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THE HERE'S TO YOU, DADS ISSUE

Pavley, Waxman 'disappointed' by proposed redistricting

Citizens commission's draft districts pair Santa Monica with southern beach cities

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Editor in Chief

DOWNTOWN She's represented Santa Monica at the state level for a little over a decade, but if the proposed State Senate districts released last week by the California Citizens Redistricting Commission become permanent, Fran Pavley will no longer be able to fight for the residents of the city by the sea.

The 14-member commission, which is in the process of redrawing electoral districts, released last week a draft plan that lumps Santa Monica together with some relatively more conservative beach cities to the south instead of the north, as well as communities to the east. Since Pavley does not live in those areas, she would not be eligible to represent Santa Monica, that is, unless she decided to move in advance of the 2012 election.

"I am disappointed that under this preliminary map I would not be representing the people of Santa Monica and that the Santa Monica Mountains would be split,"

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Brandon Wise *brandonw@smdp.com*

THE VIEW: **Visitors enjoy their meals on the expansive outdoor patio at the Zengo restaurant on the Santa Monica Place Dinning Deck on Thursday.**

SM Place given right to sell booze late night

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL Just in time for summer, patrons of several Santa Monica Place restaurants will get to sip cocktails outdoors until 1:30 a.m. rather than moving indoors before the clock strikes midnight.

After much outreach to annoyed neighbors, the newly renovated mall's managers successfully convinced Planning Commissioners to extend the hours of outdoor drinking to 1:30 a.m. on Friday and Saturday and 12:30 a.m. every other week day.

Before the approval, diners had to order last drinks by 11:30 p.m. and relocate indoors by midnight if they wanted to stay at the restaurant. Restaurants wanted to extend patio drinking hours as a way to attract customers.

"We're only asking for what we need," said Julia Ladd, senior property manager at Santa Monica Place.

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Brown's veto begins 'war' over budget

ROBIN HINDERY
Associated Press

SACRAMENTO The warning from Gov. Jerry Brown was ominous: If lawmakers refuse to take the necessary steps to resolve California's budget crisis, the state would become a battleground — "a war of all against all."

The provocative political sound bite, uttered in a March interview with the Los Angeles Times, seems to be coming true in the wake of Brown's veto Thursday of a spending plan from majority Democrats — the first time a California governor has done so since at least 1901, the farthest back state records go.

The veto will let Brown keep trying to sell reluctant Republicans on his main proposal for closing the state's $9.6 billion deficit by extending a series of tax increases set to expire June 30.

The GOP will bear full blame if Brown is forced to resort to deeper cuts to education and vital services to make up for lost tax revenue, the governor cautioned Thursday.

But six months of previous negotiations with Republicans have failed to produce the four GOP votes needed to put the tax question on a special ballot. And Democrats say Brown's alternative scenario — an all-cuts budget — is a nonstarter for his own party.

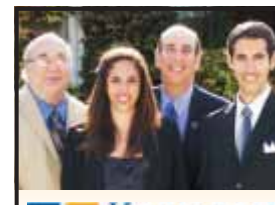
With lawmakers united only in their anger at Brown, the coming days and weeks won't be pretty, experts predict.

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OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Saturday, June 18, 2011

19th Annual Juneteenth Celebration
Virginia Avenue Park
2200 Virginia Ave., Noon — 6 p.m.
Start your summer with the sounds of rhythm and blues, gospel and samba at City Hall's Juneteenth Celebration. This lively festival will feature Grammy nominee Ray Brooks & the Blues Masters Band, Kehinde Otis Johnson's Stilt Walker Troupe, Samba Samba Dance, Marching Thunder Drum Line, Lava Bai Drum Circle (audience participation encouraged) and more. The cast from "Jubilee" will debut their music and "Sankofa" story which will take us back to the time of the Emancipation Proclamation. For more information, visit smgov.net/vapark.

Huck Finn Day
Boys & Girls Club of Santa Monica
1238 Lincoln Blvd.,
11 a.m. — 2 p.m.
The Santa Monica Jaycees presents its annual Huck Finn Day complete with activities, prizes, a bouncy house and a pie eating contest. When else can a Mark Twain classic come to life? For more information, call (310) 989-8850.

International Gem & Jewelry Show
Santa Monica Civic Auditorium
1855 Main St., 10 a.m. — 6 p.m.
The International Gem & Jewelry Show provides an exciting opportunity to shop the best selection of jewelry at the lowest prices available. With over 250 exhibitors, the show features work from all over the world. This event also takes place Sunday. For more information, call (301) 294-1640.

Summer ArtNight
18th Street Arts Center
1639 18th St., 6 p.m. — 10 p.m.
18th Street Arts Center throws its highly-anticipated Summer ArtNight featuring the opening receptions for Jerri Allyn and Inez S. Bush's "Debating Through the Arts: Performance Art Event 3 and Exhibition Project," and York Chang's second life project; accompanied by a guest performance from the Tijuana-based visual/audio arts collective, Los Roor, on 18th Street's outdoor stage.

Sunday, June 19, 2011

Copa Cabana Beach Soccer Tournament
Santa Monica Beach
1550 PCH Beach Lot, 8 a.m. — 4 p.m.
A Santa Monica youth and adult soccer tournament will take place on the sand north of the 1550 lot near the Santa Monica Pier. For more information, call (949) 294-2989.

Samohi at the Disney Concert Hall
Disney Concert Hall
111 S. Grand Ave., 7 p.m.
Members of the Santa Monica High School choir will take part in a benefit concert for Japan relief efforts at the renowned Disney Concert Hall in Downtown L.A. For more information, call (310) 461-0383.

Burger for Dad
The Counter
2901 Ocean Park Blvd.,
11:30 a.m. — 9 p.m.
Popular burger joint The Counter is celebrating Father's Day by giving all dads his own 1/3 pound burger. Remember to tell the staff, "I want the BFD." Offer good with a paying guest. For more information, visit thecounterburger.com.

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No Malibu mansion development for U2's The Edge

NOAKI SCHWARTZ
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES A proposal led by U2 guitarist The Edge for five mansions overlooking Malibu has been rejected by California's coastal development agency, despite assurances by him that it would be one of the greenest developments in the world.

The California Coastal Commission voted 8-to-4 Thursday against the proposal, citing concerns that it would irrevocably damage the environment.

Staff told the commission that approving such a project would set a precedent and invite other large developments to rugged, environmentally sensitive locations.

"In my 38 years, I have never seen a project as environmentally devastating as this one," said Peter Douglas, executive director for the commission. "An environmentally sensitive person would never pick this site to develop."

About 40 people signed up to speak, a mix of supporters and opponents, including Malibu residents, environmental groups and elected officials.

Robert Steinberg spoke in support of his musician son-in-law, whose real name is David Evans, and his daughter Morleigh. They were simply trying to get their home built, he said.

"It pains me a great deal to see them demonized in the press," Steinberg said. "Morleigh and Edge have done everything known to man as far as I understand."

Following the vote, Fiona Hutton, spokeswoman for the property owners, said they would be "vigorously exploring all potential options, including litigation."

"The property owners worked diligently to develop home designs that would meet some of the highest standards for sustainability, blend seamlessly with the natural

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

CITYWIDE

CityTV broadcasts Little League title games

CityTV, Santa Monica's community cable channel, will again broadcast the city's Little League Championship games.

Broadcasts began on Friday and continue through the weekend.

All airings start with the Minor League championship game between the White Sox and the Cubs followed directly afterwards with the Major League Championship game between the Yankees and the Giants. CityTV will broadcast the games throughout the weekend.

Schedule: Saturday, June 18 at 10 a.m.; Sunday, June 19 at 3 p.m.; and Monday, June 20 at 7 p.m.

CityTV airs on Time Warner Cable channel 16 and Verizon FIOS channel 16. You can also watch the games online at CityTV.org.

DANIEL ARCHULETA

SMC'S BUNDY CAMPUS

Greening businesses

The Small Business Development Center at Santa Monica College is inviting business owners from across Los Angeles County to the launch of its new Green Business Certification Program on Thursday, June 23.

The event scheduled for 6:30 p.m. will take place at SMC's Bundy Campus.

Qualifying businesses will receive free enrollment in the new program and get hands-on training at their place of business from the school's team of sustainability professionals.

All businesses that complete the program will receive the Small Business Development Center's official certification.

For more information, visit www.smcsbdc.org.

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SKILLS

Fabian Lewkowicz *FabianLewkowicz.com*

Lincoln Middle School student Caroline Ho performs on the cello during the Kiwanis Club of Santa Monica's 62nd Annual Music Scholarship Awards at the Sheraton Delfina Hotel on Thursday. High school and middle school students competed for 24 awards.

County receives anonymous donation of $10K

ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES Los Angeles County has a fiscal guardian angel somewhere in Washington state who's worried about the budget of the most populous county in the nation.

The county's auditor received a $10,000 cashier's check and a note that reads: "In this time of economic difficulties, governments need all the help they can get. Please put this anonymous check to good use. God bless you."

Auditor-Controller Wendy Watanabe said Friday she thought the check was a joke or a scheme but then it cleared.

"Most of the time we get attacked for overspending. For someone to actually donate to the government, it's just unheard of," she said. "It's a good feeling that they trust us."

There was no indication why someone in Washington would donate to the Southern California county, where the pro-

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You can die, but can't drink

Editor:

In the June 4 issue I read "Samohi students busted with beer force policy change." I had visions of police crashing into a speakeasy and busting some gangsters with bootleg beer. When I read the article I found that the headline might more accurately have read "Three adults, members of Samohi choir visiting Cambridge in a goodwill visit to England, joined in the local customs with their English cousins in a beautiful, 500-year-old pub and enjoyed a glass of real ale." Of course this would be much too long for a headline but it is not too long for a more accurate and realistic depiction of the truth of what happened. It is a long way from children drinking beer surreptitiously to adults socializing and joining in the customs of another country.

When is it going to be recognized in this country that a 18 year old is an adult? British universities have their own bars to which any student over 17 can go. How do American young adults stand being treated as somehow less responsible than their English speaking cousins in other countries? Why do American parents see their young adults as unable to handle alcohol while Canadian and British don't? Just as prohibition created gangsters and speakeasies, doesn't this law create hidden and binge drinking?

The article says the three young adults were "caught by a chaperone." What is this "chaperone?" It sounds like students from behind the Iron Curtain being herded around by a member of the KGB to make sure they don't escape. What a spectacle to make of adult students. Imagine what it seems like from the English point of view. All English adults are free to come and go as they please and are trusted to drink in moderation but then they see this group of U.S. students who are being watched all the time and are not to be trusted with a glass of ale. It must be most embarrassing for U.S. students to visit free countries under such conditions. Whereas an English young adult can have a glass of ale and a chat and go on their merry way, the U.S. young adult is spied on, reported on and must be put on probation for 10 weeks and barred from award ceremonies, grad night and the graduation for which they have worked for 12 years! How can a simple social activity in England be punished as such a heinous crime in the U.S.? I'm glad that the Board of Education realized this was just plain wrong. Good for them.

I wonder how much money has been wasted on this storm in an ale glass? I have no idea but it seems a shameful waste of money in times like these.

Calling the drinking of a glass of ale in an English pub "substance abuse" is language abuse. It was beer not heroin!

I would like to hear some American adult student write in and tell how they feel when they are subjugated to all this belittling and punishment.

Of course the parents are the best judges of their offspring but I think the families should cry "foul" over the whole thing. Isn't it time for equal rights for American young adults so that they can have the same freedom as their peers all over the world? You can die for your country at 18 but you cannot have a glass of beer. I do not get it. Much ado about nothing.

Neil Macaulay
Santa Monica



On the Beat

NRO Jeff Glaser — Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Summer's never a good time to be burglarized

Q: I HEAR THAT OFTEN TIMES CRIME increases in summer months. Are there any recommendations of how I can make my home safer?

A: With summer vacation season upon us, along with the urge to leave our homes open for the fresh air, we are definitely reminded of the need to revisit our home security steps. Often homeowners inadvertently make it easy for criminals to burglarize their homes. In fact, many "break-ins" are actually "walk-ins" as a result of homeowners leaving their doors or windows unlocked or open.

Always secure each door and window before leaving your home, including the garage door. We have taken many police reports from residents who left their home unlocked or a window open. They tell us they were gone for only a short time to pick up someone or go to the store, only to find that upon their return, the home was burglarized. This is a result of someone in the area watching the neighborhood when you leave. One of the best deterrents to criminal activity like this is to take the same approach retailers take, "kill them with kindness." Should you see anyone suspicious or someone you are not familiar with, find a way to acknowledge them and let them know you see them. Wave, say "hello," ask them how their day is going. If they are up to no good and had bad intentions, the suspicious person will realize they could be recognized and will hopefully leave. Should you still feel uncomfortable or concerned, please call our dispatch so they can send an available officer to contact them and find out what they are doing.

When going on vacation, do not give the house a feeling of not being occupied. Piled up newspapers and an overflowing mailbox are telltale signs that no one is home. Either have a friend or neighbor pick up your mail and newspapers or have them stopped temporarily. Put timers on indoor lights to give the illusion that someone is home. Also, with the onset of social media, do not share the news of your vacation on Facebook or Twitter until after you have returned from your trip.

Do not leave a house key under your doormat or above the threshold. This has been a practice for many years and criminals know it. If that is what you do, you may as well leave the door open. If you have a security system, use it. Recent surveys have shown less than half of homeowners with a security system activate it when they leave the home.

Concealing the boundary of your house may give you privacy, but it also does the same for the criminal once he gets onto your property. Tall hedges, walls and fences can often give thieves cover to do their dirty work. With their actions concealed from the street and neighbors, they have the ability to work without distractions and the chance of being seen by others.

In addition to locking all the doors and windows and setting your security system alarm, be sure to close the blinds, shutters or curtains to prevent criminals from looking into your home and seeing what may be inside. Criminals, if given the chance, will consider forcing their way into a home based on what they see and hope for additional items of value to take.

Also, become sociable with your neighbors and let them know if you are having work done on your home and when it is complete. There have been times when work trucks or moving vans pull up to a home with the intention of looking legitimate, when they are in fact burglarizing the home. If you see a work truck or van at a neighbor's home, call the owner and ask if any work is being done. Or, call the police and we can speak to the workers and verify if the work being done is legitimate.

IN ADDITION TO LOCKING ALL THE DOORS AND WINDOWS AND SETTING YOUR SECURITY SYSTEM ALARM, BE SURE TO CLOSE THE BLINDS, SHUTTERS OR CURTAINS TO PREVENT THE CRIMINAL FROM LOOKING INTO YOUR HOME AND SEEING WHAT MAY BE INSIDE.

Please don't forget to also secure your garage door. Many times residents will leave their garage doors open during the day while the kids ride their bikes, or while they are working in the backyard. Remember that if it is an attached garage, there is unobstructed access to the main residence through the garage door. If unattached, you still have many personal items that are visible to anyone walking by.

Too many times after a burglary occurs, we often hear the following types of comments from neighbors, "I thought they looked suspicious." Or, "I was going to call the police, but I figured someone else would." The bottom line is that the police cannot be there all the time. We as a community need be neighborly and look out for each other. If you see something or someone acting suspicious, do not ignore it. Call our dispatch at (310) 458-8491.

If we are going to stop crime, we need to do it together.

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The Q Line

Rent to own

The Santa Monica Rent Control Board last week approved its annual rent adjustment – a 3.2 percent increase with a ceiling of $52. That means renters can expect to pay more later this year when the increase goes into effect. The board could have approved a 3.5 percent bump or a 2.6 percent bump with a $7 flat fee.

This past week, Q-line asked:
What do you think about the increase? Is it fair or should it be more or less?
Here are your responses:

"EVERYONE HATES THEIR LANDLORDS. Landlords have always been portrayed as evil, money grubbing and ugly. The big politicians from Santa Monicans for Renters' Rights have capitalized on this hatred to seize every facet of our town. Every year they must slap landlords again and again in order to get tenants to vote these commie kooks back in power. Their city fees have skyrocketed yet they keep rents low. Our water rates are so high we may as well be washing with wine! The garbage, city fees and taxes keep jumping up while property values drop, making a double whammy on property owners. Renters of course will always be unhappy with any rent raise. However the price of gasoline, beer, shoes and hot dogs keeps going way up yet the hot dog companies are not forced to keep their prices down as we do here in Commie Monica with rents."

"RENT CONTROL NEEDS TO BE CHANGED. Last week, my neighbor, who lives in a rent-controlled apartment, purchased a brand new Porsche! There must be a way to determine if a household is low- or fixed-income and provide those tenants with small rent increases so they may remain in their homes. Alternatively, households with high incomes should pay a greater increase – far more than 3.5 percent."

"I THINK IT IS OUTRAGEOUS THAT IT came to a $624 raise a year. I think that's terrible."

"WOW, I CAN'T REMEMBER THE LAST time I got a 3.5 percent raise. It has been almost five years since any of us received 3.5 on our CDs. I don't want to begrudge someone honestly making a profit, but the problem is not apartment owners, but the city of Santa Monica. With a budget of over politicians' wasteful spending. That someone is the shrinking middle class. We are fast becoming a two class town: the big homeowners North of Montana and the done nothing for Santa Monica, useless, but voting for free lunches, low-income housing slackers. The first thing Lenin did in taking control of Russia was eliminating the middle class, the bedrock of any society. Way to go, comrades, 3.5 percent is just another nail in our coffins."

"IF RENTERS HAD TO SHARE SOME OF the cost, perhaps they wouldn't keep mindlessly voting for more parcel taxes so Santa Monica can pay for Malibu's schools."

"I THINK THE INCREASE IS A LITTLE HIGH; 2.6 percent might have been OK with a $7 flat fee. My main concern is for the people on Social Security. I have a neighbor whose rent has gone up two years in a row and Social Security has not gone up. Give them an increase when Social Security goes up."

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Orange County's elite cooks come to Santa Monica

BY MONA DAY
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The trade alliance OCeanfront, comprised of the four Orange County coastal communities of Huntington Beach, Newport Beach, Laguna Beach and Dana Point, wants to make sure you know that Orange County is the ultimate ocean getaway with 42 miles of pristine coast and just a gas-friendly hour's drive from Santa Monica.

And in case you didn't know, the area is also a culinary hot spot, and the association is determined to prove it to you on June 23 when nine of their top chefs will present bite-size versions of their signature dishes at the Taste of the OC Coast event at The Broad Stage.

Here's the line-up:

• Raya is Chef Richard Sandoval's restaurant at The Ritz-Carlton Laguna Niguel and a sister restaurant to Zengo and La Sandia restaurants at Santa Monica Place. It's Chef de Cuisine Greg Howe will showcase a taco trio of Korean fried chicken, smoked swordfish and duck carnitas.

• Executive Chef Josef Lageder of Balboa Bay Club's First Cabin Restaurant will bring his chilled white asparagus and Jerusalem artichokes bisque with essence of white truffles, Alto Adige speck and saffron oil, and lemongrass coriander cured wild salmon with caviar chantilly, and ciabatta crisp.

• Shades Restaurant & Bar's Executive Chef Jeff Littlefield is thinking stuffed paquillo peppers with preserved tuna, cannellini beans and aged sherry vinaigrette, Shades cookie selection, lavender shortbread, rum raisin cookies, chocolate macaroons and lemon basil cookies.

• Chef de Cuisine Casey Overton of The Loft at Montage Laguna Beach restaurant will be showing off his Catalina yellowtail crudo with Chino Farms baby radishes and smoked pepperoncino, and fennel pollen.

• Chef Erasmo Rodriguez of Overvue Restaurant at Laguna Cliffs Resort & Spa will be handing out his Mayan butterfish with avocado shake and pickle onion oil, sopes al fresco made with duck confit and caramelized onions, and langostine ceviche with yuca chips.

• Chef Chris Savage of The Californian and Pete Mallory's Surf City Sunset Grille at Hyatt Regency Huntington Beach Resort & Spa will cook up pan seared scallop, quinoa, pineapple, jicama and cucumber salad, and absinthe gastrique.

• Splashes Executive Chef Jeff Armstrong has planned smoked albacore with Asian pear, daikon radish, and togarashi.

• Chef Miriam of The Quattro Caffe in the South Coast Plaza will dish out chicken and ricotta stuffed ravioli in marinara topped with grana padano cheese.

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Finding the best pizza around

DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA OF HOW MANY pizza places there are in and around Santa Monica? There's no way that I could begin to try even half of them. On the other hand, in order to write this article I did visit about 50 of them, so I have some idea about it.

The first problem with writing about pizza is that, like some other things in life, even when it's not the best it's very good.

But what makes one pizza better than another? Well, tastes may differ, but my criteria are: a thin crust that has flavor and texture (not cardboard, not bread), enough tomato sauce to taste with some acidity, mouth-filling cheese, and not dry overall. And of course the toppings have to be excellent.

Making good pizza dough is not as simple as you might think. The kind of flour is an issue. The amount of yeast can be critical. Salt, oil, and water are a must, but the proportions must be just right. And finally, the decision of whether or not to add sugar (I say no) is an important consideration.

So, with those tastes in mind, here are a few of my findings:

If you want to try a pizza that meets almost all of the requirements listed above, try Stella Rossa on Main Street. This serious pizza bar has an almost perfect crust, tomato sauce with taste that comes through with acidity and maybe a bit too much sugar, and really delicious sausage topping. Only the cheese lacks perfection — there's not enough of it, and it doesn't have the soft gooey texture I look for. And sometimes they overcook the pizza a bit. Yet, this is a really good pizza, with draft beer close by, over 50 wines in a reasonable price list, and really attractive waitresses. And they have white pizza, made with a cheese sauce instead of tomato sauce, which some prefer, but it's not for those of us who prefer traditional pizza.

One of the least appetizing pizzas, one which meets none of the above criteria, was at Pizza Antica in Santa Monica Place. They have the good looking oven, and the sausage and mushroom toppings were OK, but the crust was like cardboard, I couldn't taste the tomato sauce, there was very little cheese and the little there was had no flavor, and the whole thing was dry. The pizza by the slice across the patio in the food court is much better, and fairly typical.

So I asked a few friends to point me to their favorite pizza spots. One suggested the Antica Pizzeria in Marina del Rey, which I'm told has been there for a long time. We went together. It was an old fashion Italian restaurant, and the pizza was OK, but not great. But if I were in the Marina and had to have pizza, I might go there.

Then I looked on the Internet for ideas. California Pizza Kitchen showed up prominently, and I remembered that there is one in Santa Monica, on Wilshire Boulevard. I tried it, and it wasn't bad, but it wasn't great either. It just didn't have either great texture or great flavor. I think the problem was with the cheese, or lack of it.

On another occasion I went to Il Fornaio on Ocean Avenue, which I'm now told is closing soon. Here they serve a very good pizza that meets most of the criteria I am looking for. Too bad it's closing. As I left I noticed that the restaurant next door, Ivy at the Shore, also had pizza, so the next day we went there. This was a particularly good, very delicious pizza with porcini mushrooms, flavorful tomato sauce, and moist unctuous cheese. It was clearly made in a wood-burning oven, which makes a difference. I thought perhaps I had found the holy grail of pizza.

But the next day I was shopping at Whole Foods market on Lincoln and Rose, and I noticed a pizza counter there, so I asked for a few free samples. And these were equally delicious, with an even thinner crust and great toppings, but without the wood and smoke taste in the crust.

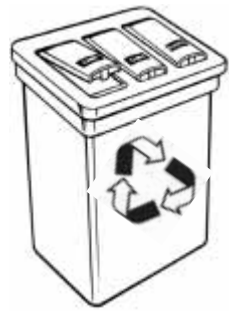
A week later an Italian friend of mine, Diego, suggested that we try Gjelina on Abbot Kinney Boulevard, with some friends in from Italy. Gjelina is a really good restaurant with a lot of first class dishes not found everywhere. We had a mushroom pizza that was out of this world. Even the Italians admitted that this was as good as any pizza in Naples, the home of pizza. I'm still working up the courage to write about the other dishes we had — they were so wonderful they almost defy description in words.

I went to a lot of other pizza places, and had some reasonably good ones. But the ones I've mentioned here stood out.

Every time my dad finished dinner, he would lean back and say, "That was the best dinner I ever ate." I was beginning to think this was happening to me with the pizza. But when all is said and done, here is what I think about pizza around Santa Monica: If I want to take it out, I would go to Whole Foods. If I want to go to a full-service restaurant that also serves pizza, I would go to Gjelina (if I could get in) or Ivy at the Shore. And if I want to go to a pizza joint, sit at the bar, have a good beer and talk to the waitresses, I would go to Stella Rossa — and ask for extra cheese.

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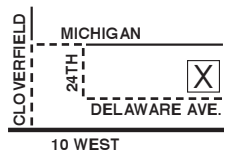


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Campaign watchdog investigating Bell's police union

JOHN ROGERS
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES California's campaign watchdog said Friday it is investigating whether the scandal-ridden city of Bell's police union violated state law when it sent out a campaign flyer supporting candidates in a March recall election.

The California Fair Political Practices Commission said it is looking into whether the Bell Police Officers Association was properly identified as the source of the handout.

Angry voters in the blue-collar Los Angeles suburb, where one in six people live in poverty, voted their entire city council out of office last March after revelations that council members and other top officials were paying themselves enormous salaries.

Three of the five people elected in their place were endorsed by the Bell Police Officers Association.

Rival candidates complained that some flyers for the police-supported candidates showed Bell officers in uniform, but the FPPC's executive director, Roman Porter, said the commission isn't concerned with that.

Instead, the agency is looking into whether voters were properly informed that the flyers came from the union, he said. If it is determined that campaign reforms laws were violated, penalties could range from a warning to a fine of as much as $5,000.

Police union spokesman Leo Briones called the investigation "much ado about nothing," adding the complaints were brought by rival candidates and their supporters, whom he dismissed as "sore losers." He said he expects the union to be exonerated.

During the campaign, rival candidates also filed complaints with Bell's city attorney, who ordered the union to stop displaying photos of officers in uniform in its campaign materials, saying it was a violation of Bell Police Department policy.

Briones said the union complied and, to his knowledge, no action has been taken against any officers.

Bell officials became the target of numerous investigations after the Los Angeles Times reported last year that its former city manager, Robert Rizzo, had an annual salary and compensation package of $1.5 million and that most of the part-time council members were paid about $100,000 a year.

Rizzo, his former assistant and six former council members are awaiting trial on numerous fraud charges.

Meanwhile, the state ordered Bell to refund millions of dollars in property taxes and other fees it said were collected illegally, leaving the city of 40,000 residents as much as $4.5 million in debt.

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Unemployment rate down, but state drops jobs

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SACRAMENTO The unemployment rate in California fell again in May, dropping to 11.7 percent, a state agency reported Friday, but the number of jobs in the state is also down.

It was the fifth month in a row with a lower jobless rate, even though a survey of 42,000 California businesses showed the state lost about 29,000 payroll jobs during May.

People who are not seeking work aren't counted in the labor force, so the jobless rate can go down even with fewer jobs. Weak and spotty job growth has been common during the economic recovery from the recent recession.

A federal survey of about 5,500 California households estimated that there were roughly 2,117,000 people unemployed in the state in May. That's down by 24,000 from April and by 134,000 from May 2010.

The state unemployment rate in April dipped below 12 percent for the first time since 2009. Officials originally estimated the April figure at 11.9 percent but dropped it to 11.8 percent after additional study. The jobless rate in May 2010 was 12.4 percent.

Still, not all of the improvement in the jobless rate reflects economic recovery. The size of the labor force also shrank, as some people stopped looking for work or went back to school, which can lower the calculated unemployment rate.

Economists tend to give more weight to the job numbers, which are more statistically reliable. Payroll employment in California was estimated at 14,031,700 in May, down by 29,200 from April. The losses hit most industries in the state, especially professional and business services and construction. The bright spots were in financial services and information.

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Honoring Today's Dads: Caught in a Century of Change

Dr. Mary Jane Rotheram, PhD

Fathers' roles have changed dramatically in the last hundred years. In 1910, 60 percent of families lived in rural towns with fewer than 2,500 persons. Entertainment was homemade. Almost all adults married; few divorced. Commuting was not part of daily life. Gender roles were clearly specified. Fathers were the head of the household, while mothers managed the children and social relationships. Fathers were the primary financial support of the family. Children were far more independent at earlier ages: they were free to play outside in their neighborhood until dark, completed school work on their own, and got to and from school by themselves. Almost all family members worked after the age of nine years old. The first Father's Day in 1910 honored fathers as the anchor of the American family.

Today's fathers try hard to remain that anchor, but it is not easy. Only 40 percent of fathers live with their children. The majority of children will spend at most five years with their fathers living in the home. More often than not, the financial anchor fathers traditionally provided for their families now comes in the form of child support payments. Fathers make almost 90 percent of all child support payments ($29.8 billion), compared to 10 percent from mothers ($4.3 billion).

However, fathers are rarely the sole support of the family nowadays, as more than 77 percent of mothers work outside the home and have their own income. About 33 percent of mothers make more than their partners. In the current economic recession, men are far more likely than women to be unemployed. And even though fathers' wages are a smaller proportion of the family's income, fathers today are working longer hours and commuting an extra 200 minutes weekly, compared to their own fathers. Fathers are working harder for less honor and less status.

Financial responsibility is not the only area in which fathers' roles have changed. Family's daily routines have shifted fundamentally, often in ways that leave less room for healthy connections. On average, families today eat only six meals a week together, and about half of those meals are eaten while watching television. The opportunity to discuss values, share intimate details of each person's day, or get support for problem solving is lost when conversation is displaced by the latest episode of Law and Order. Media now permeates family's lives. Children spend about seven hours a day engaged with the Internet, TV, mobile phones, or video games, and fathers are on call to their employers 24/7, thanks to BlackBerries, Droids, and iPhones. Time that might once have been spent playing board games, reading to children, or throwing a ball in the back yard is filled with a wide array of electronics.

Sometimes, fathers' sense of their own worth comes to depend on their children's accomplishments. With many school districts on the verge of failure, middle class parents are paying $25,000 annually for private school — amplifying the need for both parents to work full time, leaving less time for family life. Parents become their children's chauffeurs, not only to school, but for "play dates," music lessons, and highly structured sports activities. Rather than being an asset to the family's income, as they once were, children can be major financial, emotional, and physical liabilities. Families are so busy working and chauffeuring children that they don't get to know their neighbors, leading to isolation and lack of community.

Despite these stresses, fathers are more involved than ever in their children's lives. Even when living outside of the home, two thirds of fathers report that they praise their children more than three times weekly. If living with their children, most fathers eat breakfast and dinner with them. Fathers increasingly share regular child care duty with mothers. Dads spend as much time with their children today as fathers did 50 years ago, despite the increase in time spent working and commuting.

Fathers' influence on their children's long term adjustment remains critical. Girls' identities as women are shaped by their father's attention. Boys' bonds with their fathers—whether through sports or other shared interests — affect the kind of men they grow up to be. Fathers are lifelong coaches whose job is to train children for success in life. And being a successful father can provide a core meaning to a man's own life.

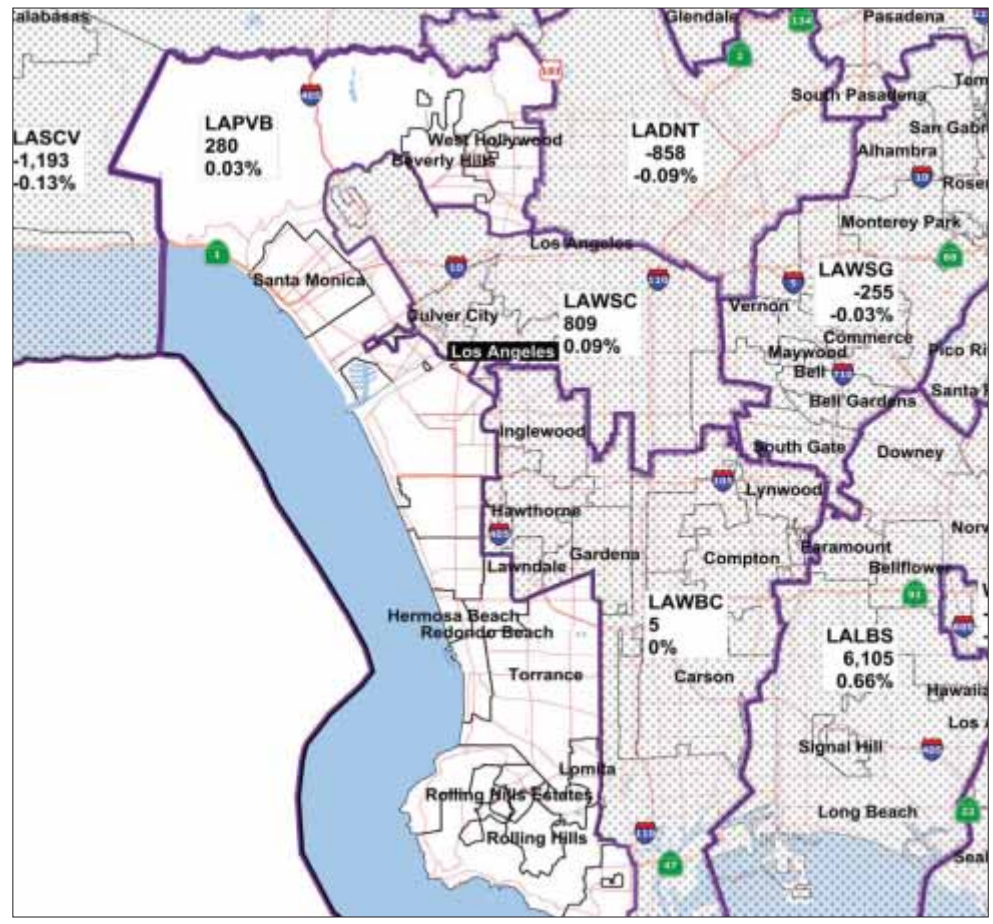
Working, commuting, and parenting take up so much time in a father's life that the time and space for being a person — and a husband — gets squeezed out. Relationships, time at the gym, a chance to read the newspaper or just take a nap — all of these get jettisoned in a daily routine that is too full….always too full.

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NEW: **California Citizens Redistricting Commission's draft state Senate map for the SM area.**

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Pavley said.

The draft plan also creates the possibility that Santa Monica could be represented in Congress not by veteran lawmaker Henry Waxman, D-30th District, but by a freshman — either Democrat Janice Hahn or Tea Party Republican Craig Huey, both of whom are trying to succeed former Congresswoman Jane Harman, D-36th District.

"I have long enjoyed representing Santa Monica and am disappointed that under the current draft I would no longer have that privilege," Waxman said. "I have no control over what the commission decides, but when the final lines are drawn, I would be pleased to have the privilege of continuing to represent the citizens of Santa Monica."

While the proposed districts are far from being finalized (the commission is conducting a series of meetings across the state to gather feedback from voters), elected officials and political pundits are already weighing in and the repercussions could be significant, from increased campaign costs to long-time allies battling against one another for fewer seats, with some voters feeling as if they have no say in who represents them — at least until the next general election.

"I am convinced that the cost of campaigning, as exorbitant as it is now, can only increase," said Sherry Bebitch Jeffe, a political analyst and senior fellow at the School of Policy Planning and Development at USC. "Basically, incumbents and candidates for open seats are all going to have to introduce themselves to new voters, and that costs money."

There are those who believe redistricting will make races more competitive in the short term, but that the power of incumbency will once again reign. There is also the possibility that Santa Monica's influence in elections could be reduced as candidates look to other influential or affluent cities like West Hollywood and those in Palos Verdes for support.

"Santa Monica has traditionally been its own district," said Paul Mitchell, a democratic political consultant for the last 20 years who now heads Redistricting Partners, a for-profit firm that helps local governments maximize their representation during the redistricting process.

"It was Santa Monica, and, to a lesser extent, Malibu for the Assembly," Mitchell said. "Now the [proposed] Assembly district goes out to West Hollywood and Beverly Hills. Before, each was a dominant force in their own districts. Now you have two heavy hitters on the progressive side in the same district rather than Santa Monica running the tables and being the most important voice."

That said, whomever represents Santa Monica in 2012 will most likely be a progressive Democrat given the voter registration numbers on the Westside of Los Angeles County, so the change won't be too dramatic, analysts said.

So, if that's the case, then why make changes?

IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN

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by the legislature, leading some to cry foul. Activists claimed that the districts were drawn to benefit incumbents, creating safe zones that sometimes split communities in odd ways, and fostered little if any competition. Challengers were afraid to take on well-funded incumbents. During the campaign season In 2006, only seven of the 153 legislative and Congressional races were considered competitive, according to the Center for Governmental Studies.

A diverse coalition of nonpartisan groups including Common Cause, the League of Women Voters and AARP wanted to take redistricting power out of the hands of the politicians and drafted an initiative on the November 2008 ballot. Proposition 11, known as California Voters FIRST, created the redistricting commission. The commission is comprised of five Democrats, five Republicans and four citizens who decline to state. The members are paid $300 for each day they are engaged in commission business.

Peter Yao is one of them. A retired engineer and former mayor of the city of Claremont, Yao said he wanted to be a member of the commission because he was concerned that the old system was disenfranchising voters.

"It wasn't so much the redistricting itself that attracted me," Yao said. "It was the experiment of putting a group of citizens together and allow them to study the problem and make the rules as compared to the current process of relying on elected officials to make the rules. I saw that as a conflict of interest and we all know how it has worked out."

Redrawing districts is definitely an experiment, Yao said.

"Clearly we don't understand everything yet," he said. "That is why we won't make any decisions before the process is finalized."

Based on the current pace of work, Yao said the commission plans to have permanent districts in place by Aug. 15.

"A lot of people think we have our minds made up, but that is not the case," he added.

Commissioners have yet to assign numbers to the proposed districts.

For more information on the commission, upcoming meetings and to see draft maps of the districts, go to wedrawthelines.ca.gov.

LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

When the districts are finally approved, Santa Monicans could see a different political landscape than what they are used to. For instance, the draft map for the state Assembly district that includes Santa Monica extends further south into Marina del Rey and further east into Griffith Park near the borders of Burbank and Glendale. Gone are Port Hueneme and parts of Oxnard as well as a large section of the Santa Monica Mountains and Calabasas.

The proposed state Senate district for Santa Monica is even more extreme. Instead of covering Malibu, Calabasas, Agoura Hills and Oxnard, the draft district goes from the hills north of Santa Monica south along the coast to the small, affluent and heavily Republican city of Rolling Hills in Palos Verdes. Torrance, Redondo Beach and Manhattan Beach would be included — areas currently represented by Ted Lieu, D-28th District.

Pavley said she believes that some of the Senate district maps will change in the next round of draft maps and encourages people to voice their opinions to the commission.

"The commission will be holding meetings up and down the state over the next two months and I urge everyone to submit written or verbal testimony to the commissioners about the importance of keeping communities of interest intact," she said.

Yao said his fellow commissioners are drawing the districts without regard to political incumbents and partisan considerations and have not used current district boundaries or voter registration numbers as guides moving forward. The commission is required by the act that created it to create districts of equal population size to comply with the U.S. Constitution. Districts must be contiguous so that all parts are connected to each other; districts must respect the boundaries of cities, counties, neighborhoods and communities of interest and minimize their division; districts should have a fairly regular shape; and districts cannot be drawn in such a way that they discriminate against an incumbent, candidate or political party.

A community of interest is defined as a contiguous population which shares common social and economic interests. Examples of such shared interests are those common to an urban area or an agricultural area, and those common to areas in which people share similar living standards, use the same transportation facilities, have similar work opportunities, or have access to the same media of communication relevant to the election process.

Naturally, some districts will be more competitive than others depending on where they are located and recent shifts in population.

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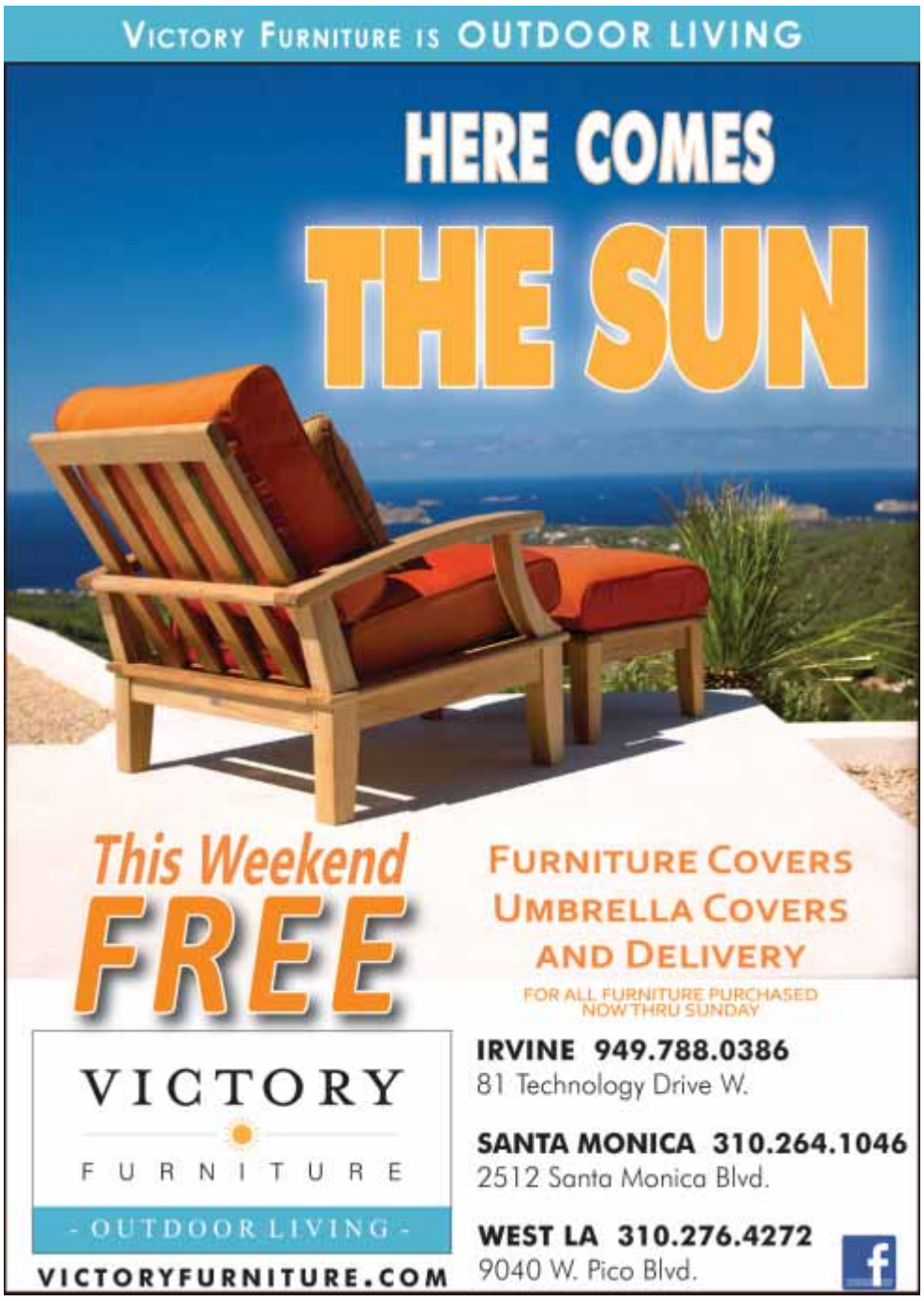
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"We are seeing lots of growth in the eastern parts of the state, like for instance the Inland Empire, which would traditionally have helped Republicans, but population growth in those areas has mainly come from Asians and Latinos, which tend to favor Democratic candidates," said Jessica Levinson, director of political reform with the Center for Governmental Studies. "I think this could actually be a boon for Democrats."

All eyes will be on the commission come August when it finalizes the districts. If the draft districts remain intact, that could have significant influence on the race to succeed Julia Brownley, D-Santa Monica, in the state Assembly. Betsy Butler, a democrat from District 53, located just south of Brownley's 41st District and currently includes El Segundo, Hermosa Beach, Marina del Rey and West Los Angeles, would find herself living in the 41st if the draft plan is approved. If that happens, Butler would have to decide whether or not to move back into her old district or run against activist Torie Osborn or Santa Monica Mayor Richard Bloom in the 41st. West Hollywood Mayor Jeffrey Prang is said to be considering a run for the Assembly and he too could find himself in the 41st, as may charter school chief Brian C. Johnson, and forrmer state Senate staffer and business law teacher Andrew Lachman.

Butler told the Daily Press that she has not yet decided on what she would do come campaign season, saying it is too premature to speculate since the commission is still at the drawing board.

"It's out of my control," she said. "I'll have to go with what they give me.

"I would prefer not to have to sell my home and move. So we'll just have to wait and see what happens."

A lot of people are anxiously doing just that.

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"What we'll see now is trench warfare. It may not be a matter of sweeping strategies and sudden grand solutions, but fights over inches of ground," said Jack Pitney, a political science professor at Claremont McKenna College.

Pitney speculated the veto by the 73-year-old governor — a seasoned politician who first led the state from 1975 to 1983 and later served two terms as mayor of Oakland — was calculated to throw lawmakers off balance.

"Maybe his overall strategy is keep them waiting, keep them guessing," Pitney said. "That may give him some leverage over the Legislature, though how he uses that leverage is another matter."

Brown alluded to such a strategy Thursday, saying his veto of the Democratic budget was the most productive way to proceed.

"I think it will shake up the system in a way that will give a better result, however difficult the next few days may turn out to be," he said at a news conference in Los Angeles.

The governor said he intends to keep pursuing tax extensions, though he offered no specific insight into how he plans to turn things around with Republicans.

Brown wants to ask voters to extend for up to five years sales, vehicle and personal income tax hikes enacted in 2009. In the meantime, he wants the Legislature to approve a funding bridge extending the tax increases until the special election.

The Democrats have majorities in both the Assembly and the Senate, but need at least two GOP votes in each house to pass tax increases or place measures on a ballot.

Democratic lawmakers said they felt blindsided by Brown's swift rejection of their budget plan, and many expressed frustration that the governor may be engaged in a quixotic endeavor.

In one of a series of angry Twitter posts Thursday, Sen. Ted Lieu, D-Torrance, said the governor has a duty to put out a plan that "doesn't rely on (the) fantasy of 4 Republicans voting for tax increases."

"We've asked him repeatedly, 'governor, what is your Plan B?' There has never been a response. So I don't understand what he's doing here," said Sen. Mark Leno, a San Francisco Democrat and chairman of the Senate Budget Committee.

Republicans, meanwhile, appear no closer to jumping on board behind the tax extensions, which they call unnecessary. Instead, they are seeking reforms to public employee pensions, a spending cap and regulatory changes to help California businesses.

"The governor's insistence on pressing his own budget plan, without meaningful concessions on reasonable pension reform and spending cap ideas of others, represents budgeting by fiat," said Assemblyman Jim Nielsen, R-Gerber.

Democrats have supported the tax extensions as a way to avoid further spending cuts but are increasingly wary of the prospect of a special election without the funding bridge. Members of both parties — and the unions Brown is counting on to help fund an election campaign — agree that it would be much harder to get voters to approve a seemingly "new" tax than to extend an existing one.

A Field Poll released Wednesday showed a significant drop in support among registered voters for a renewal of the taxes, from 61 percent who supported it in March to 52 percent this month.

Pitney said despite the current foul mood at the Capitol, lawmakers will have to stop licking their wounds and move forward if they want to avoid a repeat of last year's 100-day budget impasse — the longest in state history.

"People are angry, but they still have a problem to fix which means eventually they are going to have to work together," he said.



DONATION
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posed budget for the 2011-12 fiscal year is $23.3 billion.

The county was facing a $220 million budget deficit heading into the fiscal year.

The check was dated May 2 and addressed to the auditor-controller's office with the right mailing code, said Assistant Auditor-Controller John Naimo.

"The biggest surprise is that it came from out of the area and, despite our skepticism, it did clear the bank," Naimo said. "It's unusual for someone to donate this kind of money without wanting some kind of recognition."

Staff in Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky's office called the bank where the check was purchased, but Banner Bank would only say the check was issued at a branch in Bellingham, Wash.

The county gets thousands of dollars in donations each year, but donors usually specify where the money should go, many times to services for children.

Watanabe said the $10,000 will go to the county's general fund, unless the Board of Supervisors directs otherwise.

DEVELOPMENT

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landscape and preserve the vast majority of their private lands as open space," she said.

The proposal called for five multilevel homes of up to 12,785 square feet (1,190 sq. meters) to be built on 156 acres (63 hectares) in the Santa Monica Mountains. Project designers said the homes would have the top green building certifications and the guitarist said the mansions would be some of the most environmentally sensitive in the world.

Project opponents, including the National Park Service, however, said the development would scar the expansive ridgeline. The musician and his partners had earlier appeased one of its staunchest opponents, the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, after agreeing to give the agency more than $1 million, dedicate nearly 100 acres (40 hectares) to open space and provide public access to hiking trails if the homes were approved.

One sticking point was the claim by proponents that they are five separate owners each building a single home on separate lots, an argument that would make it more difficult for the commission to deny their proposals.

Commission staff said the current owners did not adequately show that the properties were individually owned.

Don Schmitz, the project's planning consultant, told commissioners there are homes at similar elevations in the Santa Monica Mountains and there is plenty of development near the site.

"We're flummoxed to understand why we're so special," said Schmitz. "There is nothing these property owners can do that they haven't already done."

In the end, however, most of the commission didn't appear to buy that argument. While some complimented the project's green intentions and overall design, which included organic features such as a home that wrapped around an existing pile of boulders, commissioners said the project was simply too big and sited in the wrong area.

Commissioner Bruce Reznik acknowledged he was a big fan of U2 and loved the project's design but felt the overall scale was just too large.

"I do believe this project has the best of intentions," he said. "Of course, my mom used to say the road to hell is paved with good intentions."

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That's a change from the last time the proposal came up, when representatives of the mall were pushing for alcohol to be served outdoors until 2 a.m. every night.

The community pushed back, saying that the nearby residences on the Third Street Promenade and the Luxe Apartments held young families and professionals that were disturbed by the raucous patrons.

Power window washers, which get their work going between 4 a.m. and 6 a.m., also drew the ire of residents at the March 2 Planning Commission meeting.

An extensive outreach process including meetings, a 24-hour call line and other correspondence that resulted in the compromise position, and a guarantee to buy scrubbing machines to cut down on noise while cleaning, Ladd said.

"We let them know we're here to be receptive to questions, concerns and want to be their favorite neighbor," she said.

Kathleen Rawson, CEO of Downtown Santa Monica, Inc., spoke in favor of the extensions and praised the efforts of Santa Monica Place to correct its public relations problem.

"It's an important new part of Downtown, and we want to do what we can to make them successful, but not at the expense of anybody who lives Downtown," Rawson said.

The extension only applies to seven restaurants — Ozumo, Sonoma Wine Garden, Pizza Antica, La Sandia, Zengo, the Food Court and The Market.

Missing are Xino and True Food Kitchen.

According to a staff report, Xino experienced a noise complaint past midnight in late March, which caused police department vice investigators to stop by to correct the problem.

The police department weighed in on other sources of noise than revelers, suggesting that no live music, amplified music or television be permitted on the patio after midnight.

Commissioner Ted Winterer, who had objected to giving restaurants a pass to make money while residents suffered, approved of the changes.

"I'm very happy with the direction of where this is headed and would like to move it forward," Winterer said.

The only no vote belonged to Commissioner Jason Parry, who had said at the previous meeting that he could not be moved.

"I don't think that anything that happens between now and next time we discuss this, whether it's a fresh application or not, has a bearing," Parry said on March 2.

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MLB

McCourt faces obstacles in order to retain Dodgers

GREG RISLING
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES To retain ownership of the Los Angeles Dodgers, owner Frank McCourt must overcome two formidable obstacles laid out in a binding settlement he and his ex-wife Jamie reached Friday in their contentious divorce.

Frank McCourt must first receive Major League Baseball's approval of a 17-year television contract with Fox reported to be worth up to $3 billion. Under the settlement, McCourt would receive $385 million upfront, most of which would be used for Dodger-related expenses.

Baseball Commissioner Bud Selig has given no indication if he would approve the deal, but McCourt said MLB officials have asked him to meet select criteria.

"Baseball has been very clear," McCourt said outside court. "They wanted to see this divorce settled, and all this white noise gone, or they wanted Jamie's consent for the Fox transaction or they wanted a judge to give them an order to move forward. Today we have achieved all three."

MLB spokesman Pat Courtney declined comment. Dennis Wasser, an attorney for Jamie McCourt, hopes the TV deal will be finalized early next week. If MLB doesn't approve the TV transaction, the settlement is null and void.

In addition to the TV deal, the settlement called for a one-day "characterization" trial Aug. 4 to determine if title to the Dodgers is in Frank McCourt's name or if the team should be considered community property and sold.

If Jamie McCourt prevails at trial, the team, stadium and surrounding property — worth hundreds of millions of dollars — would be split between the former couple and "be sold by the parties in an orderly manner under the court's supervision," according to the settlement.

If the Dodger assets are deemed to belong to Frank McCourt, he would give his ex-wife $100 million and she would retain six luxurious homes. He also will continue to pay monthly spousal support up to $650,000, the agreement said.

Frank McCourt said all other issues in the divorce were settled, and a hearing set for Wednesday where Jamie McCourt was expected to ask Superior Court Judge Scott Gordon to order the sale of the team was canceled.

In April, Major League Baseball took the extraordinary step of assuming control of the troubled franchise. Former Texas Rangers President Tom Schieffer was appointed to monitor the team on behalf of Selig, who said he took the action because he was concerned about the team's finances and how the Dodgers are being run.

Frank McCourt also has had to contend with meeting team payroll. He's managed several times since the beginning of the season to pay the team's bills — he took a $30 million loan from Fox earlier this year — but has to account for deferred compensation for some former players by the end of June.

Among them is retired slugger Manny Ramirez, who is owed nearly $7 million on June 30, as part of a two-year, $45 million contract he signed with the Dodgers.

The former couple's lavish lifestyle was exposed in court documents where it was revealed that they took out more than $100 million in loans from Dodgers-related businesses. Their spending habits were likened to using the money from the team as though it was their personal ATM or credit card.

When pressed by a reporter about whether he has enough money to cover team expenses without MLB's approval of the TV deal, McCourt sounded confident.

"We're going to proceed and do and meet all of our obligations as we always have, yes," he said.

In December, Gordon deemed invalid a postnuptial marital agreement that gave Frank McCourt sole ownership of the Dodgers. That cleared the way for Jamie McCourt, who served as the team's CEO and was fired by her ex-husband two years ago, to seek half the team under California's community property law.

The McCourts' lawyers had spent several sessions in front Gordon to reach an agreement and they worked throughout the night before striking a deal shortly before Friday's hearing began.

Despite Frank McCourt's earlier pledge that none of the upfront TV money would be used toward his divorce, the settlement terms show otherwise.

About $50 million would be placed in an account subject to Gordon's orders, while another $10 million would be used for attorneys' fees, the agreement said.

About $80 million would go toward paying off debt and each of the McCourts would receive $5 million for their own personal use. The remainder of the money — about $235 million — would be used for the Dodgers, including repayment to McCourt for money the agreement says he advanced to the team.





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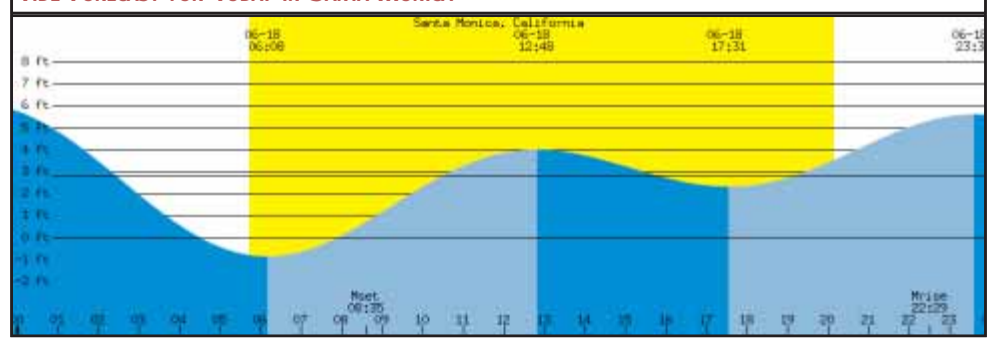
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Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth.	B	ns
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	ns
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechusa and Las Alisos creeks.	A+	A+
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	A+	A+
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth.	A	ns
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	F	ns
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	A+	A+
Paradise Cove Pier at Rominer Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	F	F
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	F	ns
Solstice Canyon at Don Blocker County Beach.	D	D
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth.	D	ns
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd..	B	F
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	ns
Surfrider Beach (breach location)- daily.	F	F
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	F	ns
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	A+	A+
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero).	A+	D
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs.	A	ns
Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach.	A+	A+
Tuna Canyon.	A+	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	F	F
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	F
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	B	A+
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+	F
Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain.	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua).	A	F
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain.	A+	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain.	A+	ns
Santa Monica Municipal Pier.	B	D
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain.	A	F
Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms).	A+	ns
Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain.	A+	F
Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain.	A+	A+
Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain.	A+	ns
Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain.	A+	C
Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south.	A	ns
Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St..	B	ns
Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- lifeguard tower.	A	D
Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth.	A	F
Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain.	A+	D
North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach.	A+	A+
Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of D&W jetty).	A+	ns
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Dockweiler Beach- opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant.	A+	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain.	A+	ns

LEGEND

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Disney artist and renowned matte painter Harrison Ellenshaw ("Star Wars," "The Empire Strikes Back," "TRON") will introduce the screening.

The Absentminded Professor (G) 1hr 37min
The Parent Trap (PG) 2hr 9min
7:30pm
Introduction by Fred MacMurray's daughter, Laurie MacMurray.

Sunday, June 19
Dr. No (NR) 1hr 51min
From Russia With Love (NR) 1hr 58min
7:30pm

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Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides (PG-13) 2hrs 17min
12:45pm, 4:05pm, 7:20pm, 10:30pm

X-Men: First Class (PG-13) 2hrs 11min
11:35am, 2:45pm, 6:10pm, 9:25pm

Submarine (NR) 1hr 37min
12:00pm, 2:35pm, 5:10pm, 7:45pm, 10:20pm

Mr. Popper's Penguins (PG) 1hr 35min
11:00am, 1:40pm, 4:25pm, 7:00pm, 9:35pm

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Hangover Part II (R) 1hr 42min
9:30am, 12:05pm, 2:35pm, 5:15pm, 8:00pm, 10:40pm

Green Lantern 3D (PG-13) 1hr 45min
9:15am, 12:00pm, 2:45pm, 5:30pm, 8:20pm, 11:10pm

X-Men: First Class (PG-13) 2hrs 11min
9:35am, 12:50pm, 4:05pm, 7:15pm, 10:25pm

Super 8 (PG-13) 1hr 52min
10:20am, 11:10am, 1:10pm, 4:00pm, 5:00pm, 6:50pm, 7:45pm, 9:40pm, 10:35pm

Bridesmaids (R) 2hrs 05min
9:55am, 12:55pm, 2:00pm, 4:00pm, 7:00pm, 10:55pm

Bridesmaids (R) 2hrs 05min
10:00pm

Kung Fu Panda 2 3D (PG-13) 1hr 31min
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Makioka Sisters (Sasame-yuki) (NR) 2hrs 10min
11:00am

Tree of Life (PG-13) 2hrs 18min
1:10pm, 4:10pm, 7:15pm, 10:15pm

Queen of the Sun: What Are the Bees Telling Us? (NR) 1hr 23min
1:50pm, 4:20pm, 7:00pm, 9:20pm

Forks Over Knives (PG) 1hr 30min
11:00am

Midnight in Paris (PG-13) 1hr 28min
1:00pm, 2:00pm, 3:20pm, 4:30pm, 5:40pm, 7:00pm, 8:00pm, 9:30pm, 10:15pm

Toast (NR) 1hr 40min
11:00am

Bolshoi Ballet: Swan Lake Encore (NR)
10:30am

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Kung Fu Panda 2 (PG) 1hr 31min
9:45am, 12:15pm, 2:35pm

Green Lantern (PG-13) 1hr 45min
10:40am, 1:30pm, 4:20pm, 7:15pm, 10:10pm

Hangover Part II (R) 1hr 42min
7:20pm, 10:00pm

Beginners (R) 1hr 44min
10:45am, 1:30pm, 4:15pm, 7:00pm, 9:45pm

Mr. Popper's Penguins (PG) 1hr 35min
9:20am, 12:05pm, 2:45pm, 5:25pm, 8:00pm, 10:35pm

Art of Getting By (PG-13) 1hr 23min
10:20am, 12:40pm, 3:05pm, 5:30pm, 7:50pm, 10:15pm

Judy Moody and the Not Bummer Summer (PG) 1hr 31min
9:30am, 12:00pm, 2:30pm, 5:00pm, 7:30pm

Cave of Forgotten Dreams 3D (G) 1hr 30min
4:50pm, 9:55pm

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Barbecue tonight, Virgo

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★★ You beam with friendship and caring. Your efforts pay off. You might overspend or overdo it in some fashion. The damages won't be that difficult to deal with if you maintain some self-discipline! Communication could get confusing. Tonight: Where your friends are.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ You might be left holding the bag, and have to follow through on a key responsibility. Don't worry so much; stay centered and know that you can breeze through this additional work. Make plans later on to visit with an older friend. Tonight: Out and about.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ You might be ready for adventure. For some of you, it could be a day trip. For others, it might be something you have never experienced before. A friend could be contentious! Tonight: At least try a new spot.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★★ Make time for that special person who makes you smile from ear to ear. You could have a very special time, as long as you both honor what you love. Spontaneity marks the fun. Display your good listening skills. Tonight: Add in some candlelight.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Others want your time and just enjoy the moment. You get unexpected news, which encourages more spontaneity than usual. An offer comes your way that you don't want to say "no" to. Be ready to move quickly. Tonight: Celebrating.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★ You will get into a project and complete as much as possible. Do ask a partner or loved one to join in. This person might have some ideas that could have you off course or doing something you hadn't intended to. Tonight: How about a barbecue?

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★★ The kid in you seeks to express itself. It might just be the twinkle in your eye, but it could be a very spontaneous reaction to a family member, loved one and/or friend. There is a whirlwind of activity wherever you are. Tonight: Just don't make your sweetie jealous.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Staying close to home doesn't mean being bored. Whether playing cards and games with a family member, planning a party for later in the day or just curling up with a great book, you naturally enjoy yourself. Tonight: Accept someone's caring gesture.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★★ Return calls and catch up on news. Make plans to join friends, whether it is off to the movies or a late lunch. Be ready for spontaneity. You will revitalize when you break from your routine. Tonight: Intense sharing.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★ Generally, you are associated with being reasonable and somewhat conservative in decision-making. How you explain tossing logic to the wind and being spontaneous could be interesting. What is clear is that you could go overboard. Tonight: Rein in your spending.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ You wake up energized. You might have thought you would do this or that today, but suddenly you toss the status quo to the wind. Others respond to your high charisma, vitality and fun ideas. Tonight: Only what you want.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ Take some much-needed personal time. You could be more drained by certain ideas and circumstances than you realize. Make choices that will relax and/or recharge you. You pull the wild card financially. Remember, it can go either way. Tonight: Hook up with a friend or loved one.

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

Happy birthday

This year, many doors will open up for you. Your charisma and vitality attract many. As a result, you also have an unusually stubborn drive. You want what you want and are likely to have just that because of your endurance. If you are single, you are likely to meet someone quite different who you will want to get to know better. If you are attached, the two of you will gain from planning a special trip together. The excitement and experience will be quite bonding. AQUARIUS always has another view or a different idea.



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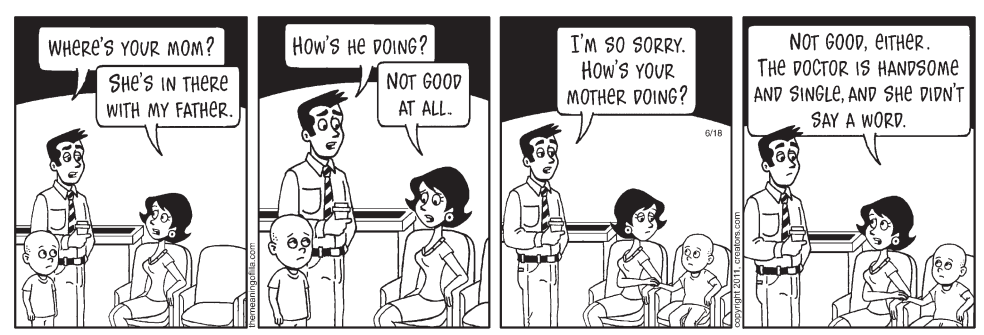
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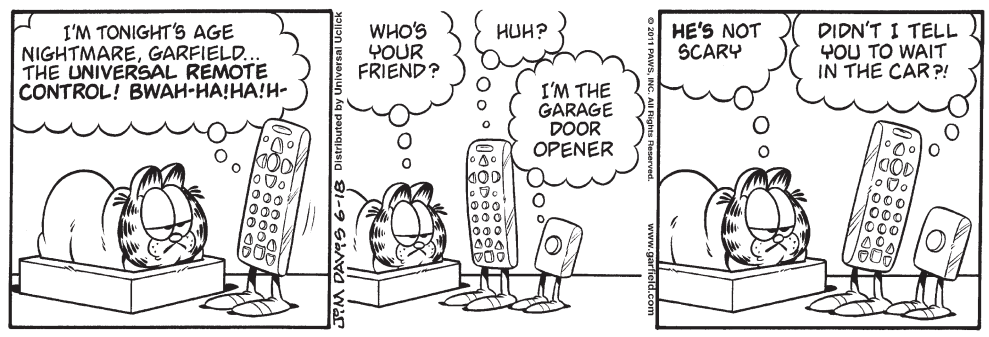
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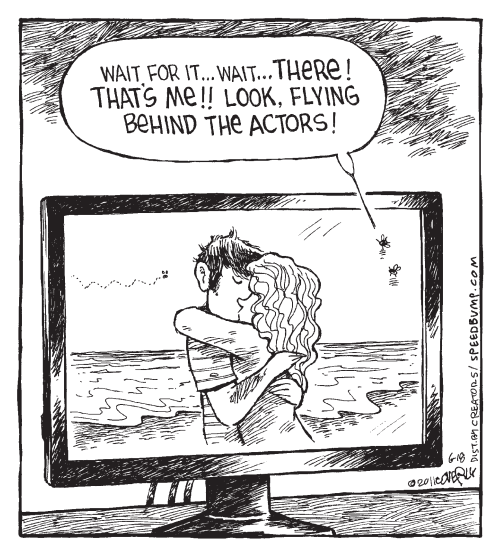
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Sudoku

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

Difficulty Level ★★★★

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GETTING STARTED

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

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4	7	9	2	6	8	5	3	1
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19 Digestive aid
21 Feature of '50s cars
22 Saint Petersburg, once
24 Foreword
25 Playground sight
29 Slow-witted fellow
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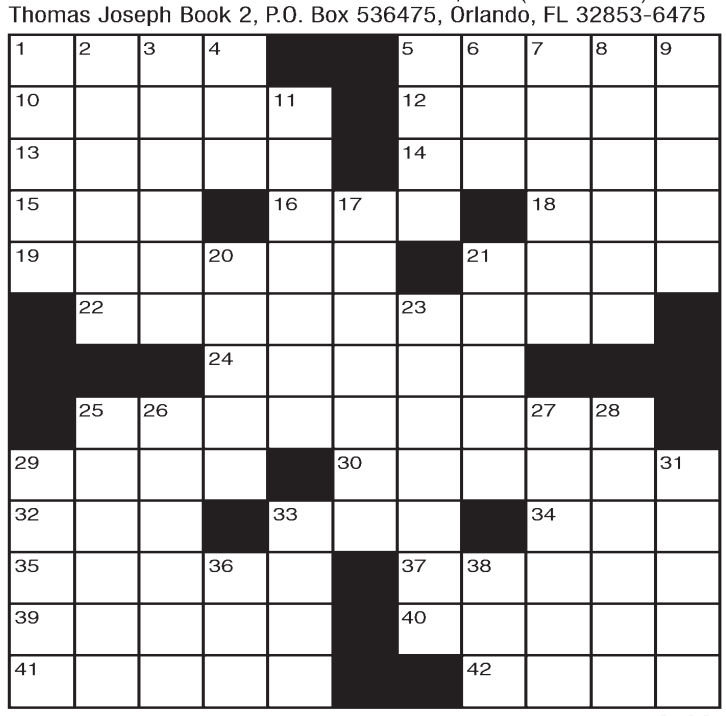
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17 Loose cloaks
20 Bold way to solve crosswords
21 Fly catchers
23 Kind of lightning
25 Northern state capital
26 Disloyal
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28 Change
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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Christopher Bjerkness, 33, was arrested in May in Duluth, Minn., and charged with burglary after being discovered mid-day in the physical-therapy room at the Chester Creek Academy. The room contained inflatable exercise balls that appeared to be undisturbed, but Bjerkness has been arrested at least twice before, in 2005 (reported in News of the Weird) and 2009, because of his self-described compulsion to slash inflatable balls.

■ When News of the Weird first mentioned buzkashi (1989), it was merely the "national game" of Afghanistan, resembling hockey on horseback, with a dead goat (or calf, which is more durable) as the puck, carried by a team and deposited in a circle guarded by opponents (and played largely ruleless). As warlords' power has grown, and the Taliban has departed, and Western money and commerce have been introduced, team owners now bid on the best players, some of whom also have lucrative product-endorsement contracts and are treated as Afghan royalty. Said champion player Jahaan Geer, 33, to a Wall Street Journal reporter in April, "I used to practice buzkashi on donkeys. Now I drive a Lexus!"

■ David Truscott, 41, was convicted in Britain's Truro Crown Court in February of violating a restraining order to keep away from the Woodbury House Farm in Redruth, Cornwall, after being caught there two times previously wallowing in the farm's manure pit while masturbating. Said the prosecutor, "This is the only place (Truscott) seeks to gratify himself in this particular manner ..."

TODAY IN HISTORY

1981 A disease cluster, which will later be known as AIDS, is recognized by medical professionals in San Francisco, California.

1983 Space Shuttle program: STS-7, Astronaut Sally Ride becomes the first American woman in space.

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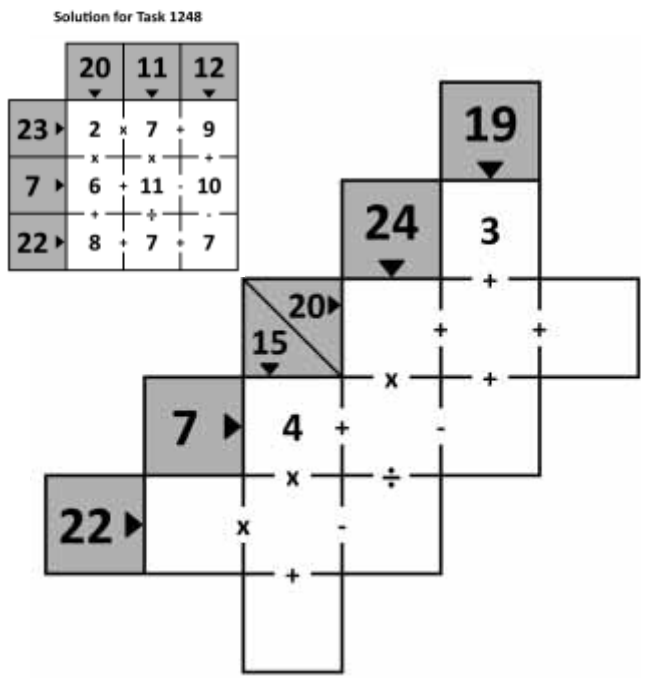
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Lew Steele, a longtime resident of Santa Monica, CA, passed away peacefully at a Hospice facility in Los Angeles, CA on June 10th from complications associated with cancer. He was 84.

Born in Brownsville, PA on 10/22/26, he served in the U.S. Army during WW II and obtained an undergraduate degree from Penn State University in the early 1950's. Lew enjoyed life to the fullest and enjoyed spending time with all of his special friends in Southern California.

He is survived by his brother, Howard, his niece, Bonnie, of Sacramento, CA; his nephew, Bob, his wife Sandy and their two daughters, Kelly and Keri of Santa Rosa, CA.

He will be interned in Sacramento Valley National Cemetery, Dixon, CA. Arrangements are pending.

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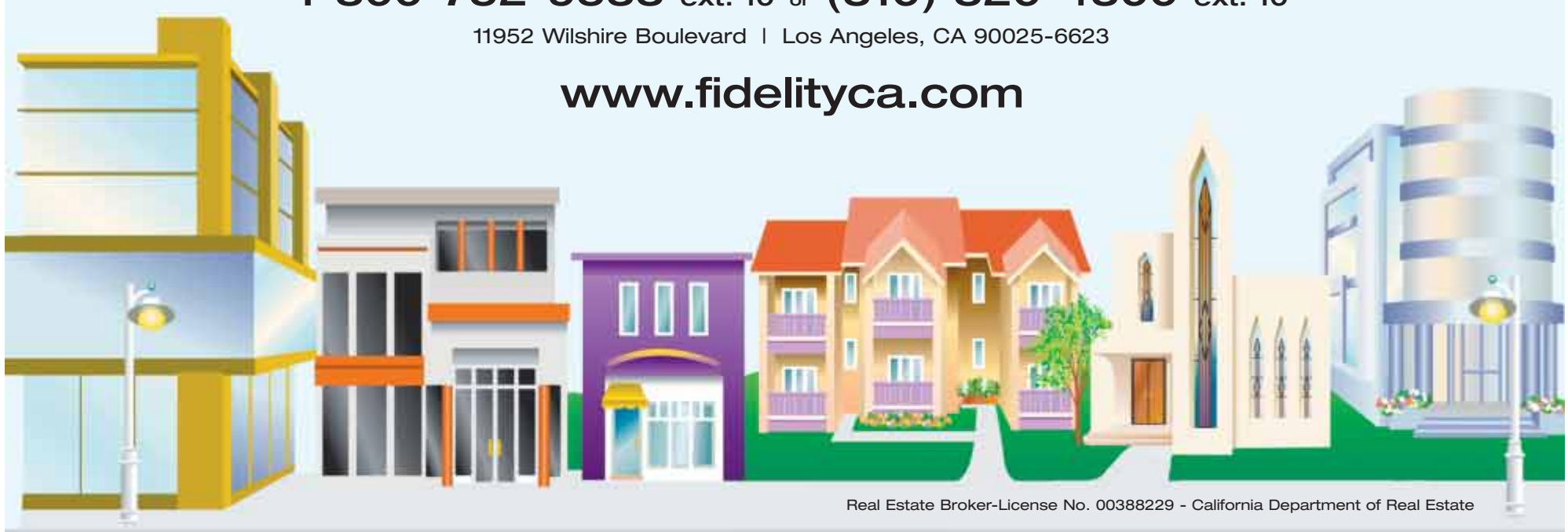
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2 Bedroom + 2 Bathroom
Condo That Feels Like a Home !
Open Sunday June 19th
2:00 pm to 5:00 pm

1120 24th St A



$969,000
Front-Facing Townhome
With lovely huge patio
3 Bed, 2.5 baths
office/den
Open Sunday June 19th
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2019 Navy Street



$1,779,000
Wondrous
Gated, Spanish Villa
4 Bed, 3.5 Bath
Call for Private Showing

2310 31st Street



$795,000
2 Bed, 1 Bath
Great Foot-In-The-Door!
Easy to Show
Call for Private Showing

401 California Ave # 7

In escrow, looking for backup



$1,279,000
3 Bed, 2.75 Bath
Flooded With Light!
Easy to Show
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Average Price of **ALL** Santa Monica Properties
From **ALL** agents in **ALL** companies
Listed for Sale As of Mid - June 2011

		Single Family Homes	Condos & Townhomes
Santa Monica Canyon	=	$1,712,000	$2,400,000
North of Montana	=	$3,497,000	$1,437,000
Between Wilshire & Montana	=	$1,895,000	$799,000
South of Wilshire	=	$727,000	$545,000
Sunset Park	=	$1,117,000	$539,000
Ocean Park	=	$1,535,000	$807,450

Statistics updated every Monday

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CA Distinguished School, 1994, 1999
National Blue Ribbon School, 2000
Disney Spotlight School, 2001

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