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RDA dissolution strikes again

Chez Jay, other properties on auction block

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

OCEAN AVENUE The slow unwind of Santa Monica's Redevelopment Agency may take another casualty — Chez Jay.

The historic business, already facing the possibility of losing its spot on the edge of the planned Palisades Garden Walk park, could find itself with a new owner if the state Department of Finance forces its sale as part of the former Redevelopment Agency's holdings.

City Hall announced its intention in April to put out a call to private operators to submit their ideas to revamp the restaurant

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Sean Fitz-Gerald *news@smdp.com*

GOING FOR THE GOLD: **Jordan Wilimovsky, 18, is headed to Omaha, Neb. for the 2012 U.S. Olympic Swim Trials. The Malibu High School student practices at the Santa Monica Swim Center.**

Santa Monica swim club making a splash

BY SEAN FITZ-GERALD
Special to the Daily Press

SMC "You're 2:46.6, back in 1:06.0," Dave Kelsheimer says to Jordan Wilimovsky. "Not bad — still a little bit of a lift. We're seeing a little bit too much of your face."

Kelsheimer, coach of the nonprofit swim club Team Santa Monica (TSM), has been working with Wilimovsky, 18, for nearly two years. On June 29, the pair will head to Omaha, Neb. for the 2012 U.S. Olympic Swim Trials.

A senior at Malibu High School, Wilimovsky is the only high school-age swimmer to qualify for the trials in West Los Angeles. Wilimovsky made two Olympic Trials' cuts — the 400-meter individual medley and the 1500-meter freestyle — but

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University of Calif. faces mounting pension costs

BY TERENCE CHEA
Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO The cost of pensions and retiree health benefits are soaring at the University of California, increasing pressure to raise tuition and cut academic programs at one of the nation's leading public college systems.

The 10-campus system is confronting mounting bills for employee retirement benefits even as it grapples with unprecedented cuts in state funding that have led to sharp tuition hikes, staff reductions and angry student protests.

The UC system, including medical centers and national laboratories, is scrambling to shore up its pension fund as it prepares for a wave of retirements and tackles a roughly $10 billion unfunded liability.

The UC Retirement Plan's huge deficit was created by investment losses during the global economic crisis — and the nearly two decades when campuses, employees and the state did not contribute any money toward pensions.

"The regents made a serious error and the Legislature made a serious error by not putting money aside for 19 years while accumulating an obligation," said Bob Anderson, a UC Berkeley economist who chairs the system's Academic Senate. "Now we have to pay for it."

The UC system faces spiraling pension costs for 56,000 current retirees and another 116,000 employees nearing retirement.

As of May, there were 2,129 UC retirees drawing annual pensions over $100,000, 57 with pensions over $200,000 and 3 with pensions over $300,000, according to data obtained by The Associated Press through a Public Records Act request.

The number of UC retirees collecting six-figure pensions has increased by 30 percent over the past two years, according Californians for Fiscal Responsibility, an

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What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Tuesday, June 19, 2012

French romantics
Annenberg Community Beach House
415 Pacific Coast Hwy.,
6:30 p.m. — 8 p.m.
Take a bite out of culture and check out the beach house Tuesday. Musicians from Chamber Music Palisades are putting on a concert that will give patrons a sample of French and tango-country artists, including Ibert, Jolivet, Faure, Piazzola and more. Performing will be Susan Greenberg (flute), Allison Allport (harp) and Judith Farmer (bassoon). Admission is free, but reservations are required. For more information, call (310) 458-4904.

Hack this
Barnes & Noble
1201 Third Street Promenade,
7 p.m.
Ever wondered what it would be like to be in the mind of a hacker? Well you can. Kevin Mitnick, the world's most famous hacker, will be presenting his story, "Ghost in the Wires: My Adventures as the World's Most Wanted Hacker" at Barnes & Noble. Hear how he went from a criminal to a leading expert for the U.S. government. For more information, call (310) 260-9110.

Baby talk
Main Library
Martin Luther King, Jr. Auditorium
601 Santa Monica Blvd.,
7 p.m. — 8:30 p.m.
Actor, writer and producer Dan Bucatinsky ("Scandal") will come to present and sign his new book, "Does This Baby Make Me Look Straight?" The book talks about his parental adventures, raising a baby with partner Don Roos.

Wednesday, June 20, 2012

Green 2.0
Santa Monica Public Library
Main Library, Multipurpose Room
601 Santa Monica Blvd.,
6:30 p.m. — 8:30 p.m.
The second segment of the Green Living Workshop will be held at the Santa Monica Public Library. Free resource-saving tools will be available, such as water-saving shower heads, water-saving aerators, energy-saving light bulbs and more. Space is limited. Sign up at sustainableworks.eventbrite.com.

Planning Commission
City Council Chambers, room 213
City Hall
1685 Main St., 7 p.m.
The Santa Monica Planning Commission will hold a meeting to discuss three conditional use permits, a recommendation for City Council to adopt the Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Colorado Esplanade Project and a continued hearing from May 30 about a development agreement, requesting consideration for a mixed-use project (Village Trailer Park). For more information, call (310) 458-8341.

Lean on me
Santa Monica Family YMCA
1332 Sixth St., noon — 1 p.m.
Suzanne Post, fire safety coordinator from the Santa Monica Fire Department, will drop by the YMCA to give a fall prevention workshop. Free underground parking will be provided during the event. For more information, call (310) 393-2721.

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advocacy group that has analyzed UC pension data.

Topping the list is Marcus Marvin, a retired professor of dentistry and public health at UCLA, who receives an annual pension of $337,000.

If UC President Mark Yudof, 67, serves for a total of seven years, he would receive an annual pension of $350,000 — in addition to regular benefits he accrues through the UC Retirement Plan, according to UC documents.

The university caps employee pensions at the IRS limit of $250,000, but that ceiling does not apply to the "supplemental retirement benefits" promised to Yudof.

In the coming year, the university is expected to contribute about $240 million to its retirement fund from a roughly $6 billion core operating budget. That amount is expected to more than double to about $500 million annually by 2015-2016, according to UC officials.

The university also faces skyrocketing costs for its retiree health care benefits.

The unfunded liability for its retiree health program was $14.6 billion in July 2011. UC is expected to spend $270 million on retiree health care this year, and that amount is expected to rise significantly over the next several years, according to UC documents.

While UC seeks to pay its retirement bills, the system is wrestling with the loss of $750 million in state funding this past year. And it could lose another $250 million in the coming academic year if voters reject Gov. Jerry Brown's tax initiative in November.

"This is a very significant challenge to the UC system," said UC Executive Vice Chancellor Nathan Brostrom.

To offset state cuts, UC has repeatedly raised tuition, cut academic programs and student services, reduced its workforce, and increased enrollment of out-of-state students who pay three times more than California residents.

In July, the university's board is expected to consider another tuition increase for the coming school year. Under one scenario, in-state tuition would increase by 6 percent to $12,923, roughly double what students paid five years ago.

UC officials want the state to make pension contributions, as it does for the California State University and California Community Colleges systems. But the state, facing its own financial problems, hasn't provided money for UC pensions for more than 20 years.

Similar stories are playing out across the country as public pensions overwhelm the budgets of city, state and federal governments grappling with a surge of retirements, stock-market declines and years of mismanagement and underfunding.

"It's pretty clear what happens when you don't pay your bills for a long time. They eventually catch up with you," said Jeffrey Brown, a professor at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign who researches pension issues.

For years, the UC system has used its generous retirement benefits to attract and retain talented employees and professors willing to accept lower salaries in exchange for a secure retirement.

Employees can begin collecting pensions at age 50 and receive maximum benefits at age 60. Pensions are based on the average of their three top-earning years, and employees who work 40 years receive annual pensions equal to 100 percent of that amount.

"Maintaining the defined benefit is very important to maintaining the success of the University of California," said Daniel Simmons, a retired UC Davis law professor who previously chaired the system's Academic Senate.

The roots of UC's pension problems began more than two decades ago when administrators decided to suspend contributions. The pension fund appeared to be overfunded, and the cash-strapped state was cutting UC funding.

University administrators finally took action to address its ballooning retirement obligations in 2010 after the 2008-2009 stock market crash left the UC retirement fund dangerously underfunded. UC and its employees resumed making payments to the UC Retirement Plan in 2010, with contribution amounts steadily increasing each year.

The university system is increasing the retirement age for future employees by five years, which will significantly reduce the amount UC subsidiaries will need to contribute for pensions.

UC is also aiming to rein in costs for its retiree health program by raising the eligibility age and reducing the percentage of the insurance premiums it covers.

"If we were to kick the can down the road even further, the problem would get even worse and future generations would have to take even more draconian measures," Brostrom said.

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Report: Ex-FBI agent says Bulger could clear him

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BOSTON Imprisoned former Boston FBI Agent John Connolly claims mobster James "Whitey" Bulger has told authorities Connolly did not tip him off to a 1995 indictment and had nothing to do with a Florida murder, according to a published report.

In an interview with the news website The Daily Beast and Newsweek magazine, Connolly says "my lawyers have information" that Bulger, since he was arrested last June, has told FBI agents that Connolly was not involved in the killing of businessman John Callahan in Florida and that Connolly did not warn Bulger about his indictment.

Bulger, the former leader of the notorious Winter Hill Gang, fled Boston in late 1994 after learning of the impending indictment. He remained one of the country's most wanted fugitives until last June, when he and longtime girlfriend Catherine Greig were apprehended in Santa Monica.

Connolly's appellate lawyer in Florida, Manuel Alvarez, told The Associated Press in a telephone interview Monday that he has no knowledge of what Bulger has said to authorities.

Miami attorney James McDonald, who is representing Connolly on a post-conviction motion, told the AP he heard several months ago from someone "outside the government," who he recalls was a news reporter, that Bulger "has made comments favorable to John," indicating that "John was framed." He declined to name the person.

Bulger, now 82, is awaiting trial for his alleged role in 19 murders. Greig was sentenced to eight years in prison last week for helping Bulger while he was on the run.

Connolly served nearly 10 years in prison after being convicted in 2002 of racketeering and obstruction of justice. He is now serving a 40-year sentence after being convicted of second-degree murder for allegedly helping Bulger's gang kill Callahan.

Bulger's Boston attorney, the U.S. Attorney's Office in Boston and the FBI all declined comment Monday.

Ed Griffith, a spokesman for the Miami-Dade State Attorney's Office, which prosecuted Connolly in Callahan's killing, said in a telephone interview Monday he was unaware of what statements Bulger may have made, but expressed skepticism about Connolly's claims.

"Self-serving statements regarding Mr. Connolly, who's already been convicted by two juries, seems expected," he said.

"I don't know what statements Mr. Bulger is or is not giving, but Mr. Bulger himself is facing several murder charges, so I would think his credibility would certainly be a stretch, under any circumstances."

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

CITYWIDE

Butler, Bloom still hold lead in race for 50th

Assemblywoman Betsy Butler (D-53rd) and Santa Monica Mayor Richard Bloom still hold the lead in the race for the 50th Assembly District as provisional ballots continued to trickle in Friday.

According to officials at the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk's Office, Butler led Bloom, a Democrat, by 275 votes as of the last count.

The other two candidates, Democrat Torie Osborn and Republican Bradley Torgan, trailed the front-runner by 1.5 percentage points and 1.7 percentage points, respectively.

Despite the close vote totals since the June 5 primary, Butler and Bloom have maintained their percentage leads with little variation as thousands of provisional and vote-by-mail ballots were counted.

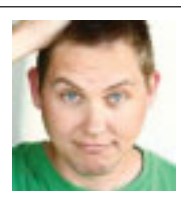
At this point, the office is only counting provisional ballots, and does not expect the counts to change much, officials said.

This election marked two firsts for California politics. It was the first time that each voter received the same ballot and had the opportunity to vote for any candidate, no matter their political party.

It was also the first time that candidates ran in newly-drawn districts created by an independent commission rather than by politicians themselves.

If Butler and Bloom maintain their leads the Democrats will face off against one another in November.

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No other choice

Editor:

The Palisades Park decision is just ("Nativity scenes no longer allowed in Palisades Park," June 14, page 1). It's a beautiful park that unfortunately gets cluttered with controversial displays creating ill will in the community. Best to not have anything spoil the view, or the spirit of the season.

I understand why Christians might be upset, but it's important to note that they can still display anything they wish on private property, including their own church grounds. We just prefer that they don't showcase their religion on "our" property.

We concede that the majority of humanity believes in something outside the real world. That is their privilege as humans. Unfortunately, there is a lot of proselytizing. In many cases, dangerously coercive methods are used. Often, the information they feed their young is dangerous to society. We only need to read the paper every day for evidence.

In Alabama and Mississippi the percentage of people who believe in evolution is 30 percent and 22 percent respectively. This is the result when you teach them lies. When your religion can pollute the minds of whole generations of people, rational thought gets diminished in the public sphere.

Many religious people do good things. I wonder if they are doing them because they are themselves good, or because they are made to be good by their religion? All of my atheist friends are basically good people. No one tells them to be, other than the innate feeling that some things are good and some bad, with a personal gradation between the two.

Our community has taken a stand against majority rule because it is unconstitutional. There was no other choice.

Paul Scott
Santa Monica

Put it in writing

Editor:

I subscribe to this magazine published by the state of California Department of Fish and Game ("Cougar DNA shows animal not a pet," June 15). One of 4,000 subscribers in the state.

I live in Santa Monica.

The September-October issue 2010 has an article on the statewide mountain lion program and about its coordinators; a seven page article. Very informative, with pictures and names of all coordinators and how city's are supposed to respond.

Cities in California use this as a guide. Why not Santa Monica?

I have my original issue of the magazine.

You are welcome to my copy

Fiona Gonsier
Santa Monica

Vote them out

Editor:

The commissars on the City Council have recently issued a decree which effectively brings down the curtain on the annual and long-standing exhibit of the nativity scenes in Palisades Park, which has represented the very core of what Christmas is all about ("Nativity scenes no longer allowed in Palisades Park," June 14, page 1).

So the City Council appears to be in lock-step with the present administration in Washington, D.C. in their efforts to chip away at Christian traditions, values and beliefs. But this assault on religion can be countered not with rowdy protests, but in the quiet privacy of the voting booth.

So, before you cast your next ballot, keep in mind all the names of the present City Council members and all the elected officials who use their political power to demean the Judeo-Christian principles upon which this great nation was founded.

Don Wagner
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What's the Point?

David Pisarra — **Send comments to editor@smdp.com**

Fathers deserve more

FATHER'S DAY IS A JOKE.

It is meant to be equal to the highly revered and lionized Mother's Day. But it's not. Seriously, how many tie jokes, and joke ties were told and shared this weekend? How many of us actually put some thought into a gift for dad that actually meant something?

I have an excuse. My father has been dead for over 20 years now. But I had the opportunity over the weekend to attend a barbecue in honor of fathers and it was a wonderful event, but in speaking with the dads there, I got the distinct impression that they were not really honored in the way that they deserved.

Fathers are not really considered that important in our society. They are given the obligatory day of honoring, and every judge in Los Angeles County will tell you that they believe fathers are important in a child's life, but I'm not sure they really believe it.

The single mother raising a child is considered a saint, and the single father is considered "odd" and looked at with a "what's he really up to? Are those kids safe with him?" face.

Men who want to be fathers, based on the men I know, both as clients and socially, are likely the majority of men. These are dudes who picture themselves teaching their children, boys and girls, how to be functional in the world. Not just how to fish and rebuild an engine, but real life skills like how to carry yourself in an office, and how to treat a waitress in a restaurant.

I field phone calls and e-mails on my www.mensfamilylaw.com website from fathers across the country (and the world from my www.internationalchildcustody.com website) who want to know how to get joint custody of their children. Not primary custody, just joint. They just want to be a part of their children's lives in a meaningful way. Almost across the board they say they will do "anything for their children."

Study after study demonstrates how important it is for a father to play a significant and meaningful role in their child's life. Seventy percent of the men in prison today have had no father figure in their lives other than other lost boys. Gangs are formed by young men trying to find leadership and connection in their lives. Is it any wonder that they go down wrong paths?

In a society that doesn't demand that men step up for their children beyond money, is it any real surprise that we have problems? Honestly, if the courts demanded that men take physical custody of their children 50 percent of the time, I believe most of the men would gladly do it. Employers would have to change their priorities, and so would mothers.

Mothers would have to shoulder more of the feelings of loss and insignificance that fathers have had to bear.

If fathers were expected to earn less so they could spend more time with their boys and girls teaching them to be better people, and that was backed up with a societal push from the courts and the baby-mamas, well I believe we'd see better children, and that leads to a better society.

But we're not seeing that. We see that fathers are pushed out of a child's life and then expected to work a full-time job, which prevents him from having enough time for his children. But that's OK because we don't expect mom to work a full-time job because she has to "raise the children." For the father, if he cannot support his child with money he's considered a deadbeat dad and has little of value to offer his child, and that's why we left the kid with mom in the first place.

THE MOTHERS WERE ALL CRAZY DRUG ADDICT ALCOHOLICS WITH EXTENSIVE CRIMINAL BACKGROUNDS. BUT THAT'S WHAT IT USUALLY TAKES BEFORE A MAN CAN BE CONSIDERED THE BETTER PARENT.

At the Father's Day barbecue this weekend, I saw single fathers who are raising their children, or have raised their children. There were three amazing men who are raising their children without the mother involved. The mothers were all crazy drug addict alcoholics with extensive criminal backgrounds. But that's what it usually takes before a man can be considered the better parent. That's sad.

I said Father's Day is a joke, not because I don't believe fathers should be honored, but because I don't' believe it goes far enough. Fathers are crucial to the development of boys into men and girls into women who are respected and are respectful.

By undervaluing fathers, we are doing a disservice to all of us.

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After the Bell

Merv Hecht
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Apple doesn't fall far from the tree

UNLIKE EVE, IF YOU HAD PICKED APPLE early on you are lucky. I bought 300 shares of Apple stock when it was $250 a share. Of course, at that price I couldn't afford to buy much more than that. I bought it because a friend and colleague had moved all of his portfolio into that stock, and since he is an expert in the computer industry, I figured that he knew something I didn't know.

When the stock hit $400 a share, I picked up my winnings and sold the stock for a profit of $150 a share, or $45,000. My friend held his, saying that it was worth $1,000 a share.

It soon became clear that I had picked Apple too soon. The stock continued to rise until it was over $600 a share. I warned my colleague that it might be time to sell. "It's worth $1,000 a share" he replied. Then the stock dropped down to $530 or so. At that point I decided to take a bit of a risk and sold a 10 put spread at around $530, with a hedge at $515. So for a maximum risk of about $15,000 less a $6,000 premium received, I was back in the game. But in a much smaller way.

So far the stock has held most of its value, and recently moved back up over $560. One could say that I left $60,000 on the table by not holding and selling at $600. My colleague says I've probably left a lot more than that on the table because the stock will go up much more when the iPhone5 is released and Apple starts promoting Apple TV. This does seems like a strong possibility. I recently attended a lecture on Apple TV, and I am really impressed with it, and plan to install it in my home soon. I especially like the wireless loudspeaker features that can be controlled remotely from my iPad.

On the other hand, I read an article recently by a business professor who describes hi-tech business cycles. His theory is that every hi-tech company is eventually superseded by some new concept with bigger and better technology developed by competitors. And who is to say that I would have sold the stock at $600 or more, at the top? And who can say that it will hold at the mid 500s level, and not return to $400?

Some professions operate on a theory that I call "thinning out the herd." They set a percentage of the portfolio that should be invested in hi-tech or other fields, and when the value of the investment gets over that percentage they sell enough to get the portfolio back in line.

My wife has a similar theory. When a stock goes up a significant amount, she sells half of the holding and takes half of the profit, and holds the balance.

I follow a different theory, that I call "the apple doesn't fall far from the tree." By that I mean that there is a certain momentum in the stock market which usually, but not always, causes companies that have a big run up to run up beyond true value based on a market psychology effect. But the true value is like the falling apple, it tends to be closer to the tree than the perceived apple that is perceived to fall and keep rolling. So when investors see a genius like Steve Jobs create a number of extremely successful products, they assume it will continue. While that prediction might prove to be correct, the resulting price is based on speculation, not on facts, and is therefore akin to the pricing of gold more than the value of the individual stock. So the trick is to get into this bubble at the outset, but get out before it bursts.

The result of that theory is that more often than not I sell before the peak, and leave something on the table. On the other hand, I tend to capture some profit on stock holdings more often than those who wait for the top, and hold too long.

For those that use stock options, selling by using a short call option is frequently a good way to pick up a few extra dollars. So if you are holding Apple stock at $560 and would feel good about selling if it goes back up to $600, you can sell 30 day calls on your stock, and it will be called away when it reaches $600 a share. Meanwhile, while you still hold it, you collect in dividends plus option premiums each month.

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As is so often the case, success depends on timing. Everyone knows that you don't want to pick the apple too soon. And everyone knows you don't want to let it rot on the tree by waiting too long. But how do you tell when it's ripe for picking?

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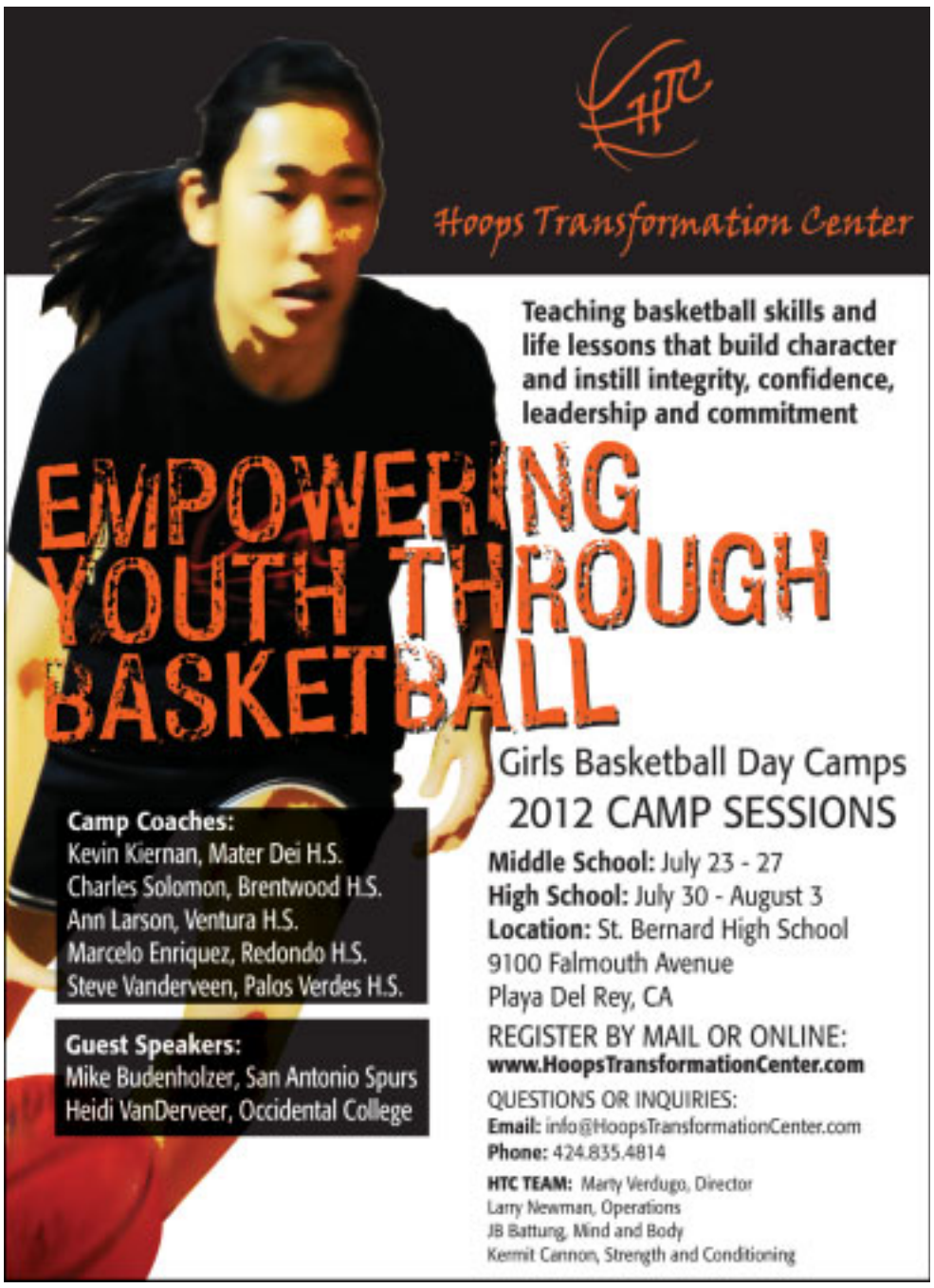

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Camps to girls: leave the glitz at home

BY LEANNE ITALIE
Associated Press

NEW YORK Yes, Virginia, it's possible to enjoy summer camp without cell phones, hair dryers, makeup and — gasp — skimpy tops, short shorts and teeny bikinis.

The grown-ups want to give you a break on all the pressure to look prettier, sexier and ritzier than your bunkmates. Consider it that thing your parents can't or won't manage the rest of the year, but that camp directors have little pushback in achieving.

Of 361 camps surveyed recently by the American Camp Association, about 71 percent said they have some form of dress code, uniform or restriction on makeup and swimwear. Nearly 22 percent said such policies are aimed at lessening personal differences to reduce teasing. Others said the idea is to make it easier for campers to focus on having fun.

"I don't need every single kid to look the same. I just don't want them to compete or worry about what they wear. This kind of takes the guesswork out of it," said Corey Dockswell, director of the all-girl Camp Wicosuta in central New Hampshire.

With only 20 percent of about 7,000 sleepaway camps accredited by the ACA, it's difficult to know how many use uniforms or adhere to strict rules on dress, makeup and hair appliances. Most require campers to leave the tech at home, especially the kind that makes calls or connects to the Internet.

No "breasts, bellies or butts" is the general rule on dress for girls — at single-sex and coed camps alike. Kyle Courtiss, director of Camp Vega for girls on Echo Lake in Maine, added one-piece swimsuits — no ties — to his policy only last summer.

"Today more than ever there's so many options for bathing suits and it was really countering what our mission was," he said. "We want to reduce the time they spend thinking about what they're going to wear and comparing clothes."

Contemporary camp uniforms are far from the boxy, itchy garb of yesteryear. Usually they're nothing more than T-shirts and shorts adorned with the camp logo, or a selection of camp shirts and shorts in different styles and fabrics, sweatshirts, sweatpants and soft cotton pajama pants. Some allow tank tops but many don't permit spaghetti straps or anything lacy or revealing.

Dockswell's camp requires uniforms for kids up to fifth grade but has a more liberal approach with older campers, allowing them to wear their own clothes in modest styles and solid colors. No designer duds or logos are permitted and one-piece bathing suits are required for all ages.

"At school a lot of times you are what you wear," Dockswell said. "At camp that's not what we're about."

Boys' inappropriate T-shirts are also subject to logo bans, along with such styles as underwear-exposing saggy pants.

When it comes to makeup and hair appliances, some camps are looking to free girls of worry over how they look but also to reduce the time it takes them to get ready each morning.

"It's nice not to straighten my hair every day or put on makeup," said nearly 13-year-old Jenny Entin of North Caldwell, N.J. This is her sixth year at Southwoods, a coed camp attended by her two older sisters and a brother in the Adirondacks of New York.

"Sometimes it would be nice to have makeup for some of the dances and costume balls we have," she added.

The camp has no uniform for campers but calls for modest clothing and no logos or slogans. One-piece swimsuits with straps are required.

Scott Ralls, the founder, owner and director of Southwoods, sees no reason for uniforms, though his staff is required to wear camp T-shirts and sweatshirts with modest jeans and shorts.

"I do believe the kids have a right to have some individuality. Some kids like to wear yellow shirts. Some kids like to wear green shirts," he said.

"I looked at a lot of these schools that have uniforms and I watched what the kids do to modify them, to create the look that they wanted anyway," Ralls said. "I was of the mindset that we were going to be role models as adults on what we want them to look like and behave like."

Tripp Lake Camp for girls near Poland, Maine, has been a uniform camp since its founding in 1911. Today, that means white shirts with a collar, short sleeves and a little pocket, high round-neck T-shirts and shorts in two colors, one solid blue and the other solid white — all with the camp logo. In addition, camp-stamped sweatshirts and sweatpants are required.

"It promotes unity, family," said the director, Leslie Konigsberg Levy. "I'm not looking for them to separate themselves from each other."

Sometimes, other camp directors said, parents are more of a problem then campers in adhering to dress codes and other restrictions.

"Two years ago on parents' day I did have a young lady walk out of the cabin in a tube top," Ralls recalled. When he asked the girl to change, she said OK.

Where'd the camper get the tube top to begin with? "Her mom brought it up," Ralls said. "Do you know how many things parents send in the mail that aren't allowed?"

Jenny's mom, Annette Entin, is on board now but did have some doubts when she sent her oldest daughter Jordan, now 22, to Southwoods.

"My first impression was really, you can't wear a bathing suit, and it can't have a tie even, but I was happy about the no makeup, no appliances," the mother said. "They're there to have fun and to be themselves. I mean, who are you making yourself up for?"

Jordan, who was also a counselor, said the restrictions didn't take long to get used to, though "I never did adjust to those uncomfortable, unstylish one-piece bathing suits."

Parents and some campers have a harder time breaking the cell phone tether than dealing with dress codes or uniforms, camp directors said.

"When it comes to the phones, it's usually managing a parent's expectation," said Peg Smith, CEO of the American Camp Association. "Within 24 hours the kids tear off doing things and all of a sudden the phone's not so important anymore. It's those of us sitting at home going, 'Why am I not getting a text?'"

Adam Baker, director of Camp Blue Ridge for girls and Equinunk for boys in Wayne County, Pa., said the camp was founded in 1920 with uniforms. They were dropped in the 1980s, but he reinstated them in 2001.

"That was definitely met with some resistance from our parents," he said. "One of the lines was, 'Well you're going to take away what's unique about my child.' And I said, 'No, it's not about what they're wearing. It's about who they are.'"

Uniforms also level the playing field for less affluent kids, he said.

"Look at how children form their hierarchies," Baker said. "Many times, especially with girls, a lot of it will be based on looks, on the clothes they're wearing, the background they come from. We can remove that. We don't want all of that at camp."

Easing of pot laws poses challenge for parents

BY DAVID CRARY & KRISTEN WYATT
Associated Press

DENVER Michael Jolton was a young father with a 5-year-old son when Colorado legalized medical marijuana in 2000. Now he's got three boys, the oldest near adulthood, and finds himself repeatedly explaining green-leafed marijuana ads and "free joint" promotions endemic in his suburban hometown.

"I did not talk to my oldest son about marijuana when he was 8 years old. We got to talk about fun stuff. Now with my youngest who's 8, we have to talk about this," said Jolton, a consultant from Lakewood.

A marijuana opponent with a just-say-no philosophy, Jolton, 48, is among legions of American parents finding the "drug talk" increasingly problematic as more states allow medical marijuana or decriminalize its use. Colorado and Washington state have measures on their Nov. 6 ballot that would go a further step and legalize recreational use of marijuana for adults.

Parent-child conversations about pot "have become extraordinarily complicated," said Stephen Pasierb, president of the Partnership at Drugfree.org, which provides resources for parents concerned about youth drug use.

Legalization and medical use of marijuana have "created a perception among kids that this is no big deal," Pasierb said. "You need a calm, rational conversation, not yelling and screaming, and you need the discipline to listen to your child."

Ethan Nadelmann, executive director of the pro-legalization Drug Policy Alliance, says the family conversations "are becoming a lot more real" because most of today's parents likely tried marijuana themselves.

"Parents know a lot more about what they're talking about, and kids probably suspect that their parents did this when they were younger and didn't get in trouble with drugs," Nadelmann said. "There's still hypocrisy, but the level of honesty and frankness in the parent-child dialogue about marijuana is increasing every year."

The Haskins family of Olympia, Wash., provides a vivid example of how the conversations have evolved.

Sarena Haskins, 41, and her sister are both longtime users of pot for health reasons, and Sarena's 12-year-old daughter, Hannah, has become an advocate of medical marijuana to the point of posting a video online expressing her views.

Yet Sarena Haskins opposes the ballot measure that would legalize recreational use of pot in Washington and advises Hannah to avoid experimentation with the drug.

"I'm a little a little nervous about those conversations, but I'm having them now," Haskins said. "I tell Hannah it's not a smart choice, that she needs to focus on school ... You can't just be a pot head and be lazy."

Another longtime parent/pot user is Tim Beck, a Detroit insurance broker who succeeded in getting a marijuana legalization measure on the city's ballot for Nov. 6. The measure wouldn't supersede the state law against non-medical marijuana use, but would let adults possess small amounts of pot on private property without facing arrest under city ordinances.

Beck says his 17-year-old daughter, Maria, who is now studying at the Bolshoi Ballet Academy in Moscow, observed his pot smoking throughout her youth.

"I decided I wouldn't hide it ... no big deal, no lectures. It's something she grew up with," said Beck, 60. "I don't know whether she's tried marijuana or not, and I don't care. If we detect any evidence of dysfunctional behavior, which we never have, then we'd focus on that."

The legalization campaign grates on Yolanda Harden, 47, officer manager at a Detroit middle school who has raised five kids of her own and a dozen others from her circle of friends and family.

Harden said her own parents battled drug problems that started with marijuana use, and she tries to convey to the youths in her care they could risk the same fate.

But she finds it harder now to get that message through. "Because it's so popular, they truly believe it's harmless."

Michigan, Colorado and Washington are among 17 states where medical marijuana is legal. More than a dozen states, and many municipalities, have scrapped criminal penalties for small-scale pot possession or made it a low-priority crime for police.

In Colorado, hundreds of medical marijuana dispensaries and growers operate legally, and ads invite new patients to try their pot.

In Boulder, Colo., home to the nation's largest college pro-marijuana protest each spring, City Councilwoman KC Becker doesn't oppose Boulder's thriving marijuana business but realizes that, within her family, she'll have to approach the topic differently than her parents did.

"My parents definitely didn't talk to me about drugs, ever," Becker said. Marijuana legalization, she said, "does force you to talk about it and explain it — but that's not necessarily bad."

What will Becker tell her 4-year-old when he learns to read the pot ads?

"I'll say, 'That's a store where people can get medicine to help them when they feel sick, but you have to be responsible in using it and old enough,'" Becker said.

In Portland, Ore., a 29-year-old mom found out the hard way that her kids needed more information.

Serra Frank uses marijuana to treat a bladder condition. When her 8-year-old son heard last fall in a school anti-drug campaign that marijuana harms the brain, he burst into tears and told school authorities he was scared because his mom uses pot.

Police came to their house, and Frank had some explaining to do — to the authorities to prove she was using pot legally, and to her son.

"I tell him it's medicine. It helps with pain, but it's not for kids," Frank said.

Six years ago Frank created a Facebook page called Moms for Marijuana to ask advice from other marijuana users with children. The group now has some 17,000 online members and chapters in 40 states.

"Nobody really wants to talk about it," said Frank. "It's been ingrained into our brains that it's a bad, bad thing and we're supposed to be afraid of it."

Trish Nixon of Colorado Springs had two children living at home when Colorado legalized medical marijuana. She tackled the topic head-on, evolving from a "It's against the law — don't do it" warning to a more nuanced message.

"I would explain why somebody might need to use it, the right reasons some people need it and why some people are using it for the wrong reasons," Nixon said.

Her daughter, Krista, now 21, said she

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never considered marijuana a big deal. "My generation just grew up with it," she said, though adding that she's never used it.

Gretchen Burns Bergman, a fashion show producer from San Diego, has two grown sons who struggled with heroin addiction, including one who served prison time. Founder of a group called Moms United to End the War on Drugs, she hopes more parents will support legalizing or decriminalizing marijuana as a relatively safe option compared to hard drugs.

"We've been talking down to our kids for far too long," she said. "It widens the divide if we say the stuff is just terrible, and they're not seeing the bad effects. It's just scare tactics, and they disbelieve us."

Indeed, marijuana activists make the case to parents that pot is less dangerous than alcohol.

In Colorado, the legalization campaign aired a television ad titled "Dear Mom," showing a young woman talking to her off-camera parents about marijuana.

"It's less harmful to my body, I don't get hung over, and honestly, I feel safer around marijuana users," she says.

Recent national surveys indicate that many teens view marijuana as relatively benign, with more of them now smoking pot then cigarettes.

Linda Pearlman Gordon, a psychotherapist from Chevy Chase, Md., who often counsels families, says a child's well-being — rather than fear of arrest — is increasingly likely to be the focus of parent/child conversations as the legalization drive continues.

She says parents should strive to discourage any drug usage that isolates a child socially or inhibits their maturation.

"It's troubling when anyone uses a substance to self-medicate, to push away difficult feelings," she said. "You want to make sure your child, if having difficult feelings, knows there are healthy ways to deal with it."

Stephen Pasierb of the Partnership at Drugfree.org says it's vital for parents to engage their children in relaxed discussions — "See where your kid is at. Ask them, 'What do you think?'" — and to do so before they reach middle school, where pot use is surging.

"Kids are willing to press all of mom's and dad's buttons, but they don't want to lose the ultimate respect of their parents," he said. "It's important for parents not to say, 'If you smoke marijuana, we'll throw you out of the house' but they should say they'll be disappointed."

His advice to parents who partook of pot in their youth:

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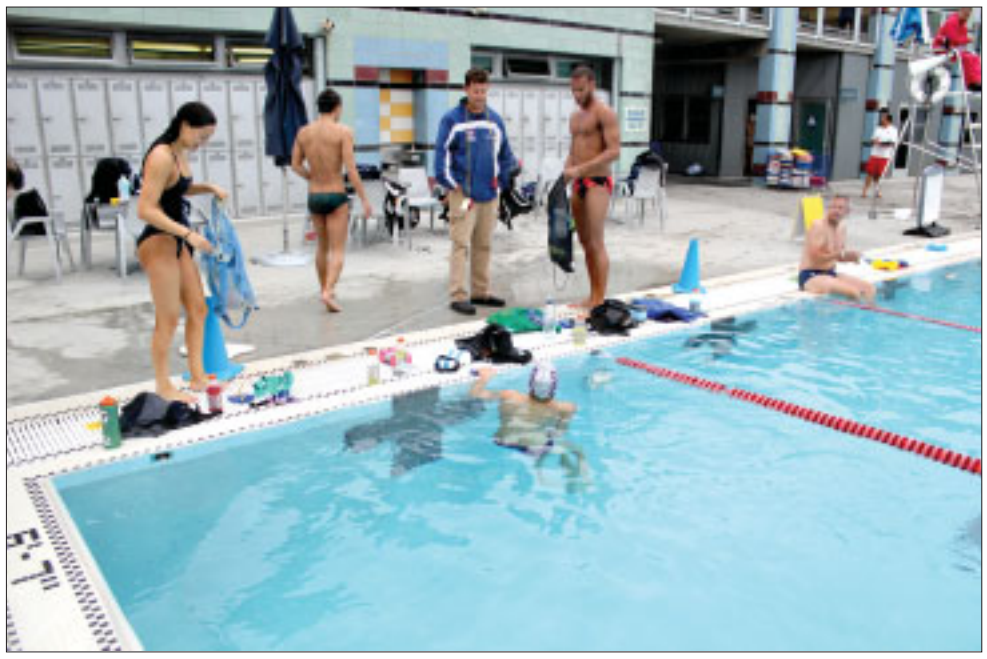
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AT THE HELM: **Coach Dave Kelsheimer (center) has helped increase Team Santa Monica's membership and qualifier numbers. He was just named assistant coach of the U.S. National Junior Team for the 2012 FINA World Junior Open Water Championships.**

SWIM
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will only be going for the 1500.

Practicing every morning Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, every afternoon on weekdays and every morning Saturday, Wilimovsky says he feels ready for the race.

"It's not that tough if you know you've done all this [training] for it," Wilimovsky says. "If you're prepared, you're good ... you just swim your own race."

Kelsheimer, who came on board TSM in 2010, says that he pushes Wilimovsky and the other swimmers because he's familiar with the quality and rigor of other elite programs.

"We're taking on some of the best in the U.S. and some of the best in the world," he says. "If you want the success that someone else has, all you have to do is work as hard as they did to get their success. So if I know that 99 percent of the planet's successful swimmers are training 10 times a week, I better be training 10 times a week."

Kelsheimer has worked with athletes in Australia, the Cayman Islands and the U.S., and with him at the helm TSM has seen an exponential increase in its own success.

This year, TSM has three Olympic Trials qualifiers: Eugene Tee, representing Australia; Samuel Lameynardie, representing France; and Wilimovsky, representing the U.S. The club also has a number of swimmers going to the U.S. Nationals and U.S. Open Qualifiers, the Jr. Nationals and National Club Swimming Association Jr. Qualifiers, the Sectional Team Qualifiers and one, Serafina King, going to the 2012 Paralympic Trials.

Outside the pool, Kelsheimer has been named assistant coach of the U.S. National Junior Team for the 2012 Fédération Internationale de Natation World Junior Open Water Championships. The championships will take place Aug. 12-20 in the Welland Recreational Canal in Ontario, Canada and TSM will send Wilimovsky, Brendan Casey and Liliana Casso to represent the U.S.

"The kids who are qualifying for the big meets and finding the success now are the ones who, in the first meeting I had with the team said, 'OK, let's do this. Whatever it takes,'" Kelsheimer says.

Wilimovsky says he enjoys training with TSM not just because of the club's opportunities, but also because of the competitive nature of his teammates. Every practice is a contest.

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"It's a true Thunderdome of training and that creates a real atmosphere of fun for these guys," adds Kelsheimer.

Though TSM has seen the fruits of many positive changes, Kelsheimer elucidates that the road up to this point did not come hassle-free.

"Because the youth swim teams haven't been as focused on developing high performance athletes, a lot of the pool space has been taken up in those early morning times by adult groups," he says. "So for us — changing that culture to bring these kids up to the speed of the rest of the country — there have been some logistical challenges."

Kelsheimer says, however, that the city of Santa Monica and Amy Cramer, manager at the Santa Monica Swim Center, have been pivotal in helping the Santa Monica-based swim club grow. Thanks to their flexibility, Kelsheimer says he has been able to utilize the pools for the training sessions that kids like Wilimovsky need.

"It's pretty special: the first time you earn a U.S.A. tracksuit," Kelsheimer says. "For these young swimmers, this is a pretty special opportunity, and we hope that it's the first step on a journey that can lead to some of these kids making those even higher level teams — like the Olympic team."

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into one that would complement the $47 million park being built by the old site.

Officials stopped short of putting the project out to bid, however.

According to City Hall records, the restaurant sits on land previously held by the Redevelopment Agency before it and over 400 other entities like it were killed by Gov. Jerry Brown to plug holes in the state budget.

The money and assets held by those agencies were transferred to "successor agencies," in this case the city of Santa Monica, which then must figure out which funds from the former agency can be kept and which must be given back to the state.

Those decisions are then scrutinized by an oversight board and the Department of Finance.

Properties, with some exceptions for government-serving buildings like libraries, must be sold. The proceeds then go to other agencies like Los Angeles County, while the land or buildings stay with their new owners.

That means that Santa Monica, which currently rents the restaurant to Chez Jay owner Michael Anderson and Anita Fiondella Eck, may lose control of the parcel and its ability to preserve the space as an eatery.

"The state could force the property to be transferred to the Successor Agency and then sold on the open market, with the proceeds going to taxing entities," wrote Andy Agle, City Hall's director of Housing and Economic Development, in an e-mail.

That means the state can cash in while Santa Monica loses an institution that rallied community support when its existence was threatened at the local level.

When city officials informed the City Council that it needed to put out a public bid on the proprietorship of Chez Jay, the community came out in force to protest the potential loss of the iconic restaurant, said Abby Arnold, a member of the Chez Jay team helping to build a business proposal for City Hall.

"Just organically, so many people have expressed support for the restaurant," Arnold said. "We have piles of letters from people saying this is an important place in my life."

Other city groups have taken note.

The Landmarks Commission, an advisory body to the City Council on local historic resources, stepped in last Monday to put the building up for consideration as a landmark, which could preserve the look and feel of the building if not the business itself.

Commissioners argued that the building minimally deserves landmark status in recognition of the famous people that dined there, a peanut that went to space (literally) that's still on the premises and the hand over of the Pentagon Papers by Daniel Ellsberg to New York Times reporters, which allegedly happened at the restaurant.



CHEZ JAY

There's also a case to be made regarding the architecture of the building, said Commissioner Roger Genser.

The exterior of the building, which has transitioned from an apartment building to a restaurant over the course of its history, is a good example of architecture from the 1950s, according to the 2004 environmental impact report for the Civic Center Specific Plan, which included the Chez Jay property.

"A compromise might be to save the front of the building, with the 1950s knick knacks," Genser said.

Whether or not the building would qualify as a landmark under local law remains to be seen.

The 2004 report took a dim view of its chances, saying that the value of the establishment was the proprietor, Jay Fiondella, rather than the property itself.

It didn't require any special treatment of the building in the 2004 specific plan because "the property is not considered a historic resource for the purposes of CEQA," California's environmental protection law.

Chez Jay is ready to work to keep its spot in the city, said Anderson, the co-owner.

"We've been here 53 years and we plan on being there another 53 years," Anderson said.

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Editor-in-Chief **KEVIN HERRERA** contributed to this report.

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Dems resist Gov. Brown's welfare plans

BY JUDY LIN
Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. California legislators may have passed a budget, but Democratic leaders and Gov. Jerry Brown are fighting to a standoff over his proposal to restructure the state's welfare program.

Brown is pressuring the Legislature for deeper cuts amid a projected $15.7 billion shortfall. Negotiations continued Monday with Democratic lawmakers resisting Brown's proposal to reduce welfare spending, one of many issues still to be resolved before the state's spending plan can be implemented.

Brown, a Democrat, wants to emphasize getting people back to work, while reducing aid for parents who aren't meeting requirements under CalWORKS, the state's welfare-to-work program. The governor's office says his plan would save $880 million.

But Democrats say it's foolish to pay for job training when there aren't enough jobs to go around. They would rather preserve cash grants.

"It is inefficient and, quite frankly, foolish, to invest in training for jobs that don't exist," Assembly Speaker John Perez said last week before passing the initial budget plan.

Democrats want to extend existing cuts on county work training and child care assistance programs, but the move would save $428 million — less than half of Brown's proposal.

Their differences on welfare remain a major sticking point as Democratic leaders seek the governor's approval this week on bills that must be resolved before the budget can take effect. The spending plan approved last week assumes voters will approve a tax increase in November, otherwise several automatic cuts will trigger, drastically reducing public school support.

CalWORKS serves about 1.4 million poor people — 1 million of whom are children. According to the state Department of Social Services, the average family on state aid in January received $465 a month, but parents can qualify for work training, child care and other services.

Brown wants permanent structural changes to shrink the $5.4 billion program, which amounts to about 5 percent of the state's general fund. He is proposing to redesign the state's welfare program by creating three tiers of eligibility.

Under his proposal, the state would introduce CalWORKS Plus to give adults extra cash when they meet work requirements.

Most families would qualify for CalWORKS Basic, which would be a continuation of the current program. Brown, however, wants to restrict the length of time those families can collect cash aid from four years to two years if they fail to meet tougher work requirements.

Also, Brown wants to give less aid to families where for various reasons only children qualify. A family of three in which only the child is eligible for benefits would be cut from a $516 a month benefit to $375 a month, an amount equal to 24 percent of the federal poverty level.

Critics say the governor's proposal wouldn't give parents enough time to earn their GED or college degree, and it doesn't acknowledge family nuances, such as disabled parents or grandparents who care for their grandchildren.

"His approach has just been one size fits all, and that size is just cut them," said Mike Herald, a lobbyist for the Western Center on Law and Poverty, which advocates for low-income families.

Cosmetology student Nicole Range, 22, of Sacramento, said she is concerned about the governor's proposal because her aid could be reduced if she doesn't meet work participation requirements. Range, who has an 8-month-old boy named Demareau, said she was homeless while she was still pregnant until she began receiving $490 a month in state aid.

"It really helps me," Range said. "If they were to take it away, I would have to start all over again. And it would be 10 times harder because I actually have my son now."

Democratic leaders fear the move would drive Range and other families into homelessness at a time when unemployment remains high at 10.8 percent. Los Angeles County reported the number of CalWORKS families who have become homeless doubling from about 5,500 in 2006 to about 11,500 last year.

"The governor is asking for some more cuts, and he's also asking, if you will, to make the rules tighter for people to be able to participate in the job training programs and to be able to receive their very small grant, which is barely enough to subsist on for an individual and his or her family," said Senate President Pro Tem Darrell Steinberg, D-Sacramento, talking to reporters outside the Senate chamber after Monday's session.

He added, "It is an assistance-to-work program. It's not welfare."

Brown offered his rationale last week for reducing dependency on state aid, saying "we need additional structural reforms to cut spending on an ongoing basis, including welfare reform that's built on President Clinton's framework and focused on getting people back to work."

Clinton supported an overhaul of the nation's traditional welfare system in 1996 by giving states more control over the money that came from the federal government, which had been used to fund cash payments. States used the new flexibility to begin funding child care services and job-assistance programs.

But for the past three years, California has saved money by exempting work requirements in certain cases and keeping parents, saving the cost of child care and work training.

Brown's finance spokesman, H.D. Palmer, said exempting work doesn't save the state enough money and further changes are needed.

The governor's plan "is not just a fiscally driven proposal," Palmer said. "It's to refocus the emphasis of this program back on to its original intent, which is to help individuals move from public assistance to self-sufficiency."









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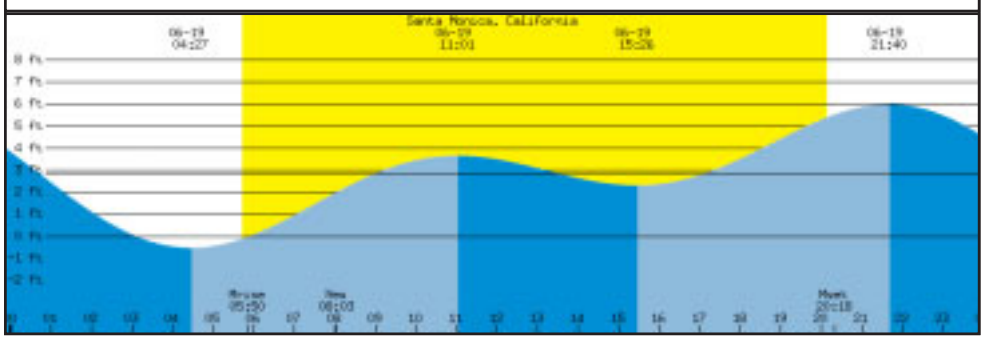
Swell Forecast

Looks small, knee high or so most everywhere.

Long Range Synopsis

Should see a slight increase in NW ground swell, about waist high at west facing breaks with a few pluses to chest high at standouts.

Tide Forecast for Today in Santa Monica



BEACH REPORT CARD

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QUICK STATS (for the last 30 days)

- Number of sewage spills -- 0
- Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0
- Number of wet days -- 8
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 28 / ns
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 0 / ns

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LOCATION	DRY	WET
Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	ns
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechuza and Los Alisos creeks.	ns	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.	D	ns
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	B	ns
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Solstice Canyon at Don Blocker County Beach.	D	ns
Pearce State Beach at creek mouth.	A+	ns
Marie Canyon storm drain at Pearce Beach, at 21672 Malibu Rd.	A	ns
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	ns
Surfrider Beach (beach location) - daily.	C	ns
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	F	ns
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	F	ns
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero).	B	ns
Big Rock Beach at 19648 PCH stairs.	A	ns
Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach.	A+	ns
Tuna Canyon.	A+	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	C	ns
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A	ns
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	ns	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at 17308 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).	A+	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain.	A+	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain.	A	ns
Santa Monica Municipal Pier.	B	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain.	A+	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms).	A+	ns
Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain.	A+	ns
Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain.	A+	ns
Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain.	A+	ns
Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain.	A+	ns
Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south.	A+	ns
Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St.	A+	ns
Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- lifeguard tower.	A	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth.	A	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain.	A+	ns
North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach.	A+	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of CIWW jetty).	A+	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain.	B	ns
Dockweiler Beach- approx Hyperion Treatment Plant.	A+	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain.	A+	ns

LEGEND

DRY -- each location is graded on an A – F scale based on bacterial pollution levels present in the surf zone

WET -- grades for days of recorded rainfall and the following 3 days

ns -- no sample taken

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Generally, you are entitled to unemployment benefits if you are unemployed through no fault of your own, for example, if you were laid off, fired for a reason other than misconduct, or quit your job for good reason. Once the Employment Development Department (EDD) has received your application for benefits, it usually conducts a telephone interview with you, and also with your employer, to find out why you were fired.

Unfortunately, some unscrupulous employers challenge their former employee's application for benefits even when that employee was fired through no fault of his or her own. In this case, the employer usually claims that the employee was fired for misconduct.

If your application for benefits is denied, you have 20 days to file an appeal. If you believe that your benefits were unfairly denied, it is very important that you file a timely appeal. You will receive a hearing date about 4-6 weeks later. Sometimes, the employer does not even bother to show up to the appeal hearing; they were counting on the fact that you wouldn't fight the denial of your benefits.

The hearing is your chance to explain your side of the story to an Administrative Law Judge. It is natural to feel nervous before the hearing, but you will feel better if you are properly prepared to present your case. You should ask to review the EDD's file on your case, which will include the interview notes with your employer. This means you will get a chance to see what your employer said about why you were fired. You can also send a written request to your employer asking to inspect your personnel file pursuant to Labor Code Section 1198.5. You can ask witnesses who can corroborate your version of events to come with you to the hearing. If they can't come, you can ask them to give you a written statement to take along with you. You can also ask the EDD to subpoena witnesses for you. Finally, you should familiarize yourself with the law that applies to your case. A good starting place is the "Benefit Determination Guide" on the EDD website: http://www.edd.ca.gov/UIBDG/default.htm.

You don't have to bring an attorney with you to the hearing, although you may feel more confident with the support of an attorney experienced in this area. The Legal Grind can put you in touch with an attorney who can help you through the process, from advice on preparation to representation at your appeal hearing.

Depending on the circumstances of your termination, you may also wish to seek legal advice to determine whether you have any legal claims arising out of your discharge. Although most workers in California are "at will" employees, which means they can be fired for any reason or for no reason at all, even "at will" employees cannot be fired in certain circumstances. For example, an employer cannot fire its employee for a discriminatory reason; or because s/he made a health and safety complaint; or because she took time off to perform jury duty. This is a complex area of the law, and an attorney can advise you on whether you may have grounds for a wrongful discharge suit.

Upon investigation of the circumstances of your termination, an attorney may also identify violations which took place during your employment. For example, you may have an overtime claim if your employer did not pay overtime pay (time and a half) for all hours over eight in a day, and forty in a week, or a claim for meal period premium pay if you were unable to take an uninterrupted 30 minute meal break per five hours worked. Exploring potential claims with an attorney may help to give you some peace of mind in this difficult time.

Nina Baumler is an attorney who practices exclusively in employment law. Ms. Baumler can be reached through the Legal Grind at 310-452-8160 or by visiting www.legalgrind.com.

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Dictator (R) 1hr 23min
1:55pm, 4:30pm, 7:00pm, 9:30pm

What to Expect When You're Expecting (PG-13) 1hr 40min
1:45pm, 4:40pm, 7:20pm, 10:00pm

Men in Black 3 in 3D (PG-13) 1hr 46min
1:40pm, 4:20pm, 7:10pm, 9:50pm

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Madagascar 3: Europe's Most Wanted 3D (PG) 1hr 33min
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Snow White and the Huntsman (PG-13) 2hrs 07min
11:20am, 2:30pm, 5:30pm, 8:30pm

Prometheus 3D (R) 2hrs 04min
11:45am, 3:00pm, 6:10pm, 9:25pm

Rock of Ages (PG-13) 2hrs 03min
11:15am, 12:15pm, 2:30pm, 3:30pm, 5:45pm, 6:45pm, 8:45pm, 10:00pm

Madagascar 3: Europe's Most Wanted (PG) 1hr 33min
11:05am, 1:30pm, 4:15pm, 7:00pm, 9:40pm

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Children of Paradise (Les enfants du paradis) (NR) 2hrs 43min
3:40pm

Hysteria (R) 1hr 35min
1:55pm, 4:40pm

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1:00pm, 3:20pm, 5:40pm, 8:00pm, 10:15pm

Best Exotic Marigold Hotel (PG-13) 1hr 58min
1:00pm, 4:00pm, 7:00pm, 9:55pm

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12:20pm, 7:00pm

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Prometheus (R) 2hrs 04min
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Be where the crowds are, Virgo

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★ Get something off your chest first thing in the morning, and let a key person know how you feel; otherwise, your message will not be as clear. Matters involving real estate and/or your domestic life will become prominent in the afternoon. Tonight: As you like.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ Make sure to pay that bill you've been putting off, and verify that your budget is alive and well. You quickly could be overwhelmed by calls and information heading your direction. Tonight: Catch up on a friend's news.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ A new Moon in your sign announces a change in the near future. A new beginning becomes possible if you kick back and relax. Think about what you would like to change. Have a long-overdue conversation about a long-term desire. Tonight: A must show.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★ You might move slowly in the morning, but once you get going, no one can stop you. You have a lot on your mind, and perhaps you need to share some random ideas with a key person in your life. Trust this person's feedback. Tonight: All smiles.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Use the morning to the max, when you draw more positive results. You could actually pave the way to a new beginning involving a friendship. Listen to your instincts. Midday on, you will have a lot to ponder. Tonight: Share news with a trusted friend.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★ You might experience unexpected pressure or stress in the morning. Prioritize and focus as soon as possible. Your organization is imperative in setting and executing a plan. Use these abilities to choose the appropriate direction. Tonight: Only where there are crowds.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ You might want to understand what is happening behind the scenes with an important community or work-related matter. By detaching some, you will gain an unusual perspective. Follow through on a hunch. Tonight: A force to be dealt with.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★★ You could be taken aback by someone's choices. Still, you do not have time and/or the determination to change directions. You gain a new perspective as the day ages. You'll want to think rather than react today. Tonight: Where there is music.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★ You might feel as if you are fighting an uphill battle in order to accomplish more of what you need. Others know about your abilities, and they want your help. Tonight: Hang out with a close friend or loved one.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Your vision of what might be possible could change midday. You have more energy, and you discover a new path early on. As a result, you are willing to go along with someone's idea. Screen your calls, as it appears your popularity is too high to get anything done. Tonight: Catch up on others' news.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ You might want to move in a new direction. Act quickly in the morning. A new beginning becomes possible if you let go of an innate resistance or judgment. Tonight: Go till the wee hours if need be.

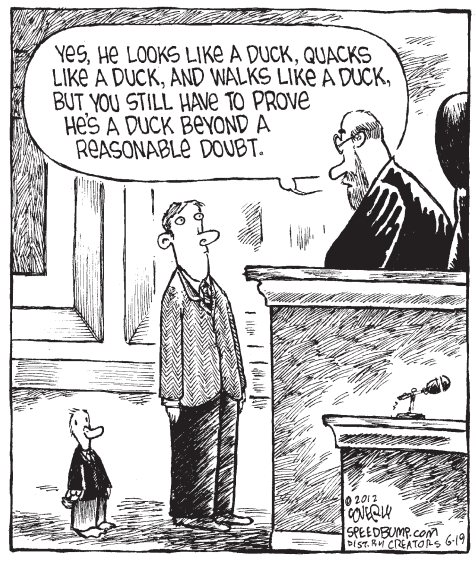
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ If you can get a slow start this morning, it might be a good idea. Whether you're involved with a creative project or just coming up with a dynamic idea, you will be busy this afternoon. Others share their ideas, too. Tonight: Enjoy what you are doing.

Happy birthday

This year you are resilient and capable of changing your life. You might even choose to head in a new direction, if you so desire. You also could opt to revitalize a certain facet of your life. You experience others' caring and receptivity to your ideas and personality. If you are single, you might be taken aback by someone quite exotic. Be careful about putting this person on a pedestal. If you are attached, curb a tendency to become too me-oriented. Yes, it is an exciting year, but you also have a partner to consider. CANCER is moody at times.

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

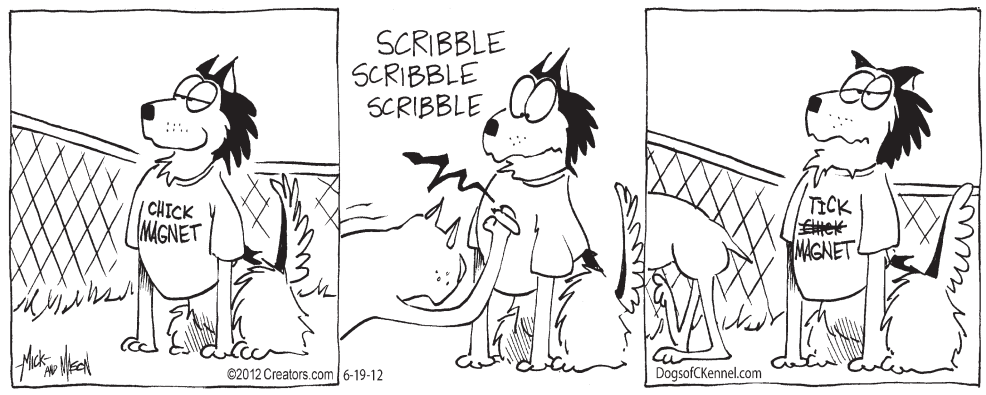
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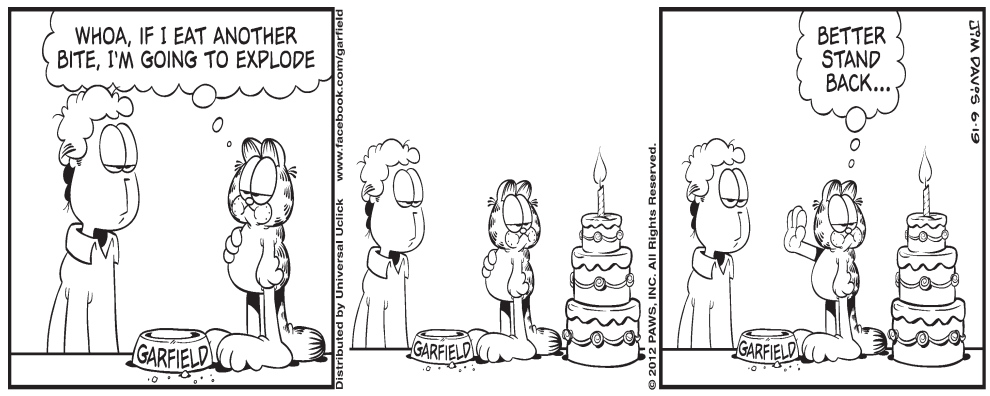
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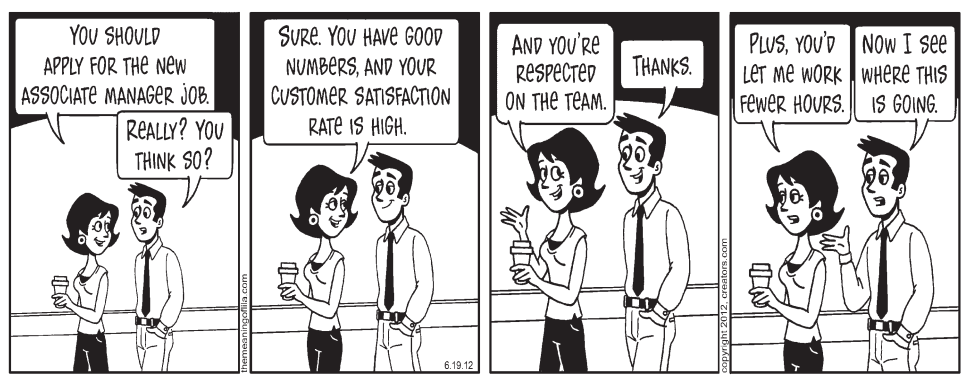
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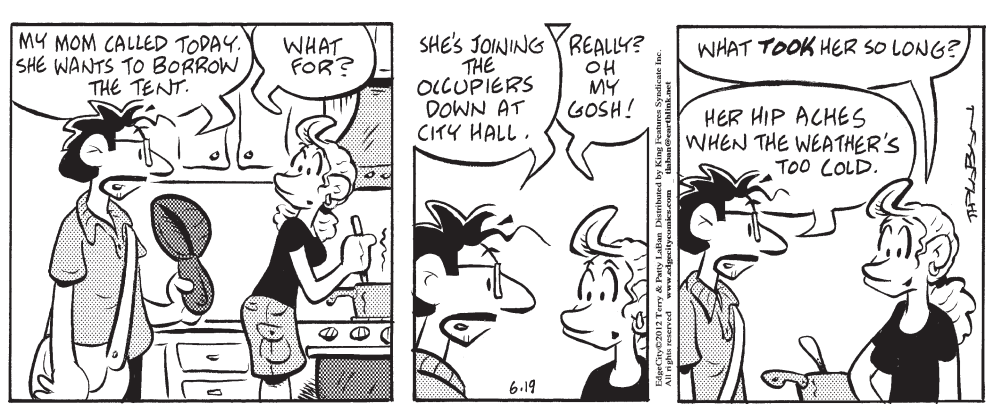
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Sudoku

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

Difficulty Level ★★

	8	3		1	4			
6						8		
7			8		9		3	
		7				2		4
5				3				6
1		2				3		
	5		7		2			1
		8						7
			6	4		5	8	

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GETTING STARTED

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

6	5	1	7	3	9	2	4	8
3	7	2	4	1	8	5	6	9
8	9	4	2	6	5	1	3	7
4	6	8	3	9	2	7	5	1
5	1	3	8	4	7	6	9	2
7	2	9	1	5	6	3	8	4
2	8	5	9	7	3	4	1	6
1	3	7	6	8	4	9	2	5
9	4	6	5	2	1	8	7	3

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CROSSWORD

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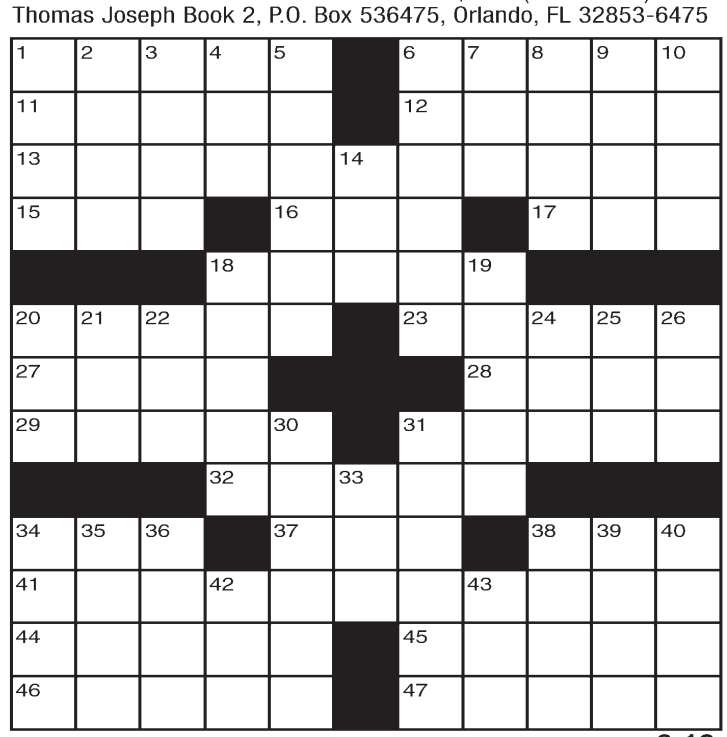
ACROSS
1 Cockpit worker
6 Red Square name
11 Heep of fiction
12 Un-escorted
13 Great painting
15 Leaf lifter
16 Tie the knot
17 Young fellow
18 Ford forerunner
20 November birthstone
23 Plays a round
27 Yankee star's nickname
28 Ship wood
29 Army doc
31 Trifling
32 Is furious
34 Inquire
37 Comfy room
38 Guide-book feature
41 Fireplace topper
44 Cloth fold
45 Love to pieces
46 Oozes
47 Inferior

DOWN
1 Mountain cat
2 Qom's country
3 Shopping aid
4 Granola bit
5 "Ease on Down the Road" musical
6 Small pooch
7 Quarter-back Manning
8 Yuletide
9 Cuzco native
10 Must have
14 Writer Stout
18 Low point
19 Staff symbols
20 Scot's topper
21 Metal source
22 Cacao container
24 Allow
25 Diet no-no
26 Cloud setting
30 Academy attendees
31 Friend overseas, perhaps
33 Hair goop
34 Band boosters
35 Store event
36 Patella's place
38 Cat call
39 Land unit
40 Jury member
42 Keg need
43 Groom's answer

	C	L	A	N		G	O	B	S	
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Yesterday's answer

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Meganumber: 24
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Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 6/18
10 18 20 24 31

DAILY 3
Draw Date: 6/18
MIDDAY: 9 0 2
EVENING: 1 1 5

SANTA ANITA PARK
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2nd: 12 Lucky Charms
3rd: 07 Eureka
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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Competitive facial-hair-growers are revered in some countries, with Pakistan and India featured in recent reports. Pakistani Amir Muhammad Afridi, 42, whose handlebar lip hair extends in an arc almost to the top of his head, told reporters he had to move from his rural home to the more secular Peshawar because of threats that his pride and joy was un-Islamic. And the Guinness Book record- holder, Ram Singh Chauhan, 54, of India, offered grooming tips in an interview with BBC News, revealing that he keeps his 14-foot-long moustache conditioned by cleaning and combing it for an hour each day (treated with coconut-based hair oil) and lamented that he must wind it around his neck to keep it from interfering with his daily activities.

■ In the spirit of the empowerment of dissidents around the world, activists in Ukraine and South Africa recently erected downright disrespectful statues lampooning leaders. In Kiev and the western city of Lvov, Ukraine, activists unveiled 5-foot-high statues of former Soviet dictator Josef Stalin urinating. (Police in both cities took them down quickly, however.) And South African artist Brett Murray museum-exhibited a red, black and yellow acrylic painting of President Jacob Zuma ("Hail to the Thief II") with his genitals exposed, an allusion to Zuma's having beaten a rape charge in 2006. (The Goodman Gallery in Johannesburg, which first resisted pressure, agreed in May to remove the painting.)

TODAY IN HISTORY

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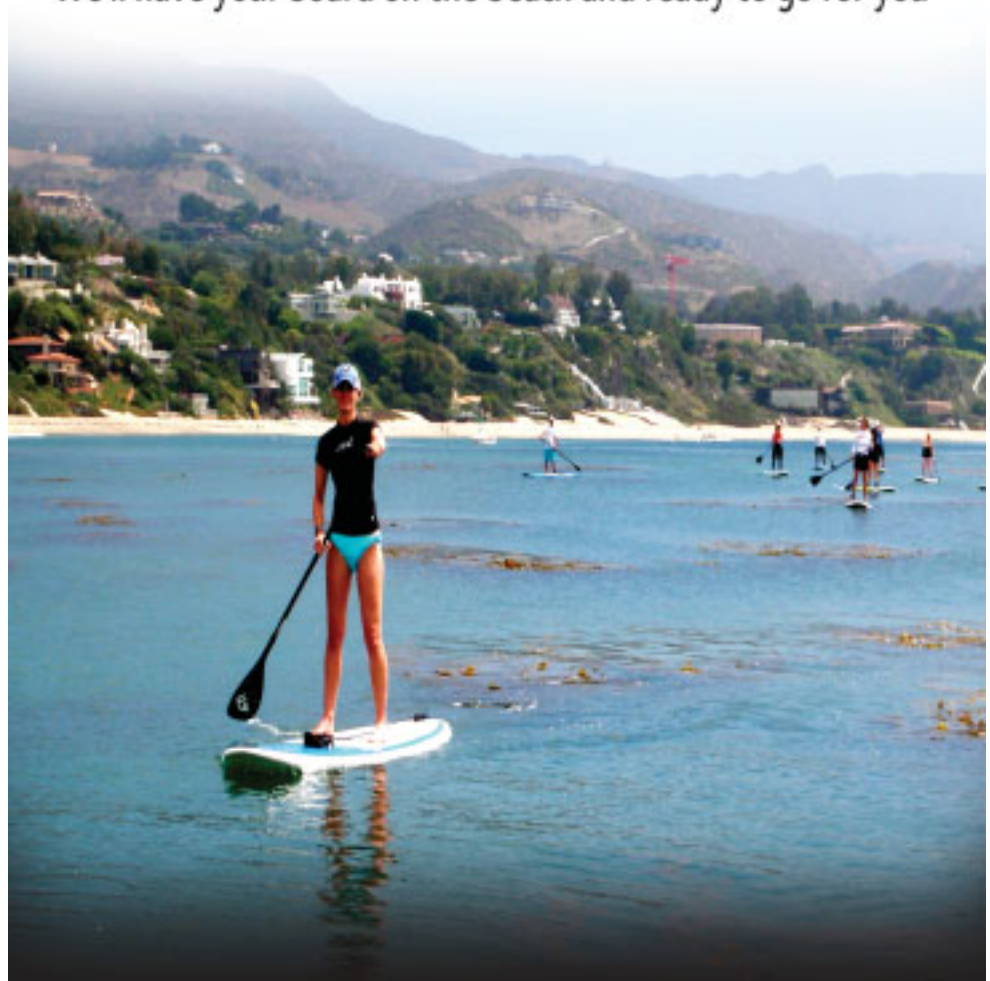
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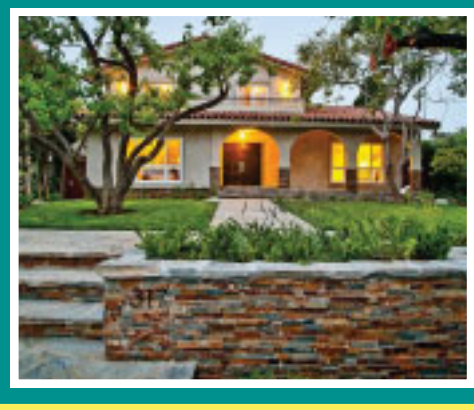
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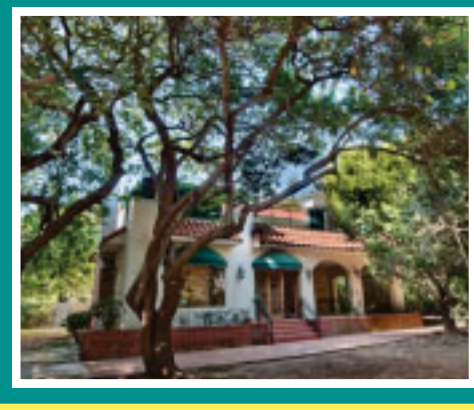
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