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THE WORKING FOR THE WEEKEND ISSUE

Petition to put the kibosh on flavored milk

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

DOUGLAS PARK Harriet Fraser, Christine Goddard and Beth Ricanati spent one of their first days of summer at Douglas Park on Wilshire Boulevard.

It was a perfect Friday. The marine layer had burned off just an hour or two before, leaving the temperature at a comfortable 68 degrees and wispy white clouds streaking across a deep blue sky.

But rather than enjoy the day in peace, the three women, with small children in tow, were on the hunt for others like themselves, parents of children in the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District that have a beef with flavored milk.

Each, armed with a plastic sandwich baggy weighted with seven teaspoons of unprocessed sugar, approached likely-looking adults with a plea that they sign a petition stating their opposition to the presence of flavored milks in school cafeterias.

The sugar represents the seven teaspoons of sugar in each carton of flavored milk. Although three of those are naturally-occurring lactose, the remaining four are added with the chocolate or strawberry flavor, and are a trap for children who can develop diseases like diabetes earlier and earlier as a result of excess sugar.

"This is one thing we can do to really cut down sugar consumption a lot in a day," Fraser said. "It sends the right message."

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SUGAR AND SPICE: **Mother and health activist Harriet Fraser talks with parents at the Douglas Park playground on Friday about signing her petition to ban flavored milk in the local public school system.**

There's more to it than parking

Saint John's, Yahoo! Center provide millions in community benefits

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL Parking, ever the touchstone issue in densely-developed Santa Monica, has been a major talking point at Planning Commission and City Council meetings over past months.

It has been the subject of ferocious debates, at the heart of which are two major players — Saint John's Health Center and Equity Office Properties, the owner of the Yahoo! Center.

Each have development agreements, contracts with City Hall that give them the right to build outside normal zoning rules in exchange for public benefits, that include a requirement to provide parking, a concept which has been abandoned in recent years by city planners.

Both have tried to circumvent those requirements, most notably through a deal with each other to share parking in keeping with City Hall's new wave of thinking, embodied in the 2010 land use and circulation element, or LUCE.

Comments at public meetings have spanned the spectrum of civility, calling the developments cheats and liars for profiting off of each other's largesse.

What many ignore is that both actors have other community benefits built into their development agreements, which account for millions of dollars in services to the homeless, local schools and civic-minded citizens.

Those responsibilities have been, and continue to be, met in full.

Saint John's Medical Center is the gift that keeps on giving, although few in the community know the extent of it.

In 2010 alone, the hospital gave over $8.1 million in cash grants and in-kind services to a host of community groups including homeless services providers and the local schools.

That dollar amount has only risen since the hospital entered into the contract with City Hall to get special provisions to rebuild after the destruction wreaked by the 1994 Northridge earthquake.

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New Hollywood fitness fave: Drumstick-smashing!

BY SHAYA TAYEFE MOHAJER
Associated Press

WEST HOLLYWOOD, Calif. Move over, pole-dancing, kettlebells and Zumba. Drumstick-smashing is the latest rage to hit the Hollywood exercise circuit, offering a workout similar to Pilates or boot camp, but without the serenity of a yoga studio or the bark of a drill instructor. The high-volume group fitness class, called Pound, was devised by Cristina Peerenboom, 25, and Kirsten Potenza, 26, who tout it as a fun and energetic alternative to the usual sweat-inducing routines.

Using weighted drumsticks or wooden ones provided in the class, members smack the ground repeatedly to a fast-paced soundtrack of hip-hop and rock songs. Once participants are panting, Peerenboom compliments their vigor and makes occa-

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What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Saturday, June 25, 2011

Puppet master
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, e-mail jen@santatmonicarep.org.

Speak for the trees
Santa Monica 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.

A bbq with benefits
Red Bull Parking Lot
1740 Stewart St., 11 a.m. — 6 p.m.
SoCal Desmo Owners Club collaborates with Red Bull and the Santa Monica Police Department to host a benefit barbecue 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 beachhouse.smgov.net.

Celebrate America
Santa Monica College
Corsair Stadium, 5 p.m.
Bring the family and celebrate America with SMC's star-spangled, Independence Day celebration and fireworks show. Picnic on the field, enjoy continuous, free entertainment and special exhibits (with plenty of refreshments for purchase). Come early.

Sunday, June 26, 2011

Midwest musical
Morgan-Wixson Theatre
2627 Pico Blvd., 2 p.m.
The 1920s come roaring back with a vengeance when the hit musical "Chicago" comes to Santa Monica's Morgan-Wixson Theatre this summer. Based on the 1926 play by Maurine Dallas Watkins (which was based on real events), "Chicago" is, as we are told in the show's opening lines, "a story of murder, greed, corruption, violence, exploitation, adultery and treachery — all the things we hold near and dear to our hearts." This show runs until July 30. Cost: $23/$18 for students and seniors. For more information go to www.morgan-wixson.org or call the theatre box office at (310) 828-7519.

Boogie down on Main Street
Summer Soulstice
11 a.m. — 7 p.m.
Soak in the sun and the soul at this outdoor music festival and sidewalk sale. There will be over 20 live bands on seven stages. For more information go to www.mainstreetsm.com

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Relax, but don't be a victim

Summer's here and the time is right for a vacation. But just because you and your family may be taking a break doesn't mean criminals do as well.

The Santa Monica Police Department wants to remind residents to keep their homes and personal property secured while getting some R and R.

"By taking a proactive approach, you can significantly reduce the risk of being victimized at home or while away," police said in a community bulletin released Friday. "Follow the crime prevention tips listed below so you can focus on a fun and relaxing vacation"

BEFORE LEAVING:

- Lock all windows and doors before you leave. Set your alarm system, if you have one.
- Make your home appear "lived in." Use variable timers for interior lights and radios.
- Close all curtains and blinds.
- Stop mail and newspaper delivery, or have a neighbor collect them for you.
- Ask a friend or neighbor to keep your lawns mowed and watered.
- Leave your trip plans, and an emergency phone number, with someone you trust.
- Make copies and a record of your passport(s), credit cards, and traveler's checks. Give a copy of these documents to a family member or friend for safekeeping.

ON THE ROAD:

- Never carry large amounts of cash — use traveler's checks or credit cards.
- Keep careful tabs on your plane, train, or bus tickets — they're as valuable as cash.
- Carry your purse close to your body — don't let it dangle!
- Carry your wallet in an inside coat or front trouser pocket.
- Be aware of your surroundings — ask the hotel /motel staff about problem areas.
- Avoid advertising that you are a tourist by the way you dress.
- Select tour guides carefully.
- Make sure everyone in your party knows the name, address, and phone number of your hotel.
- If members of your group separate, be sure they check in at prearranged times and locations.

Remember, the only way to stop crime is to get involved in crime prevention, even when you are on vacation!

For more information regarding this and other crime prevention topics, contact the Community Relations Unit of the Santa Monica Police Department at (310) 458-8474.

KEVIN HERRERA

DOWNTOWN

Bus it for 'Carmageddon'

There will be more Rapid buses riding along Wilshire and Santa Monica boulevards during 'Carmageddon,' the weekend in July when a section of the San Diego Freeway (405) will be shut down so that part of the historic Mulholland Bridge can be removed.

The Metropolitan Transportation Authority said this week that it will be adding 61 buses to eight major bus lines, including the Rapid buses that travel to Santa Monica along Wilshire and Santa Monica boulevards, as well as the Rapid traveling along Venice Boulevard. It will also add 16 buses to enhance late night service on some of those routes.

The MTA is the lead agency on the bridge project. The bridge removal, scheduled for July 16-17, requires the closing of the 405 from the 101 Freeway south to Interstate 10.

The bridge demolition is part of a $1 billion effort to widen the 405 through the Sepulveda Pass and upgrade the freeway to better withstand earthquakes.

The Sepulveda Pass sees an estimated 500,000 vehicles on a typical summer weekend, and the MTA has been conducting an extensive communications campaign to try to keep many of those cars off surface streets.

The MTA previously announced it would offer free service for the entire weekend on the Red and Purple Line subways and is currently debating on extending that to include lines on the Westside.

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Donald Sutherland, bicyclist collide in SM

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Editor in Chief

SANTA MONICA BLVD The conflict between bicyclists and those who drive Santa Monica's streets has claimed an accomplished character actor.

Donald Sutherland, father of Kiefer who played Hawkeye Pierce in the hit sitcom "MASH", was driving out of an alley in the 1200 block of Santa Monica Boulevard around 2:45 p.m. Thursday when his SUV collided with a cyclist who was riding on the sidewalk, SMPD Sgt. Richard Lewis said.

The cyclist suffered pain to her right hand and an abrasion to her left leg, Lewis said. She was treated at the scene.

No one was cited.

Sutherland was one of two people to dial 911.

An investigation is ongoing and both parties involved could receive citations because both broke the law, Lewis said.

Sutherland cross into the sidewalk, most likely to get a better view before pulling out onto Santa Monica Boulevard, and the cyclist was riding on the sidewalk.

"You should stop before going across the sidewalk and the bicyclist shouldn't have been riding on the sidewalk," Lewis said.

A traffic investigator will determine who was at fault.


SUTHERLAND

Alcohol was not a factor, Lewis said.

Bicycle activists have been putting pressure on city officials to make it safer for them while riding, while drivers have been bashing bicyclists for failing to abide by the rules of the road.

Earlier this month a suspected drunk driver plowed into a group of cyclists near a hilltop park in Culver City, sending 11 to hospitals.

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Hospitals concerned about 2-day LA freeway closure

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES Next month's weekend closure of a busy Los Angeles freeway has hospitals concerned that the anticipated traffic nightmare that it could cause will keep workers from getting to work on time.

Authorities planned to shut a 14-mile segment of Interstate 405 for 53 hours so crews can demolish one side of the Mulholland Drive Bridge as part of a larger $1-billion freeway improvement project.

At a community meeting Thursday night, an executive speaking on behalf of four hospitals near the freeway told transportation and law enforcement officials that there was a serious gap in planning for the July 15 start of the closure.

Poise Carpenter, chief administrative officer for Santa Monica-UCLA Medical Center, said efforts are needed to get hospital employees to work. She noted that patient care could be jeopardized.

Carpenter estimated that about 1,500 employees work at UCLA Ronald Reagan Medical Center, Santa Monica-UCLA Medical Center, the Veteran's Administration hospital and Saint John's Health Center during each 12-hour shift.

"If your mother or father is in the hospital on a ventilator, would you be OK hoping our staff will show up?" Carpenter asked.

A police official said hospital employees, just like law enforcement officers and transportation workers scheduled to be on hand during the closure, should leave for work early enough in case of delays or traffic jams.

Carpenter said the hospitals were making efforts to try to provide nearby housing for employees during the closure, but that there were not nearly enough beds for all of them.



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It's time to end it

Editor:

I am aware of the devastating impact of war on the people of Afghanistan and the U.S. soldiers deployed there. I am also aware of the profound health consequences of war-related injuries and mental health conditions on returning veterans, their families and our society as a whole.

It is time for a phased, responsible withdrawal of all U.S. military forces, together with all NATO forces, from Afghanistan.

I remain committed to the health and well being of all people, including the Afghan people. I recognize the need for ongoing involvement in Afghanistan to support reconstruction, education, and health care. The time is now for bold action to end this long and costly war.

Pamala Thomas
Santa Monica

Mob boss didn't pay market rate

Editor:

When notorious fugitive James "Whitey" Bulger was captured living in an apartment north of Wilshire Boulevard, the FBI reported finding $800,000 in cash inside. Yet, Bulger was also reported to be taking advantage of rent-control, paying $1,100 a month for a two-bedroom apartment. I'm sure this is the diversity desired by Kevin McKeown and the Rent Control Board when they extol the virtues of the law.

Perhaps Bulger broke his cover at the meeting where he was spotted protesting the 3.2 percent rent increase. Or maybe, his landlord turned him in in order to get market rate for the apartment.

Kevin Skogland
Santa Monica

It's not funny

Editor:

Gleam Davis is quite the comedian. She would rather have people flock to the food trucks on Main Street instead of eating at a McDonald's or Taco Bell ("Food truck question labors on for council," June 23, page 1). Well, all those customers who collect on Main Street to feed off the food trucks more than likely drive their gas guzzlers to the feast. And let's not forget the gas guzzling food trucks, with their pollution sputtering generators.

I don't know how many McDonald's or Taco Bell restaurants there are in Santa Monica, but they do pay sales taxes, business license taxes, and other fees, and the properties they occupy generate property taxes, all of which produce revenue for the city.

This is something Davis and the other comedians on the City Council should not forget and so easily dismiss.

Helen R. McRoskey
Santa Monica



On the Beat

NRO Scott McGee

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Plenty of options available to celebrate America's birthday

Q: MY FAMILY AND I ARE EXCITED TO celebrate the Fourth of July this year. We are staying at a hotel in Santa Monica and wondered where we should watch fireworks from? What can you recommend?

A: Unfortunately, it has been about 22 years since the city of Santa Monica has had fireworks. Having grown up here, I have fond memories of the phenomenal fireworks show at the Santa Monica Pier. I also remember sitting along the bluffs in Palisades Park when the fireworks show was moved to the early morning. For years, Santa Monica's Fourth of July fireworks were the best and the brightest. But don't worry! There are plenty of other opportunities for you and your family to enjoy Independence Day together. City Hall has planned other activities that will keep residents and visitors entertained.

City Hall and Santa Monica College have collaborated on a fantastic, fun family event! The good news is that it is this weekend, and it's free! SMC's Independence Day Celebration is the biggest and most sensational patriotic community event on the Westside. Bring your family and friends to SMC for a star-spangled salute to our nation's independence. Make sure to come early; enjoy a picnic on the lawn, and continuous entertainment and special exhibits. There will be plenty of refreshments available for purchase. Once the sun has set and it is dark, there will be a spectacular fireworks salute to America. Santa Monica College is located at 1900 Pico Blvd., Santa Monica. Gates open at 5 p.m. on Saturday.

Starting on July 4 at 9:30 a.m. in front of the Santa Monica Civic Center, the fifth annual hometown parade will take place. The entire stretch of Main Street in Santa Monica will be closed for the duration. The parade's theme is "Fourth of July at the Beach" and the legendary Santa Monica ocean lifeguards will be the parade grand marshals. After the parade there will be a refreshment area at Ocean View Park, including one band that will continue to play until noon. Also, the pier will be closed to vehicle traffic in order to allow pedestrians to take full advantage of all the attractions offered.

If you are unable to attend either of these events, or are looking specifically for a fireworks show on July 4, there are plenty of locations and shows to choose from within a 20 minute drive from Santa Monica. The Pacific Palisades will be rocking the Fourth all day long, starting with their Fourth of July Parade and ending with their "Fireworks Spectacular." The event will be at Palisades Charter High's Stadium by the Sea, located at 15777 Bowdoin St. There will be a two hour concert that offers a fabulous and diverse array of musical entertainers, from traditional patriotic tunes to rock and roll. The Firework Spectacular will be presented by world famous Pyro Spectaculars. For more information visit palisadesparade.org.

For an event south of our city, there will be a parade and firework show in Redondo Beach. Their fireworks show will feature stirring patriotic music, with a wide variety of fireworks perfectly matched and timed to the music — a true pyro-musical production. Through the pyrotechnic mastery of Fireworks America, this year's show will firmly establish the Redondo Beach Fourth of July show as one of the premiere fireworks displays in Southern California. You can find more information about this event at redondofireworks.com.

There will be a fireworks show on the Fourth in Culver City at Culver City High School. The gates open at 5 p.m., entertainment begins at 6:30 p.m., and the fireworks start at 9 p.m. Bring a picnic or enjoy food from the snack bar and vendors. There is a suggested donation of $2 at this event. For more information, go to culvercityfireworksshow.com.

We would like to remind everyone that all types of fireworks are illegal in Santa Monica. According to the fire department officials, this form of entertainment is dangerous, even when done by professionals. The displays are not only dangerous to the users, but also to the public, as they can be a potential cause of wildfires. Also, on occasions, fireworks fail to detonate and therefore represent a great danger for children who might later pick them up.

Additionally, many streets will be closed during this Fourth of July due to the parade. For more information about the Fourth of July celebrations in Santa Monica call (310) 458-8411. Just to reiterate, there will be no fireworks show in Santa Monica on the Fourth of July.

WELCOME TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD

Hello,

My name is Officer Marilyn Amiache and I am your new Beat 2 neighborhood resource officer. This area is bordered by the 10 Freeway to the south city limits, and Lincoln Boulevard west to the beach. I will be taking over for Officer Pace who has been promoted to a new position within the department.

I am particularly excited to serve as your NRO as I am a former Beat 2 resident, attended all Santa Monica schools, and spent a lot of time in our local parks playing sports and spending birthdays at the beach. I have seen Beat 2 develop into a great community and would be honored to be a part of its continued growth.

I have been a police officer for over six years and speak French and Spanish fluently. I currently serve as a member of the Crime Impact Team where we eliminate specific crime trends by utilizing different resources. I am also a member of our Customer Service Program where we provide our employees with additional tools to further enhance the quality of service to the citizens of Santa Monica. I am eager to forge partnerships and work together addressing your issues and concerns to improve the quality of life in our Beat 2 community. Please feel free to contact me and I look forward to meeting you all!

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The Q Line

Off the hook?

The Planning Commission last week absolved Saint John's Health Center of building a promised parking structure. With the commission's approval, the matter will go before the City Council for a final decision.

This past week, Q-line asked:
So, this week's Q-line question asks: Do you think the City Council should force Saint John's to build the structure, or should the commission's decision stand?

Here are your responses:

"DO YOU SMELL SOMETHING LIKE greed, corruption, egos and car-hating political hacks? Look, you have, in reality, a giant hospital in the Mid-City neighborhood destroying the quality of life with traffic, parking and noise. Each hospital should be required to build a parking structure with four stories, two underground and two above, because no building in this town should be over two stories. All neighbors park for free, and everyone else pay something. Personally, I think all parking should be free, but at least end preferential parking. Hospitals are a huge, money-making businesses. I bet most of the patients in ours are from out of town. Again, Santa Monica is on that cutting edge of dolling out services to people that don't live here."

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"I FIND IT UNCONSCIONABLE THAT SANTA Monica, a city that welcomes people of all faiths, creed, color and income levels would have two hospitals with such exorbitantly high parking prices. The idea that people can park at meters for a short time – most of the parking around the hospitals is either metered or permit required, and the price to park in these places is exorbitant. I don't understand why our city has allowed this not only to be, but to continue. What would Saint John's propose to do? Just farm it out all over the city and let people just drive and drive and drive to find a place to park in front of someone else's home?"

"SAINT JOHN'S IS ALWAYS MAKING excuses after they violate a law. Give them this demand and sit back and wait for their next violation, or stop them now."

"I HAVE NO IDEA WHY THE PLANNING Commission absolved Saint John's from building those parking spaces. That was the original agreement. That's the law, they should stick to it. They need parking. Our Planning Commission and our council should get their act together."

"IT APPEARS THE CITY HAS ONCE again made up its mind before everyone has had his say, and that any of the meetings held are a meaningless formality. They will approve Saint John's and Yahoo what they want, whether they blatantly violated the binding conditions of their development agreement or not. It also appears the residents of this area will be taking the consequences squarely in the seat of their shorts when all this backfires, the way almost everything this city plans or approves does. The opportunity to make Saint John's comply still exists by making them put as much parking as will fit under the new entry plaza. We do not need valets and shuttles causing more traffic and parking nightmares on our streets and pollution in our air. Neither do we need to be forced to tip valets who damage, mistreat and steal from our cars. The time for the city to step up and show it has some cojones is now."

"OF COURSE THE CITY COUNCIL SHOULD force Saint John's to build the structure. But, for a consideration, they won't."

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"THE CITY COUNCIL SHOULD NOT FORCE Saint John's to build a parking structure. Hospital money would better serve Santa Monica by being used to support and continue Saint John's ongoing commitment to improving people's health and saving people's lives."





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BENEFITS
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It's based on a complex formula built into the development agreement, explained Chris Harding, the land use attorney representing Saint John's in its negotiations with City Hall.

An important element of that agreement is the Community Access Plan, or CAP, that requires a certain amount of that money go to programs or organizations that help Santa Monicans.

On that score, Saint John's has been doing more than its civic duty.

"We would be at $875,000 for this year," Harding said. "Saint John's spent over $5 million. Much more of their benefits program is local than the DA requires it to be."

That $5,259,235, to be exact, is divided between five categories, including cash and in-kind support for the school district, medical and mental health services for the school district and nonprofit organizations and community service that promotes health in Santa Monica.

Money and services go directly to needy children, victims of abuse, people with disabilities and the homeless.

The hospital also provides a child care facility, which it operates at a loss, pumping approximately $300,000 into it every year, officials at the hospital said.

The program has 66 openings, 13 of which are filled by Santa Monica children. As part of its deal with City Hall, the hospital provides $98,000 in subsidies to offset the $1,000 per month tuition for low-income families, said Julie Rusk, the human services manager at City Hall.

"It's a really vital piece," Rusk said. "It helps not only low-income hospital workers, but also low-income members of the community."

Saint John's work doesn't end there. As part of a California requirement, the hospital must provide another formula-driven amount of benefits to its community, which includes but isn't exclusive to Santa Monica.

According to the 2010 Community Benefits report turned into the state, the hospital provided $30,191,713 in community benefits and un-reimbursed Medicare costs.

While a for-profit office park doesn't have to show quite the same level on ongoing giving as a nonprofit community hospital, getting the right to build the sprawling complex in Santa Monica was no cheap feat for the original owners of the Yahoo! Center.

That development agreement, crafted in 1981, required that the original developer — a limited liability corporation called Colorado Place, LTD — spend millions on everything from beautification to affordable housing to get the now-underutilized office park built.

The agreement required a child care center, a community room, a 3.5 acre public park with specific sports and gathering amenities, 51 units of affordable housing, street improvements, parking for tenants and free parking for park patrons on weekends and holidays.

On top of that, Colorado Place, LTD also gave $2,652,909 to the City Hall affordable housing fund, and almost $3 million to maintain the park and community room.

That maintenance — as well as free parking in the evenings for park goers and users of the community room — has continued, said Dale Goldsmith, the land use attorney representing Equity Office Properties in its negotiations with City Hall.

"It strikes me, based on some of the other developments in Santa Monica, that there are a lot of public benefits here," Goldsmith said.

In the end, however, it always comes back to parking.

Both developments hold to the thought that their biggest community benefits of late lie in the one thing that has drawn the ire of vocal community members.

"The primary benefit is shared parking," Harding said.

"I think that, in and of itself, is a substantial public benefit," Goldsmith said to a similar question.

In the view of both attorneys, the shared parking, and the plans City Hall is requiring to reduce the impact of traffic in the area, are in keeping with the LUCE, a benefit difficult to put a dollar value on.

The benefit comes less in what the two developments are giving, in dollars, but rather what they're saving the world in terms of resources and the community in terms of the growing pains of building a subterranean parking garage.

Rather than venture a guess as to what the actual benefit is, Goldsmith pointed to the $40,000 valuation City Council member Terry O'Day put on each parking stall at the June 14 meeting when the Yahoo! Center amendment was approved.

"That's the equivalent of a $40 million benefit to the community," Goldsmith said, referencing the 1,053 parking spaces being leased to off-site businesses at the Yahoo! Center.

This line of logic hasn't been widely accepted by Mid-City neighbors, many of whom gathered at public meetings to accuse Yahoo! Center of profiting off of parking meant for the community and Saint John's of dodging its responsibilities in building the parking structure.

For the two developers, however, it's just one more notch on the side of community benefits, whether the community thinks it's benefiting or not.

"I think that the LUCE was supported by a broad consensus, with the majority of the public involved," Harding said. "It's one thing to support a concept, and a different matter when a concrete proposal comes forward that implements that policy."

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EXERCISE
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sional lewd jokes.

The two fit, bubbly instructors say they came up with the idea last year at a party attended by rock royalty in the Hollywood Hills. Matt Sorum, the former drummer for Guns N' Roses, had just wrapped up a set on the drums at the rowdy party when the women approached the kit. Both had played drums in the admittedly nerdy setting of school bands and both had been athletes most of their lives. That night, the two worlds collided.

"We were drumming without a drum stool to accompany the kit and we were squatting over it and realized that the movement of the arms was acting to throw the entire body off and in order to counteract that, we were having to squeeze ... our core muscles," Peerenboom said.

From there, Peerenboom's background as a dancer and choreographer helped piece together a sequence of drumming movements that take the body through a broad range of motion.

A typical progression could have drummers standing with legs spread, before moving their torsos in a wide arc, bending to pound the ground next to one foot, standing to smack the sticks together overhead to the beat and then bending to pummel the ground next to the other foot, pivoting back and forth.

Another move focuses on abs and back muscles, with pounders sitting on the ground with legs raised, leaning back to form their bodies in a V-shape. They drum the floor alongside their bodies in a move similar to a core Pilates exercise, which requires people to hold the position while swatting their hands up and down 100 times.

American College of Sports Medicine spokesman Mike Bracko applauded the Pound fitness model, saying "anytime you add music, especially if it's up-tempo music, people just have a tendency to go with the beat of the music" and work harder than they might without it.

"Bilateral movements like drumming, with left hand up while right hand is down, in a boat or a lunge position would certainly challenge the core muscles," he added.

The class is slated to roll out to nine Equinox gyms across Southern California this summer and to New York and other locations nationwide in the next year.

After holding classes at a few private studios in January, Pound classes started up at Crunch Fitness in West Hollywood in March. The gym's new offerings are frequently rolled out to members interested in keeping up with the latest trends in exercise.

Every few months, the chain updates or replaces yesteryear's fitness fads, from the spandex-wearing aerobics of Olivia Newton John to kickboxing classes, with fresh offerings like Afro-Brazilian dance, striptease classes and Skatergie, a workout that mimics movements in ice skating. Dozens of people filled the Pound class to capacity recently.

With the pounding of the drumsticks, "you're literally hearing if you're doing the workout correctly," said Potenza.

But no musical skill is required to break a sweat with drum rolls and fills.

"Something we worried about in the beginning was 'are people who don't have any musical ability going to be able to do this?' But I think if you can clap your hands you can do Pound," said Potenza.

The instructors warn people who take their class that although the 45-minute class will zoom by, they can expect to feel it the next day.

Cindy Hemming was sore for two days after her first class, but now the athletic 55-year-old is hooked.

Though she runs marathons, swims and dances to stay fit, Hemming takes the Pound class three days a week.

After a recent class, still breathing heavily and sweating through her clothes, Hemming smiled broadly and said, "it goes by so fast and it works absolutely everything."

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Fraser, a family doctor trained in England, moved to Santa Monica three years ago.

Although she had trouble finding foods in local grocery stores that didn't have added sugars in general — "It's in things you wouldn't even imagine," she said — items sold at schools like the milk, cookies and Rice Krispies treats were even worse.

Flavored milk became a focus point for her when celebrity chef Jamie Oliver outed the Los Angeles Unified School District for selling the stuff, and the amount of sugar it added to children's diets.

"A few things were mounting up, and made me think it was time to do more and get more involved," Fraser said.

With that, she began a Facebook page for the Santa Monica Malibu Schools for Food Revolution. Food Revolution is the name of Oliver's campaign to reform school meals in America, much as he did in the UK.

The page quickly gained traction, enough that Oliver's organization reached out to her for a meeting.

Out of that meeting came Friday Food Fest at Grant Elementary, where Fraser's son attends school.

Chef Gino Campagna, who works with the Food Revolution campaign and has his own program, Kitchen Daily, that teaches children how to cook, has come to the school twice bearing fresh ingredients so that the kids can make their own lunches.

The dream is to go from a flavored milk ban to eventually reforming all of the food served in SMMUSD, which they feel is overly processed and loses much of its nutritional value.

Efforts to reach out to the district have been flummoxed, however, by the economic realities of the system.

As Food Services Director Orlando Griego explained for a May article about school lunches, his department funds itself with the money it gets from food sales.

That means school lunches have to be healthful, as required by state law, but also tasty enough that children who pay for the meals will want to eat them.

"It's all about the figures," Fraser said. "It's really sobering."

But the nutrition-minded moms haven't given up. Instead, they're starting small.

They're hoping to gain momentum with the milk ban and roll right into snack foods sold at the schools, particularly cookies and other treats that the children can buy right alongside their chocolate or strawberry milk.

Fraser and her supporters have already accumulated over 600 signatures against the flavored milk between the paper petition and an online version, in both English and Spanish, hosted at ipetitions.com.

They'll find out if those signatures and a June 16 presentation before the Board of Education are enough to make an impact at the July 20 district meeting.

"The target is milk and snacks," Fraser said. "Hopefully, after July 20, we can take on snacks further."

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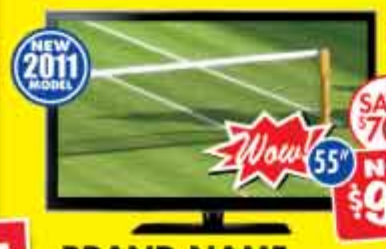
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Brown, Democrats working 2 fronts on Calif. budget

BY JUDY LIN
Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. Gov. Jerry Brown and his fellow Democrats in the Legislature worked Friday along two different tracks with the hope that one will lead to a budget deal before the start of California's new fiscal year next week.

Brown met with Assembly Speaker John Perez and Senate President Pro Tem Darrell Steinberg to discuss an alternative budget plan the governor could support if it were passed by a simple majority of Democrats.

The governor, meanwhile, kept insisting he still has time to persuade Republican lawmakers to support his call for a special election so voters can decide whether to increase taxes.

"The speaker continues to meet with the governor, the pro tem and Republican leaders to find a comprehensive budget solution and will continue to do so over the weekend," said Perez's spokeswoman Robin Swanson. "He is focused on delivering a budget agreement that doesn't make further devastating cuts to schools and public safety."

California's fiscal year ends Thursday, and for the first time lawmakers are feeling additional pressure to resolve the state's budget crisis in a timely manner. They are losing their salaries and living expenses until they balance the state's annual spending plan by closing a $9.6 billion budget deficit

Lawmakers from both parties this week sounded increasingly pessimistic that Brown could get a special election. Some even proclaimed the governor's plan dead.

"Is Plan A dead? I'll leave it to the governor to announce the wake and the funeral services but we are proceeding to try to develop again the best majority vote budget that we can with the governor," Steinberg said Thursday.

Democratic lawmakers are seeking the governor's input on a majority-vote budget that he could sign after he vetoed their initial budget package last week. Brown had said the Democrats' spending plan relied too much on borrowing and legal maneuvers.

It's unclear how the majority party could put together a new plan without taxes, especially when its leaders have pledged not to make further cuts to education and public safety.

Brown has said since his gubernatorial campaign that he would seek a statewide vote on the increases, the last of which expire June 30.

This week he said he remained in negotiations to get the four Republican votes he needs to call a special election. Such an election would let voters weigh in on whether to extend increases in sales, vehicle and personal income taxes for up to five years.

But Republicans for months have resisted Brown's call for a special election without promises of pension reform and a state spending cap, possibly as companion ballot initiatives. Assembly Republican Leader Connie Conway said those reforms weren't enough to get her support for a special election.

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Capture of Boston gangster could mean more scandal

BY DENISE LAVOIE
AP Legal Affairs Writer

BOSTON After 16 long years, the arrest of notorious Boston gangster James "Whitey" Bulger appeared to end a long, frustrating manhunt that had embarrassed the FBI and raised questions about its efforts to find one of its most wanted fugitives.

But Bulger's capture could be only the beginning of a new scandal for the Boston FBI and others.

If Bulger decides to cut a deal with prosecutors, he could implicate an untold number of local, state and federal law enforcement officials, according to investigators who built a racketeering indictment against Bulger before he fled in 1995.

"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."

Bulger, the leader of the violent Winter Hill Gang, is charged in connection with 19 murders. He was captured in Santa Monica Wednesday, where he had lived for 15 of the last 16 years, according to his landlord.

Bulger's flight in early 1995 allegedly came after a tip from former Boston FBI Agent John Connolly Jr., who was convicted of racketeering and obstruction of justice in 2002 for protecting Bulger and his cohort Stephen "The Rifleman" Flemmi from prosecution. Both Bulger and Flemmi were FBI informants who ratted out members of their main rivals, the New England Mob.

During Connolly's trial, Bulger's right-hand man, Kevin Weeks, testified that Bulger boasted that he had corrupted six FBI agents and more than 20 Boston police officers. At holiday time, Bulger stuffed envelopes with cash, Weeks testified.

"He used to say that Christmas was for cops and kids," Weeks said.

Edward J. MacKenzie Jr., a former drug dealer and enforcer for Bulger, predicted that Bulger will disclose new details about FBI corruption and how agents protected him for so long.

"Whitey was no fool. He knew he would get caught. I think he'll have more fun pulling all those skeletons out of the closet," MacKenzie said.

Connolly, the retired FBI agent who was convicted of protecting Bulger, also was found guilty of murder in Miami for helping to set in motion a mob hit in 1982 against a business executive.

The Bulger arrest could have a huge impact on whether Connolly spends the rest of his life in a Florida prison. Connolly was convicted of murder in 2008 for tipping Bulger that Callahan was about implicate Bulger and Flemmi in the 1981 killing of Oklahoma businessman Roger Wheeler.

Connolly, who is appealing the conviction, insists he never fingered Callahan. Now, if Bulger backs up Connolly's story, it could change the outcome of the Florida case.



SURF REPORT

SURF CONDITIONS **WATER TEMP:** 61°

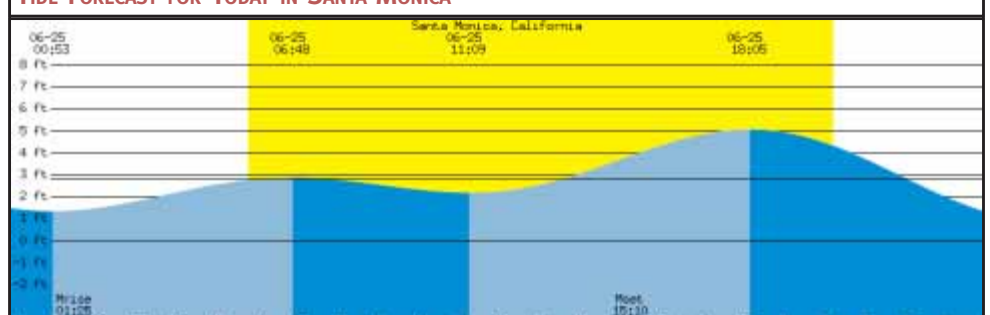
SWELL FORECAST

NW wind swell should persist, but the dominant swell is looking like southern hemi, with an increase at south facing breaks to shoulder high.

LONG RANGE SYNOPSIS

WIND SWELL SHOULD BACK OFF AS THE SOUTHERN HEMI REMAINS SHOULDER HIGH AT SOUTH FACING SPOTS, POSSIBLY HEAD HIGH OR SLIGHTLY BIGGER AT TIMES.

TIDE FORECAST FOR TODAY IN SANTA MONICA



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BEACH REPORT CARD

NORTH LOS ANGELES COUNTY

Grades for this report are based on monitoring data from the previous 30 days up to the ending date of **June 22, 2011**

HEAL THE BAY - 1444 9th Street, Santa Monica, CA 90401 - www.healthebay.org - brc@healthebay.org - 800 HEAL BAY

QUICK STATS (for the last 30 days)

- Number of sewage spills -- 1
- Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0
- Number of wet days -- 8
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 28 / 1
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 0 / 0

The Beach Report Card is made possible by: The Diller – von Furstenberg Family Foundation, Grousbeck Family Foundation, simplehuman, LAcarGUY, SMA

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

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Los Cerrillo Beach, at Arroyo Seguit Creek mouth.	B	ns
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	ns
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechusa and Las Alisos creeks.	A+	ns
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	A+	ns
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth.	A	ns
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	F	ns
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	A+	ns
Paradise Cove Pier at Rominer Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	F	ns
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	F	ns
Solstice Canyon at Don Blocker County Beach.	F	ns
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth.	D	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.	F	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.	F	ns
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	ns
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	A+
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	A+	ns

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence.	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain.	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain.	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua).	A	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain.	A+	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain.	A+	ns
Santa Monica Municipal Pier.	A	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain.	A	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms).	A+	ns
Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain.	A	ns
Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain.	A+	ns
Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain.	A+	ns
Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain.	A+	ns
Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south.	A	ns
Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St..	B	ns
Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- lifeguard tower.	A	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth.	A	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain.	A+	ns
North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach.	A+	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of 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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MOVIE TIMES

Aero Theatre
1328 Montana Ave.
(310) 260-1528

Saturday, June 25
Free screenings courtesy Italian Trade Commission and Cinecitta' Luce!
Another World (NR) 1hr 50min
5:00pm

The Woman of My Life (NR) 1hr 36min
The Easy Life (NR) 1hr 42min
7:30pm

Sunday, June 26
Vertigo (NR) 2hrs 8min
7:30pm
Introduction by Bernard Herrmann biographer Steven C. Smith.

AMC Loews Broadway 4
1441 Third Street Promenade
(888) 262-4386

Hangover Part II (R) 1hr 42min
11:35am, 2:20pm, 5:00pm, 7:40pm, 10:20pm

X-Men: First Class (PG-13) 2hrs 11min
10:15am, 1:10pm, 4:20pm, 7:30pm, 10:35pm

Bad Teacher (R) 1hr 29min
11:30am, 2:00pm, 4:30pm, 7:00pm, 9:30pm

Mr. Popper's Penguins (PG) 1hr 35min
11:00am, 1:30pm, 4:00pm, 6:30pm, 9:00pm

AMC 7 Santa Monica
1310 Third St.
(310) 451-9440

Cars 2 in Disney Digital 3D (G) 1hr 53min
9:00am, 11:45am, 2:30pm, 5:15pm, 8:00pm, 10:45pm

Green Lantern 3D (PG-13) 1hr 45min
10:45am, 1:40pm, 4:30pm, 7:30pm, 10:30pm

X-Men: First Class (PG-13) 2hrs 11min
9:05am, 12:10pm, 3:20pm, 6:30pm, 9:35pm

Super 8 (PG-13) 1hr 52min
1:30pm, 4:20pm, 7:15pm, 10:00pm, 10:55pm

Bridesmaids (R) 2hrs 05min
10:40am, 1:45pm, 4:45pm, 7:45pm, 10:50pm

Cars 2 (G) 1hr 53min
10:00am, 12:45pm, 3:30pm, 6:15pm, 9:00pm

Kung Fu Panda 2 3D (PG-13) 1hr 31min
10:30am, 1:00pm, 3:30pm, 6:00pm, 8:30pm

Laemmle's Monica Fourplex
1332 Second St.
(310) 478-3836

Nuremberg: Its Lesson For Today (Nurnberg und seine Lehre) (1948) (NR) 1hr 18min
11:00am

Bride Flight (R) 2hrs 10min
1:50pm, 5:00pm

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

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

In Our Name (NR) 1hr 30min
11:00am

Last Mountain (PG) 1hr 33min
11:00am

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

Farmageddon (NR) 1hr 30min
1:00pm, 3:15pm, 5:30pm, 7:45pm, 10:00pm

AMC Criterion 6
1313 Third St.
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Green Lantern (PG-13) 1hr 45min
9:30am, 12:25pm, 3:25pm, 6:30pm, 9:30pm

Beginners (R) 1hr 44min
11:35am, 2:25pm, 5:05pm, 7:45pm, 10:25pm

Bad Teacher (R) 1hr 29min
10:00am, 12:30pm, 3:00pm, 5:30pm, 8:00pm, 10:30pm

Mr. Popper's Penguins (PG) 1hr 35min
9:30am, 12:00pm, 2:30pm, 5:00pm, 7:30pm, 10:00pm

Cars 2 (G) 1hr 53min
10:45am, 1:30pm, 4:15pm, 7:00pm, 9:45pm

Art of Getting By (PG-13) 1hr 23min
9:45pm

Cave of Forgotten Dreams 3D (G) 1hr 30min
9:40am, 12:05pm, 2:35pm, 4:55pm, 7:20pm

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Be budget conscious, Pisces

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★ If you can, get an early start. Clear out errands and anything else that might prevent you from enjoying your weekend plans. Your inner voice might be pointing to an indulgence, for you or for someone else. Why not? Good feelings surround you. Tonight: Could go till the wee hours.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ You might be dragging in the morning. Take a nap, if need be. A friend might inspire you to get off your duff with an invitation or by sharing some special news. Spontaneity serves you well. Tonight: The world is your oyster.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★ If you want to make time for yourself, there is no time like the present. Your humor and sense of direction always drive you. How about taking better care of yourself and perhaps indulging one other person? Tonight: Listen to what is being shared.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★★ A demand cannot be avoided, but it can be cleared out early in the day. Join friends in the afternoon, whether it is simply relaxing at a ballgame or going to the beach. You feel quite appreciated and cared about. Tonight: Pay attention to your social life.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Make long-distance calls in the morning. Handling a responsibility at work or taking care of an older adult also might be a high priority this afternoon. The good news is, you come out feeling very good. Tonight: A must show. Enjoy what is happening.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★★ Listen to a partner and let this person air out his or her concerns or share some news. The lure of an escape takes over in the afternoon. You might feel that you have pushed long and hard. You deserve a break! Tonight: Make sure there is great music wherever you are.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★★ Be willing to allow someone else to dominate. You might not have the complete answer, but it is clear there are some solutions you have not looked at. Meanwhile, relax as you go along with someone's plans for you. Tonight: Enjoying a key person.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ You could be a little more tired than you realize. Recharge your batteries and head out the door late. You don't need to worry so much. Someone you care a lot about wants to play host or hostess. Let this person, while you put your feet up. Tonight: So many choices.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Use the morning to pursue a carefree pleasure or hobby. Your inner child enjoys being let loose. Later in the day, someone invites you to join him or her. Don't have any great expectations, and you will have a good time. Tonight: Don't push. Not every night has to be wild.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★★ You might not be as fun-loving as others would like. But once you get into the moment, it could be close to impossible to stop you. You're full of ideas and have lots of fun, and finally you relax. Tonight: Enjoying the moment.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★ Make calls early and clear out your to-do list. Curl up with a book or watch a movie. As of midafternoon, stop pressuring yourself to do this or that. It is your weekend, too. Tonight: Whatever works for you.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Balance your budget before you walk out the door. You also might want to consider how much money you want to spend this weekend. When you join a friend, whether at a bookstore, game or movie, you relax. You don't want to worry about details. Tonight: Where people are.

Happy birthday

This year, you experience a new beginning or accomplish a goal. Lady Luck rides with you, especially when dealing with friends and your ability to manifest more of what you want. Your immediate circle will expand, adding to your potential. If you are single, and if you want to change your status, you certainly will have the suitor to do it with! If you are attached, the two of you could realize a long-term dream. Work together to make it so. TAURUS comes through for you.

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

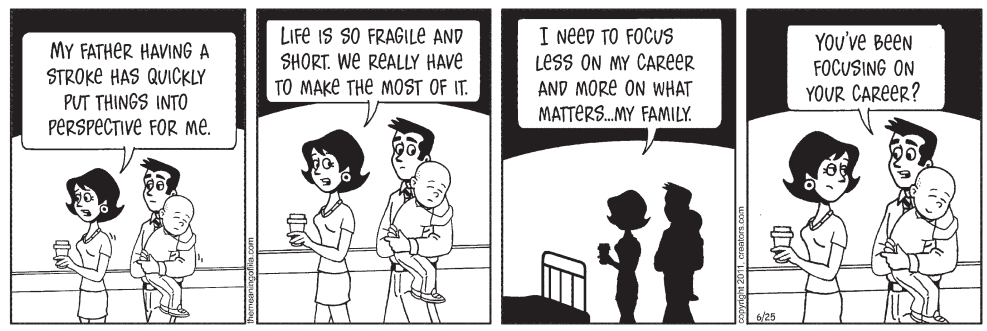
Dogs of C-Kennel

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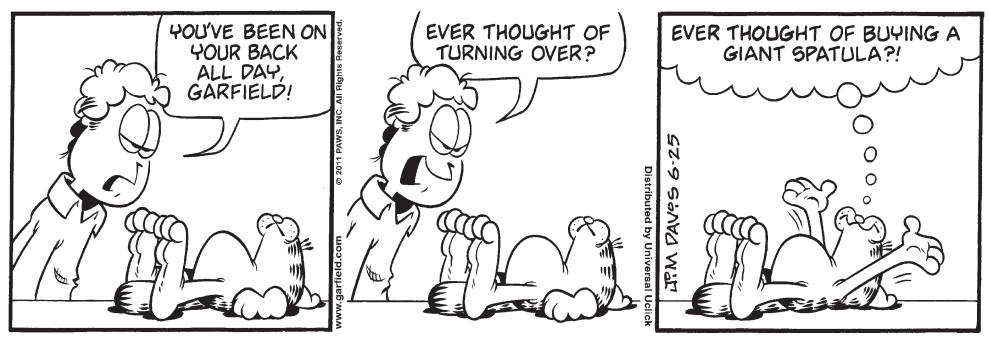
The Meaning of Lila

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By John Deering



Speed Bump

By Dave Coverly



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 ★★★★

	9		8			3		
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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

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



CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Sharp point of a curve
5 Basket piece
9 Veranda
10 Cuzco people
12 Compass
13 River part
14 Staggering
16 Vacuum lack
17 Game for two
18 Suspicion
20 Finishes
22 Itch
23 Church sight
25 By way of, informally
28 Anxiety
32 Acting the good dog
34 Tease
35 Mother's order
36 KP chore
38 Salma Hayek film
40 "Sweet Dreams" star
41 Sounds
42 — alia
43 Stadium group
44 Corp. bigwigs

DOWN

1 Entered
2 Straighten
3 Enter the regatta
4 Paltry
5 Roof feature
6 Compass dir.
7 Bakery treat
8 Going out with
9 Shirt size
11 Private boss
15 Triton orbits it
19 Entice
21 Bellow of books
24 Adorable
25 Larceny
26 Consider
27 Eye part
29 Like
30 Burns a bit
31 Trimming tool
33 Bridge utterance
37 Road division
39 Private room

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Yesterday's answer

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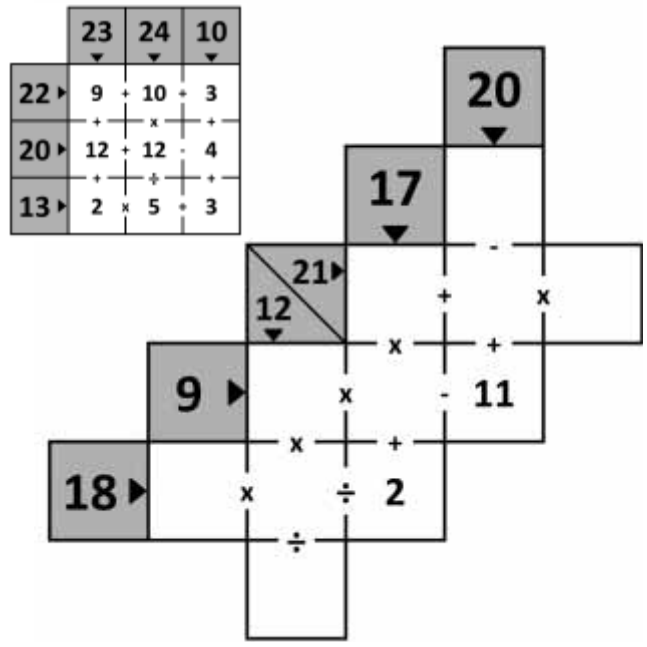
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Fill in the empty fields with the given numbers so when calculated together they satisfy all Equas in the gray boxes:

3, 3, 3, 4, 4, 5, 6, 12, 12

Solution for Task 1249





NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ An unidentified man told police in Niles, Ill., in May that he had been victimized by a medical exam, which was conducted in an otherwise-abandoned office, by a lone "doctor" wearing a white lab coat, who used toothpicks for acupuncture pressure points, and who dispensed a container of pills (labeled "dietary supplements") with an expiration date of February 2002. The man said he paid $200 and is not sure he got his money's worth.

■ (1) A judge in Britain's Cambridge Crown Court sentenced two teenage boys to jail for burglary in May but allowed their 20-year-old partner, who has a much longer criminal record, to have a non-custodial sentence because he has a "cleanliness disorder" that a jailhouse would traumatize. (2) In a widely reported story that originated in the Brazilian press, accountant (and severe-anxiety and hypersexuality sufferer) Ana Catarian Bezerra, 36, was said to have prevailed after a court battle in April to be allowed breaks during the work day to masturbate.

■ Police in East Patchogue, N.Y., filed a false-report charge against Nicholas Lalla, 32, in January (1995) after he had sworn out a complaint that his estranged wife slapped him. Lalla played for police an audiotape he had made, clandestinely, in which slapping sounds are heard amidst his yelling "Don't hit me." When police informed Mrs. Lalla of that clandestine audiotape, she played for them a clandestine videotape she had made of him staging the audiotaping: He is shown, alone, yelling "Don't hit me" outside her house after she had walked away.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1975 The State of Emergency is declared in India.
1975 Mozambique achieves independence.
1981 Microsoft is restructured to become an incorporated business in its home state of Washington.

WORD UP!

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\suh-BAT-i-kuhl\ , noun;
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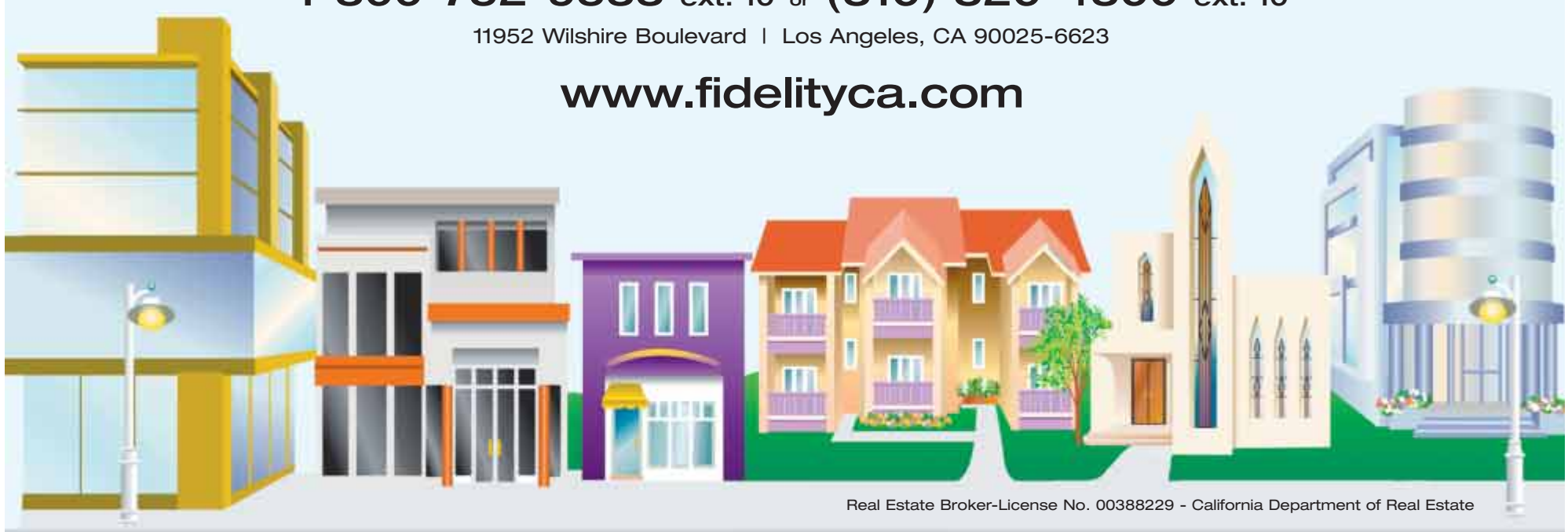
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