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Boston mob boss was hiding in plain sight

CHRISTINA HOAG & THOMAS WATKINS
Associated Press

SANTA MONICA As the FBI chased leads on two continents, Boston mob boss James “Whitey” Bulger spent nearly all of his 16 years on the lam in this quiet seaside city, passing himself off as just another elderly retiree, albeit one who kept a .357 Magnum

and more than 100 rounds of ammunition in his modest apartment.

Bulger — the FBI’s most-wanted man and a feared underworld figure linked to 19 murders — was captured Wednesday at a Santa Monica apartment complex after one of the biggest manhunts in U.S. history.

The newly busted reputed mobster appeared before a federal judge on Thursday and agreed to be sent back to Massachusetts

to face charges. Bulger’s girlfriend, Catherine Greig, also waived her right to a removal hearing. The short hearing in Downtown Los Angeles before Judge John E. McDermott



BULGER

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People say Bulger liked to visit Santa Monica Pier

JOHN ROGERS
Associated Press

SM PIER Although some have described fugitive Boston crime boss James “Whitey” Bulger as a recluse, he appar-

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FINAL TOUCHES

Workers lay cement down to finish the construction of a new outdoor play area at the Santa Monica Boys & Girls Club on Wednesday.

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Council signs off on \$523.7M budget

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL Santa Monica’s streets will be cleaned, its alleyways policed and its citizenry prepared for disaster, at least for the next year.

The City Council gave its final approval to a \$523.7 million budget Tuesday night, a vote which City Manager Rod Gould described as “the single largest legislative act that the council takes.”

The document was largely unchanged

from what appeared before the council during three study sessions last month, at which time department heads presented their requests for funding and plans to cut extra-

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City officials raise concerns about conflicts

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL At every City Council meeting, without fail, at least one citizen will use their duly allotted two minutes of public comment to accuse one or more city officials of corruption and conflicts of interest.

As fate would have it, some of them might be right.

City Attorney Marsha Moutrie asked the City Council for direction Tuesday on how to craft a policy governing the awarding of city contracts to individuals serving on boards and commissions.

According to state law, city officials cannot be engaged in contracts with the city that they serve except in very rare cases where not even a hint of overlap exists, Moutrie told council members.

The law, referred to as Section 1090, only deals with contracts, and goes farther than the Political Reform Act, which just instructs individuals to remove themselves from votes when they have a financial stake in an issue.

In contrast, Section 1090 completely prohibits City Hall from making a contract with an interested party. If found to be in violation, the penalties include forfeiting the contract and potentially felony prosecution.

Public grants also fall under Section 1090.

In California, even the spouses of board members or commissioners would not be able to accept contracts, something made clear in 1992 when Superintendent of

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Friday, June 24, 2011

'A Memory of Two Mondays'
Ruskin Group Theatre
3000 Airport Ave., 8 p.m.
The Ruskin Group Theatre presents Arthur Miller's "A Memory of Two Mondays." During a time of 25 percent unemployment, Arthur Miller's play conjures the dreams of a young man yearning for a college education and a life beyond the hopelessness of the Great Depression. This play will run through July 25. For more information, visit ruskingrouptheatre.com.

'Locked and Loaded'
Santa Monica Playhouse
1211 Fourth St., 8 p.m.
"Locked and Loaded," Todd Susman's first published play, stars stage and screen personalities Paul Linke, Andrew Parks, Tarina Pouncy, Terasa Sciortino and Sandra Thigpen and is helmed by award-winning director Chris DeCarlo. For more information, visit santamonicaplayhouse.com. This is the play's final weekend.

Brand X Drive-In
Santa Monica Pier, 7:30 p.m.
The annual drive-in series comes to a close this Friday with a screening of "Surf's Up." The movie begins at 8:30 p.m., but Hawaiian themed booths and giveaways will be up and running an hour earlier. Beach chairs and blankets are welcome but chairs will also be available for rent. For more information, call (310)458-8901.

Saturday, June 25, 2011

Costume and puppet making
Annenberg Community Beach House
415 PCH, 11 a.m. — 5 p.m.
Join members of the Santa Monica

Rep theatre company in assembling costumes and puppets for their upcoming production of Shakespeare's "The Tempest." All ages are welcome from 11 a.m. — 2 p.m., and adults can help from 2 p.m. — 5 p.m. To participate, email jen@santamonicarep.org.

Street Tree Species Workshop
Main Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd., 10:30 a.m.
Residents will discuss the appropriate protocol for maintenance and growth of trees around the Santa Monica area. This final workshop will be an opportunity for residents to decide the locations of particular species of trees. Recommendations and determinations made throughout this process will be compiled and submitted to the City Council for review. For more information, call (310)458-8974.

Desmo Owners Club Benefit BBQ
Red Bull Parking Lot
1740 Stewart St., 11 a.m. — 6 p.m.
SoCal DMC collaborates with Red Bull and the Santa Monica Police Department to host a benefit barbeque to raise money for the Wings for Life Spinal Cord Research Foundation and the Law Enforcement Explorer Post program. Attendees can expect good food, live bands and prizes. For more information, visit www.DOCbenefitBBQ.org.

Summer's here!
Annenberg Community Beach House
415 PCH, 10 a.m.
Kick off the day with a performance by the Aqualillies at the pool. Attendees can go on a treasure hunt, create chalk in the courtyard, and make hula hoops from 10 a.m. — 2 p.m. Regular pool rates apply. For more information, visit beach-house.smgov.net.

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For help, contact Daniel Archuleta at
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For more information on any of the events listed,
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CORRECTION

In the article "Couple sues City Hall over parking ticket," which was featured in the June 23 edition of the Daily Press, it should have said the couple seeks to have the lawsuit include all those who challenged citations on or after Jan. 1, 2009.

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Swapping with foodies

BY DANIEL ARCHULETA
Managing Editor

DOWNTOWN A growing movement created by foodies for foodies that revolves around trading tasty treats has made its way to Santa Monica.

Pam Leelayuwapan, who has just recently been introduced to the food swap phenomenon, has created the first Santa Monica Food Swap as an extension of her growing love for all things culinary.

"It's an informal group," Leelayuwapan said of those who have gravitated to this novel, yet "old timey" concept. "Swap organizers connect over the Internet to share tips on how to make the swaps happen."

The swaps aim to connect food lovers with like-minded people under the guise of trading one food item for another.

While the origin of food swaps is unclear, there's an increasing number of people around the Los Angeles area coming together with prized, homemade food items in hand in search of that next great thing to eat.

Leelayuwapan said that food items range from homegrown produce and herbs to

baked goods. She said that nothing is out of bounds as long as swappers bring small servings ready to trade.

"It can be anything," she said, "as long as it tastes good."

Despite the fact that food is being exchanged, Leelayuwapan said that because money isn't changing hands health regulations don't apply.

The swap, planned for Sunday at Salon Vert on Colorado Avenue, has already attracted 25 participants with that list expected to grow a bit before it's time to trade.

Leelayuwapan, whose connection to food stems from her marketing work with upscale market Whole Foods, said that swaps tend to attract food hobbyists who work by day and cook by night — and weekends. Some are actually burgeoning entrepreneurs who use the events as a sounding board for their varied products.

That's how Adrienne Poiquinto came to be interested in swapping her wares.

After attending a swap in the San Fernando Valley, she was convinced it would be a good springboard for her new business, Maskipops by Adri. Her star products are dubbed cake pops, small baked balls that are dipped in chocolate or other coatings that she first made in March for a birthday party. They were a hit with her friends leading her to take it more seriously, ultimately creating a business around her newfound passion.

"The first swap was to get exposure for my company," she said, "but I didn't think there would be other people promoting their businesses as well."

She was impressed by the professionalism



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SO GOOD: Food swaps are on the rise in L.A.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

CITYWIDE

Mileage rates increase by 4.5 cents

Due to a significant increase in gas prices, the Internal Revenue Service announced that the optional standard mileage rates will increase for business purposes from 51 cents to 55.5 cents a mile until Dec. 31, 2011.

Rates for computing medical and moving mileage rates have also increased by 4.5 cents, up to 23.5 cents a mile from 19.

"We are taking this step so the reimbursement rate will be fair to taxpayers," said IRS Commissioner Doug Shulman. Normally, the IRS re-assesses mileage rates once a year in the fall.

These optional standard rates are used to calculate deductible costs of operating automobiles for business and other purposes.

Because the mileage rate for charitable organizations is set by law, it will remain fixed at 14 cents per mile.

Taxpayers can always compute the mileage deductions using their vehicle, rather than the standard mileage rates.

SERLI POLATOGLU



Photo Courtesy Surfin' USA

SO CLOSE: Surfin' USA, a Beach Boys cover band, performs at the Summer Soulstice this Sunday.

Summer Soulstice heats up Main Street

BY SERLI POLATOGLU
Special to the Daily Press

bands will perform.

The Soulstice is said to be the largest free single-day outdoor music event in SoCal, according to Gary Gordon, Main Street Business Association executive director and Soulstice coordinating producer.

DOWNTOWN This weekend, historic Main Street will be transformed as it hosts Santa Monica's 11th annual Summer Soulstice and sidewalk sale, a two-day event where vendors will line the street and over 20

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We’re already eating it

Editor:
We as humans have been eating “genetically modified” food for thousands of years (“‘Frankenfish’ debate comes to Santa Monica,” page 1, June 22). The new AquAdvantage Salmon featured in the article is not substantially different than corn, seedless fruits, or cattle. All of these foods have been created by us humans using selective breeding to bring out advantageous traits. Just because the FDA treats genetic modification like a drug doesn’t make it so. It is not. It is a quick version of selective breeding. The company breeds the new salmon to be sterile, so it can’t harm any ecosystem if released.

The arguments brought up by the fishing industry are laughable at best. “I’m not going to tell you it’s going to kill you, but I’m not going to tell you it’s safe to eat.” Hmm ... you haven’t told us anything at all.

The only serious argument in the whole article was that it may have a detrimental effect on people with food allergies. I would wager that someone allergic to seafood is already extremely careful about what they eat.

If they are going to require a specific label on this salmon, then I hope they require the same label on corn, bananas, and tri-tip.

Joseph Waltz
Santa Monica

Poorly handled

Editor:
Ashley Archibald wrote an excellent article covering the hate crime committed at Samohi on May 4, 2011 (“Samohi wrestling with racist acts,” page 1, June 17). Like many people in our community this is how I learned about it and I am shocked and sickened by the crime and the way it was handled by the principal of Samohi and our exiting superintendent, Tim Cuneo.

The victim of this crime and the perpetrators of it need psychological services and this community needs to make it clear that this is wrong, then do our best to make it right. I hope the school board will make this an agenda item for next week’s board meeting in order for it to be discussed by the board and provide an opportunity for a teachable moment with Dr. Pedroza and Superintendent Cuneo, the administrators in charge of the way this was handled. It really isn’t fair to wait until they are gone and lay it all in the lap of our incoming superintendent. I’d also like to know how a hate crime occurs without it being reported to the police. Does the ed policy usurp federal law?

Lee Jones
Santa Monica

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Failure to communicate

While her son should have told her that he was the victim of a hate crime (but it’s not surprising he didn’t given that kids might not realize the significance of an event or are worried about being singled out), Victoria Gray shouldn’t have had to find out about the incident involving her son, a wrestling dummy, a noose and allegedly the word “slave” from a fellow parent three weeks after the incident — especially since it was reported to administrators at Santa Monica High School the very day it happened.

Once again the administration at the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District dropped the ball, providing more evidence that it desperately needs a public information office to interact with parents and the media, and disseminate information in a timely fashion, or at least a superintendent who uses e-mail not to disparage parents (“SMMUSD supe warns against ‘sabotage,’ Feb. 23, page 1), but to keep them informed.

For those unfamiliar with the incident, Gray’s son, a member of the Samohi wrestling team who is African American, entered a practice room on May 4 and saw a practice dummy and a noose nearby. Varying reports describe the noose and dummy in different configurations. When Gray’s son went to the locker to change into his gym clothes, two students approached him, one putting him in a bear hug while the other slipped a lock through his belt loop and connected it to a nearby locker. The boys allegedly then walked out of the room, shouting, “Slave for sale.” The wrestling coach did what he was supposed to do. He broke it up and notified administrators.

Counseling sessions were held with students on the team and others involved in athletics, but our sources said the sessions focused more on bullying and hazing and not on the destructive power of racism.

Gray was never notified nor was the rest of the student body, which probably knew about the incident anyway given how fast information spreads on campus, particularly in the social networking age when rumors spread like wildfire. Police were not notified either, meaning Samohi administrators were either igno-

rant of hate crime laws, or viewed the incident as being trivial. Either way, it’s disappointing.

The superintendent apologized to Gray, but what this community needs is not another apology. It needs real leadership.

The school district failed to keep parents and kids informed and it looks as if administrators tried to sweep this incident under the rug, just as they did when two students brought knives and a loaded BB gun to campus (“Samohi students busted with ninja knives,” April 8, page 1). Many parents didn’t learn of the arrests until the Daily Press reported it. All parents deserve to be notified when weapons are brought to campus, and the same goes for racially-charged acts, regardless of the severity.

There are those who will say we are going too far, that this was just a harmful prank and the kids involved were punished. We’re glad discipline was handed out, but racism isn’t something to gloss over, even if the students who committed this ignorant act were unaware of the hurtful history associated with nooses. This was a perfect opportunity for the administrators to bring the whole campus together and address racism and discrimination, and not leave it up to teachers of the Freshman Seminar. It was a teachable moment, but all we’ve learned is that the administration in our public school district is more concerned about protecting image than being open and transparent.

It’s clear that there is still work to be done at Samohi and other campuses to address hate. The Daily Press gives credit to the school board for planning to discuss the incident and its impact at its June 30 meeting. Examining policy, reinstituting the Intercultural District Advisory Committee and ensuring those hurt by the incident receive appropriate support is a step in the right direction. Let’s just hope those in power in the district realize that it is better to be honest and open, than to have to do damage control after the beans have been spilled. Stop worrying so much about reputation and how the district is perceived by those from the outside and pay more attention to solving problems that exist on the inside.

Booze move good for Downtown

The Planning Commission reached a reasonable compromise with the owners of Santa Monica Place last week, allowing a handful of restaurants on the third floor dining deck to sell alcohol on outdoor patios until 1:30 a.m. on Friday and Saturday nights and 12:30 a.m. every other weekday (previously last call for outdoor diners was 11:30 p.m.).

Originally the owners of the mall wanted to go to 2 a.m. every day, and if the mall was located far from apartments and hotels, we’d be fine with that. After all, booze is a big part of creating a night life in Downtown, something that is just starting to resurface after a

decade or so of absence.

But the mall isn’t located in an industrial area. The City Council has created policies to encourage mixed-use residential development Downtown, and with that comes residents — actual people who have jobs and kids and need to get a good night’s sleep.

The new rules approved by the commission are fair and take into account everyone’s needs. No one was totally satisfied, and as they say, that’s the sign of a great compromise. Now the ball is in the City Council’s court and we hope the body listens to the commissioners and approves the change.

Drink up, but be respectful.



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Tell Bud to send Frank packing

FIREWORKS IN L.A. MAY COME A FEW days early this year. Instead of July 4, ours could begin July 1. That's when Dodgers owner Frank McCourt is due to come up with a mere \$30 million to meet payroll. As the old joke goes, Frank has two chances, slim and none. And Slim left town.

After seven years of using the Dodgers as his personal ATM (buying mansions for Jamie instead of players for the Dodgers) Frank is not exactly Mr. Popularity. In fact the only person in L.A. who hopes that Frank stays is Clippers owner Donald Sterling. It would have seemed impossible, but McCourt makes Sterling look good.

The Dodgers-McCourt saga has changed so much recently (Fox TV contract then MLB Commissioner Bud Selig vetoes it; Frank and Jamie settle, then it's null and void) that I couldn't come up with an angle. So I took my daily walk with my buddy Oscar the golden retriever by the beach in search of inspiration. Instead, I got a whiff of stench from the portable toilets. (A \$3.8 million construction job at the beach has closed the bathrooms since after Labor Day, 2010.)

The new bathrooms were to open around Memorial Day but won't be ready until late July. (These are bathrooms, not the pyramids!) Let's hope that the rowdies that come here to celebrate July 4 don't take their fireworks into the portable toilets. One inadvertent match could give new meaning to the term ... (you finish the sentence or this column might wind up on involuntary hiatus).

Dodgers Stadium has plenty of bathrooms, just not fans. While the Dodgers are edging toward last place, they lead the majors in decreased attendance. This speaks volumes about McCourt's incompetence in operating the Dodgers, one of the most storied franchises in all of sports. There was a glory time when the Dodgers concentrated on making the World Series. Now the Dodgers concentrate on making payroll.

Back in 2004, somehow Frank bought the Dodgers from Fox like one buys a bottom-of-the-line car, no money down and no payments for a year. All Frank put up for collateral was a parking lot in downtown Boston. (By the way, McCourt defaulted so Fox foreclosed on the parking lot long ago.)

To understand this disaster you practically need a scorecard, but here's the latest as of presstime. Next Thursday, Frank has to cough up the \$30 million or Selig will likely seize the team, pay the players, and put the Dodgers up for sale. (Are you listening, Mark Cuban?)

One irony is that of the \$30 million Frank

owes, \$8.2 million belongs to Manny Ramirez from two years ago. (Talk about one devil dealing with another.) In essence, Frank is trying to borrow money now that he promises he'll pay back in the future to pay off a loan he couldn't pay in the past. (To anyone who believes Frank, do I have a bridge for you.)

Intrepid reporter that I am (I'm clearly not but I like the sound of it) I contacted Selig and McCourt to see if I could get a quote. Selig's office was happy to provide an e-mail address for the Commish so get your pen and paper ready. If you are as angry with Frank as I am, you can e-mail your complaints (perhaps with the subject heading "Send McCourt packing").

The Dodgers referred me to their PR chief, Howard Sunkin, but he wasn't exactly thrilled to hear from me. Apparently Mr. Sunkin, as reported in the L.A. Times, was the subject of a State Attorney General's investigation, which centered on the \$400,000 in salary Sunkin received in 2007 from the Dodgers' Dream Foundation (which was a quarter of the charity's entire budget). No wonder he didn't want to talk to me.

Just this week, McCourt indicated he won't go quietly into the good night. (As is so often the case, good news for lawyers.) Apparently long ago Frank divided the Dodgers into separate corporations and is contending that any new owner would have to pay him for the parking or the concessions. This could mean that a fan could go to a game but he may have to walk. Or, if he wants a Dodger Dog, he might have to buy it from Frank. (I wonder if McCourt will be behind the counter wearing one of those paper hats.)

But perhaps Frank is no different than many CEOs in America who blithely pillage and plunder (alliteration anyone) their companies for personal gain. But that's for another column which hopefully I won't bore you with. Meanwhile, I'm just wondering who or what we get rid of first, Frank and Jamie McCourt or the portable toilets at the beach?

To comment on McCourt, e-mail Commissioner Selig at mlbpublicrelations@mlb.com. To comment on the bathrooms, call the City Manager's Office at (310) 458-8301. To finish the sentence, "giving new meaning to the term ..." e-mail **JACK** at Jnsmdp@aol.com, though he may be busy with an exclusive interview with the recently captured "Whitey" Bulger, who was arrested in Santa Monica, assuming he gets to meet him.

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Do you think the City Council should force Saint John's to build the structure, or should the commission's decision stand?

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CRIME WATCH

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

Father's Day brunch turns violent

Crime Watch is a weekly series culled from reports provided by the Santa Monica Police Department. These are arrests only. All parties are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

SUNDAY, JUNE 19, AT 11:45 A.M.,

Santa Monica police officers responded to the 1500 block of Ocean Avenue – I Cugini restaurant – regarding several people engaged in a fight inside the location. When officers arrived, they made contact with all those involved and learned that the alleged victim and suspect (boyfriend and girlfriend) were having a Father's Day brunch and began arguing with one another at the table. The argument escalated and the suspect lunged at the victim with a table knife and fork, police said. The victim grabbed the suspect by the throat and kept her at a distance. Both remained engaged until a third person broke up the fight. Based on interviews with witnesses, the officers placed the woman under arrest for assault with a deadly weapon. She was identified as Bricnee Williams, 27, of Winnetka, Calif. Her bail was set at \$30,000.

SUNDAY, JUNE 19, AT 8:31 A.M.,

Officers responded to the 1300 block of Euclid Street regarding two people trespassing inside a vacant apartment. When officers arrived, they detained the two suspects and after speaking to a witness and the owner of the property, officers placed the suspects under arrest for trespassing. The suspects were identified as Steven Timmons, 36, of Los Angeles; and Melissa Bennett, 39, of Los Angeles. She was booked for trespassing, misappropriation of lost property, possession of a hypodermic needle and a probation violation. Her bail was set at \$10,000. Timmons had a warrant and his bail was set at \$500.

SUNDAY, JUNE 19, AT 10:50 A.M.,

Officers were on routine patrol in the area of Fourth Street and Wilshire Boulevard when they saw someone crossing the street against a solid "Don't Walk" sign in violation of the vehicle code. Officers made contact with the suspect and saw that he had some white powder protruding from inside one of his nostrils. Officers said he was acting in a fashion consistent with being under the influence of a controlled substance. After conducting several preliminary tests, the suspect was placed under arrest for being under the influence of a controlled substance. He as identified as Marcus Murphy, 51, of Tarzana, Calif. His bail was set at \$2,500.

SATURDAY, JUNE 18, AT 2:22 P.M.,

Officers were in the 1300 block of Alley 13 investigating an assault when they saw several people acting suspiciously in the rear driveway of a residence located on the 1300 block of 14th Street. As officers drove toward the group, several people started running. With the assistance of other officers, all suspects were detained. During interviews, officers learned that one of the suspects had brass knuckles. During a search of the man's car, officers said they found cocaine. Based on this information, officers placed three of the five suspects under arrest and transported them to the Santa Monica Jail. Christopher Cooper, 18, of Anaheim was booked for possession of a dangerous weapon. His bail was set at \$20,000. Derrek Sanders, 30, of Santa Monica, was booked for possession of a controlled substance, a probation violation and for an outstanding warrant. No bail was set. Michael Perez, 18, of Santa Monica, was booked for possession of a controlled substance. No bail information was provided.

FRIDAY, JUNE 17 AT 9:23 A.M.,

Officers responded to the Civic Auditorium parking lot located on the 1800 block of Main Street regarding a report of an assault that just occurred. When officers arrived, they made contact with the alleged victim, a parking attendant, who said that when she requested the suspect's parking ticket, the woman told her that she did not have any money to pay the parking fee. The attendant then requested the driver's license so that she could be billed later and an argument ensued. When the attendant stepped in front of the vehicle to write the license plate down, the suspect allegedly stepped on the gas, almost striking the attendant on two occasions, police said. There were several witnesses to the crime. The suspect was placed under arrest and booked for assault with a deadly weapon. She was identified as Alexandra Kalina Cholewinski, 22, of Winnetka, Calif. Her bail was set at \$30,000.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 15, AT 1:37 A.M.,

Officers responded to the area of Ocean Avenue and Broadway regarding a traffic accident that just occurred. When officers arrived, they made contact with the drivers and determined that one of them ran a red light and collided with the other. Officers determined that the driver at fault was under the influence of alcohol and she was arrested and booked for DUI. She was identified as Catalina Cardona, 28, of Los Angeles. Her bail was set at \$15,000.

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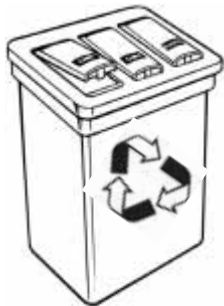
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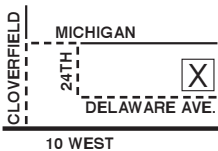
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SOULSTICE

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Hosted by the association, the event will begin on Saturday with a sidewalk sale from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. The sale will continue on Sunday as live music plays on seven stages along the street from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m.

“The idea is to bring people to the street, have them experience the street,” Gordon said.

The event spans a mile of Main Street, from Pico Boulevard to the southern border of the city. As attendees ambulate from one stage to another, they may stumble across new retail stores, restaurants, and businesses, Gordon said. He added that in previous years business improved for Main Street merchants in the weeks following the festival.

The economic downturn plagues the business-owners on Main Street, as rents have increased in recent years, Gordon said. It was difficult for the Soulstice planning committee to ensure city funding for the event. Many activities, like a petting zoo for kids, had to be cut from the program.

Yet, planners remain optimistic. Gordon said the quality of music slated for this year is as good or better than the lineup in previous years. Christina Norton, chair of the event committee and manager of Agabhumi the Best of Bali, said the day would be an opportunity for people to find out “what’s new and happening” in Santa Monica.

Musical performances will include local, amateur groups and professional cover bands.

“We have everything from a 30 minute set by a sixth grade punk rock band to a two-hour set from some of our larger acts,” Norton said.

Grateful Dead cover band Cubensis will be performing for the fourth consecutive time at Soulstice this year. Cubensis founder and lead guitarist Craig Marshall said the band was contacted by Soulstice event planners out of the blue four years ago, and decided to take the gig because of the pull of Santa Monica.

“I like this area. (Main Street) always looked good, it’s familiar, and it’s always been a destination,” he said.

And while the atmosphere and joy of being able to play outdoors is a plus, Marshall said it’s the audience that keeps Cubensis coming back every year.

“People roam the streets and follow their ears and end up in front of our stage,” he said.

Marshall said audience interaction was a major component of their performance. He added that the band members thrive off of the audience singing along and contributing to the music.

According to Norton, the planning committee expects as many as 10,000 people at the festival. Gordon attributes the event’s popularity to Main Street’s multi-faceted appeal.

“Main street is embraced by all kinds of communities across the country. It’s part of the Ocean Park community and Santa Monica — it’s a really unique place,” he said.

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of the informal event and decided that it was something she would continue to pursue.

“When I heard from Pam that she was doing it in Santa Monica, I wanted to be a part of it.”

Leelayuwapan, who has lived in Santa Monica for seven years, said that Poiquinto’s story is common among the newly initiated.

With the movement gaining traction



Photo courtesy Main Street Business Association
CLOSE TO THE NEIL THING: Neil Deal, a Neil Young tribute band, will perform Sunday on Main Street at the Summer Soulstice.

Summer Soulstice

tentative line-up;
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(south to north)

Pier Avenue

- 1 p.m. - Cubensis - The Grateful Dead Tribute
- 3 p.m. - Southbound (Allman Bros. tribute)
- 5 p.m. - Surfin' USA (Beach Boys tribute)

Kinney Street

- 1 p.m. - Highway 61 Revisited (Dylan tribute)
- 3 p.m. - Neil Deal (Neil Young tribute)
- 5 p.m. - Petty Theft (Tom Petty tribute)

Wildflour lot (east side of Main, between Ashland & Hill)

- 1 p.m. - Gilbert Hurricane - A Gary Gordon Tribute Band
- 2 p.m. - Ben Vaughn & The Lost Mind Ramblers
- 3 p.m. - The Ghoulz
- 3:30 p.m. - Helios Jive
- 5:15 p.m. - Elviss Simmons & The Memphis Strutters

New Orleans Building Courtyard

- 1 p.m. - Mista Cookie Jar & The Chocolate Chips
- 5 p.m. - Bryan Titus

California Heritage Museum Lawn

- 3 p.m. - The Devil's Box
- 4 p.m. - City Fritter
- 5 p.m. - Dustbowl Revival
- 6 p.m. - The Get Down Boys

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- 2:15 p.m. - The Texas House Party
- 4:30 p.m. - Dr. Wu (Steely Dan tribute)

Elias Lot (Main & Strand)

- 1 p.m. - Rock the Shakti with Micheline Berry, DJ

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- 2 p.m. - Breath of Life Tribe
- 3 p.m. - Rocky Dawuni
- 3:45 p.m. - Tom Freund
- 5 p.m. - Leftover Cuties
- 6 p.m. - Surprise Special Guest

across SoCal, she can only wish that it continues on that upward trend.

“I hope that the people who come spread the word and our swaps become bigger,” she said. “There would be more food and these personal connections we make will become larger.

“It helps you know your neighbors a little better.”

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BULGER

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ordered them transported by U.S. Marshals to Boston.

Bulger's undoing may have been his impeccably groomed girlfriend.

Earlier this week, after years of frustration, the FBI put out a series of daytime TV announcements with photos of Bulger's blond live-in companion, Greig. The announcements pointed out that Greig was known to frequent beauty salons and have her teeth cleaned once a month.

Two days later, the campaign produced a tip that led agents to the two-bedroom apartment three blocks from the Pacific Ocean where Bulger and Greig lived, authorities said. The FBI would not give any details about the tip.

The 81-year-old boss of South Boston's vicious Winter Hill Gang — a man who authorities say would not hesitate to shoot someone between the eyes — was lured outside the building and captured without resistance. Greig, 60, was also arrested.

Neighbors were stunned to learn they had been living in the same building as the man who was the model for Jack Nicholson's ruthless crime boss in the 2006 Martin Scorsese movie "The Departed."

The arrest closed one chapter in a case that scandalized the FBI.

Bulger fled in 1995 after a retired FBI agent who had recruited him as a government informant tipped him off that he was about to be indicted. Soon it was discovered that the Boston FBI had a corrupt relationship with its underworld informants, protecting mob figures for decades and allowing them to commit murders as long as they were supplying useful information.

"Although there are those who have doubted our resolve at times over the years, it has never wavered," Richard DesLauriers, agent in the charge of the FBI's Boston office, said after Bulger's capture. "We followed every lead. We explored every possibility, and when those leads ran out, we did not sit back and wait for the phone to ring."

While Bulger's capture is the end of a long, frustrating



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THE SPOT: Fugitive James 'Whitey' Bulger was arrested Wednesday at this apartment building on Third Street.

search for the FBI, it could expose the bureau to even more scandal.

One of Bulger's lieutenants testified in 2002 that Bulger boasted that he had corrupted six FBI agents and more than 20 Boston police officers, keeping them loyal by stuffing envelopes with cash at Christmastime.

"If he starts to talk, there will be some unwelcome accountability on the part of a lot of people inside law enforcement," said retired Massachusetts state police Maj. Tom Duffy. "Let me put it this way: I wouldn't want my pension contingent on what he will say at this point."

On Thursday, more than a dozen FBI agents carried out bags of evidence from the Santa Monica apartment while neighbors and even some tourists from Boston watched. Authorities said they seized a variety of weapons, including the Magnum, and a large amount of cash.

The FBI "just started a new campaign in the Boston press a couple days ago. We were all laughing how nothing would come of it," said Ed Dente, who was vacationing from Boston.

The new FBI announcements, which targeted 14 areas where agents thought Bulger might be, did not include the Los Angeles area. Instead, they were broadcast in San Diego, San Francisco and a dozen other locations.

Retired Massachusetts state police Col. Tom Foley, who investigated Bulger for decades, said he never believed the various reported Bulger sightings around the world, even the 2002 sighting in London that the FBI said was confirmed. Foley said it was widely believed that the FBI didn't actively search for the mobster, at least initially.

"Apparently, they should have spent more time in this country looking for him than gallivanting overseas," Foley said.

Damon Katz, chief counsel for the FBI in Boston, wouldn't comment on Bulger's living in the same place for almost the entire time he was a fugitive.



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ently did enjoy hanging out at the historic Santa Monica Pier, where one man says he recognized Bulger in 2008 and contacted the television show "America's Most Wanted."

Keith Messina of Las Vegas was on vacation with his family in the spring of that year when he says he saw Bulger, shirtless and reading a book. He was sitting on a bench near a table where people were playing chess, Messina recalled, and he struck up a conversation with a young man he saw wearing a Boston t-shirt.

"He goes, 'Hey, where you from in Boston?'" Messina said, adding the two went on to talk about their old neighborhoods.

Authorities say Bulger, who was linked to 19 murders, was head of South Boston's Winter Hill Gang when he disappeared 16 years ago as he was about to be indicted. He became No. 1 on the FBI's Most Wanted List after Osama Bin Laden's death.

He was arrested no more than a mile from the Santa Monica Pier on Wednesday, at a modest, two-bedroom apartment where

he had lived for 15 years under the name Charles Gasko.

Messina said Thursday he recognized him immediately because he'd just seen Bulger featured on an episode of "America's Most Wanted."

Steve Katz, the show's co-executive producer, confirmed that the show did receive a tip in 2008 that Bulger was in Santa Monica. Katz, who didn't say who provided the tip, added that it was turned over to authorities. The FBI couldn't immediately confirm Thursday if the agency had received it.

Meanwhile, Santa Monica resident Ron Day said he often saw Bulger at the pier, although he didn't know who he was until photos appeared on the news after his arrest.

"He came down to the pier and talked to the fishermen, asked them how their catch was, that kind of stuff," Day said.

A \$2 million reward had been offered for Bulger's arrest, and although Messina said he wouldn't mind receiving some of it he doesn't expect to.

"It would be nice. But you know what? They caught him. That's what's important," he said.

CONFLICTS

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Schools Bill Honig was forced to resign after being convicted on a felony count of violating 1090 because his wife's nonprofit was partially funded by the Department of Education.

The section has been broadly interpreted by California courts to cover most eventualities, including the mere possibility of getting the contract, and therefore making money, according to a write-up by the Institute for Local Government.

It was that provision that brought the matter to light in Santa Monica.

Former Planning Commissioner Gwynne Pugh, who owns the architectural firm Urban Studio, approached the City Attorney's Office with a question: Would it be a conflict if he won a contract from City Hall to work on the planning of future development projects in Santa Monica?

Not only would it be a conflict, the office decided, it was a conflict merely to apply, despite the fact that nearly 70 other firms had also put in responses.

"It didn't seem like a conflict of interest because applying for a position is not actually getting the position," Pugh said.

Had he gotten the assignment, recusal or resigning would have been appropriate, Pugh said.

"Appearance of conflict is as important as real conflict," he said. "That's why I brought it up, but there were 70 applications for this particular position."

The question, once raised, caused turmoil in City Hall.

Santa Monica has 25 different boards and commissions with dozens of officials, many of whom hold weighty positions in their fields of expertise and some are actively working in the city.

The City Attorney's Office is reviewing all city contracts and grants to determine how

many potential conflicts have slipped through the cracks, said City Manager Rod Gould.

"There aren't many, but there are some," he said.

Those that exist will be upheld, Moutrie confirmed.

"We would preserve that contract. It could never go before that commission (the individual serves on)," Moutrie said. "It will take effort on our part, but we have no choice. If not, we would have to forfeit that contract."

The policy could not continue, she said, calling it "a bandage for a problem we have right now."

The choice before the council members was not one of whether or not to comply, but rather what degree of stringency City Hall should use to parse out whether or not to award contracts to commissioners.

Most cities employ a blanket ban, Gould said, rather than keeping the option open for the very rare cases that comply with Section 1090.

That's more restrictive than the law itself, but easier to apply.

In a 6-1 vote, with Terry O'Day against, council members agreed that the blanket ban may be harsh, but its the best way to protect well-intentioned citizens from potentially becoming well-intentioned felons.

"I'm for the flat ban," said Council member Bobby Shriver. "It's not worth putting community members at risk. It makes me so nervous."

Nervousness aside, some fear that the complete ban will prevent well-qualified people from joining boards and commissions where they are best able to serve their community.

"If it jeopardizes the ability to get excellence, the city is worse for it," Pugh said.

Going forward, the City Attorney's Office will train not only public officials, but also staff in charge of dealing with contracts and grants on the ins and outs of 1090 to prevent future backpedalling.

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neous costs.

The most evident revisions came from moving around Redevelopment Agency funding, which cut approximately \$123.4 million out of the "expenditure" column for this year.

That money didn't go away, explained Finance Director Carol Swindell, but it was taken out because it wouldn't be spent right away, and several of the projects budgeted could see changes in cost over the next few years.

Planning for that redevelopment cash is still risky given threats at the state level, Gould said.

Two bills are aimed squarely at the redevelopment agencies, one of which would eliminate them altogether while the second would allow cities to pay the state to keep their agencies.

"It's referred to as 'pay up or die,'" Gould said, calling the proposal a series of "ransom payments."

Although several hundred million dollars of the budget — including controversial fee increases surrounding outdoor dining and utility permits — passed quickly with little comment, it still took two hours to get to the next item on the agenda.

Those two hours were devoted to less than 1 percent of the \$523 million total, a \$300,000 discretionary pot of cash kept aside for councilmembers' pet projects.

The allocation is a tradition from the Lamont Ewell-era of city government, Gould said Thursday. Ewell served as city manager before Gould assumed the post.

The discretionary fund gives council members, who have a straight line of communication with their constituents, a bit of flexibility to fill in holes where they see fit.

Much of that conversation was dominated by Councilmember Bobby Shriver, who focused on the one-time funds as emblematic of a problem he had with the budgetary process overall.

"I feel I'm entitled to say that the \$300,000 is a farce," Shriver said.

The relatively insignificant sum masked the wider issue of a budget created with minimal engagement of the public and the City Council, he said. Council members don't know where all of the money goes, and instead just sign off on the big picture.

"It always made me uncomfortable, which I attributed to being a beginner," Shriver said. "Now I think it's a process point: how to make this process more inclusive of real budgeting."

Not so, argued Councilmember Kevin McKeown, who noted that councilmembers craft the budget with each vote and direction to staff over the course of years.

"We are the city policy makers, not the city accountants," McKeown said.

In the eyes of city staff, the budget comes with a great deal of public process, from initial meetings with the business community and neighborhood groups to council presentations in January and February to three back-to-back public study sessions in late May.

Even with all that input, the council still has final say, Gould said.

"The council always has the opportunity to change priorities, and put more here or less there," he said.

If, however, the council chose to engage in line-item budgeting, it would consume every meeting of the year, Gould said Tuesday.

It's unclear exactly what will come out of the discussion, although it appears that council members may propose ways to more fully engage with the budgeting process, which Gould said he was curious about and open to.

Although heavy analysis was given to the purpose of the allocation, by the end of the night, the majority of the \$300,000 remained dedicated to City Hall coffers.

Only \$72,900 got allocated to four causes: Outreach efforts for the Urban Forest Master Plan, AmeriCorps and two Buy Local causes.

That came as a disappointment to members of the local Meals on Wheels, who came to request increased funding armed with long chains of paper plates, each inscribed with a message from a client that benefits from the service.

"City Hall's current focus is to let the elderly age in place in their homes," said RoseMary Regalbutto, the executive director of the program. "They live longer, stay healthier and place less demand on strained human service networks."

The plea led to the closest vote of the night.

While other resolutions relating to the budget passed with a comfortable margin, a vote which would have given the food program its requested funding failed, with councilmembers Bob Holbrook, Pam O'Connor and Shriver in favor.

"Meals on Wheels is more than food," Holbrook said. "I'm going to stand on this as my first priority for this budget at this moment."

Those who voted against it were concerned that giving more money to one group would not be fair to others.

Councilmembers also gave the nod to the 2012-13 budget, which was approved, although not formally adopted.

This is the first time that city staff has prepared a biennial budget, the thought being that it would save staff and council members time next year.

Having the budget pre-approved will mean that the budgeting process next year will involve only minor changes, Swindell said.

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Aftermath of a quiet war

BY CYNTHIA CITRON

Special to the Daily Press

"In Our Name" is a hauntingly beautiful film, the second in the series of new independent films that comes to us as part of the From Britain With Love film festival playing in Santa Monica.

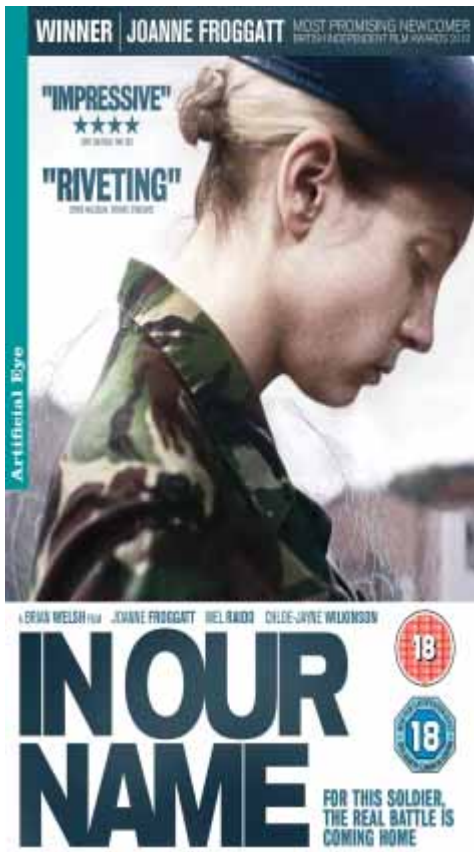
It tells the story of how difficult it is to return to civilian life after a tour in Iraq — but this time from a woman's point of view.

Suzy (Joanne Froggatt) is a soldier returning to England after serving in the war. She is returning to her husband Mark (Mel Raido), a soldier who had served in Iraq before her and is home to take care of their small daughter (Chloe-Jayne Wilkinson).

Momentarily thrilled to see her family — her parents and sister have also gathered to welcome her — she soon lapses into a troubled silence. You can feel her sense of disorientation and "otherness" as she struggles to reach out to her daughter, who resentfully rejects her. In turn, she cannot help but reject her husband and turn away from his attempts at intimacy. Both are dealing with post-traumatic stress disorder, but while hers takes a more subtle, anguished form, his manifests itself in harsh, bullying outbursts.

She is suffering with her memories of the war, haunted by the death of a little girl she had befriended. She is isolated in her unhappiness, unable to express her pain except in strange, disconnected spurts. And when her war buddy, Paul (Andrew Knott), comes to visit her, he is assaulted by Mark, who is suspicious of their relationship.

Although she insists that there was nothing between her and Paul, there is an intimacy that develops between people continually facing terror and death together, even if there is no sex involved. Mark knows this, and so does Suzy.



Director and screenwriter Brian Walsh has steered his cast of excellent actors through this experience with tenderness, understanding, and soft regrets. There are very few scenes of the war itself. This is a story about its emotional aftermath.

"In Our Name" will be showing for the first time in America at the Laemmle theatres in Santa Monica, Encino, Pasadena, and Claremont this Saturday and Sunday, June 25 and 26 at 11 a.m.

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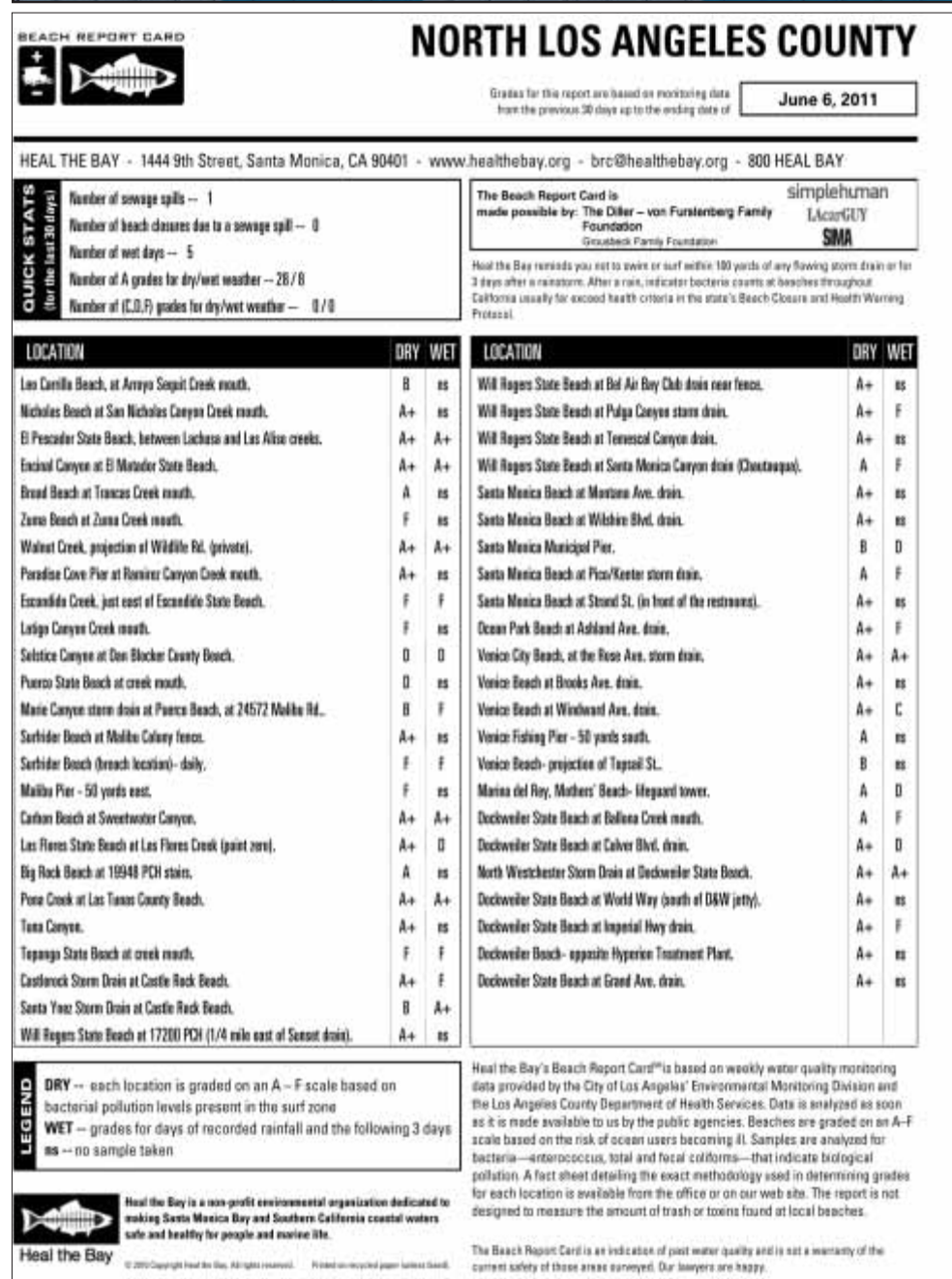
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Out and about tonight, Pisces

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Be aware of the confusion you walked into. What someone says might not be clear and causes more confusion than you might like. In any case, express your caring despite mixed messages. All will land ultimately. Tonight: Beam in what you want.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ Take your time, especially if you have a situation to deal with or a mixed message. What you know is that you know nothing. Evaluate what is needed, and be clear about how you feel. Be careful with your spending. You could be going overboard. Tonight: Vanish while you still can.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ Listen to what is happening with a friend. You might have a decision to make, but, in a sense, it has already been made. You will want to follow your heart. Confusion around a financial matter could be difficult. Tonight: You are the party!

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★ You might not be able to clear out what a boss demands, no matter what. You can pull it apart and look at the situation in many different ways. Your instincts serve you well. Don't assume someone is tromping on your feelings. Tonight: Where the action is.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ No one can sit on your creativity, yet some issue might create unusual concern. Clearing the air becomes close to impossible at the moment. All you can do is express your feelings and detach. Remember, this, too, will pass. Tonight: Follow the music.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★★ Work as a team, even if you question another party's ideas. You'll move in a new direction with the help of someone else. A boss or someone you seek to impress really appreciates your attitude and abilities. Tonight: Go with the flow.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Defer to others. Listen to what they are saying, knowing that you, too, might need limits. Though you might feel confused by a professional situation, you know how to handle that special person. Tonight: Make it easy. Go with an offer.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ If you hit a snafu, acknowledge what is happening more openly. Touch base with a friend. Pitch in and give of your time willingly. All's well that ends well. You might think someone has gone too far. Tonight: Know that anything is possible.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Your spontaneity could get you in trouble if you're not careful. Someone who is significant and important in your life could have an issue with a child or someone else you sometimes demonstrate affection for. Tonight: Play the weekend in.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★ Move through a domestic issue and enlist a partner's support. You might be surprised by everything that is going on behind the scenes when you start discussing an issue. Your feelings could change quickly. Tonight: Do something special for a family member.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Remain nurturing, despite someone's attitude. By all means, take the high road. Listen to what is being shared; you could be quite touched by another person. A child or, if you are single, a new friend could be quite intriguing. Tonight: Hang out with your friends.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ Remain sensitive to what someone offers. This person is sincere, though there might be a hidden risk -- at least that might be your fear. Move forward with directness and understanding. Know what you could lose! Tonight: Out and about.

Happy birthday

This year, you see life differently. You will take the lead in your community and immediate circle. Your professional status could become more significant. You might want to rethink your obligations. Your instincts serve you in the above-mentioned areas. You seem to be sensitive to others' needs. You key in to situations. Use this skill to the max. If you are single, you meet people through your commitments. Unfortunately, it appears you might gravitate toward someone who is emotionally unavailable, who is not there for you. Use care. If you are attached, the two of you become quite visible as a couple. You also gain through a lot of meaningful downtime together. Take weekends alone together. ARIES pushes you into the limelight.

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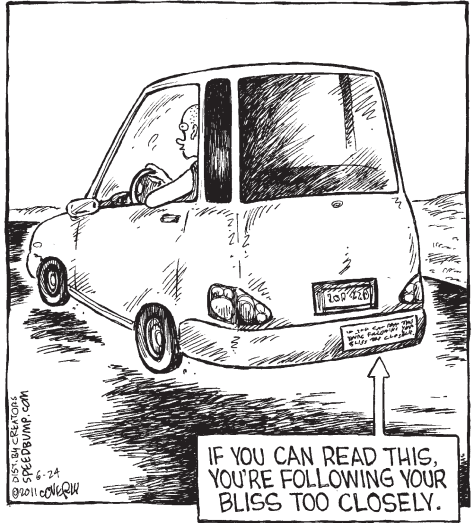


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Sudoku

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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- ACROSS
- 1 Spotlight grabbers
 - 5 Forest youngster
 - 9 Cheering loudly
 - 11 Over
 - 13 Mayor before Koch
 - 14 "Hold the rocks," at a bar
 - 15 Hostel
 - 16 Non-wizards, to Harry
 - 18 Foreign businessmen in China
 - 20 Supporter
 - 21 One of Harry's teachers
 - 22 Hill makers
 - 23 USO patrons
 - 24 Sept. preceder
 - 25 Delineate
 - 27 Ship staffs
 - 29 Writer Tan
 - 30 Childish
 - 32 Hagrid's dragon
 - 34 Guitar great Paul
 - 35 Come in

- 36 Patriot Nathan and family
- 38 Miser Marner
- 39 Overhead
- 40 Henri's head
- 41 Some sheep

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Yesterday's answer

- DOWN
- 1 Custom
 - 2 Bowls
 - 3 Hogwarts ghost
 - 4 Sleuth Spade
 - 5 Vampire features
 - 6 Wildly eager
 - 7 Hogwarts tree
 - 8 Most pleasant
 - 10 Charts anew
 - 12 High homes
 - 17 Arles article
 - 19 Aspirin target
 - 22 Violinist Leopold
 - 24 Singer Franklin
 - 25 Bowling spots
 - 26 "Right away, boss!"
 - 27 Nasty dog
 - 28 Jacket part
 - 30 In itself
 - 31 Slalom curves
 - 33 Pulsate
 - 37 Jurist Fortas

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Solution for Task 749

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

Procreation Interventions: (1) Because female giant tortoises are lackadaisical about mating, the Knoxville (Tenn.) Zoo in May temporarily moved its two males, Al and Tex, to Zoo Atlanta to encourage Knoxville females Patches, Corky and Standup to yearn for them. Tex, by the way, is 90 years old, and Al is 130 (and hasn't had a date since 1983, according to a May Knoxville News-Sentinel story). (2) Hopewell Township, N.J., officials, responding to noise complaints in April, passed an ordinance limiting rooster access to hens to only 10 days a year. (The chickens also must, of course, be "disease-free.")

Oklahoma inmate Eric Torpy has served only six years of his 33-year sentence for armed robbery, but already he is looking ahead to the years 2035-2038. His original sentence was 30 years, but he challenged the judge that if he was "going down," it would be in "Larry Bird's jersey" -- the number 33 worn by the basketball player. Judge Ray Elliott then accommodated Torpy by adding three years. Said Torpy, in May, "Recently, I've wisened up." "I'm pretty sure (Bird) thinks I'm an idiot. (T)ruthfully, most people do. My own family does, so I'm pretty sure he does, too."

TODAY IN HISTORY

1982 "The Jakarta Incident": British Airways Flight 9 flies into a cloud of volcanic ash thrown up by the eruption of Mount Galunggung, resulting in the failure of all four engines.

1985 STS-51-G Space Shuttle Discovery completes its mission, best remembered for having Sultan bin Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, the first Arab and first Muslim in space, as a Payload Specialist.

1993 Yale computer science professor Dr. David Gelernter loses his sight in one eye, his hearing in one ear and part of his right hand after receiving a mailbomb from the Unabomber.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a bulk sale is about to be made. The name(s) and business ad-dress(es) of the seller(s) is/are: The Y Catalog, Inc., a California corporation 418 15th Street, Santa Monica, CA 90405

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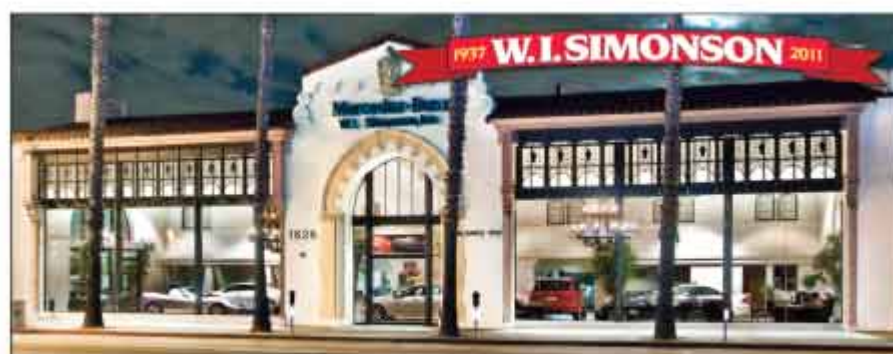
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