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THE BIG BUCKS ISSUE

Council approves budget

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL A challenging past several months trying to balance a budget hit by state funding cuts and drops in sales tax revenue reached a relatively satisfactory conclusion on Tuesday night when the City Council adopted a roughly half billion dollar package for fiscal 2009-10.

While City Hall was able to avoid layoffs, furloughing employees and making dramatic cuts to programs, the budget does come with increases for various fees and fines, including a 17 percent hike for certain parking violations.

Most violations will be standardized at $50, but the fines for other infractions, such as preferential parking, street sweeping and disobeyed signs, will go from $52 to $61. The increases will be in line with the changes in the Consumer Price Index since City Hall last revised the fines, city officials said.

The penalties for overdue library books will also increase from 20 cents a day to 25 cents a day for adult materials and from 10 cents a day to 15 cents a day for children. Interlibrary loan fees will also go up from $2 per request to $5, while high-resolution images will increase from $12 to $15 a file.

The council also set a new tobacco retailer license fee of $145.35, which will go into effect on July 1. The business license processing fee for tobacco retailers will also be increased from $15.80 to $25.25. The purpose of the fee is to cover the cost of enforcement and education.

One originally proposed fee hike that the council decided to exclude from the budget next year is the increases for youth sports. The revenue from the increases, estimated to bring in about $30,000, was slated to pay for a new artificial turf monitor at John Adams Middle School and Airport Park. City officials said the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District was requiring the monitor for the turf fields, which can be easily damaged with liquids other than water.

The council decided to allocate $30,000 to cover the fee increases.

The budget will also include a $50,000 construction grant for the Santa Monica Historical Society Museum and $60,000 for an environmental impact report for the proposed plastic bags ban. The museum grant is contingent on the Historical Society informing city officials on exactly how the money will be used.

Councilman Bob Holbrook said the Historical Society has fallen on tough times finding enough money to begin construction and believes the city grant will help get

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Massage parlors to offer easy access

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL Massage businesses in Santa Monica will now be required to keep their doors unlocked during operating hours after the City Council on Tuesday voted to impose more stringent regulations on the parlors.

The new policy, which is meant to better ensure safety in the event of a fire, was one of a handful of changes authorized to the existing massage ordinance, some of which is being passed to bring local regulations in line with new state requirements that will go into effect on Sept. 1.

The council still needs to approve the changes upon second reading.

SB 731, which passed last year, permits cities to require that technicians have state certification but does not allow for them to force those who are already certified to obtain additional licenses. The local ordinance will be changed to provide exemption for state certified technicians from local permit requirements.

The revised ordinance will also require

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TOUCH UP

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Workers with Randall/McAnany Co. apply a fresh coat of paint to the Santa Monica Pier sign, a much-needed facelift before the historic landmark's centennial Sept. 9.

Woman found dead north of SM Pier

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Editor in Chief

SM BEACH Police on Wednesday said suicide may have been the cause of death of a woman whose body was found along the shoreline just north of the Santa Monica Pier.

Santa Monica Police officers responded to the 1500 block of the beach around 5:56 a.m. Wednesday after receiving a 911 call about a body found on the beach. When officers arrived, they found an adult female, fully clothed, who looked to have spent some time in the water before police were notified.

Police said there were no visible signs of foul play, leading them to believe the death was a suicide. The case is still under investigation.

As of Wednesday afternoon the Los Angeles County Coroner's Office had not identified the victim. She has been listed as Jane Doe #39 until investigators can determine her identity and notify her next of kin.

An autopsy to determine the exact cause of death is expected in the coming days.

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Cool earth
Airport Park
Bundy Drive & Airport Park
Continue the spirit of Earth Day with a temporary art exhibition, "Cool Globes: Hot Ideas for a Cooler Planet." This is part of a larger exhibition in L.A.'s Exposition Park. The globes will be on display through the end of July.

Story time
Montana Ave. Branch Library
1704 Montana Ave., 11:00 a.m. — 12:00 p.m.
Join the Santa Monica Library for preschool story time. The event is for children 3 to 5 years old and occurs every Thursday.

What's new?
Fairview Branch Library
2101 Ocean Park Blvd., 1:00 p.m. — 2:30 p.m.
Discuss the week's key news stories at home and abroad in a free-wheeling environment. Moderator Jack Nordhaus is a former college history professor and will talk about everything from politics to society and culture. Call (310) 450-0443 for more information.

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

Friday, June 26, 2009

Band on the road
The Dakota Lounge
1026 Wilshire Blvd., 7 p.m. — 2 a.m.
Forsythe, the touring band from Tallahassee, will be playing live with Resident Hero at the Dakota Lounge. Following the live music, Zach Johnson will DJ for the rest of the night. Call (310) 393-8200 for more information.

Here comes the sun
Yogaglo Studio
1800 Berkeley St., 5 p.m. — 10 a.m.
Come for the first summer kick-off festival celebrating the yoga community, local businesses and non-profits working together for social change. The event will highlight philanthropic efforts in the Los Angeles community by featuring a marketplace of local vendors, including Wholefoods Santa Monica, Tom's Shoes, Lululemon Athletica, One Hope Wines and more, all of whom share a passion for giving back to the neighborhood and world at large. Local vendors will offer food and beverages, and the Hypnotic Gurus and DJ Drez will be providing the evening's musical entertainment. Admission is free. Call (917) 892-4700 for more information.

For more information on any of the events listed, log on to smdp.com and click the "Events" tab for the given day's calendar.



Feds arrest head of anti-gang group

THOMAS WATKINS
Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES After a life of crime and three stints in jail, Alex Sanchez decided in 1995 it was time to quit gang life.

After returning illegally from El Salvador to Los Angeles, he said he turned his back on the violent Mara Salvatrucha gang he had joined when he was 14.

He also helped set up a U.S. office of Homies Unidos, a nonprofit organization that works to keep kids out of gangs.

Trouble is, prosecutors say, Sanchez never actually left the gang, also known as MS-13.

A federal indictment unsealed Wednesday says Sanchez was a shot-caller with an MS-13 contingent operating east of downtown Los Angeles. He is also accused of conspiring in 2006 to kill a rival, even as he served as executive director of the local Homies Unidos office.

Sanchez, 37, was arrested at his Bellflower home on federal racketeering charges.

The indictment names 24 leaders, members and associates of MS-13. It alleges crimes that include seven murders, eight conspiracies to commit murder and gun and narcotics offenses since 1995. Sixteen of those named were already in custody. Four others, including Sanchez, were arrested Wednesday.

The alleged crimes by Sanchez occurred after he returned from El Salvador in 1996 and publicly decried gang life.

The indictment said he went by the nickname Rebelde, or rebel, and was a shot-caller for the Normandie contingent of MS-13. He and three others are accused of conspiring to murder a man identified by authorities as Walter Lacinos "for the purpose of maintaining and increasing their position in MS-13."

The four men are suspected of having a series of phone conversations plotting an attack. In May 2006, Lacinos was killed in El Salvador.

No other details were provided in the indictment. Chief Assistant U.S. Attorney George Cardona declined to provide any specifics beyond the court filing.

Shot-callers manage the narcotics operations in certain gang territories, collect extortion payments and resolve disputes, the indictment states.

Mara Salvatrucha was formed in Los Angeles in the mid-1980s by immigrants fleeing the El Salvador civil war. The gang

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CHARGED UP: **Kelly Meyer on Wednesday talks with reporters about the Green Roadway Project, an effort to install solar panels, geothermal devices and other renewable-energy generators along roadways to generate electricity for homes and vehicles.**

Get your electric car charged on Route 66

BY EMMA TROTTER
Special to the Daily Press

DOWNTOWN The Green Roadway Project takes an iconic American image — a car driving along winding roads, covering territory ranging from snowy mountains to crashing ocean waves — and adds more to the picture.

A demonstration Wednesday at the Mobile station at Lincoln and Santa Monica boulevards evoked a vision of a world in which Americans drive electric vehicles, and solar, wind and geothermal devices accompany tumbleweed and fast food restaurants along roads. These devices harness power to be used at roadside charging stations and transmitted through the existing power grid to nearby homes and businesses.

"It's not incremental," said Gene Fein, co-creator of the project. "It's a massive distribution footprint across 8.5 million miles of roads in our country. This system takes the onus off of the individual."

Spokesperson Kelly Meyer pointed out that 40 percent of California's CO_2 emissions are generated by highway usage.

"That system can become a part of the solution," she said, emphasizing potential benefits for the American economy — relieving dependence on foreign oil and creating a new labor force to install and maintain the devices.

"As we reinvent our economy, we have to agree that American ingenuity is an important part of that process," she said. "We owe it to our children to clean up the mess we've made."

The demonstration's backdrop — a gas station at the corner of a busy intersection — silently confirmed Meyer's point.

The Route 66 Alliance, which promotes and preserves the historic roadway that terminates in Santa Monica, announced its endorsement of the project.

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Santa Monica's simplistic beauty

Editor:

I can't help but notice many of the letters to you are of a somewhat negative nature. It makes sense, of course, since people are actually able to voice their opinions and concerns, but I thought you could use a little verbal sunshine in your next paper!

I am from Wisconsin. A whole new kind of beauty compared to Santa Monica. I appreciated it after I had left and lived in the Chicago suburbs. I clearly appreciated the sun far too much to allow it to shine 90 percent of the year without me, so here I am!

Let me tell you this, I love it here! Most mornings I awake to cool air and when I walk outside I am greeted with warm sun and a gentle, indescribable floral aroma. I walk and see a bounty of fruit trees and flowers; an array of the earth's beauty no Crayola could ever quite color. There is a sense of peace amongst all of the chaos about and an almost meditative balance of life.

Each bike ride to the beach allows me to feel like a kid again and I sometimes forget that I'm three decades in! I cannot help but tilt my head up to the sky and smile with Beatles' songs cheerfully playing in my mind.

When I get to the beach I feel refreshed and happy that I got in some physical activity and cannot wait to touch my bare feet to the sand and to wander to the water to feel the contrast of life between my toes. To watch the children play in the salty waves is almost like joining them.

Having many selections for a healthy lunch, I lift my bike onto the front of a Big Blue and venture Downtown for some nourishment, but only after stopping at an incredible Farmers' Market. I can mingle with all of the other people who are none other than just another friendly face in many cases, but who will be a face not forgotten.

I can catch a glimpse of a pink and orange sun setting on the ocean's horizon and meander through the cool, dewy essence of flowers at rest. All this, and I am happy. Simple, isn't it? Now if only others could see, smell, hear and feel these beautiful things as I do. I could choose to see and hear the people I'd rather not and I could be upset that I have to tell people they are not to smoke wherever they please, but I deal with it. And this is why. Without these "inconveniences," the Santa Monica we know would lack its luster and those flowers would be masked by the smell of smoke. Those sunsets would not be seen but through a cloud of pollution. Bicycles and buses would have no regard for one another and would collide. I could look at all of the things I dislike, but you know what, I'd rather keep smiling. I'd rather realize that I can experience bliss through simplicity. Pure bliss allows me the freedom of choice, and I choose to smile, and to breathe a beautiful sigh of love, to all.

I wish all of you one beautiful day after another. And for the moments when it's hard to see the simplistic beauty around you, look within.

Cheers!

Becky Dishmon
Santa Monica





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Meredith C. Carroll — Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Don't call it a comeback

THE INTERNET, SPORTS RADIO AND MOST of ESPN's 47 cable channels have been crackling with excitement ever since Brett Favre recently suggested he might come out of retirement for the second time in as many years.

The three-time MVP ended his 16-year career with the Green Bay Packers in March 2008 at a press conference he organized by sobbing, "I know I can play, but I don't think I want to. And that's really what it comes down to."

He waited a whole 121 days for his tears to dry before popping up as reliably as a herpes sore in the news with reports he had expressed interest in playing football professionally again, ultimately saying he had "never fully committed to retiring."

His first comeback ended last December with a nearly impeccable 9-7 playoff-less season with the New York Jets, followed shortly thereafter by another retirement announcement in February. It took just 120 days this time for the word to spread that he's thinking about playing once more.

While it's unknown if Favre cried this winter when announcing his retirement, sports fans everywhere wept for his dignity this spring when they got wind of yet another possible comeback.

Since then the outpouring of support for him has been unwavering, with some coming from unexpected places. Barbra Streisand reportedly sent the one-time quarterback great a bouquet of flowers and a Hallmark card that read, "Retirement Schmirement. From one I-don't-know-how-to-quit-while-I'm-ahead addict to another, [expletive deleted] 'em! Please join me in laughing all the way to the bank."

And she knows from whence she speaks, having made her annual pilgrimage out of retirement in April with a televised concert special on CBS. While the ratings were dismal, Streisand wasn't discouraged, e-mailing her friends, "I just got my check and I'm buying another island, bitches!"

Also sending his well wishes to Favre is the guy from the 1980s with the pants so big they could easily hold all the mean-spirited laughter the mere sight of them evoked — MC Hammer. He's poised for a comeback this year, too, with a new reality show on A&E about his attempt to "relaunch the Hammer empire."

Hammer's biggest concern is that his pop-rap street cred might be tarnished if word gets out that he's been married to the same woman for 24 years, so he's decided to not discuss publicly the fact that all six of his kids have the same mother until after he somehow manages to get back on the road paved with lots and lots of gold-rimmed glasses.

Gary Busey is said to have offered a thumbs up to Favre, too. He's been mulling trying to fight his way out of involuntary retirement so that the tens of fans who've been clamoring for him to reprise whatever it is he did that made him famous enough to become un-famous afterward will have something new to rent next year at the $1 DVD machines at McDonald's.

But Favre's now-annual retirements/un-retirements have inspired more than just people to dust themselves off and come out of the closet again.

BUT FAVRE'S NOW-ANNUAL RETIREMENTS/UN-RETIREMENTS HAVE INSPIRED MORE THAN JUST PEOPLE TO DUST THEMSELVES OFF AND COME OUT OF THE CLOSET AGAIN.

Encouraged by Favre's bravery, Earring Magic Ken, the Barbie companion doll that debuted in 1993 with a purple mesh T-shirt and matching leather vest, earring and chrome necklace, is expected back on toy store shelves this Christmas in California. While Mattel discontinued Earring Magic Ken during its inaugural year, the company has now decided to produce the line again, thinking there's no one better to support the sanctity of opposite-sex marriage than the poster boy for heterosexual monogamy. It's unknown whether Favre's Packers and/or Jets' mesh jerseys will be available as part of Ken's wardrobe in a show of solidarity.

And, it's Favre's can-do (again and again) attitude without fear of humiliation that emboldened the Ford Motor Co. to reveal the stunning news that they plan to unveil a 2010 Edsel.

While the 1957 Edsel was known as "The Titanic of Automobiles," executive chairman William Clay Ford Jr. stated in a press release, "If Brett Favre can still get people to buy what he's selling after what he keeps putting them through, then there's no reason why this car can't be a comeback for the ages."

Look for the new Edsel in show rooms this August. And should his football comeback not pan out, Ford has extended an invitation to Brett Favre to sell them.

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Budget comes with parking violation fine increases

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the ball rolling. The nonprofit organization is about $300,000 short of its target. Construction was supposed to have began several months ago.

"I think that once construction starts, it will be much like what happened with the Galen Center," Holbrook said, referring to USC's new basketball stadium. "Once they saw the names on the wall, we all wanted to get our names on the wall."

Dean Kubani, the head of the Office of Sustainability and the Environment, said other cities that are considering restrictions on plastic bags have expressed interest in taking part in the EIR.

If other cities pay their part for the environmental report, the savings recouped will be used toward the replacement of Oleander trees.

Councilmembers praised city staff for working to balance a budget during a financially challenging year. Department heads several months ago were asked to find 3 percent worth of reductions in this year's budget and 5 percent for next year. Some of those recommendations were incorporated.

Three of City Hall's bargaining units also agreed to forgo the bonuses they were to receive this year.

"The fact that we are in this difficult budget year, as the entire region and nation is, and we did this with such relative minor pain … speaks volume for the hard work of our staff," Mayor Ken Genser said.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

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Annenberg Community Beach House swings into summer

The Annenberg Community Beach House is celebrating summer with a full schedule of activities and events.

Located just north of the Santa Monica Pier, the beach house boasts a swimming pool, play area and gardens. This summer pool passes on Monday are reduced to $1 from 10 a.m. until noon.

Fitness classes such as yoga, beach tennis and beach soccer are also offered along the beach for $10. Other events include a cultural series every Tuesday evening with music and poetry and docent tours of the new facility during the week. The Back on the Beach Café is scheduled to reopen soon.

The beach house is open daily from 8:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Advanced purchases for pool passs or parking permits can be made in person or over the phone. Call (310) 458-4914 for more information.

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The Q Line

Growing support

A movement is afoot in Santa Monica to turn a vacant lot in the Pico Neighborhood into a community garden. Residents are calling on city officials to dig deep and purchase the parcel.

So this week's Q-Line question asks:

Should the city make the move and buy the property or is the time just not right?

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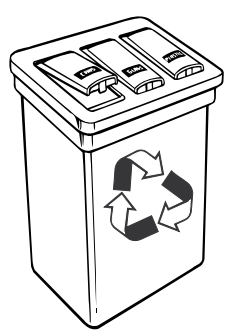

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The Re-View

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For a good time call Shauna

SHAUNA AMINZADEH IS ONE OF THE several public relations people that helped organize the "Culinary College" in Santa Monica, where aspiring chefs had the opportunity to learn cooking techniques and food and wine parings from culinary experts like Patrick Healy, executive chef and co-owner of The Buffalo Club. Shauna was nice enough to invite me. I went to the opening event on June 17 and it was a lot of fun.

I was surprised at the layout at Snyder Diamond at Olympic Boulevard and 14th Street. Amongst the incredible display of stoves, wine coolers, and a stainless steel outdoor BBQ grill that I still covet, they've set up a cooking kitchen for events like this. And in the next, very spacious room they had set up another display kitchen for teaching, with comfortable tables and chairs so you can enjoy the results of your labor.

The night I showed up we were treated to little mushroom and shrimp snacks prepared right in front of us (on a Wolf stove) by chef Bridget Bueche, the national market manager for Wolf products, and herself an accomplished chef. After an hour or so, plied with wines from Ian Blackburn, one of the leading wine educators in town, we retired to the next room where Chef Healy put on a demonstration in which he prepared a delicious corn pudding with rock shrimp salsa, tomatillo sauce, and vanilla pudding for desert. He was very entertaining.

Of the one hundred or so people I saw there, some were employees of Snyder Diamond, some were on the Los Angeles Magazine mailing list, a few were followers of Ian Blackburn from his extensive courses and singles get-togethers, and many were followers of Chef Healy, and on the Buffalo Club mailing list. PR people from all these groups were there, and a good time was had by all!

Cullinary College is a series of events created by Los Angeles magazine. The next event is scheduled for Wednesday, July 15 at the Wilshire Restaurant where executive chef Andrew Kirschner will host. The third event, scheduled for Aug. 19, features Jason Travi, executive chef of Riva and Fraich.

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Tasting Japanese food at its best

I HAD ONE OF THE BEST JAPANESE MEALS of my life last week at a small space in Brentwood at 11656 San Vicente Blvd. named Takao.

This unassuming restaurant opened in 1996 by the former head chef at Matsuhisa, Takao Izumida. We were lucky enough to have what is titled omakase — meaning chef's choice. This means the chef chooses some of their favorite dishes, focusing on what is in season for a wide variety of courses.

For starters, we shared a bottle of denshu sake which was delicate and refreshing. It was a nice accompaniment to the first course, oshitashi salad, a vegetable salad with Japanese mountain fern, pine nuts, sliced leeks, brocollini and caviar. This was followed by a selection of appetizers (zen-sai) — beautifully presented monkfish liver marinated in miso, marinated octopus, abalone with yuzu pepper, sweet shrimp with truffle oil, salmon kelp roll, radish filled with miso, tatami iwashi (fried sardine wafer).

It is almost too much to describe each dish as we enjoyed six more courses so here is a brief list of what we experienced; halibut sashimi, kampachi sashimi, grilled o-toro (premium grade toro) with natto (fermented soy bean) sauce, filet of kin-me-dai (Japanese golden eye snapper) topped with uni in a broth with sansho (a type of pungent Japanese green leaf) karei no kara age — fried flounder with shishito pepper accompanied by condiments of sea salt, curry salt, ponzu sauce and tempura sauce, Tai (Japanese red snapper), takenoko (baby bamboo shoots) and kinome (Japanese herb) rice, topped with thin slices of egg and nori, accompanied by dark miso soup with enoki mushrooms and pickled vegetables.

We drank a fabulous sake with the dishes above named masumi "Arabashiri" nama sake (un-pasteurized) from Nagano. Finally we ended the meal with a dessert of roasted barley tea with an almond gelatin, vanilla ice cream topped with sliced kiwi and strawberries and a sauce consisting of homemade Okinawa brown sugar molasses that was drizzled over the top.

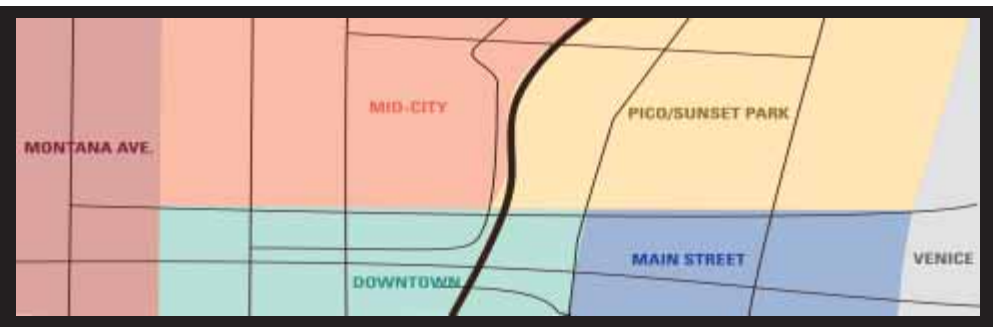
The whole dinner was presented in an elegant and simple manner as only the Japanese know how to do. The wait staff was professional, discreet and informative, describing each dish when it was served.

Although it seems like a huge amount to eat in one sitting, the food is so clean that we were not stuffed when we finally left the restaurant. This was a rare treat for us to enjoy such an elegant authentic meal without traveling to the country itself. I highly recommend you dine at Takao and experience Japanese food at its best.

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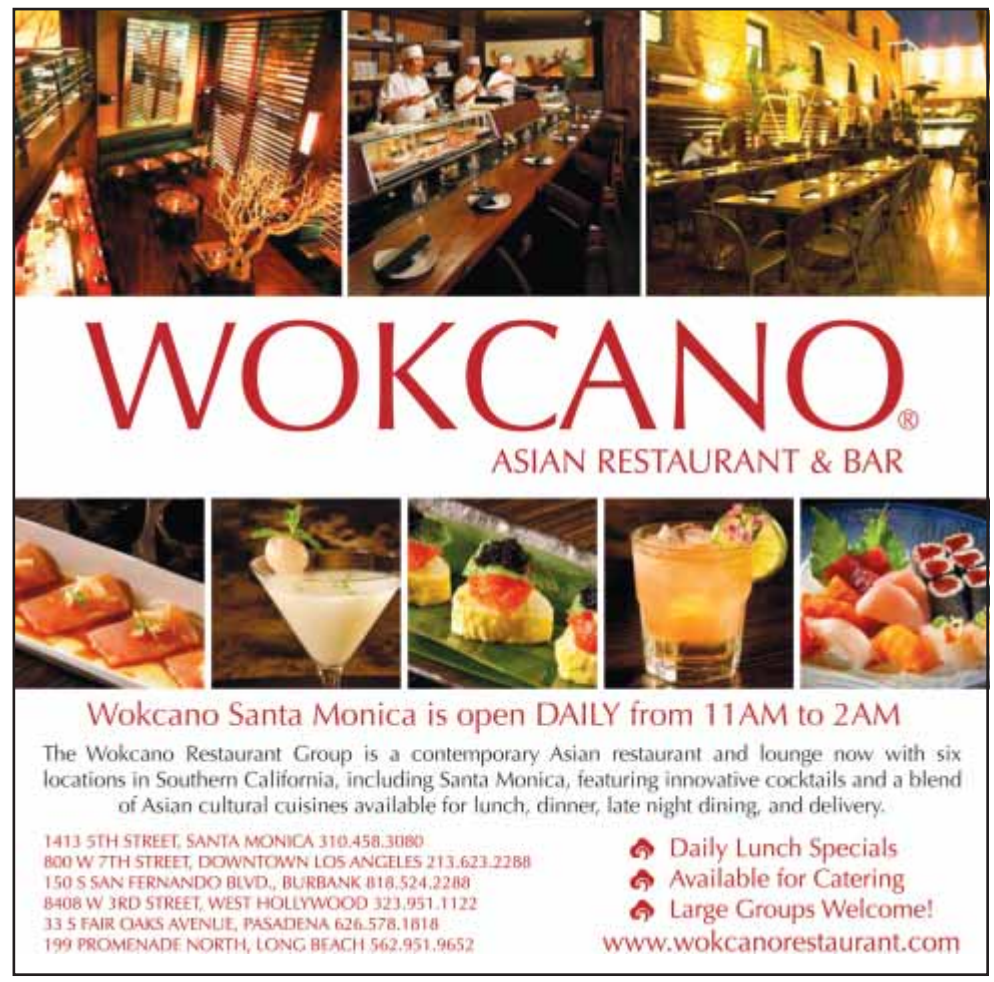
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Council approves fireworks show for pier's birthday

FROM COUNCIL PAGE 1

that businesses submit a current list of employees by the fifth working day of each month. Current regulations state that businesses must submit the list only when they apply for a permit.

NO MORE WASTE

While City Hall has been successful in working toward meeting its 70 percent solid waste diversion target by 2010, it's looking to raise the bar even more.

The council directed its staff to develop a Zero Waste Strategic Plan, which will aim to bring the diversion rate — the amount of trash diverted from landfills — to 90 percent. City officials said that a 100 percent achievement is not possible because certain products are not recyclable.

Officials plan to work with Southern California Disposal and the Allan Company to develop the strategic plan. Both companies entered agreements with City Hall last year to provide transfer and recycling services starting in 2012.

City Hall in 2006 generated more than 384,000 tons of solid waste materials and diverted about 68 percent from the landfill as a result of educational outreach and recycling and composting programs.

Dean Kubani, the head of the Office of Sustainability and the Environment, said that other cities have adopted zero waste strategies. He said the plan will be presented in about a year and will include a cost and benefits analysis.

FIREWORKS SHOW FOR PIER CENTENNIAL

The sky will light up when the Santa Monica Pier turns 100 on Sept. 9.

The council gave the Santa Monica Pier Restoration Corp. (PRC) permission to stage a fireworks show from three barges in the Santa Monica Bay. The show will be the first of its kind at the pier in more than 20 years.

Councilman Kevin McKeown said he had some concerns about the possible contamination of the bay from chemicals in the fireworks and asked that pier officials research more environmentally friendly methods in keeping the sustainable reputation of the city.

The council also authorized the PRC to launch a new fundraising program involving the sale of small bronze plaques that will be posted on the bleachers at the west end of the pier. The plaques, which on average will cost about $200, will be inscribed with a maximum of 50 characters. The program is expected to raise about $40,000.

Ben Franz-Knight, the executive director of the pier, said that fundraising has been difficult, specifically in the area of corporate sponsorship. The PRC has raised about $270,000 from corporate sponsorships, grants, donations and other sources.

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Five others named in indictment

FROM ARREST PAGE 3

spread as members were deported to their home country and is now a major international criminal enterprise known for callous killings carried out by its members, many of whom are heavily tattooed with shaved heads.

Five others named in the indictment, not including Sanchez, conspired to murder a veteran gang detective with the Los Angeles Police Department, authorities said.

Known as an anti-gang worker, Sanchez has testified as an expert witness in legal cases, lobbied for better intervention and prevention programs, spoken to youths about the depressing consequences of gang life and been widely quoted in the media, including by The Associated Press.

Luis Enrique Guzman, a community organizer at the Los Angeles Homies Unidos office, said the group would have no immediate comment.

Luis Romero, director of the Homies Unidos office in El Salvador, said the organization did not accept the allegations against Sanchez.

"We know that Homies Unidos U.S.A. is doing great work in the reinsertion and rehabilitation of young people," Romero said.

He said he had no details on the charges.

Asked what he thought prompted the allegations, he said, "these are the famous smoke screens, things that they use, things that they have not been able to solve and they take action without previously investigating."

Sanchez arrived in Los Angeles at age 7 from El Salvador and joined Mara Salvatrucha when he was 14. He was jailed three times for minor offenses and was deported to El Salvador in 1994.

He told the AP in a March interview that in his home country he had to live on the streets, fleeing death squads and gangs who threatened to kill him because they believed him a rival.

He returned illegally to Los Angeles in 1995. Authorities tried to deport him a second time but he was granted political asylum after saying police picked him up because he had testified against officers in the Rampart police corruption scandal.

Several people spoke in his defense, including Tom Hayden, a former student radical and state senator.

In July 2002, he received political asylum because his life would be in danger if he returned to El Salvador.

It was the latest instance in which an anti-gang advocate has been arrested. In January, Marlo "Bow Wow" Jones was arrested on suspicion of robbing and beating a rapper with the group Bone Thugs-N-Harmony in his Universal City hotel room. At the time, Jones was working as a gang intervention worker.

Last year, Hector "Big Weasel" Marroquin, a former gang member in suburban Los Angeles who founded an anti-violence group, was sentenced to eight years in prison for selling assault weapons.Civil rights lawyer and gang expert Connie Rice said anti-gang workers sometimes struggle to completely leave gang affiliations behind.

"The best ones are the ones who have completely gotten out of the life, but kept the relationships and still are respected," she said. "But they are the exception and not the rule. Most of these guys are go-betweens, some act as buffers and some are still in the gang."

Green Roadway Project auctions rights to clean energy to raise funds

FROM ELECTRIC PAGE 3

"This project will blend a historic route with new technology," said alliance Chairman Jim Conkle. "We can start with Route 66 but end with every road and highway in the world.

"Route 66 has many names — Mother Road, Main Street America, Will Rogers Highway," Conkle continued. "We'd like to add one more — the Electric Highway. Everyone along the road is excited about it."

During the talks, solar panels from PermaCity — one of Santa Monica's preferred solar power providers — soaked up the sun's energy. PermaCity's director of sales, Herb Mendelsohn, said the panels are the most efficient commercially available. Mendelsohn, a Santa Monica resident, added that he hopes to continue working with the project.

The panels were hooked up to the Green Truck, a Culver City-based mobile catering vehicle that usually runs off biodiesel and used vegetable oil. A small crowd of attendees lunched on eco-friendly fare — such as the "Mother Trucker" vegan burger — after the demonstration.

"Lots of people think being green is too expensive," said an apron-clad Conrad Beilharz. "We're trying to show it's possible to be sustainable and profitable even in the taco truck industry, which generates so much waste."

That mission fit in well with the message delivered Wednesday. Genedics, co-founded by Fein and Ed Merritt and owner of the Green Roadway patents, has filed over 125 inventions and licensed over 70 percent of them, many to Fortune 100 companies, Fein said.

"Everything we do should be an economic opportunity for the company but also a benefit to society," he said.

Soon, the Green Roadway Project may become another of Genedics' success stories.

"I think it's going to be part of the future," said Koko Dekermenjian, whose family manages the Mobil station. "Within five years every gas station will have an electric pump, too."

Paul Scott, vice president of Santa Monica-based Plug In America, was a little more critical.

"I think they're reaching a little beyond what's feasible right now," he said, citing the unpredictable nature of wind power. "The project will succeed in some fashion, just not as they've currently drawn it out — I can guarantee that."

Scott estimated that hundreds of thousands of electric cars will be on the roads by 2012, making something along the lines of the Green Roadway Project necessary within about 10 years.

"And it will happen in California first," he added.

The next stage of the project will be to find local developers interested in working with the Department of Transportation to start installing clean energy devices. On July 24, Genedics will hold an online private auction for developers to bid on exclusive licenses to Green Roadway technology within each state.

Wednesday's demonstration is the project's only event in the Los Angeles area.

"Santa Monica has the freeway and larger roadways — such as Olympic — with room alongside where you can deploy solar panels or geothermal or wind devices," said Fein, who currently lives in Malibu but lived in Santa Monica for 20 years. "Some of the roadsides don't look so good, so this technology may actually streamline the road and be a benefit in that way as well."

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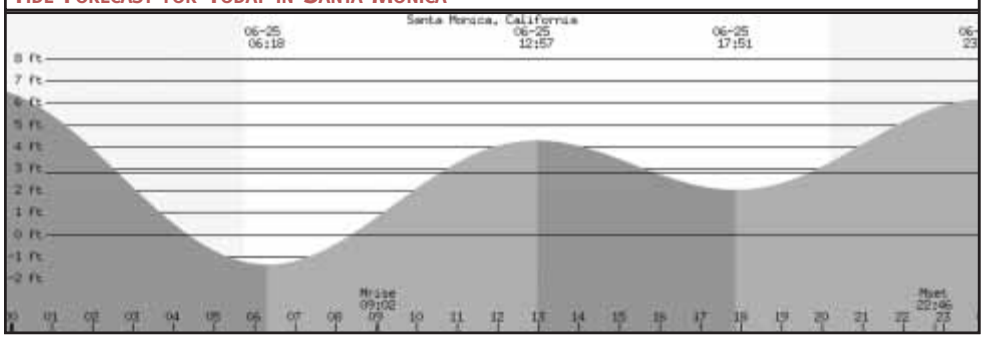
Swell Forecast (1-1 FT)

Thursday the 25th we should see some SSE swell come up from that Chilean storm mentioned in the synopsis above. This should be from 160-170 degrees, which is a tough angle for most south facing breaks.

Long Range Synopsis

Friday the 26th this SSE swell should peak with similar size and conditions: waist to chest at most south facing breaks with some pluses at standouts.

Tide Forecast for Today in Santa Monica



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NORTH LOS ANGELES COUNTY

Grades for this report are based on monitoring data from the previous four weeks up to the ending date of **June 16, 2009**

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QUICK STATS (for the last 28 days)

- Number of sewage spills -- 0
- Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0
- Number of wet days -- 8
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 39 / ns
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 6 / ns

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Heal the Bay reminds you not to swim or surf within 100 yards of any flowing storm drain or for 3 days after a rainstorm. After a rain, indicator bacteria counts at beaches throughout California usually far exceed health criteria in the state's Beach Closure and Health Warning Protocol.

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth	A+	ns
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth	A+	ns
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechasa and Las Alisos creeks	A+	ns
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach	A+	ns
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth	A+	ns
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth	A+	ns
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private)	A+	ns
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth	C	ns
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach	A+	ns
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth	A+	ns
Solstice Canyon at Don Blocker County Beach	D	ns
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth	A+	ns
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd.	A	ns
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence	A+	ns
Surfrider Beach (breach location)- daily	F	ns
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east	A+	ns
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon	A+	ns
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero)	A+	ns
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs	A	ns
Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach	A+	ns
Tuna Canyon	A+	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth	A	ns
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	A+	ns
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	ns	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain)	B	ns

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua)	A	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain	C	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain	A+	ns
Santa Monica Municipal Pier	F	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain	B	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	C	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 D&W jetty)	A+	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain	A+	ns
Dockweiler Beach- opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant	A+	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain	A+	ns

LEGEND

DRY -- each location is graded on an A – F scale based on bacterial pollution levels present in the surf zone
WET – grades for days of recorded rainfall and the following 3 days
ns -- no sample taken

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7:30

AMC Loews Broadway 4
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Star Trek (PG-13) 2hrs 6min
12:20, 3:15, 6:20, 9:20

The Hangover (R) 1hr 36min
11:40am, 2:20, 5:00, 7:40, 10:10

Night at the Museum: Battle of the Smithsonian (PG) 1hr 45min
11:30am, 2:00, 4:40, 7:20, 10:00

Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen (PG-13) 2hrs 30min
12:00, 3:30, 7:00, 10:30

AMC 7 Santa Monica
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The Proposal (Closed Captions) (PG-13) 1hr 48 min
11:00am, 1:50, 4:35, 7:30, 10:30

Up (PG) 1hr 36min
11:30am, 2:15, 5:05, 7:50

Up (Digital 3-D) (PG) 1hr 36min
10:40am, 1:25, 4:10, 7:00, 9:50

The Hangover (R) 1hr 36min
10:50am, 1:30, 4:25, 7:05, 9:40, 10:45

The Taking of Pelham 1 2 3 (R) 2hrs 01min
11:10am, 2:00, 4:40, 7:20, 10:00

Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen (PG-13) 2hrs 30min
9:15am, 10:00am, 12:45, 1:30, 4:15, 5:00, 7:45, 8:30, 11:15, 12:00am

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Irene In Time (PG-13) 1hr 49min
1:50, 4:30, 7:20, 9:45

Easy Virtue (PG-13) 1hr 48min
1:40, 4:40, 9:50

Whatever Works (PG-13) 1hr 47min
1:00, 3:20, 5:40, 8:00, 10:15

Unmistaken Child (NR) 1hr 57min
1:20, 4:10, 7:00, 9:40

Mann's Criterion Theatre
1313 Third St.
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Year One (PG-13) 1hr 40min
11:30am, 12:30, 2:00, 3:00, 4:30, 5:30, 7:00, 9:30, 10:30

Terminator Salvation (Digital) (PG-13) 1hr 54min
1:10, 3:50, 6:40, 9:40

Angels & Demons (PG-13) 2hrs 20min
12:00, 6:15

Away We Go (R) 1hr 37min
11:50am, 2:30, 3:30, 5:00, 7:30, 9:15, 10:10

Imagine That (PG)
11:40, 2:10, 4:40

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

Do what you love, Aries

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Your creativity and dynamic energy could separate you from the flock and help you find solutions. If you want to, you will move into a new realm. The pros and cons of a situation could be an eye-opener. Curb impulsiveness. Tonight: Do what you love, and don't worry about anything.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ You could be more anchored than you realize. If you are in touch with your feelings and can verbalize them, you'll find that a strong response ensues. Passion runs high right now. Tonight: Close to home.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ Keep communication flowing. How you deal with a situation could define the end results. Your instincts guide you, but are you aware that they might be colored by your perspective? Tonight: All smiles.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★ Take your time and think before acting. In fact, the smart Moon Child will postpone signing any paperwork for now. Keep your own counsel. A friend or friends in general share a lot. Consider your options. Tonight: Get some extra R and R.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★★ You are in prime shape and open to others' suggestions. Whether you have two bosses or a boss flips midday changing his or her mind doesn't matter, as confusion arises. Possibly you feel you're between a rock and a hard place. Tonight: Top cat. Start the weekend early.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★ Know that you probably need more information in order to deal with a problem. Your way of handling a personal matter might not work right now. Gather information, think and evaluate. Stay in touch with what you want. Tonight: Take a personal night.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★★ Zero in on what you want. Don't sell yourself short. Listen to feedback from friends, but ultimately, the bottom line is what a key partner or associate feels. A meeting could be more important than you initially thought. Tonight: Where your friends are.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ A must appearance allows you to head in a new direction. A partner clearly feels passionately about an issue. Someone is observing you far more than you realize. Handle your responsibilities. Your follow-through counts. Tonight: A must appearance.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★★ Keep reaching out for others. Know what you want and where you are heading. You will be on top of your game if you detach. Asking for different opinions can make all the difference. Tonight: Where there is music.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Your strong suit is a supportive, dynamic partnership. Count on this person, but also remember that just because a situation isn't important to you doesn't mean it isn't important to him or her. Talk through ideas. Finances could be involved. Tonight: Togetherness.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ No one needs to tell you that you have several live wires in your life. Today, you might scratch your head, as everyone seems to be replicating his or her energy. Know that you just need to allow these people to do their "thing" and not interfere. Tonight: Sort through invitations.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ Emphasize what you can get done effectively. Plug into work, errands and must-do items. Listen to your body too. Do you need to schedule a checkup with the doctor or dentist? Tonight: Easy does it.

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

Happy birthday

This year, you open up to many different financial possibilities. But continue to be a cynic, and discover what works for you and what doesn't. Avoid heavy risk-taking, though in a sense you do like a gamble or two. Keep it within your budget. If you are single, others find you to be extremely attractive. Romance could sizzle, especially if you develop a friendship as well. If you are attached, when the two of you combine your energy, you nearly guarantee that any goal will be met. Focus on a long-term desire. Value the friendship each of you offers. Sometimes LEO can be possessive.

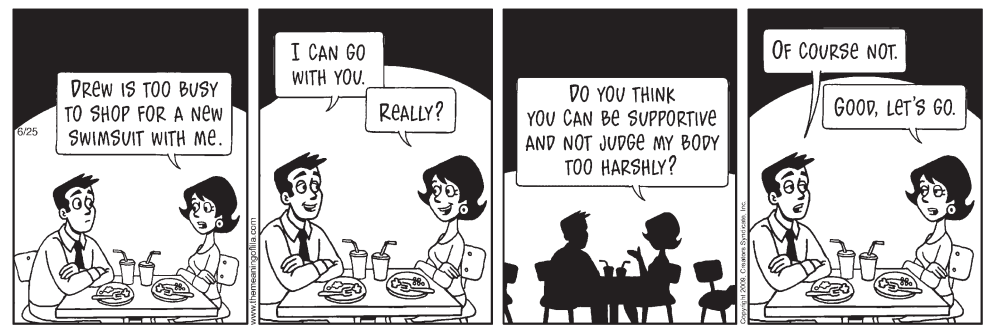
Girls and Sports

By Justin Borus and Andrew Feinstein



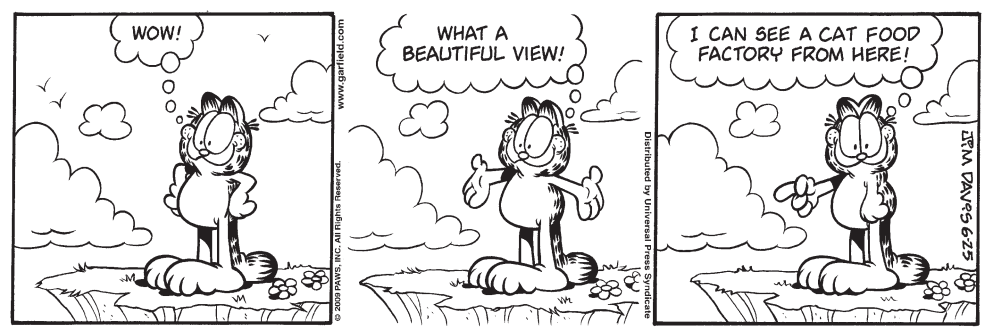
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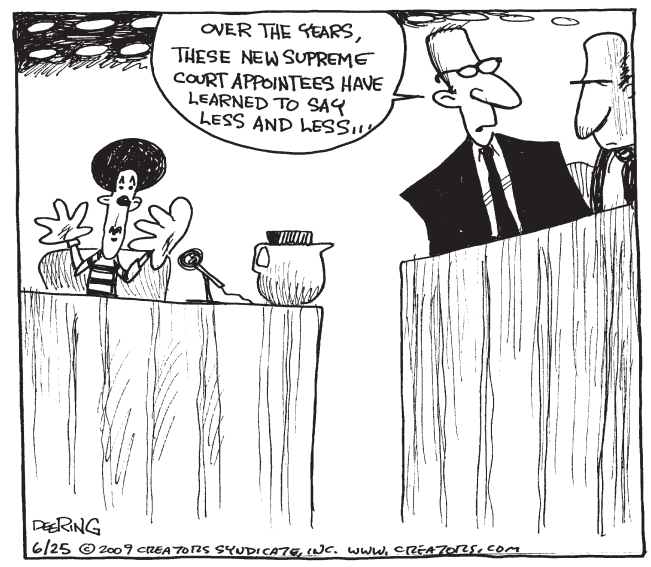
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GETTING STARTED

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

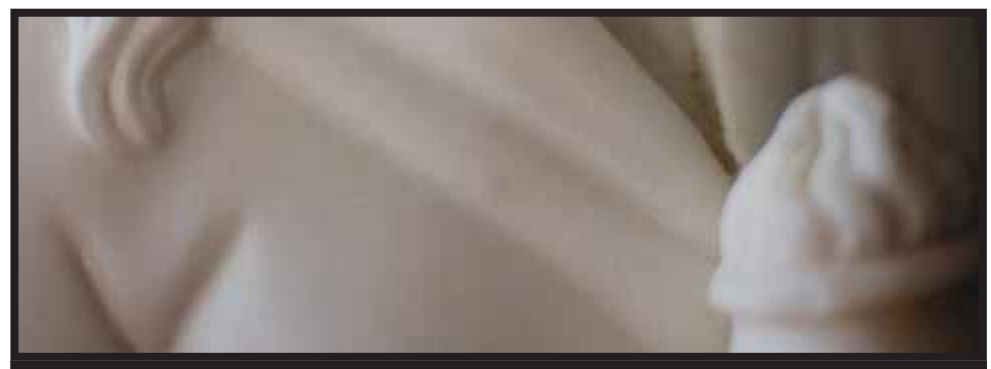
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Dennis Tommasino of Venice correctly identified this photo of a statue at the left of the fireplace in the Guest House at the old Marion Davies Estate, now the Annenberg Community Beach House. He will receive a prize from the Daily Press.

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Obsessed captain
5 Tutor's charge
10 Crippled
12 Silly
13 UV stopper
14 Oriental assassin
15 Brood watcher
16 Minority areas
18 1990s veep
20 Mamie's husband
21 Lecher-ous
23 Homer's neighbor
24 Await
26 Meringue base
28 Big truck
29 Umpire's call
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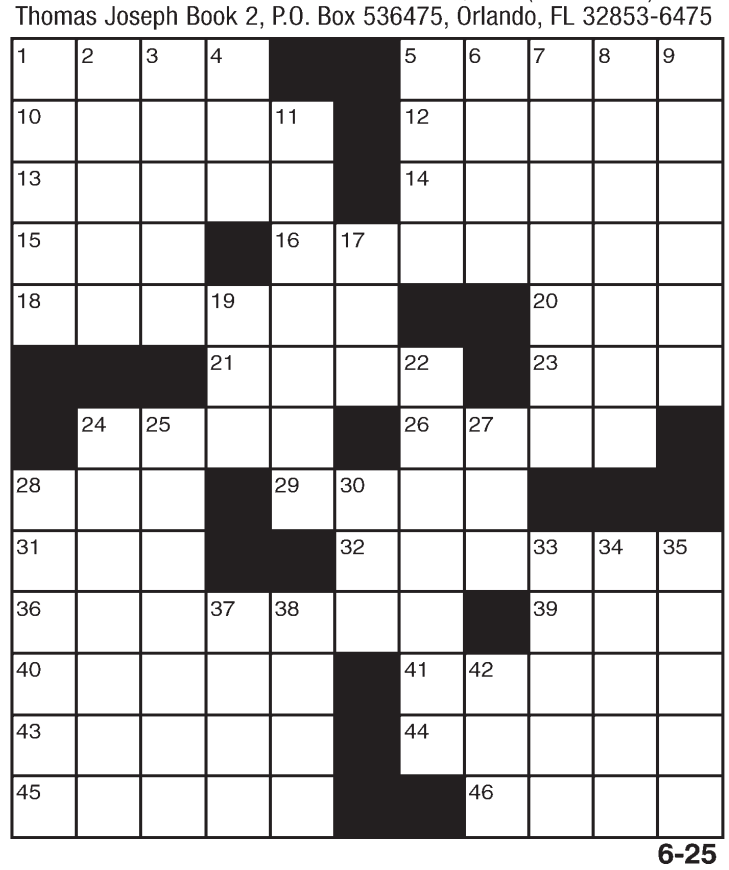
DOWN

1 Maui greeting
2 Common eye color
3 Surround-ed by
4 "Lost" character
5 Freshener scent
6 Mile or meter
7 Showing exhaus-tion
8 Only a few get them
9 Like some cars
11 Protractor units
17 Cut down
19 Hoary
22 Outlines
24 Barkless dog
25 Guts
27 Ring feature
28 Diverse
30 Ring great
33 Spanish resort isle
34 Carried
35 Digging tool
37 Shaving mishap
38 Jazz club units
42 Energy

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ **They Actually Pay People to Do This Research:** (1) Two scientists from Britain's University of Oxford, on a three-year study costing the equivalent of nearly $500,000, found that ducks may be even more comfortable standing under a sprinkler than paddling around in a pond. Lead researcher Marian Stamp Dawkins concluded that ducks basically just like water. (2) According to research announced in May by pediatrics professor Jennie Noll of the University of Cincinnati, the more often that teenage girls tart themselves up in online presentations, the greater the sexual interest they provoke.

■ **Not What They Were Looking For:** (1) Rescuers searching for a missing tourist on China's Taishan Mountain in April failed to find him but inadvertently discovered the corpses of seven other people. (2) Los Angeles Police detectives, frustrated that a 1980s-era South Los Angeles serial rapist-killer is still at large, set out recently to painstakingly trawl for DNA from all unregistered sex offenders who have come through the system since then. They came up with nothing on him, but in late March, they inadvertently matched DNA to a different cold-case serial killer, the "Westside Rapist" from the 1970s and arrested John Floyd Thomas Jr., now 72.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1959 spree killer Charles Starkweather, 20, was put to death in Nebraska's electric chair. Eamon de Valera was inaugurated as president of Ireland.

1962 the Supreme Court, in Engel v. Vitale, ruled that recital of a state-sponsored prayer in New York State public schools was unconstitutional.

1973 former White House Counsel John W. Dean began testifying before the Senate Watergate Committee.

1996 a truck bomb killed 19 Americans and injured hundreds at a U.S. military housing complex in Saudi Arabia.

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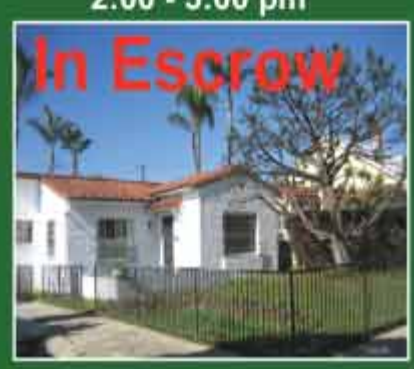
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