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Residents target vacant lot for garden

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

DELAWARE AVENUE There's an undeveloped piece of land that lies unnoticeable in the shadow of Woodlawn Cemetery, sitting largely vacant except for a scattering of trash and a decrepit sofa.

It is on that corner of 16th Street and Delaware Avenue where a group of residents are calling on city officials to build a community garden, arguing that while such resources have been developed throughout the city, one has never been created in the Pico Neighborhood.

"We feel that it would not only revitalize that area, but it would give the residents an opportunity to turn blight into something beautiful," Oscar de la Torre, a long-time resident and school board member, said.

The property is located on a quiet corner just north of the cemetery, surrounded by single-family homes and apartment buildings. The Los Angeles County Assessors' Office values the land at $612,000 according to 2008 roll values.

Karen Ginsberg, the assistant director of community and cultural services, said that city staff is not looking into purchasing the property but is instead currently focusing its efforts on creating a registry that would match homeowners with open space with residents who like to garden, but have no room. The registry is set to launch soon.

"We do support long-range strategies in neighborhoods where opportunities are scarce," Ginsberg said. "But those endeavors are costly."

She said in addition to acquiring such properties, there are also costs in preparing the lots for gardening and ongoing maintenance.

City Hall considered a small property on Stewart Street just north of Olympic Boulevard several years ago, opting against it because it needed significant improvements. The property was also not for sale at the time, Ginsberg said.

There are three community gardens which altogether have about 117 plots, located on Main Street, Park Drive, and the newest addition in Euclid Park. Applicants must be a Santa Monica resident and pay $60 annually for their plot of land. Residents

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ALL IN THE FAMILY

Fabian Lewkowicz *FabianLewkowicz.com*

Golfers drive by as a doe and her brood graze during Santa Monica Police Activity League's (PAL) Charity Golf Classic at Mountain Gate Country Club on Monday. Money raised through the classic helps support scholarships for youth, SAT and ACT prep courses and and homework assistance.

Coastal Commission approves Travelodge project on Ocean

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

DOWNTOWN A proposal to build a new Travelodge on Ocean Avenue cleared one final hurdle last week when the California Coastal Commission gave the project the green light, allowing construction to finally begin this fall.

The project, which includes tearing down the existing Pacific Sands Motel and adjacent Travelodge to construct a four-story limited amenities motel in its place, will be submitted for plan check next month. Construction is slated to begin in November and conclude in May 2011.

The commission's approval came with several conditions, including requirements that the project comply with Santa Monica water quality mitigation efforts and conformance with the local archeological resource recovery plan, which means that if any fossils are discovered during excavation, it has to be reported to the appropriate agencies. Property owner Michael Farzam, whose family has been in the hospitality industry for more than three decades, said the conditions were expected.

"They were very fair and standard code requirements so overall we were very pleased

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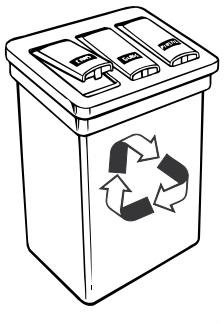
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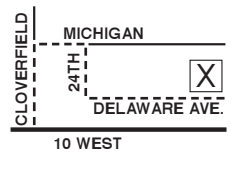


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Fairview Branch Library
2101 Ocean Park Blvd., 7 p.m. — 8:30 p.m.
Watch a film that documents a Compton high school's production of Thornton Wilder's "Our Town." Cost is free. Call (310) 450-0443 for more information.

Time for stories
Ocean Park Library
2601 Main St., 10 a.m. — 11 a.m.
Join Mr. Jesse for some wonderful stories, rhymes, songs and puppets. This program is for 2 and 3 year olds. Registration is required, but admission is free. Call (310) 392-3804 for more information.

Savvy caregivers
Sunrise of Santa Monica
1312 15th St., 1 p.m. — 3 p.m.
The Alzheimer's Association Savvy Caregiver Program is a free six-week course that provides caregivers with the basic knowledge, skills and attitudes needed to care for a family member who has been diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease. The class meets at Sunrise of Santa Monica and caregivers must attend all six consecutive sessions on Wednesdays from June 3 — July 8. To enroll, e-mail kami.holman@alz.org or call (323) 930-625 for more information.

Wednesday, June 17, 2009

Ballroom by the bay
Santa Monica Bay Women's Club
1210 Fourth St., 7 p.m. — 11 p.m.
Come for a free lesson at 7 p.m., and stick around after for more dancing for $10. Learn how to waltz, fox-trot, swing and hustle by request. Partners are not required. Parking is available next door. Call (310) 487-0911 for more information.

Thursday, June 18, 2009

Prose and poetry
Novel Cafe
212 Pier Ave., 8 p.m. — 10 p.m.
Come read, listen and enjoy free open prose and poetry readings every Thursday. Everyone and all genres are welcome, including poetry, fiction and non-fiction, as long as there is a 1,000 word limit per reader. Visit forthmagazine.com/weeklyreadings.php or call (310) 396-8566 for more information.

Feral cat tips
West Los Angeles Animal Shelter conference room
11361 Pico Blvd., 7 p.m. — 10 p.m.
This free workshop is supported by a grant from PetSmart Charities. The workshop will cover a range of topics concerning responsible feral cat care including humane trapping, post-operative boarding, long-term managed care and adoptions. Sign up ahead of time; spaces are limited. Call (310) 820-4122 for more information.

Work the pole
Isabelle's Dance Academy
1334 Lincoln Blvd., 7 p.m. — 9 p.m.
Get the best work-out of your life! Pole dancing is a life-changing experience. It will make you stronger at every level, from your body to your spirit and sense of self-esteem. Get in touch with the sensual you at $39 for two hours of fun. Call (310) 392-3493 for more information.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

St. Monica Church

Concert to benefit nativity tradition

Santa Monica Nativity Scenes is holding its first benefit concert Saturday, June 27 to raise money for upkeep of its annual Christmas Nativity along Ocean Avenue at Palisades Park.

The nativity, which showcases 14 life-size nativity scenes, has been a Santa Monica tradition for 55 years. The organizing committee previously relied on funds from their Christmas mailing to support annual upkeep, but this year the group decided to host a mid-year event to cover additional costs.

"Prices, expenses keep going up for various costs and we do have a number of costs to meet," said Hunter Jameson, chairman of the Santa Monica Nativity Scenes Committee. "It's these extra expenses that made us think it was time to undertake for the first time a mid-year fundraising event."

The concert will be held at St. Monica Church and will feature both local and guest talent, including singer-songwriter Melissa Disney, gospel signer Helena Buscema, pop artist Macain Treat, jazz singer Janice Anderson, Monica's Joy youth choir and pop duo Dreamwork.

The benefit will also include a silent auction with items such as a two-night vacation at Venice Beach Suites and Hotel, airplane rides from Santa Monica Airport and a round of golf at the Malibu Country Club up for bid.

Proceeds from the sale of concert tickets and the silent auction will go toward refurbishing booth lighting and roofing, storage of the scenes, general maintenance and reimbursement to the city for covering the parking meters during the nativity's run.

Though the group does not have a projected fundraising goal, Jameson estimated that the group hopes to raise between $10,000 and $15,000 to cover their expenses.

The concert will be held at 7 p.m. in the Cantwell Auditorium. Tickets cost $30 and can be reserved at NativityScenes@gmail.com or (310) 435-1477. DAILY PRESS

Chief blames 'knuckleheads' for Lakers disturbance

BY DAISY NGUYEN
Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES Looting and vandalism that broke out in the aftermath of the Los Angeles Lakers' basketball championship won't keep the city from celebrating the team's victory: City officials and the Lakers are planning to foot the bill for a victory parade they hope will overshadow unrest the police chief blames on a mob of "knuckleheads."

Police reviewed security video and media images Monday to identify suspects who caused damage downtown the night before. Police Chief William Bratton said many known gang members were in the crowd.

"These knuckleheads seem to really relish their opportunity in the dark," Bratton said.

A victory parade was being planned for Wednesday, and officials of both the Lakers and the city were trying to decide who will pay for the celebration. The Los Angeles Times reported that Lakers and the city will kick in about $1 million apiece for the party.

The police union, citing the city's financial crisis, demanded that the Lakers pay all costs.

Bratton said he didn't know how much it will cost to provide security for the parade, but said that the team and members of the business community planned to provide financial assistance.

"In terms of whether there's a thousand officers, 2,000 officers, that's what the planning sessions today will make that determination," he said. "And we'll know ultimately what the cost will be."

Calls to Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa's spokesman and Lakers spokesman John Black were not immediately returned Monday

Fans eagerly buying Lakers' gear at the downtown Team LA store on Monday expressed disgust over the disturbance.

"It's uncalled for, it's a shame and it's embarrassing for a lot of us in Los Angeles," said Mark Scoggins, 48.

"It was ridiculous, it was definitely not the right way to celebrate," said Alex

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Judge: Simpson 'acquittal suit' to stay in storage

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

SM COURTHOUSE O.J. Simpson's former manager has been ordered by a Santa Monica judge to keep the former football star's so-called acquittal suit in storage until it is determined who rightfully owns it.

Santa Monica Superior Court Judge Gerald Rosenberg heard Monday from a lawyer for Fred Goldman, who is seeking to sell the brownish-green suit Simpson wore to court when he was acquitted on murder charges in 1995 to satisfy a civil judgment against Simpson. Fred Goldman is the father of Ronald Goldman, who was slain alongside Simpson's ex-wife 15 years ago. Simpson was ordered to pay a civil judgment of $33.5 million for the murders of Ron Goldman and Nicole Brown Simpson.

The judge also heard from Mike Gilbert, the manager who said Simpson gave him the suit the day after his Oct. 3, 1995, acquittal on murder charges. Gilbert claims it is his property because at that point Simpson had not been found civilly liable for the two deaths.

"I should have worn it today," he quipped to the judge.

Gilbert told the judge that he had the jacket, trousers and dress shirt locked in a storage unit near his home in Fresno.

Simpson's current lawyer says the garments are fakes.

The judge gave attorneys for Goldman permission to depose Gilbert about other items he has that are connected to Simpson. The agent said a host of Simpson memorabilia — footballs, golf clubs and even the retired athlete's Bentley — has been turned over to authorities in the last dozen years, but he refused to give the Goldman attorneys an accounting of items he currently has.

According to his comments at the courthouse, those items range from the Coke can he drank from during his first visit to Simpson's home two decades ago to 5,000 envelopes he paid Simpson to autograph at the time of his murder trial. Also during the hearing, the two collectibles dealers Simpson was convicted of robbing in Las Vegas said they will contest a planned sheriff's sale of two boxes of memorabilia used as evidence last year in the Nevada trial.

Simpson is serving nine to 33 years for armed robbery and kidnapping. The victims, Bruce Fromong and Alfred Beardsley, told the judge they will argue that jerseys and other items belong to them. A hearing is scheduled for next month.

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JUST KICKIN' IT

Brandon Wise *brandonw@smdp.com*

Matt Harold (center) of the San Fernando Valley soccer team Maccabe Dynamo Los Angeles breaks through two players from the Japanese team Inter South Bay at the Beach Soccer Competition north of the Santa Monica Pier Saturday afternoon.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Not so far removed

Editor:

I was very interested in Melody Hanatani's article, "Reserving the right," page 1, June 12. I'm a 71-year-old African American born and raised in Santa Monica. I remember stores in Santa Monica displaying signs stating, "We reserve the right to refuse to serve." There were also signs saying, "We do not serve Negroes, Mexican or dogs." I remember when stores on Third Street would not allow my mother to try on a hat or dress and in some cases not allow her to enter the store. I remember when Santa Monica had covenants. Blacks and Mexican Americans could only live in certain parts of the city. I also remember blacks were not allowed to drive or walk past Montana Avenue unless they worked there. And most of all I remember the Santa Monica public beach was segregated and the black part of the beach was called the "Ink Well."

I applaud Ms. Roscart's decision to serve the man who appeared to be homeless. If she were fired for that reason, Starbucks should be ashamed of itself.

Norman Hensley
Santa Monica

It's not yours

Editor:

Finally, the City Council does get it. The property at Ocean Avenue and San Vicente belongs to the owner not the tenants. Statements as to the "greedy" developer, forgets the greedy tenants who have been subsidized for many years, living in super prime location for many years, and instead of recognizing that fact, want to continue to live in what they consider their property.

Hector de la Puente
Santa Monica

Consumer dissatisfaction

Editor:

Chase Bank has advertised that they were bringing their "New Way of Banking" to California on countless billboards and TV stations. My experience at the Fourth Street and Arizona branch was the worst of any I have had to encounter from a bank in California.

I entered the branch to cash two checks given to me that I cash every month from my tenants. I was informed by their branch operations manager that Chase's internal policy was to cash only one check per day if you don't have an account with Chase.

Forget the fact that both checks were Chase bank checks, forget the fact that they were both made payable to me directly and had been cashed there every single month for approximately 1.5 years.

I asked for written evidence of this "internal policy." I was given none, just the statement that it was Chase's internal policy. I asked to speak to the branch manager, but they were conveniently "unavailable." The operations manager didn't have a name tag, and refused to identify herself.

If this is the "new way of banking in California," I'll stick to my Wells Fargo branch directly across the street. I would recommend others do so as well.

Nemesio Cervantes
Santa Monica

Class act

Editor:

My fellow students and I realize that Emeritus College, which provides intellectual and creative sustenance to seniors in our community, is experiencing hard financial times.

We urge those who are able to support the college in all ways possible. And I urge Emeritus administrators to retain the heart and soul of our program, such as the one remaining guitar class taught by Jimmy Cheesman, Mary Pillot's art class and others too numerous to mention here.

Marissa Rubin
Santa Monica



Back to Nature

Reese Halter

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Having a need for neem

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These evergreen beauties can easily reach 100 feet in height with impressive regal crowns and 8 feet girths. They are very fast growing trees that are able to re-colonize denuded and infertile soils. Their profuse white mellifluous flowers bear fruit that at first glance resembles an olive.

The fruits have a sweet pulp that is an important source of food for birds, bats and baboons. A hard shell encases seeds known as a kernel — sometimes there are as many as three kernels in each fruit. Young saplings produce fruit by the age of four and 10-year-old trees can yield up to 110 pounds of fruit.

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Interestingly, neem extract is being used to immunize insects carrying the parasite (Trypanosoma cruzi) causing Chagas' disease, which has crippled over 20 million people in Latin America.

Each day in India, millions of people break-off a neem twig and use it as a toothbrush. Compounds in the neem bark have strong antiseptic properties and prevent tooth decay as well as preventing and healing inflammation in gums. A number of companies now offer neem toothpaste and mouthwashes.

Veterinarians use crushed neem leaves applied to open wounds on cattle to eliminate maggots. They regularly use neem oil to repel blowflies, and azadirachtin to prevent biting and horn flies.

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What's the Point?

David Pisarra
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Take advantage of Father's Day by having a heart to heart

DAD. POP. OLD MAN.

Whatever your favorite nickname for your father is, this weekend is the time to call him and thank him for all the things that he did for you. Men can be amazingly nurturing when given half a chance. He probably did more for you than you want to own up to, but now is the time to do it.

I've noticed over the years that the men who want to be good fathers have a very hard road to go down. It's not easy for a man to open up emotionally. We're taught from a young age that emotions are for sissies, that we should just "man up" and deal with a situation.

But the fact is that men, like women, have emotions. They just don't frequently know what the word is for what they are feeling, but they are feeling it. I come across this often in my practice. I have fathers who have a very hard time expressing their profound love for their children with words, so they want to do it with actions.

Many a father would much rather spend a Saturday afternoon at a baseball game with his child where they say little of consequence, than spend two minutes using words to say I love you. This is understandable when you consider that the American male has a long history of being a fiercely independent trailblazer. From the first colonists to the Tim Taylors of our time, men are given icons who freeze out emotion. As a child, the messages I received from my father, a man of little emotional intelligence, was that we bottle up our emotions and we only deal with them by drinking, fighting and running. Not a very effective toolset. At school, the messages that one child teaches another is that to have feelings is to be a fag, a pansy, a sissy, a loser — less than a real man. So this is what the boys of America learn.

As a new husband and father, men are taught to be a good provider, which means to bring home a big paycheck to buy a big home, to pay for daycare and after-school activities like gymnastics, ballet, little league and soccer. This drive for career success provides men with a sense of accomplishment as they become the stereotype of "American Dad."

Which is why I think it is so very important for us to break the emotional freezer pattern. We must make it acceptable for a man to have a feeling, express it, and not be demeaned for it. The best way to start is to take the man in your life, your father, and thank him. Open the door to letting the emotions happen.

In the early years of child development, when the kids need mom more, dad frequently goes to work, to make it possible for mom to stay home, and his career improves, but at a cost, which is less emotional bonding with his child. But now when the kids are older, and dad can do more with them, he doesn't have the history of open communication that is needed.

MANY A FATHER WOULD MUCH RATHER SPEND A SATURDAY AFTERNOON AT A BASEBALL GAME WITH HIS CHILD WHERE THEY SAY LITTLE OF CONSEQUENCE, THAN SPEND TWO MINUTES USING WORDS TO SAY I LOVE YOU.

This is where it gets interesting because dad has painted himself into a corner by working hard in the previous years and being a good provider. Now, when he wants to have more connection with his kids, he doesn't know how.

Opening up is difficult. If it wasn't, there would be far fewer divorces, and a lot fewer therapists. So the question is, who opens up first? Ideally dad would because he's the older one, but the truth is, as children, we need to open the door.

For those who have the opportunity this weekend to have a deeper conversation with your fathers, do it. As someone who lost his father at age 19, I frequently wish I had the opportunity to get his insight into things now. We can do it with the men in our lives who are not our fathers but have been amazing father figures — those grandpas, uncles, coaches, mentors and leaders who taught us how to be an adult. They deserve a Father's Day thank you just as much, and frequently more so, than the actual biological fathers.

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The Q Line

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The Quackers

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Mosquitoes need love too

Editor's Note: The Quackers are three awesome ducks from the canals of Venice, Calif. who are on a mission to educate the community about the dangers of global warming and the importance of practicing sustainability, all while surfing the most gnarly waves possible.

RUSTY CAN ONLY SURVIVE SO LONG without surfing, or so he says. Traveling had kept us from surfing for two weeks. He said he was fading fast and needed some wave action "stat." Then he folded his wings across his chest and refused to go any further.

I decided a slight detour to Galveston, Texas might be a necessity if we were to get home. This was a surf emergency.

We saw some dudes carrying boards and got the scoop. East beach was OK but they were having a sandcastle building contest and it was crowded. San Luis pass was all right but we should watch out for the killer tides and killer sharks. Naturally Rusty voted for that one, but Richard and I used our veto power and took their last suggestion, Flagship Beach.

On the way to Flagship we spotted a deserted spot with less than perfect 2 to 3 footers. Rusty could not wait. Thirty minutes later a revitalized Rusty emerged from the water smiling and singing at the top of his lungs the Beach Boys song "Catch a Wave and You're Sitting on Top of the World." That was our signal to continue home.

It was great to be home. Flowers were blooming, bees were buzzing and birds were singing. Our yard had transformed in our absence.

We walked around admiring all the colorful blossoms until Rusty called out, "Richard, come look! Someone put weird, tiny fish in the birdbath."

Richard peered into the water and laughed, "Rusty, these aren't fish, they are mosquito larvae!" Immediately Richard dumped the water out of the birdbath.

From that moment on Rusty was convinced he heard mosquitoes buzzing around his ears. Every few minutes he would brush the air with his wings. He despised mosquitoes. They loved him.

He told Richard he was declaring war. He was going to set depth charges in the birdbath and landmine the garden. Looking crazed, he ran to the garage mumbling about a mini flame thrower and with a fist in the air yelled, "Make my day!" We ran after him screaming, "No!"

We got Rusty to sit down for a minute. Richard calmed him while I made some iced tea. We had to talk.

After a few sips of tea and a couple of deep breaths Rusty seemed ready to listen. Richard told him he understood his aversion to mosquitoes but it would be a mistake to wipe out all mosquitoes. They were not total bad guys. They played an important role in the ecosystem.

The adults feed on nectar and are responsible for pollinating plants like orchids and goldenrod.

They are food for many wildlife species. Dragonflies, frogs, lizards, fish, birds and bats find them quite delectable.

Rusty seemed more receptive. I told him if it made him feel any better only half of the mosquito population was out to get him, the females. They bite to get the iron and protein they need to reproduce. They are stealth trackers, finding us and other vertebrates by following trails of carbon dioxide, body heat and water vapor that we radiate. To that Rusty said, "Great, now all I need to do is quit breathing and drinking!"

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Richard assured him that there were more practical things we could do to avoid being bit and being a mosquito farm. Female mosquitoes need water to lay their eggs but larvae are not good swimmers so she looks for water with little or no movement like clogged rain gutters, flower pot saucers, kiddie pools and birdbaths. We would empty all standing water twice a week before the larvae could turn into biting adults.

Rusty wasn't convinced that was enough. He wanted a bug zapper and some poison. I sighed and told him that mosquitoes are not attracted to light so the only insects that would be killed by the zapper were the beneficial ones we wanted to keep around. As far as poison, it might kill the mosquitoes but it would also kill the "good guys," like the lizards and frogs that already help keep the mosquito population down naturally.

Richard added that mosquitoes were most active at dawn and dusk. Rusty could avoid going out at that time or could wear long sleeves and pants for protection.

In the end, we were able to talk Rusty out of mosquito annihilation by appealing to his sense of goodness. Richard bought Rusty a citronella candle and made a lotion of lemon balm and mint to rub on. I know that mosquitoes are not strong fliers so I installed a ceiling fan in Rusty's bedroom and on the porch. A good fan was often all that was needed to keep those pesky biters away on a lazy summer evening. Rusty is keeping his fingers crossed.

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Survey: Family time eroding as Internet use increases

BY BARBARA ORTUTAY
Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK Whether it's around the dinner table or just in front of the TV, U.S. families say they are spending less time together.

The decline in family time coincides with a rise in Internet use and the popularity of social networks, though a new study stopped just short of assigning blame.

The Annenberg Center for the Digital Future at the University of Southern California is reporting this week that 28 percent of Americans it interviewed last year said they have been spending less time with members of their households. That's nearly triple the 11 percent who said that in 2006.

These people did not report spending less time with their friends, however.

Michael Gilbert, a senior fellow at the center, said people report spending less time with family members just as social networks like Facebook, Twitter and MySpace are booming, along with the importance people place on them.

Five-year-old Facebook's active user base, for example, has surged to more than 200 million active users, up from 100 million last August.

Meanwhile, more people say they are worried about how much time kids and teenagers spend online. In 2000, when the center began its annual surveys on Americans and the Internet, only 11 percent of respondents said that family members under 18 were spending too much time online. By 2008, that grew to 28 percent.

"Most people think of the Internet and (our) digital future as boundless, and I do too," Gilbert said.

But, he added, "it can't be a good thing that families are spending less face-to-face time together. Ultimately it leads to less cohesive and less communicative families."

In the first half of the decade, people reported spending an average of 26 hours per month with their families. By 2008, however, that shared time had dropped by more than 30 percent, to about 18 hours.

The advent of new technologies has, in some ways, always changed the way family members interact.

Cell phones make it easier for parents to keep track of where their children are, while giving kids the kind of privacy they wouldn't have had in the days of landlines.

Television has cut into dinner time, and as TV sets became cheaper, they also multiplied, so that kids and parents no longer have to congregate in the living room to watch it.

But Gilbert said the Internet is so engrossing, and demands so much more attention than other technologies, that it can disrupt personal boundaries in ways other technologies wouldn't have.

"It's not like television, where you can sit around with your family and watch," he said. The Internet, he noted, is mostly one-on-one.

Likely because they can afford more Web-connected gadgets, higher-income families reported greater loss of family time than those who make less money. And more women than men said they felt ignored by a family member using the Internet.

The center's latest survey was a random poll of 2,030 people ages 12 and up was conducted April 9 to June 30, 2008, and has a margin of sampling error of plus or minus 3 percentage points.

Teens on vacation want to sleep late and shop

BETH J. HARPAZ
Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK There's only one thing worse than a cranky 2-year-old when you're on vacation, and that's a cranky teenager.

Fortunately, just as most toddlers can be pacified with naps, bottles and clean diapers, I have discovered that my teen and tween sons become charming traveling companions if I let them sleep late and take them shopping.

I learned this simple formula partly from experience, but also from advice I got from Eileen Ogintz. Ogintz, a syndicated columnist and creator of the Web site TakingtheKids.com, has traveled widely with her kids, now 17, 22 and 24. Here are some of her tips for keeping big kids happy on vacation:

• Planning: "Get teens on board with the idea of where you are going and what you are going to do when you get there," Ogintz advised. "Let them have a say in the planning." You might even have each teen plan the itinerary for a whole day.

Ogintz added that when trips include activities kids choose, whether it's kite-boarding or shopping, "they will be much more cooperative when you want to stop at that historic house or gallery."

• Friends: "If possible, invite a friend along," Ogintz said.

There's nothing more painful to teenagers than being separated from their herd. Bringing a friend solves the problem. It's almost like having a baby sitter who's the same age as your kid.

In our family, we've also found that everyone behaves in a more civilized manner — kids and adults — when we have company, whether our guest is 13 or 30. Friends of my older son have also been extremely kind to my younger son — sometimes they are nicer to him than his own brother!

On the other hand, if you have a small car, tight accommodations or a tight budget, taking another child on vacation can be an imposition. Some families will offer to pay their child's way; others may not be able to afford it. Ogintz suggests asking hotels for discounts on a second room and other extras necessitated by the additional person in your group.

• Electronics: "Negotiate with the kids about time they will be on and off the computer, cell phones, etc.," Ogintz said. "And that goes for you too! You don't want them texting the entire time but neither should you be on your BlackBerry."

Of course, how much screen time is too much screen time varies by family. Personally, I hate it when my dinner companion pays more attention to his cell phone than to me — especially when my dinner companion is my teenage son. But when we're relaxing after a long day of sightseeing, if a kid wants to text his friends, "Yo wassup" and other inspiring missives, it's OK by me.

• Spending: "Negotiate how much they get to spend on souvenirs, on arcades, on frothy drinks per day. You'll be amazed at how careful they are when it's their birthday money they are spending!" Ogintz said.

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A PLOT: **Joshua Beroukhim, a future Santa Monica College student, walks by a vacant lot on the corner of 16th Street and Delaware Avenue on Monday afternoon. Some residents want City Hall to purchase the lot and create a community garden.**

City Hall's community garden registry to launch soon

FROM **LOT** PAGE 1

on average remain on the waiting list for about five years.

Councilman Kevin McKeown said he has looked at several candidates over the past several months, including the lot on the corner of Delaware and an abandoned property on 18th Street just north of Wilshire Boulevard.

He said the owner of the property on 18th Street has no immediate development plans and is having a difficult time maintaining the lot.

"The gardeners could turn blight into blooms and broccoli," he said.

Irma Carranza, a member of the Pico Neighborhood Association, spoke of a long desire among residents for a community garden, something she believes would be tended to very well.

"The majority of families here live in apartment buildings," she said. "We don't have access to yards, we don't have access to little patios where we could have some home-grown vegetables."

She adds that a community garden would also serve as a gathering place for the neighborhood, where the "comadres and compadres" could get together.

"They can meet and talk about the kids, socialize and talk about life and general to see how each other is doing," she said.

de la Torre said that if purchased by City Hall, the property could be used for a community garden in the interim while officials figure out other uses for the site, perhaps affordable housing.

"We just feel it is a good investment for the city to purchase the lot and start with a community garden," he said. "As time goes on, we'll see."

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Commission denies request to restrict Venice RV parking

FROM **APPROVED** PAGE 1

with the approval," he said.

The Farzam family purchased the two adjoining motels several years ago and reviewed a number of options for the sites, including renovation and leaving the properties as is, both of which were found not to be economically feasible. The new Travelodge will feature 164 rooms, a swimming pool, roughly 240 parking spaces and more than 4,600 square feet of ground-floor retail, including along Second Street. The rooms will average about $170 a night, considered affordable compared to other hotels in the area, Farzam said.

The project met some challenges over the years, including fighting an appeal by a neighboring building owner who argued the motel would block the ocean view. Farzam also appealed a Planning Commission decision to only allow a one-story bridge linking the motel's main building to the annex, seeking instead a three-story bridge. The council last year denied the former appeal while upholding the latter.

Farzam also successfully fought a mitigation fee mandated under an ordinance that penalizes developers for removing affordable accommodations. The council waived the fee.

"Overall it was a lengthy process but we feel that the project has a lot of positive merits and positive public benefits for the community and the area," Farzam said. "Even with all the long-term hurdles that we had to achieve, we're still very happy and grateful that the project has been approved."

RVS CAN STAY

A campaign to rid the presence of recreational vehicles during early morning hours on Venice streets was dealt a blow last week when the commission denied a handful of permits establishing Overnight Parking Districts while upholding appeals on some that have previously been approved.

Parking restrictions have historically been difficult to pass in the coastal area because of concerns of maintaining beach access for the public.

The appeals were filed by long-time Venice resident Peggy Lee Kennedy and about 30 other people, arguing that the districts, which would have restricted parking from 2 a.m. to 6 a.m. in the Oxford Triangle, Presidents Row and Villa Marina areas, would have inconvenienced everyone from rental property owners to those residing in RVs.

"There's a lot of people who would be inconvenienced by this and there was no real study done by the city on all the populations that would be affected by this," Kennedy said.

Many Venice residents have called for overnight restrictions on the vehicles for years, complaining about the loss of parking spaces and certain unsavory actions, including urinating in public.

The decision by the commission came as a surprise to Mike Newhouse, the president of the Venice Neighborhood Council, which has endorsed the Overnight Parking Districts.

He added that the beach is not in use during the proposed hours in which the OPD would be in effect.

"I know I have been down there late at night when I was younger and the police would roll by and say sorry, you can't be here," Newhouse said. "For all practical purposes, I don't know how this is impeding access."

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Police believe more arrests to come

FROM **PARADE** PAGE 3

Ramirez, 27.

Trouble erupted Sunday night in the area around Staples Center, the Lakers' home court, even though the team won its 15th National Basketball Association championship in Florida, defeating the Orlando Magic 99-86 in Game 5 of the final series.

Street celebrations that began peacefully turned ugly. Fires were set, objects were thrown at police officers, several businesses were looted and buses, police cars and other vehicles were vandalized. Hooligans hurled rocks through the window of one bus abandoned under an overpass.

Eight police officers were injured and more than 18 people were arrested Sunday night.

Two more people were arrested Monday when neighbors of a looted shoe store alerted authorities to two residents of an adjacent building.

When officers knocked on their door they saw shoe boxes inside the apartment, said police Sgt. Mark Pearce. The two people, who were not immediately identified, were booked for investigation of theft.

Inside The Holy Grail shoe store, shelves were empty and glass display cases were shattered. Receipts, paperwork and shoe boxes were scattered around a back storeroom.

Store owner Richard Torres said he lost at least $100,000 worth of vintage sneakers and sports apparel, as well as computers.

More than anything, he was upset because much of the stolen merchandise was burned.

"It would be different if we got burglarized, but they were literally lighting stuff on fire," said Torres, whose business usually does well after games when sports fans stop in.

"For this to happen, it leaves a sour taste," he said.

Torres and store manager Liz Sanchez could not understand why police were unable to prevent the looting. Sanchez said witnesses told her that the store was targeted when one person started shouting "Who wants shoes?" The door was then pushed in.

At a Shell gas station, assistant manager Jorge Osorio said looters took candy and sodas from its convenience store and fled.

"So now we just clean up and move on," he said.

Bratton told KNX radio that the police department was adequately prepared with resources staged in different areas of the city.

"It's unfortunate that as we were dispersing those groups, making arrests, that a number of them for a period of time were able to commit the acts of vandalism, the looting ... until we were able to get sufficient resources," he said.

The chief said he was not satisfied with what occurred, but he said the blame should fall on the mob, not the department or the city.

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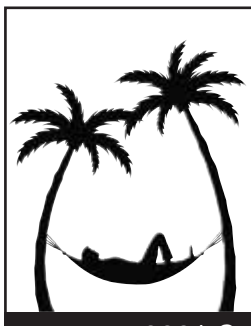

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Calif. wants to cut legal aid attorneys for poor

BY DEBORAH HASTINGS
Associated Press Writer

SACRAMENTO Lawyers for the poor, who say they already are stretched to the breaking point by huge caseloads and dwindling staff, face layoffs across the country as local governments slash spending in these hard economic times.

Nowhere is the threat to public defenders more apparent than in California, the state with the biggest population — at 38 million— and the largest deficit — $24.3 billion and counting.

There's far more at stake than cutting jobs, say prosecutors and defense lawyers alike. Eliminating attorneys for the indigent may actually cost more money than it saves.

Unlike any other public service, court-appointed counsel cannot be scaled back. According to the Constitution, every criminal defendant, rich or poor, gets one. If the defendant can't pay, the government does. And if public defenders aren't available, private attorneys must be hired, at rates costing at least twice as much and often more.

"Counties can't just say 'I'm not going to pay,'" said San Francisco Public Defender Jeff Adachi, who's locked in a very public fight with Mayor Gavin Newsom over a recent directive to cut the defense lawyer's budget by nearly $2 million.

Adachi said his office would be devastated and would have to fire 15 to 20 attorneys, about 20 percent of his staff.

Then, he said, "The whole system would begin to fail."

Defendants would sit in jail longer, increasing incarceration costs, Adachi said. Cases would be delayed while private attorneys get up to speed, creating bigger clogs in a legal pipeline that barely trickles now.

Adachi's current budget is nearly $24 million — "less than half what the police and sheriff's departments spend in overtime," he notes. Slashing it would mean farming out 6,000 cases to private lawyers, ranging from misdemeanors to felonies. That would cost $3 million to $4 million, Adachi estimates, or up to twice as much as the cut itself.

"It's robbing Peter to pay Paul," he said, because, inevitably, it's the county general fund that has to pay the extra costs — the same fund that pays for his office. "It's really shortsighted."

Sacramento County has already laid off 18 staffers, and will give pink slips to 29 attorneys if it doesn't get a fiscal break quickly. Los Angeles County Public Defender Michael Judge said he doesn't know how much will be cut from his office, which employs about 600 attorneys and is the state's largest indigent defense system.

"I don't know if I'm going to have to lay anybody off yet," he said.

California counties are particularly troubled as they head toward a July 1 budget deadline for new fiscal year. Their local revenues have tanked, thanks to huge drops in sales tax and property tax incomes caused by businesses closing and home loan foreclosures.

Then there's further recession fallout, including shrinking amounts of state funds.

San Francisco and Los Angeles have experienced layoffs before in less dire recessions. But when expensive bills started coming in from private lawyers, stunned county officials rehired public defenders, who'd been doing the same job for considerably less.

Desperate Sacramento County officials face a deficit of $140 million and say legal services for the poor may be cut by 24 percent.

Prosecutors haven't been spared, either. The district attorney's office is braced to lose $13 million and 46 attorneys —about 23 percent — during the new fiscal year.

"It's bad for the system all the way around," said the DA's chief deputy, Cindy Besemer. "It's to the detriment of everyone involved. Victims get hurt because everything is left hanging. The longer you delay a case, the harder it is to prove because you're asking people to testify about something that happened a year ago."

The problems are far from unique to California.

Minnesota eliminated the jobs of 53 public defenders, or about 12 percent of the staff. Last summer, the office stopped representing parents involved in child welfare cases, referring them instead to counties, which hired private lawyers.

"The counties incurred a lot of costs they weren't happy about," said John Stuart, head of the state's public defender office. "It was about 9 percent of our caseload."

So far, Minnesota has avoided more attorney cuts, partly by finding unusual ways of generating revenue, including increasing the license fees of lawyers by $75.

"It's like telling the county pothole-filling crews to chip in an extra $10 to pay for the asphalt," Stuart said dryly. "But it's better than not following the Constitution."

Unlike California, where counties bear the burden of funding public defenders, Minnesota has a statewide office.

Court systems across the country also are targeted for drastic cuts. Some courtrooms will go dark for at least one day a month to save costs, adding more weight to backlogged dockets.

In Los Angeles County, which has the nation's largest court system with nearly 600 courtrooms, steep cuts will force nearly all operations to shut down one Wednesday per month, beginning July 15. But the furlough plan may not be enough to avert laying off 25 percent of the court's 5,400 employees, officials warned.

Though President Barack Obama's economic stimulus package has made billions available, it's still not enough to plug every budget hole.

"We're already in a very precarious position," said Fresno County Public Defender Kenneth Taniguchi, whose central California district lies in a vast agricultural area that supplies much of the nation's produce.

"It's inadequate right now as it is," he said. "It's not a pretty picture."

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SURF REPORT

Surf Conditions **Water Temp:** 62°

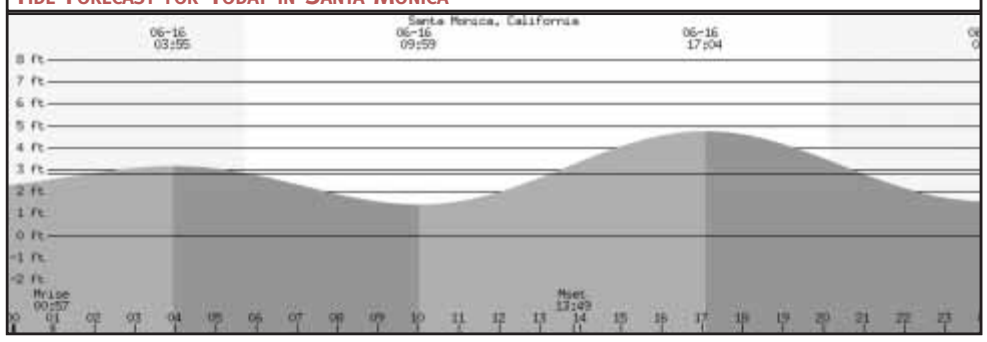
Swell Forecast (1-1 FT)

The south swell should peak with head high waves around direct south facing breaks, perhaps chest+ at SW exposed breaks.

Long Range Synopsis

Wednesday the 17th this swell should back down to around chest high, and with 13- or 14-second periods.

Tide Forecast for Today in Santa Monica



BEACH REPORT CARD

NORTH LOS ANGELES COUNTY

Grades for this report are based on monitoring data from the previous 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

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
Los Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Seguit 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 Dan Blocker County Beach	F	ns
Pearce State Beach at creek mouth	A+	ns
Marie Canyon storm drain at Pearce 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 (paint 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
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

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

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Italy rallies to beat US 3-1 at FIFA Confederations Cup

ANDREW DAMPF
Associated Press Writer

PRETORIA, South Africa New Jersey-born Giuseppe Rossi scored twice in the second half and Daniele De Rossi had a goal, leading Italy over the United States 3-1 Monday night in its opener at the FIFA Confederations Cup.

The U.S. played a man short after Ricardo Clark was ejected in the 33rd minute for a late tackle on Gennaro Gattuso, but went ahead eight minutes later when Landon Donovan converted a penalty kick for his American-record 40th international goal.

Rossi, who spurned the U.S. national team program to play for Italy, entered in the 57th minute and tied the score a minute later with a 30-yard shot after stripping the ball from Benny Feilhaber. He got his second goal in the fourth minute of injury time from about 10 yards after Andrea Pirlo went around defender Jay DeMerit and crossed.

The 22-year-old Rossi, born in Teaneck, scored four goals at last summer's Olympics. He made his debut with the senior Italian national team last October as a substitute against Bulgaria and scored his first international goal on June 6, putting Italy ahead in a 3-0 exhibition win over Northern Ireland.

De Rossi, ejected and banned for four matches for elbowing Brian McBride in the face when the teams met in the 2006 World Cup, put Italy ahead 2-1 in the 72nd with a 15-yard shot that bounced by defender Oguchi Onyewu and beat goalkeeper Tim Howard.

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2:00, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30

Land of the Lost (PG-13)
2:35, 5:05, 7:35, 9:55

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

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

Star Trek (2009) (PG-13) (CC) 2hrs 06min
1:25, 4:15, 7:10, 10:05

The Hangover (R) 1hr 36min
12:10, 2:40, 5:15, 7:50, 10:25

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

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1:30, 4:20, 7:10, 9:55

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1:50, 4:30, 7:20, 9:45

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

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1:20, 4:10, 7:00, 9:40

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1:10, 3:50, 6:40, 9:20

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

Angels & Demons (PG-13) 2hrs 20min
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

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

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

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

Check out a flick, Leo

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★★ Greet some of your best days of the month. Being organized helps you accomplish the most. Don't be surprised if someone challenges you. This person simply might not know what he or she is up against. Tonight: Whatever you want.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ Know when to cut out. You might be confused by all the mixed messages. Information you receive could be quite challenging or difficult to hear. Consider your alternatives, and don't feel pressured by various scenarios. Tonight: Do your thing.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ Zero in on what you want. Associates will support your endeavors. Nevertheless, a partner could be inordinately challenging. Although disagreement with someone so close could be upsetting, trust your judgment. Discussions open doors rather than close them. Tonight: Where the gang is.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★ How you present yourself will make a strong impression. Know that it is time for you to take the lead — like it or not. Investigate alternatives with an eye to a new beginning at work or within your community. A partner or loved one could be very controlling. Tonight: In the limelight.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Reach past the obvious for decisions. You might not be comfortable with a direct confrontation right now. Detach, and you'll get to the bottom of a problem. Make a point to schedule a checkup. Tonight: Time for mind candy. Movies?

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★★ Work with others directly; the end results will be much better. No matter which way you turn or what you do, others want to pull in and be closer. Someone shares a heavy piece of information. Tonight: Dinner for two.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★ Others dominate. You have a choice to make. On some level, you might feel sad if you are under siege. Pick and choose your battles. On another level, you might want to just toss your hands in the air. Tonight: Listen to any offers, then decide.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Careful! An argument might start out of the blue. Though you can tough it out, do you really want to go that route? Communication will flourish once more late in the day. Express your concerns. Tonight: Make it an early night.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★★ Let your get-up-and-go define your plans. A financial matter could trip you up in this close-to-perfect day. You could get really tied up or you could let go, knowing you will handle the issue no matter what. Tonight: Let the kid in you come out.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★ You might not be aware of the pressure that develops around an immediate emotional matter. Try to understand someone's side of the story. A family member or roommate could develop an attitude. Be honest — did you feed this person's perspective? Tonight: Head home early.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★ Curb a tendency to overwork an issue or a tendency to try too hard to convince someone you are right. Communication will flourish as it rarely does if you don't impose your will on someone. Tonight: Return a friend's call. It's time to catch up on news.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ Be aware of your assets and talents. You add more into the mix than you are aware of. Walk away from a volatile situation, if possible. Tonight: Gather your bills.

Happy birthday

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

This year, opportunities come through friends, associations and groups. A key partnership might be more difficult to obtain support from. Eventually, through acceptance, you will gain ground and transform the bond. Communication reflects your innate abilities. If you are single, you probably will meet someone through friends. Don't try to push this bond. Let it grow naturally. If you are attached, be more accepting of differences with your sweetie. You both will gain. ARIES is a true-blue friend.

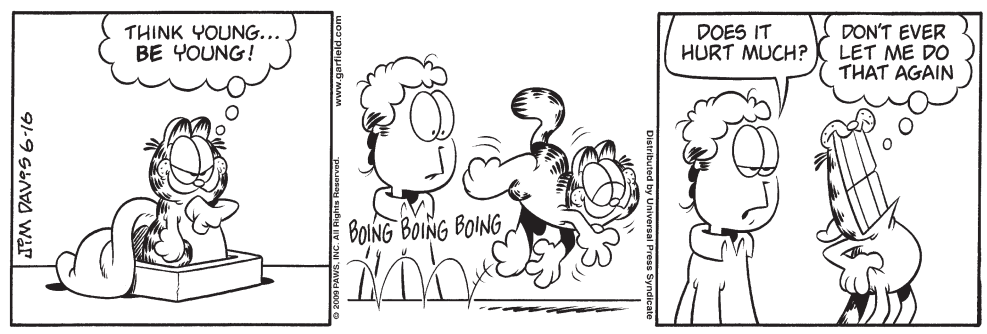
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Difficulty Level ★★

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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

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

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7 Cylindrical sandwich
11 Mideast region
12 Casual greeting
13 Old copying aid
15 Ryan of "Paper Moon"
16 Felines
18 Some wines
21 Component
22 Dangers
24 Employ
25 Empty talk
26 Marlin's home
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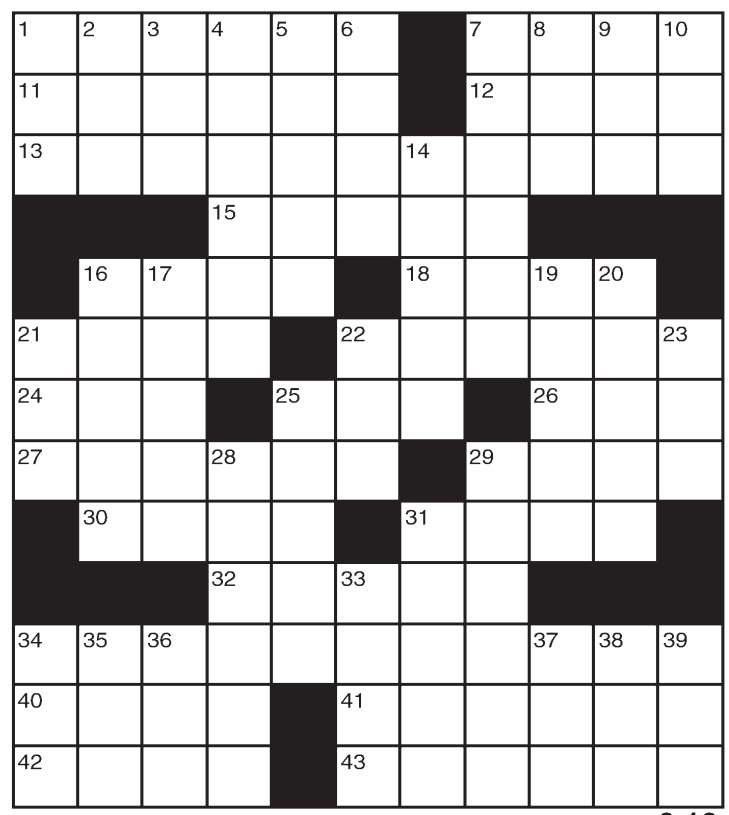
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6 Rational
7 The Pequod, for one
8 Tear
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10 Hole number
14 Does KP work
16 Baseball's Stengel
17 Sports venue
19 Dance music
20 Winter weather
21 Young seal
22 Chum
23 Down in the dumps
25 Kitchen knife type
28 Police blotter list
29 As a precaution
31 Punch sound
33 Inquires
34 Relay section
35 Writer Levin
36 Waiting bonus
37 Peas' place
38 Genesis name
39 Director Howard

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ **Terrorism Gets Pizzazz:** A physical fitness video, purportedly made in April by a U.S.-based al-Qaida operative, gives workout tips to jihadists, urging that they "train as hard as possible" to inflict maximum damage on "the enemies of Allah," according to an ABC News report. Exercises such as crawling long distances on hands and knees are demonstrated by people in flowing robes. The narrator discourages using gyms and fitness centers because of the "un-Islamic" music and "semi-naked" women. And a video released in May, purportedly from al-Qaida in Somalia, features an English-speaking rap singer making a recruitment pitch to U.S. and European youth, including such verses as: "Mortar by mortar / Shell by shell / Only going to stop / When I send them to hell."

■ When a son, angry that his father had ordered him to clean up his room, screamed at Dad and threw a plate of food across the dinner table, Dad called 911. The son is 28-year-old Andrew Mizsak, who lives rent-free with his parents in the Cleveland suburb of Bedford, Ohio, and is a member of the Bedford School Board (and whose mom is a city councilwoman). After police arrived, the habitually untidy son apologized and, according to their report, "was sent to his room to clean it. He was crying uncontrollably." Subsequently, the school board punished Andrew by removing two of his duties.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1858 as he accepted the Illinois Republican Party's nomination for U.S. Senate, Abraham Lincoln said the slavery issue had to be resolved, declaring, "A house divided against itself cannot stand."

1959 actor George Reeves, TV's "Superman," was found dead of an apparently self-inflicted gunshot wound in the bedroom of his Beverly Hills, Calif., home; he was 45.

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