juice, oil and tamari. Adjust moisture. Press into thin patties. Sauté in a thin coating of canola oil. Brown on both sides. Enjoy!

Homemade Kraut
1 whole cabbage (green), thinly sliced or grated
1/2 cup dulse, soaked and sliced or 2 tbs. sea salt
(Variations: Red cabbage, carrots, ginger, beets, daikon, horseradish or garlic)
Distilled or filtered water to submerge cabbage

Save the outer leaves of the cabbage. Grate or thinly slice and chop cabbage. Pound with mallet or crush to release the juices. Place pounded cabbage in 1 quart size glass jar. Press down firmly on the cabbage. Cover with the outer leaves. Add water until cabbage is fully submerged. There should be no less than one inch from the top of the liquid to the jar lid. Cover the jar with cheese cloth and then loosely with a lid. Let sit for three to seven days at room temperature. Store in the refrigerator thereafter. Enjoy with any high protein meals to aid digestion.

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Schwarzenegger: A bad time to sell state assets

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SACRAMENTO Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger on Friday said this is the wrong time to consider selling state assets — less than a month after he proposed doing just that.

During a news conference in Escondido, the governor responded to a question about his proposal to sell the Del Mar Fairgrounds and other state properties. He announced the proposal in May as part of his revised plan to address a $24.3 billion budget deficit.

He acknowledged the timing was poor. The commercial real estate market is just one part of California's economy that has been pummeled by the recession.

"And it's also not always the best time right now, when we are in a financial crisis where people pay you much less for those properties, to go out and sell them immediately," Schwarzenegger said.

The Republican governor proposed placing a number of high-profile state properties on the market as a way to raise money in the cash-starved state. Among them were the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum, San Quentin State Prison and the state fairgrounds in Sacramento.

He also proposed selling state office buildings throughout California, then renting them back from the new owners.

Real estate experts told The Associated Press for a story last week that many of the properties would be undervalued if placed on the market now because the commercial real estate market is so poor. Many potential buyers also might have trouble obtaining credit.

That poses questions about whether California taxpayers would receive an adequate return on their investments.

The previous AP story also noted that even if the properties were put up for sale this year, California would not realize proceeds for perhaps two to five years — and in some cases even longer. That would do nothing for the current budget crisis.

In his Friday comments, Schwarzenegger said he remained committed to selling state assets but also said his plan would likely have little, if any, effect on the immediate budget crisis.

"But as you know, this is a longer process," he said. "There are some people that always say now, to solve this financial crisis, we should just get rid of some of our state property. It doesn't work that easily."

During an address to the Legislature last week, Schwarzenegger promoted his plan to sell state property by saying the state should follow the example of many Californians, who he said are "selling off their boats and motorcycles to make ends meet."

Schwarzenegger spokeswoman Rachel Cameron said the governor's central message remains unchanged.

"The bottom line here is the state should not be in the real estate market," she said. "As far as timing ... we need to look at all of our options to increase our cash flow."



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Students premiere Latin soap opera at local theater

FROM LATIN PAGE 1

Jacob Garber took on the role of director, Kylie got more serious about the script and the less facetious 'Pacifica' we now know was born. That's not to say the drama is totally serious all the time. There are some funny over-the-top moments but that's kind of the way high school actually is sometimes and it works well."

Despite being entirely in Latin, the students involved agree it is accessible to everyone, due largely in part to the English subtitles accompanying the episodes.

"When we finished the second episode, it was clear that 'Pacifica' would not only be a good tool for studying the language, but a series even non-Latin speakers could enjoy," said junior Ethan Corn, who plays Leo, a main character. "'Pacifica' is for everyone. The fact that it's in Latin might turn people off from the idea, but once you start watching, it's like any other foreign film with English subtitles. The content, however, is much more relevant to teenagers."

Corn listed peer pressure, drug and alcohol abuse, domestic violence, teen pregnancy, homosexuality and suicide as several of the topics "Pacifica" touches upon.

"Pacifica," however, is first and foremost a linguistic and artistic experiment.

"The Latin component of the show transforms what would normally be a straight-faced take on the teen drama into a unique film that is somehow totally serious and totally satirical at the same time," Mann said. "Latin can do stuff like this. It's like seeing something you've seen a million times through someone else's heavy prescription glasses."

Latin teacher Luke Henderson looks forward to the show's reception as a foray into Latin cinema.

"It is remarkable that these students, motivated by the beauty and universality of this timeless language, have put in so many hundreds of hours outside of class to create something truly extraordinary," Henderson said. "Moreover, Latin programs are increasing throughout the U.S. as schools and communities recognize Latin's appeal and usefulness; the success of Latin at Samohi is merely indicative of a larger nationwide trend."

"Pacifica" premieres all four episodes Saturday, June 13 at the Aero Theatre from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Doors open at 12:30 p.m. Tickets are $5 for students and $10 for adults. The Aero is located at 1328 Montana Ave.

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Former Samohi coach attracts Vikings

FROM **BASEBALL** PAGE 3

ed it was a good fit.

"I wasn't too sure on what I wanted to do," Lawrence said of the process. "I figured it couldn't hurt so I said what the hell."

As for playing time, Lawrence said he doesn't expect any favors. He knows full well that it is never given only earned.

"Brockway said I'd have to get a feel for it at first," Lawrence said of college ball. "As a new player I'm going to have to prove myself on a whole new level.

"We'll see when the whole team comes together where I rank."

The five players from Samohi will join 15 others in West's 2009 recruiting class. Brockway said he expects this crop of players to improve the team's lot in 2010. The team was 14-28 this season playing in the Western State Conference, a record Brockway hopes will improve as the team continues to build a foundation.

Brockway's Santa Monica connections run deep. Not only did he coach Samohi to the CIF title game in 2007, he also was the last baseball coach at Santa Monica College. SMC eliminated its baseball program in 1994.

St. Monica's Anthony Yoshinaga, a catcher, is also considering attending West. Yoshinaga, who has been accepted at Arizona State, said at the end of the season that he wasn't sure how far he wanted to chase his baseball dreams.

"I want to try to walk-on at ASU, but I'm not sure what I want to do right now," Yoshinaga said following the team's first round playoff loss. "West L.A. is still a possibility.

"My dad and I have a lot of talking to do."

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New rent increase goes into effect later this year

FROM **RENT** PAGE 1

index (CPI) for the Los Angeles area.

The formula this year does not include adjustments made for components based on the CPI because the index reflects a negative 2.7 percent change. The dollar amount for those areas were instead left the same as the previous year, though the negative CPI could be reflected in the increase for 2010, rent control staff said.

For comparison, rent control staff listed the general adjustments for other municipalities with rent control, including Berkeley, which authorized a 2.7 percent increase, East Palo Alto with 0.8 percent, Oakland 0.7 percent, and San Francisco with 2.2 percent. San Jose and Hayward adopt a standard rate annually of 8 percent and 5 percent, respectively.

West Hollywood calculates a 75 percent change in CPI for its formula. If the CPI remains negative, the general adjustment could remain at zero, city staff said.

The adopted rate in Santa Monica came as disappointing news for landlords who have been battling their own set of challenges in the current economy, dealing with either vacancies or having to negotiate lower rents to keep current tenants.

Bill Dawson, the vice president of Sullivan-Dituri and president of the Apartment Association of Greater Los Angeles, said that insurance costs for his company's rental properties are increasing, quoting three specifically that will go up by 6.6 percent, 6.7 percent and 8.3 percent. He noted that the company did not change providers nor the amounts of coverage.

He also asked that the board consider a provision that would allow landlords to increase rents for existing tenants who add a roommate to the lease, adding that the city of Los Angeles permits a 10 percent increase.

"I know there are many people consolidating their households," he said.

Lisa Olson, a property owner, said she remembers growing up in Santa Monica and seeing beautiful flowers in well-groomed yards, which she believes changed when rent control went into effect. The result was landlords stopped maintaining their buildings.

She fears the same will happen again with the small adjustment, calling it a "slap in the face."

"When people don't have money, they don't water their yards, they don't have gardeners," she said. "They start cutting back on things."

Residents who spoke favorably of the increase praised the Rent Control Board and its staff for coming up with what they called a fair adjustment.

Matt Baird, a teacher and tenant, said the adjustment was a compassionate and caring move by city officials considering the recession.

He added that the unemployment rate in the county will increase even more next week with teacher layoffs, noting that he knows 10 personally who will lose their jobs.

"It's the worst housing market and the worst economic market," Baird said.

Todd Flora, a renter for seven years, said city officials found the right balance, adding that tenants also have to deal with other expenses increasing, such as gas.

"I'm glad you're looking for a reasonable number that will quite frankly allow some improvements to be made while ensuring that people can live here in confidence that their Rent Control Board is standing for them," Flora said.

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Now Buick, GMC must go as well

GENERAL MOTORS IS STILL TOO BIG.

The number of people already put out of work by the Amazingly-Shrinking General is sickening, outrageous; these workers didn't bring this on themselves, it's been forced on them and their families and the businesses where they trade by GM's own shortcomings and the collapse of the credit market precipitated by the sub-prime mortgage crisis through the banks and Wall Street.

Yet if the Obama Administration really feels that this ritual death and resurrection of GM is so crucial to the economic and psychic health of America, the following part of their plan leaves a lot to be desired.

Even with "four core divisions," as GM likes to call their new quad of Chevrolet, Cadillac, Buick and GMC, the company's failed recipe for overcapacity, overproduction and waste could continue unabated within what was for almost 100 years the world's largest manufacturing concern.

For the past three decades, GM has developed an inferiority complex which saw the corporation go so far as to keep its own name and logo off their Saturn and Oldsmobile Aurora products, among others, yet now they're hanging onto Buick and GMC for no good reason other than, it would appear, corporate ego.

"Never fail to take advantage of a crisis," is a mantra of this White House, but what has the president's Automotive Task Force learned during this exercise? Not much, it would seem, as Buick and GMC will now continue to market "their own" versions of existing Chevrolet and Cadillac products, exactly what all involved claim they're trying to avoid.

GM (and the White House) must honestly answer this question: Even without considering the manufacturing costs for Buick and GMC, are the marketing, advertising, public relations, executive salaries, transportation, supplier and other ancillary costs worth it when the two divisions have only 183 single-point dealerships between them?

In 2008, Buick dealers sold an average of just 52 vehicles per year; GMC dealers moved 167 pieces of iron that year.

GM in 2008 claimed 13,132 dealers in the U.S. (with its seven divisions, including Saab) selling about 163 cars and trucks per store.

Toyota and Scion combined had 1,235 stores moving 1,589 cars and trucks a year with (Toyota luxury division) Lexus' 226 dealers pushing 1,158 vehicles out the door.

Get the picture? GM makes too many cars, has too many factories and stores, too many employees, and too many executives, and too much of everything else.

The company has been burning through $1 billion a week in recent months, the costs of shutting-down almost as incapacitating to the corporation as the past 100 years of growing "too large to fail" (and isn't it strange that while "financial services" firms are dubbed by the government as being "too large to fail," we've yet to hear of a company which actually makes tangible products which has that same quality).

Any continued overcapacity on GM's part is disastrous for the future of the company; Buick and GMC have no involvement in racing, either, which at least allows Chevrolet some modicum of extra promotional activity (especially if my man Tony Stewart keeps working his magic in NASCAR this year).

Rather than searching for reasons and justifications to keep divisions (and, yes, employees), General Motors must be cut to the very barest of its bones and then rebuilt from there, if possible.

That is, if the White House is indeed serious about getting the "heavy lifting" done now so GM can rise again. Perhaps "saving" the company through Chapter 7 bankruptcy wasn't the best idea; maybe Chapter 11, with the various divisions sold-off to the highest bidder, would have ultimately made more sense.

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'Fargo' (Blu-ray)

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'Greatest Classic Films: WWII Battlefront Europe'

In honor of D-Day June 6, 1944, Warner Bros. releases this four-title package of some of the best war films produced in Hollywood. Richard Burton and Clint Eastwood star in "Where Eagles Dare" as Allied commandoes assigned to free a general in an Alpine fortress. Lee Marvin is the tough-as-nails major commanding a squad of misfits (Jim Brown, Charles Bronson, John Cassaavettes) on a suicide mission against a gathering of high-ranking Nazi officials in "The Dirty Dozen." James Whitmore and Van Johnson star in a 1949 film "Battleground," which won two Academy Awards about the 101st Airborne troops facing Hitler's final counteroffensive. Eastwood also stars in "Kelly's Heroes" about some disillusioned rag tag Allied soldiers who find something worth fighting for when they discover there is a fortune in Nazi –confiscated gold up for grabs. (Warner Bros)

'The Machinist' (Blu-ray)

Christian Bale, looking literally like a starving artist dropping over 60 pounds for this role, stars as Trevor Reznik, a factory worker haunted by some mysterious occurrence. He hasn't slept in a year and the resulting physical and mental deterioration has made his every waking moment an unrelenting state of confusion, guilt, paranoia and anxiety. A friendly hooker (Jennifer Jason Leigh) and airport waitress (Aitana Sánchez-Gijón) are his only regular links to sanity as he tries to fathom his psychological hell. (Paramount)

'Indecent Proposal' (Blu-ray)

Demi Moore and Woody Harrelson are a young, financially strapped couple hoping a trip to Las Vegas will change their luck. But the game on the table is not poker or black jack when they are approached by handsome billionaire John Gage (Robert Redford). He offers them complete financial freedom for one night of passion with Woody's wife. One million dollars, one night, no questions asked. A compelling morality play, the film is directed by Adrian Lyne ("Fatal Attraction" and "Flashdance"). (Paramount)

'Une Femme Marlee'

Esteemed French new wave director Jean-Luc Godard's 1964 film is quite representative of its time. Incorporating ads and segments of conversations between a materialistic woman Charlotte (Macha Meril) and the three men in her life, the filmmaker pokes fun at consumerism with an aside to politics as the girl, not certain if she loves either man but discovers she is pregnant, must come to terms with her emotional infidelities. It is a compelling portrait of a modern woman fighting back after being reduced to a sexual commodity. (KochLorber)

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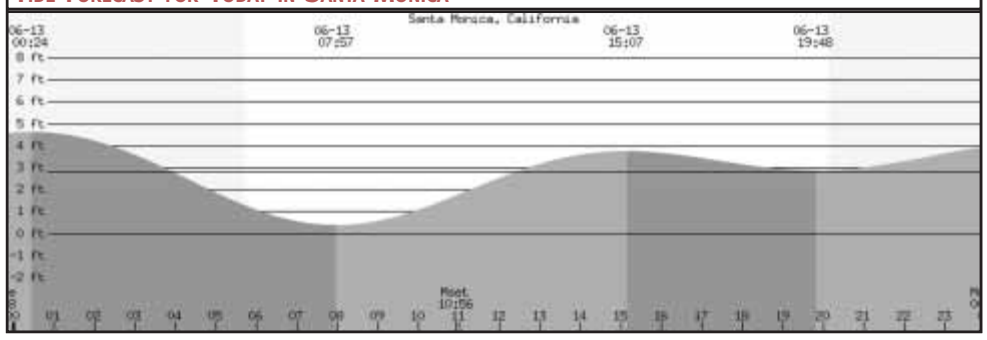
Swell Forecast (1-2 FT)

Saturday the 13th it looks like this swell will peak with chest high waves around most south facing breaks. Sunday the 14th should still see some surf from this southern hemi.

Long Range Synopsis

Monday the 15th south swell from 175-180 degrees is expected to fill in from that Easter Island development mentioned in the synopsis above.

Tide Forecast for Today in Santa Monica



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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 9, 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 -- 36 / ns
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 8 / ns

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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 Alisos 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	B	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)	C	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	D	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms)	A+	ns
Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain	C	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	D	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain	B	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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The Hangover (R) 1hr 36min
11:25am, 1:55, 4:20, 7:00, 9:45

Land of the Lost (PG-13)
12:00, 2:30, 5:10, 7:45, 10:15

Night at the Museum: Battle of the Smithsonian (PG) 1hr 45min
11:15am, 1:45, 4:30, 7:15, 10:00

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Up (PG) 1hr 36min
10:35am, 1:10, 3:40, 6:20, 9:00

Up (Digital 3-D) (PG) 1hr 36min
11:20am, 2:00, 4:40, 7:20, 10:00

Star Trek (2009) (PG-13) (CC) 2hrs 06min
10:30am, 1:25, 4:15, 7:10, 10:10

The Hangover (R) 1hr 36min
12:20, 2:55, 5:30, 8:10, 10:45

Land of the Lost (PG-13)
11:10am, 1:45, 4:25, 7:00, 9:35

The Taking of Pelham 1 2 3 (R) 2hrs 01min
10:30am, 11:25am, 1:05, 2:05, 3:45, 4:45, 6:35, 7:35, 9:20, 10:20

The Proposal (PG-13)
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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

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

Unmistaken Child (NR) 1hr 42min
1:20, 4:10, 7:00, 9:40

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12:20, 3:40, 7:00, 10:00

Away We Go (R) 1hr 37min
11:30am, 12:30, 2:00, 3:00, 4:30, 5:30, 7:10, 8:00, 9:40, 10:30

Imagine That (PG)
11:50am, 2:20, 4:50, 7:20, 9:50

My Life in Ruins (PG-13) 1hr 38min
11:40am, 2:10, 4:40, 7:30, 10:10

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Just hang out, Capricorn

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ If you feel like venturing out, do — as you are likely to enjoy yourself more than you imagined. Friends play an unusual role as you eye new possibilities. If you have been harboring a long-term dream, go for it. Tonight: Play it low-key.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ A parent, boss or work makes demands. Smart Bulls will make it their pleasure. Use your ingenuity should you hit a problem. A brainstorming session creates unthought-of options. Tonight: Find your friends.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ Reach out for others at a distance. A discussion needs to be put on the back burner. Your imagination plays out when planning a get-together. Perhaps it is time to start thinking about a vacation. Tonight: Leader of the gang.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★★ Someone clearly is focused on you. Make time for this person. Togetherness lights up the Moon Child. What is shared might be quite touching or special. Together you are lucky. Plans to go to a concert or movie help you relax. Tonight: Follow your imagination's lead.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★★ Others continue to be in the power seat. Get into a somewhat freer frame of mind. An unusually creative suggestion triggers many fun, dynamic and good ideas. Go out and enjoy a meal, movie or some other happening. Tonight: Go with another's suggestion.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★ Just flow. Go off and enjoy a favorite hobby or pastime. You might be delighted by what happens. Your imagination peaks when doing what you love. Many come toward you. Tonight: Don't tolerate being alone or doing something you don't like.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★★ Let your imagination flourish, and follow its lead. You might be on a rather wild adventure. Someone knows how to catch your eye and attention. It could be a child, loved one or new friend — all work. Be open to relating more deeply. Tonight: Know when to call it quits.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★ Opt to stay close to home. Perhaps you are sprucing up your home for the summer or a get-together. Be careful around water. Leaks happen! Others might simply opt to buy a water fountain or add a pool or hot tub. Tonight: Time to be less serious and let your hair down.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Make calls and touch base with others. What you might think is an inspired idea draws a lot of enthusiasm. Are you ready to test it out? Join a friend for a late lunch. Tonight: Visit with friends, but call it an early night.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ You easily could go overboard indulging a favorite vice. Though others — and, above all, you — may judge your behavior, you'll relax and renew in this fashion. Rethink plans. Tonight: Hanging out feels perfect!

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ Don't overthink situations. Rather, go off and enjoy yourself. Your dealings with someone could take a new twist or turn. You have on your rose-colored glasses, so your thoughts might not be realistic. Tonight: Indulge yourself, and others as well.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ Relax, work, read or do whatever you want or need to do this morning. Free yourself up to get together with a special friend who always seems to be changing. Spontaneity adds to the fun of seeing friends. Tonight: The center of the action.

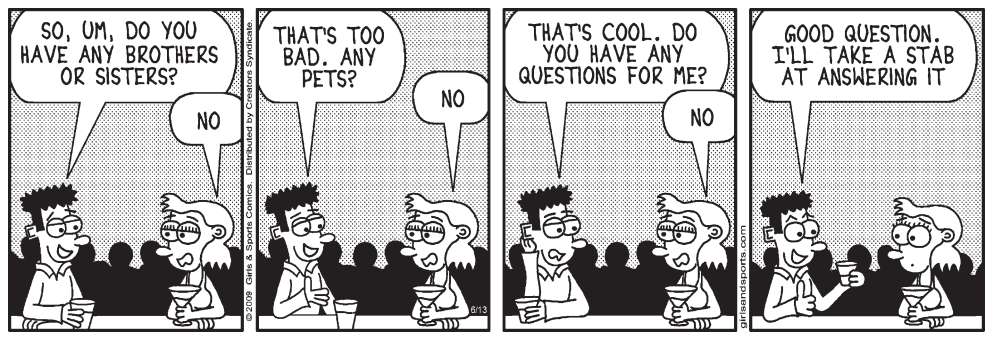
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★★★★ Positive ★ Difficult
★★★ Average

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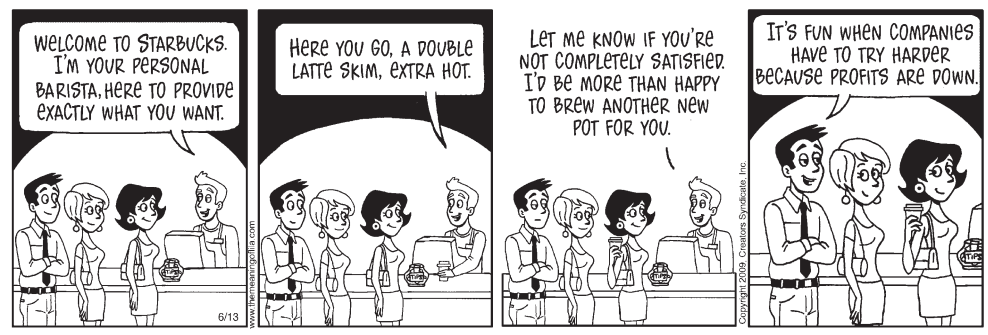
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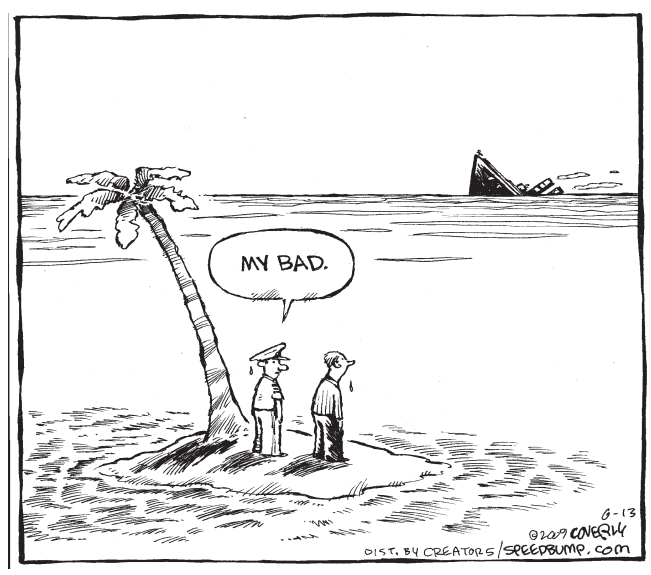
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Difficulty Level ★★★★

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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

6	1	4	8	9	2	7	3	5
7	3	8	5	1	4	2	6	9
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9	8	5	1	4	3	6	7	2
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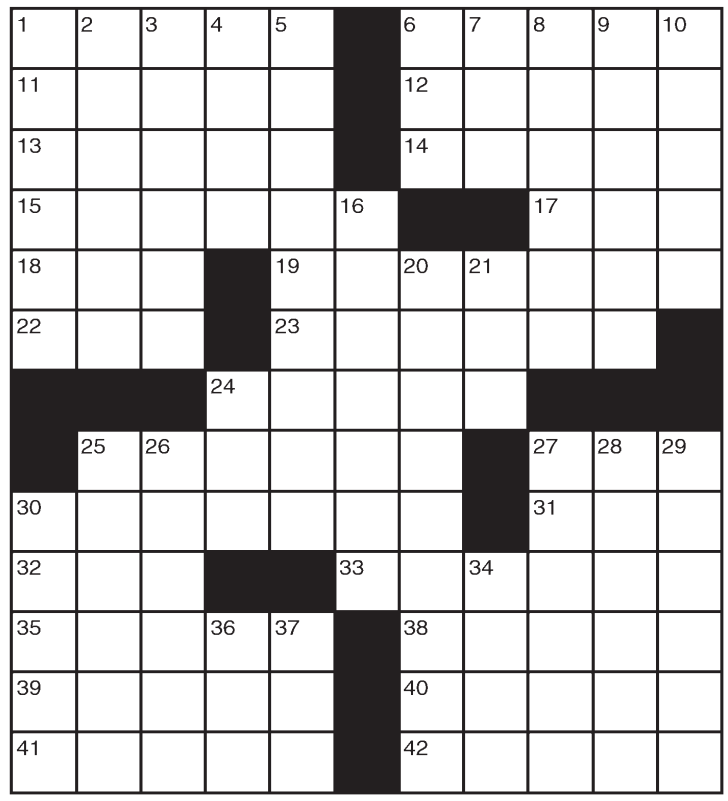
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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ The Right to Remain Silent: Timothy Williams' lawyer had a good defense worked out in Williams' May murder trial in Pittsburgh: When Williams fatally shot the "other" man in the love triangle with Williams' girlfriend, it was a "crime of passion," said the lawyer, befitting manslaughter rather than first-degree murder. But Williams insisted on taking the stand, and by the time he was done, he had openly bragged that he was a "swinger" with many girlfriends, that this particular woman meant "nothing" to him, and that, though he killed the man, police had somehow "sabotaged" the surveillance video of the shooting. Verdict: first-degree murder.

■ The long-running battle between Alan Davis, 53, and officials in Altamonte Springs, Fla., began anew in May, upon Davis' release from prison after serving a year for his latest defiance of court orders to clear the "junk" out of his yard ("felony littering"). It was his third prison stretch in five years, and he said he is not done yet. Just before his latest stretch, he had placed a giant sculpted derriere in front of the Seminole County Courthouse. In May, he told reporters that he would rejoin the battle by ringing his yard with 42 smaller, similar sculptures.

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1996 the 81-day-old Freemen standoff ended as 16 remaining members of the anti-government group surrendered to the FBI and left their Montana ranch.

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