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THE WHEELS IN MOTION ISSUE

Shooting suspect arrested in L.A.

BY ILEANA NAJARRO
Special to the Daily Press



RODRIGUEZ

PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITY Levy Ernesto Rodriguez, 24, was arrested on June 29 in Los Angeles for the attempted murder of a 32-year-old Latino male on June 9, said Sgt. Richard Lewis, spokesperson for the Santa Monica Police Department.

Working on leads, police determined that Rodriguez was staying at a residence in Los Angeles when he was arrested during a traffic stop near the corner of Pico and

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Gay, lesbian couples flock to courts to wed

GILLIAN FLACCUS
Associated Press

Jubilant gay and lesbian couples flocked to city halls and county courthouses across California on Monday to wed with pets, siblings and kids in tow as same-sex marriages resumed across the state following a five-year legal hiatus.

Monday was the first chance for all but a handful of the state's same-sex couples to wed since 2008, when about 18,000 marriages went forward during a brief legal window before a voter-approved ban.

Last week, the U.S. Supreme Court declined to rule on the constitutional merits of that ban — called Proposition 8 — and a lower court on Friday said same-sex marriages could resume. On Sunday, Justice Anthony Kennedy rejected a last-ditch appeal.

While a few lucky couples were able to

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File photo

STANDING TALL: The 'Chain Reaction' sculpture in the Civic Center may be removed if a fundraising effort is unsuccessful.



Rendering courtesy Arleen Ferrara

FUTURE VIEW? The 'Peace Garden' includes drought tolerant landscaping and places for people to sit and view 'Chain Reaction.'

Putting down roots for peace

'Chain Reaction' supporters remain optimistic, create garden for artwork

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

CIVIC CENTER Supporters of the "Chain Reaction" statue in the Civic Center released a design over the weekend for a sustainable garden at the site that could provide a place for viewers to enjoy the artwork as it protects it from unwanted attention.

The proposed "Peace Garden" looks like an incomplete peace sign from the top with legs formed out of three paths made of decomposed granite that allow access to the sculpture from all sides.

Curved benches formed of rammed earth arch along the outside angles of the big legs connecting with the flag pole which

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Stories for the little ones
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11 a.m. — 11:20 a.m.
Story series for babies ages 0-17 months accompanied by an adult. Call (310) 458-8681 for more information.

Yucking it up with Buster
Ocean Park Library
2601 Main St.,
2:30 p.m. — 3:30 p.m.
Watch Buster as he tells jokes and twists his balloons into amazing creations. Tickets required. Tickets will be distributed at noon the same day. For more information, call (310) 458-8683.

Perfect form
Annenberg Community Beach House
415 PCH, 5:30 p.m.
For both beginning and continuing students, this tai chi class teaches the 24 movements of the Yang style simplified form. For more information, visit beachhouse.smgov.net.

Financial guidance
YMCA Santa Monica/Westside
2019 14th St., 6 p.m. — 8 p.m.
The YMCA Women's Partnership offers personalized financial guidance sessions with Hollis Page Harman, an Emmy award winning financial literacy expert. Guests must pre-register for the event and the cost is $75 per hour. For more information, call (310) 452-3881.

Jamming accordion
Annenberg Community Beach House
415 PCH, 6:30 p.m. — 7:30 p.m.
Accordionist Jetty Stewart performs a blend of traditional French songs and more modern pieces including tongue-in-cheek covers of iconic pop songs. For more information, visit annenbergbeachhouse.com.

Divorce options
YMCA Santa Monica/Westside
2019 14th St., 6:30 p.m. — 8 p.m.
Family law professionals from the Collaborative Practice Group of Culver City and the Los Angeles Collaborative Family Law Association present a workshop on how to deal with divorce from a legal and even psychological standpoint. For more information, call (310) 452-3881.

Downtown Abbey screenings
Main Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd.,
6:30 p.m. — 8:30 p.m.
The library will screen all three seasons of the PBS Masterpiece Classic Downtown Abbey including the show's Christmas specials each Tuesday evening. Call (310) 458-8600 for more information.

Wednesday, July 3, 2013

Toddler story time
Fairview Branch Library
2101 Ocean Park Blvd.,
10:15 a.m. — 10:35 a.m.
Stories, songs and rhymes for toddlers ages 18 to 35 months, accompanied by an adult. For more information, call (310) 458-8681.

Creative sushi
Fairview Branch Library
2101 Ocean Park Blvd.,
3:30 p.m. — 4:30 p.m.
Children from grades five and up will make delicious and eye-catching fruit sushi. Advance registration required. Call Jessica Levy at (310) 458-8681 for more information.

Musical Madness returns
M.i.'s Westside Comedy Theater
1323-A Third Street Promenade,
8 p.m. — 9 p.m.
Musical Madness, a completely improvised long-form musical show, is back for a limited three week engagement. Guests must be 21 and older. There will be a beer and wine bar on site. Tickets are $5 a person. For more information, call (310) 451-0850 or e-mail info@westsidecomedy.com.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

CITYWIDE

Ensure pet safety this July 4

The County of Los Angeles Department of Animal Care and Control sees a rise in the number of strays, lost pets and injured animals found the day after the Fourth of July.

"We see an increase in strays running on our local freeways, pets found far from home and injured animals," said Marcia Mayeda, director of the department in a press release.

County officials urge the public to take necessary precautions in ensuring their pets' safety this upcoming holiday weekend including making sure a pet's license is current and tags are secured on a collar, keeping pets indoors with some white noise distraction from the fireworks such as a radio or television, and leaving pets with caretakers who will keep them safe if owners will be out of town.

The Santa Monica Animal Shelter will be closed on the Fourth of July though there will be some animal care centers open across the county if owners wish to report a lost pet or community members wish to turn in a found animal.

Visit animalcare.lacounty.gov to search for the nearest animal care center that will be open on the holiday.

– ILEANA NAJARRO

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District Advisory Committee openings available through July

The Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District Board of Education is accepting applications until July 31 for 35 total openings in various district advisory committees.

There are 10 spots open on the Early Child Care and Development group, eight spots open for Special Education, seven spots for Intercultural Equity and Excellence, five spots for Health and Safety and five for Visual and Performing Arts.

Sarah Wahrenbrock, assistant to the superintendent, wrote in an e-mail that the large number of total openings available is due to the fact that no new members were appointed mid-year.

The committees bridge the gap between school board members and the citizenry by offering an opportunity for community members, parents and educators to discuss issues and concerns, district officials said.

Committee members are expected to keep learning and achievement for all students as a priority; to value, support and advocate public education; recognize and respect different perspectives among fellow members, parents, staff, students and the community; and conduct themselves in a dignified and professional manner.

Board of Education members will make appointments to fill committee vacancies in August and committee membership terms range from one to four years.

Applications are available at www.smmusd.org.

For more information on each committee's role visit www.smmusd.org/DAC/index.html.

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BOW WOW: **Los Angeles County authorities advise people to keep a close eye on their pets during the Fourth of July holiday.**

At Bulger trial, ex-agent apologizes for killing

DENISE LAVOIE
AP Legal Affairs Writer

BOSTON A former FBI agent who admitted taking payoffs from James "Whitey" Bulger offered a tearful apology Monday to the family of one of Bulger's alleged murder victims, but the man's widow said his words "didn't mean anything."

The apology came as John Morris was being cross-examined by a defense lawyer at Bulger's racketeering trial. Bulger, 83, is charged with participating in 19 murders in the 1970s and '80s while he allegedly led the notorious Winter Hill Gang.

Morris testified that he told fellow FBI agent John Connolly that Edward "Brian" Halloran had given authorities information about a murder Bulger's gang was suspected of committing. At the time, both Morris and Connolly — his subordinate — had corrupt relationships with Bulger, who he said was a longtime FBI informant at the same time he was committing a litany of crimes.

Prosecutors say Halloran and Michael Donahue — an innocent bystander who had offered Halloran a ride home

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Gov. Brown signs school-funding changes into law

JULIET WILLIAMS
Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. Gov. Jerry Brown signed sweeping education legislation Monday that changes the state funding formula for K-12 schools in a way that he hopes will help boost the academic achievement of disadvantaged students.

Brown signed the main bill, AB97, and two related bills at Cahuenga Elementary School in Los Angeles and later held a ceremonial signing at California Middle School in Sacramento.

The Democratic governor had pushed for the change, known as the "Local Control Funding Formula," and called it a civil rights issue. It will send $2.1 billion more to school districts that have high numbers of students from lower-income families, who have limited English proficiency or are foster children.

Rather than having "50 or more mandates," Brown said

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Latchkey kids

Editor:

I would like to respond to Dave Glode who expresses his concerns and views of the way things are in the city when it comes to youth issues ("What about the parents?" Letters to the Editor, June 23).

While his letter begins by questioning whether or not taxpayer money should ever be allocated for youth programs to begin with, he focuses his criticism on the Pico Youth & Family Center, so much so it makes me wonder if there are other issues at play in his mind due to some other covert hostility he may hold against the organization and the personalities there?

I will give him credit here for being fiscally conservative, but not for being socially progressive. I think that we can all agree that government should not be in the business of just throwing money at problems and that certain objectives and goals should be attached to grant monies that are intended to attain social results, in this example a depressed segment of a city that is deserving of all the help it can get to address the ills Mr. Glode articulates.

But as for the parents, my gut tells me that they are probably working two jobs, and that they get up early, stay out late working irregular hours for less wages than they really need to get by on. I think that the vast majority of these parents that Mr. Glode speaks of love their children no less than any one else loves theirs. I think they fear this violence we see around us that claims the lives we witness far too often. And I have to wonder how this angst manifests itself in their daily lives.

I know from personal experience that young Eddie Lopez' family grieved like any other family would when he was shot down a few years ago. I know that when Officer Joe Analco and the other school resource officers dedicated themselves to our youth in the schools they made themselves available to our children in every way that we could have ever asked them to do, and now that Officer Joe has retired there are new SROs who are getting up every day and rededicating themselves to these families and their children. And I part company with Mr. Glode on his perception that these families go about fostering a sense of alienation between the children and the police as a rule and not the exception.

But asking about the parents is a legitimate question as I feel that these parents are worthy of our continued support because I think they must be absolutely terrified for their children and the need to protect them. After all, it was a father taking his daughter to school to buy her books who was shot and killed, and it was a grandmother who was shot and killed [collecting recyclables]. Even the father of the killer himself fell victim to the violence that we must rededicate ourselves to put a stop to in any way that it can be done.

And that doesn't take just more money and one more social program or less, it takes every one in a community throwing in together from all corners of the city because there are more examples of how we are the same than there are of those that differentiate us from one another as Mr. Glode seems unable to discern.

And so it goes, the things that threaten one family in one part of a town have a potential to affect yet another family in another part of an 8.3-square-mile town.

Stewart Resmer
Santa Monica



Our Town

By Ellen Brennan and Armen Melkonians — Send comments to editor@smdp.com

The snake, the rat revisited

COUNCILMEMBER GLEAM DAVIS' metaphor of a snake swallowing and digesting a rat did not go far enough. Davis used the snake metaphor to illustrate how the 35 development agreements (the rat) in the pipeline would be digested by the snake (the city) and no longer be of concern.

Unfortunately, the end results of this digestive process is not simply a smaller bulge in the snake's body, but huge, oversized buildings that dramatically change boulevards, neighborhoods and whole areas of the city.

Neighborhoods emerge, not based on good neighborhood planning or good design, but on the short-term profit potential for those who feed the snake.

By the time the buildings are built and the residents discover how poorly these new neighborhoods work and how much gridlock they create, the developers may be gone, having syndicated their projects, collected their profits and moved on.

Syndication is a vital part of development. Syndicators create a limited liability company (LLC), consisting of a general partner who manages the partnership and a number of limited partners who buy units in the restructured project and receive passive income from the net rents at a predetermined rate. They also receive capital gains (after expenses) when the property is sold. The units are priced to give the limited partners reasonable income, and to allow the developer to recoup his building costs and his profit.

The game for developers is not about building a project that will add value or enhance a community. It's about getting their money out of the property as quickly as possible. That's why syndication is so important. The faster you book your profit, the faster you can begin your next project. Developers typically have relationships with institutional investors who buy into real estate syndications (pension plan managers, hedge fund managers, asset managers) and can sometimes act as their own syndicator.

Commercial real estate, or income generating properties in general, are valued as a function of a cap rate that determines the value of the property based on the property's net yearly income (after expenses.) The capitalization rate (or cap rate) is the ratio between the net operating income produced by the property and its value, or sales price. In other words, the more income a property generates, the higher the value of the property

Thus the real business of a developer is to increase the potential net income of a property through the development process. Since land is limited in Santa Monica, the developer's biggest "tool" in increasing profits is to increase density.

Several factors have led to a bigger "tool box" being available to developers in Santa Monica. The adopted 2010 Land Use and Circulation Element, the Downtown and Bergamot specific plans (currently in the works), and the anticipated new zoning codes which are currently being hashed out at City Hall, are effectively providing this bigger and better "tool box" for developers. Add in a majority of City Council members, a city manager and a planning director whose actions and words are clearly pro-development, and Santa Monica residents are left high and dry.

Increased heights, bigger buildings, and increased densities bring developers higher profits at the expense of residents. Residential neighborhoods are left damaged. More traffic, less parking, less sun, less open space, infringing height, loss of views, and loss of open sky become the ultimate "community benefit" bestowed upon residents.

Do you wonder why Planning Director David Martin and his staff are regularly pushing for developer benefits? The following quote from Brad Cox, senior managing director of Trammell Crow, chairman of the Chamber of Commerce, and chair of the Santa Monica Alliance, may provide a clue. The quote was from a discussion with other developers, part of a conference sponsored by the International Council of Shopping Centers on July 12, 2012.

Cox said, "[W]hen Rod Gould came in as the new city manager … he said really two things to the city staff: He said, 'I want you to be more business friendly, and I want you to have what I call a can-do attitude. I want you to look for solutions to problems.' And he came to us at the Santa Monica Chamber and says, 'I want to work together in partnership to solve the issues of Santa Monica being a business unfriendly city.'

"Mixed use is tricky. So we formed a group called The Alliance, which is a partnership between the leadership of the chamber and the city department leaders … . And we have been meeting monthly over the last three years … . [We] sit down and we talk about what are the issues, how do we work better to make Santa Monica a business-friendly city."

Now, "mixed-use" is a form of development. It integrates several different types of activities (residential, commercial, cultural, institutional, or industrial) in one building, or complex. Brad Cox' use of this phrase tells us that the purpose of The Alliance is to facilitate mixed-use development. Mr. Cox further tells us that the partners are the city staff members and the Chamber of Commerce developers.

Bottom line: Gould, our city manager, made a choice three years ago to align with developers and instructed his staff to do the same. This pro-development alliance, together with the bigger "tool box" created by a pro-development majority City Council is allowing developers to reshape our town at the expense of the residents outside the professional development community.

On the other hand, it is becoming clear that there is a grass roots force in our town that is growing. That force is a force of will, the will to protect our town, our neighborhoods and our way of life. That force is gathering momentum and will likely continue to grow.

It will be interesting to see what residents have to say at the July 9 City Council meeting regarding the Downtown Specific Plan.

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Parking meter madness

THE CITY OF SANTA MONICA HAS A history of being civic minded. Our leaders come from all walks of life, and have demonstrated their devotion in many different ways. They put in long hours and at personal sacrifice, far beyond the wages they earn.

For example, I was reminded this past week of the dedication of Kevin McKeown to the people of Santa Monica when Anne Pearson, a friend of mine who you've no doubt seen driving around town in her little yellow car with two big dogs in the back, received a parking ticket.

Her car is an electric vehicle that displays the appropriate decals that allow her electric car to park at meters for the maximum time allowed without having to put money in them. It is one of the city's progressive laws to encourage people to switch from a fossil-fuel based car to an electric vehicle. Municipal Code 3.16.120 is still on the books and reads: "If your decal is 'valid and current,'" then "this Section shall not require an operator of a vehicle to deposit payment in a parking meters."

Anne was parked on Ocean Avenue, across from the Loews Hotel where she works out, and she received a ticket. Possibly it was a mistake by an overworked, tired and exhausted meter maven, or possibly the drafter of this ticket was ignorant of the law that allows electric vehicles to park for free. In any case, Anne did what her lawyer father taught her to do, she wrote to a council member and asked for clarification of the law.

We have good council members in this city, but I must state that the one that has historically been the most responsive to me has been Kevin McKeown. I have received e-mails from him as late as 11 at night and then in the early morning. He generally responds with not just an e-mail but a contact list that includes the important city officials who will resolve the problem that I have brought to his attention.

When Anne wrote to Kevin at 10:03 at night, she received a return e-mail from him at 10:36 that same night, even though he was on his way out of town on vacation, with an answer and the contact information for several city staff members to review the matter.

All of this was brought to my attention for several reasons, not the least of which being that I don't mind being the first one to castigate City Hall for its abuse of power or its mistakes. I feel that the role of the press is to be the voice against the government and keep them in line, for if not them, who? But I will also be the first to point out the good that is done by the hardworking people who are dedicated to bettering our city.

I had another friend who received a parking ticket in the structure on Fourth Street at Broadway. He was legally parked in a meter, had paid the meter and with time left on the meter still received a ticket for expired time. He is like a character out of a Raymond Chandler novel, a crusty old ex-Marine who likes to swear and tell it like it is with no BS. Luckily I had been with him at the time so I was able to write a declaration in his defense, and with the photo of his valid meter he was able to get the parking gods to set aside the ticket.

Now I understand that mistakes happen, and that in reality the parking officers have a thankless job for which they receive a huge amount of hate and abuse. Considering the thousands of tickets issued each month in our fair city, a few mistakes are bound to happen and if you speak up, and are in the right, you'll likely be able to correct the situation, which doesn't make up for the time that it takes to fight City Hall on mistakes, but at least you can say you fought City Hall and won.

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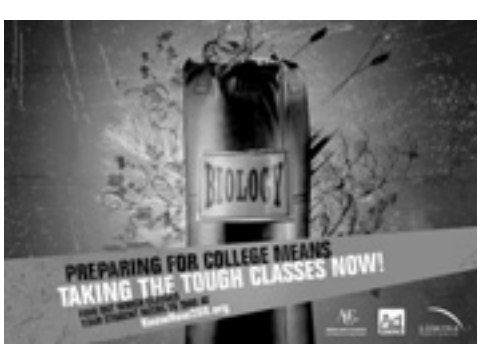
Marriage for all

The Supreme Court last week made a pair of rulings that apparently open the door for same-sex couples to get married in California.

So, this week's Q-Line question asks:
Where do you stand on the rulings and why?

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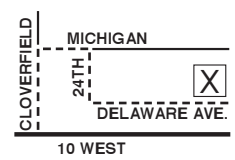

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SUSPECT
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Crenshaw boulevards. No weapon was found during the arrest.

Rodriguez, a Santa Monica resident, allegedly drove up alongside the victim, who was riding his bike on the 2900 block of Exposition Boulevard in the Pico Neighborhood, and fired several rounds at him in broad daylight.

The suspect was held on a $1.5 million bail as stated on the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department's inmate records website.

Lewis previously said to the Santa Monica Daily Press that officers believed the shooting may have been gang related. The vehicle Rodriguez was believed to be driving was found and impounded as evidence shortly after the alleged assault.

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MARRIAGE
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score marriage licenses before government offices closed and wed late Friday and scores of others tied the knot at San Francisco City Hall over the weekend, Monday was the day many couples had been awaiting for years.

The Los Angeles County clerk-recorder's office logged more than 600 online marriage license applications over the weekend — more than five times the normal amount — and posted extended hours Monday and Tuesday to deal with the crush.

In West Hollywood, where about 40 percent of the population is gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgender, the City Council was deputized to perform nuptials. Free shuttles ran from court to City Hall.

Twenty couples were married within the first 45 minutes Monday and a line grew throughout the morning.

In the smaller, rural counties, the scene was more subdued but joyous.

In Shasta County, one couple wed before 9 a.m., said County Clerk Cathy Darling Allen, but the county will perform same-sex weddings on an as-needed basis to supplement its regular twice weekly ceremonies for couples.

In Tulare Court, fewer than a dozen couples showed up to get marriage licenses, said Julie Poochigian, the county's Chief Deputy Clerk-Recorder.

Gay marriage opponents were less visible Monday than during the lengthy legal saga. They vowed to continue fighting to keep marriage between a man and a woman.

Fewer than a dozen protesters gathered outside the clerk-recorder's office in Sacramento holding large signs that read "GOD has ruled on marriage" and "Marriage=1 Man+1 Woman." One man shouted at future newlyweds through a bullhorn. The protesters left by midmorning.

GARDEN
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sits amongst a planted area full of drought-tolerant greenery.

Arleen Ferrara, a designer with Satori Garden Designs, created the mock-up after meeting Jerry Rubin, who's leading up the effort to save "Chain Reaction," a 26-foot-tall sculpture modeled after a mushroom cloud that sits in the Civic Center. It could be removed early next year by officials concerned about the structural safety of the statue.

The not-quite peace sign symbolizes that "we aren't really there yet" as a civilization, Ferrara said.

Ferrara became involved with the movement when she met Rubin at the Spring Jubilee, an event in Downtown Santa Monica that highlighted Santa Monica's personality and businesses as well as British culture.

Ferrara had designed one of the gardens; Rubin was there selling bumper stickers. The two got to talking about one of Rubin's favorite subjects, "Chain Reaction."

"We hashed some ideas around and I thought that what we needed was not just an island of plants around the sculpture protecting it and highlighting it, but a way for people to enjoy it in a nice environment," Ferrara said.

The sculpture, designed by the late Pulitzer Prize-winning cartoonist Paul Conrad, became the center of attention two years ago when a Building and Safety official noticed children climbing on it. There is concern that the inner structure may have deteriorated over the years.

The observation led to a recommendation that City Hall remove the piece from its public art portfolio and either donate it to another institution or get rid of it altogether.

Community members took up the torch for the sculpture, lining up speakers at public meetings and even bringing members of Conrad's family in to fight for the art piece. They were told that the only hope of saving the piece was to raise $400,000 by Feb. 14, 2014 to pay for what City Hall has declared necessary repairs to make the sculpture structurally sound.

Although activists dispute that amount, grant writer Abby Arnold came on board to support the work of a power committee that includes local gallery owners Robert Berman of Santa Monica Auctions and Craig Krull, journalists like Robert Scheer of KCRW's "Left, Right and Center" and Narda Zacchino of the San Francisco Chronicle and Los Angeles Times and others.

Supporters raised between $13,000 and $15,000 of the total needed by the beginning of the new fiscal year, and even with another eight months to go, it's all hands on deck.

If they raise the full amount, City Hall will put in $50,000 from the Cultural Trust Fund, which will likely go toward landscaping and a barrier similar to that designed by Ferrara.

It would be a wonderful addition to the Civic Center, which City Hall envisions as a cultural center that could include the landmarked — and mothballed — Santa Monica Civic Auditorium, Rubin said.

"This is important for so many reasons," Rubin said. "It's an iconic landmark, one of the most creative public art pieces and a timely message that's important for people to reflect on and understand."

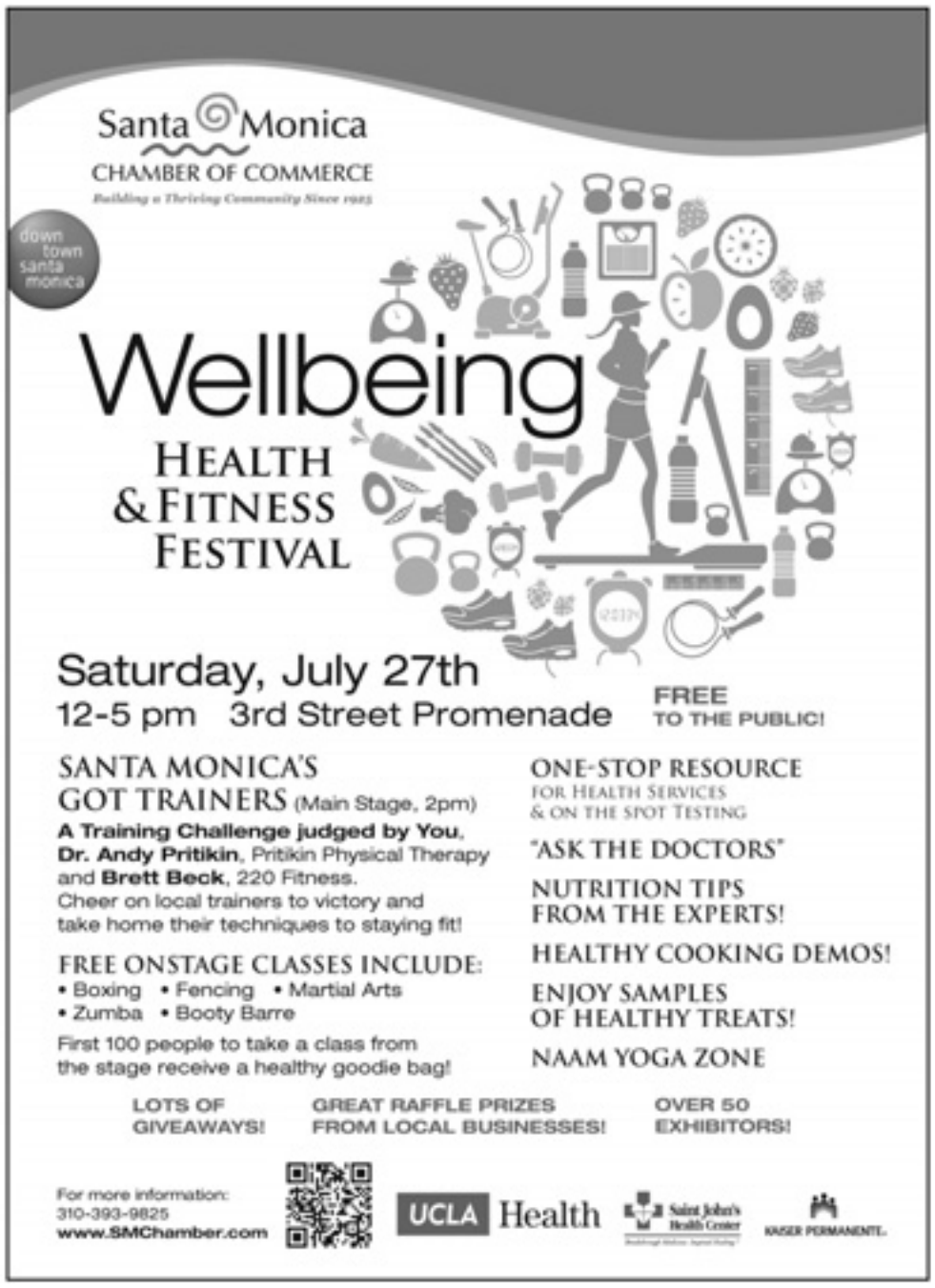
Whether or not City Hall will ultimately use Ferrara's design will be the matter of public process down the line, assuming that supporters raise the required cash. Dave Conrad, the designer's son, is thrilled that lovers of the statue are maintaining so positive an attitude toward its continued presence in the Civic Center.

"For the first time, like a year ago, we were just going to get this done," Conrad said, describing the mood of those who initially joined together to save the sculpture. "Now, I feel like we're going to get this done because we've got such a good group assembled."

Supporters will gather at the sculpture on Aug. 6 in memory of the victims of the 1945 nuclear bombing of Hiroshima, Japan. They have also planned a fundraiser for "Chain Reaction" at the Bergamot Station Arts Center on Aug. 18.

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BULGER
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— were killed in 1982 after Connolly leaked the information to Bulger. Bulger is accused of opening fire on the car as the two men left a Boston restaurant.

Morris' voice cracked and he appeared to choke back tears as he looked at Donahue's widow, Patricia, and his three grown sons seated in the courtroom. Morris apologized for "things that I may have done and things that I didn't do."

"Not a day in my life has gone by that I haven't thought about this. Not a day in my life has gone by that I haven't prayed that God gives you blessing and comfort for the pain that you suffered," Morris said.

Patricia Donahue said she believes Morris was sincere, but said his apology came "way, way too late."

"Those words didn't mean anything to me," she said. "While he's getting his (FBI) promotions, I'm mourning my husband."

Morris testified earlier that he played "no direct role" in the two killings. He said he believed Halloran was in protective custody and was about to enter the federal witness protection program when he talked to Connolly about him.

"It was spontaneous," he said. "I didn't plan it. It just happened. I wish it hadn't."

Bulger attorney Hank Brennan asked Morris if he knew he was "signing Mr. Halloran's death warrant" by telling Connolly he was cooperating against Bulger.

"I thought he was safe," Morris said.

Morris admitted taking $7,000 in payoffs, two cases of wine and other gifts from Bulger and his gang. He was given immunity from prosecution for his testimony during hearings in the 1990s and later for his testimony against Connolly in two separate trials in Massachusetts and Florida.

Connolly was convicted of racketeering and second-degree murder for leaking information to Bulger and his gang. It was a tip from Connolly that prompted Bulger to flee Boston in 1994. He was one of the nation's most wanted fugitives until he was finally captured in Santa Monica, Calif., in 2011.

Bulger has pleaded not guilty and denies being an informant for the FBI.

In other testimony Monday, prosecutors called a former drug dealer who said he went into business with Bulger in 1980.

Joseph Tower, who received immunity from prosecution, said he was a musician and a cocaine and marijuana dealer when he first met Bulger. He said he was approached by a Bulger associate who offered to protect him and his customers from harassment by others trying to cut into his business.

At the time, Tower said, the business was selling about a kilo of cocaine every week.

Tower called Bulger the "protection" in the organization and said Bulger regularly collected his share of the profits.

Bulger laughed audibly several times as Tower testified energetically about how Bulger's name instilled fear in people.

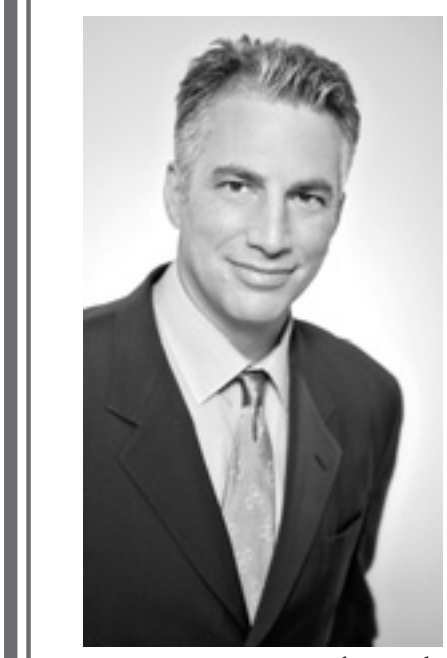
Tower said that after he was arrested and served time in prison, he was told by a Bulger associate that he was being forced out of the business.

Tower said he did not try to sell drugs on his own after that.

"They don't fool around," he said. "You'd get approached once if you were lucky, but you'd get hurt."






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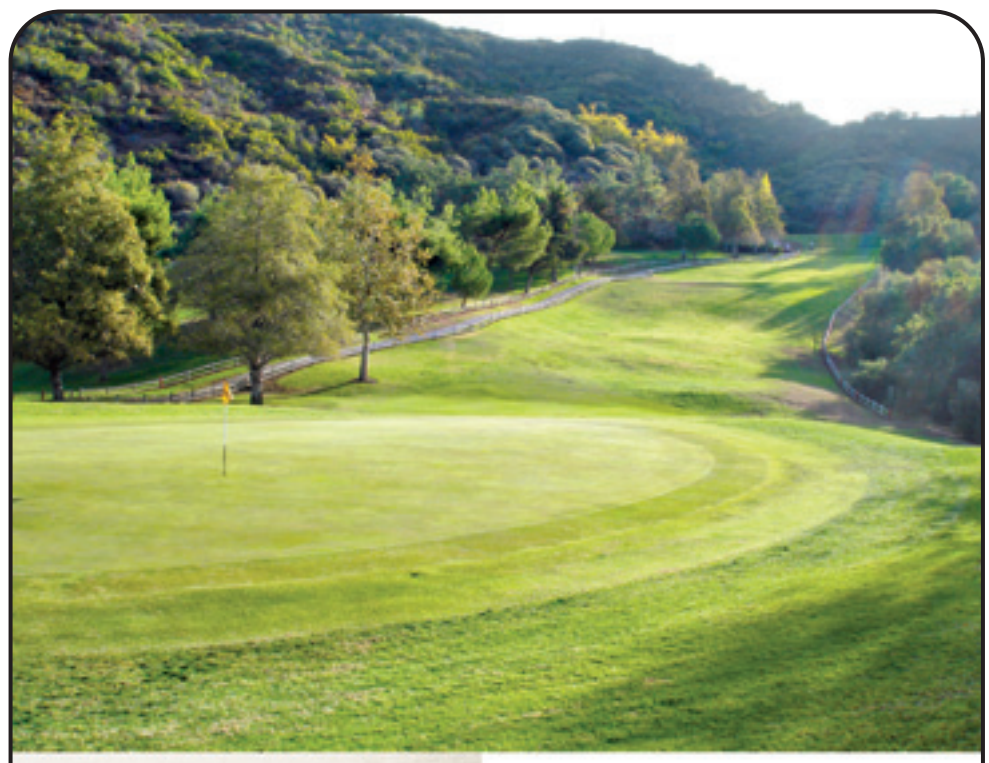
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Surf Forecasts

Water Temp: **66.6°**

THURSDAY – **POOR TO FAIR** – SURF: **1-2 ft** knee to thigh high
Minimal new WNW swell. Best for standout spots which are up to waist high on the sets late.

FRIDAY – **POOR TO FAIR** – SURF: **1-2 ft** knee to thigh high
Minimal new WNW swell. Best for standout spots which are up to waist high on the sets late.

SATURDAY – **POOR TO FAIR** – SURF: **1-2 ft** knee to thigh high
Minimal new WNW swell. Best for standout spots which are up to waist high on the sets late.

SUNDAY – **POOR** – SURF: **1-2 ft** knee to thigh high
Minimal WNW swell eases. Mostly shows for standout spots with 1-3' surf there

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 26, 2013**

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QUICK STATS (for the last 30 days)
- Number of sewage spills -- 4
- Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 1
- Number of wet days -- 8
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 33 / 1
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 0 / 0

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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.		
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechusa and Los 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.	A+	ns
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	A+	ns
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Solstice Canyon at Dan Blocker County Beach.	A+	ns
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth.	C	ns
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 21572 Malibu Rd..	A+	ns
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	B	ns
Surfrider Beach (broach 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).	B	ns
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs.	A+	ns
Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach.	ns	ns
Tuna Canyon.	A	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	A+	ns
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	A+
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence.	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain.	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain.	A	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua).	A+	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain.	A	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain.	D	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..	A	ns
Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- lifeguard tower.	C	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 DWW 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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SCHOOLS
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the new system will be based on a simpler formula that will send money where it is most needed and will allow local officials to make decisions about the best way to spend it.

"Today, we did something more creative: We pulled back and increased the discretion and the accountability of the local authorities, and that's all to the good," Brown said from a podium in the school library at California Middle School.

During a pitch to lawmakers in February, he said students in Compton and Richmond don't share the same advantages as students in Los Gatos or Beverly Hills.

The formula gives school districts more control over state aid by eliminating earmarks for state-mandated programs. Democratic lawmakers say districts will be responsible for tracking students' success, but there are few guidelines on how the money will be spent during the first year, as the state Board of Education will not take up the regulations until well into the 2013-14 school year.

Samantha Tran, senior director of education policy at Education Now, said the first year of funding will be a transition year as schools figure out how to implement the changes.

"This is a massive, historic shift in how we fund schools," she said.

The state budget for the 2013-14 fiscal year takes effect Monday and provides about $55.3 billion in local and state revenue for K-12 education and two-year community colleges. That's an increase of more than $8 billion over the 2011-12 level under the state's school funding formula known as Proposition 98.

Brown had initially faced resistance to his proposal from advocates for suburban and wealthier districts but reached a compromise with Democratic leaders last month.

It provides extra money under a so-called concentration grant that will be given to districts in which 55 percent of the students are considered economically disadvantaged, English-learners or are foster children. All schools would receive a higher base grant from the state, a provision meant to placate school districts that do not have high proportions of those students.

California's spending package also calls for $1.2 billion in one-time money for districts to implement the "common core" standards in English and math, which are more academically rigorous and are intended to better prepare students for college and a career. The money can be spent as districts choose on areas such as teacher training, instructional materials and technology. SB91 and AB86 are the other two bills Brown signed Monday that are related to the education funding.

The governor also signed AB94, which provides college grants to middle-income families.

The so-called Middle Class Scholarship will begin in the 2014 academic year and will provide reduced tuition for students whose families earn less than $150,000 a year.

The scholarship would reduce student fees on a sliding scale based on income — up to 40 percent for families making less than $100,000 and up to 10 percent for families earning $150,000. The appropriation would be capped at $305 million annually once it is fully implemented.

According to the speaker's office, the scholarship would lower college fees from $12,192 to $7,315 at the University of California and from $5,472 to $3,283 at California State University campuses for families making less than $100,000.

The grant was championed by Assembly Speaker John Perez, D-Los Angeles, after he failed to gain enough legislative support for it last year. Brown's signing of the legislation comes the same day interest rates on federal student loans doubled to 6.8 percent.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★ Be careful with any type of spending, even if it is something as basic as doing someone else's budget. The wise Ram will make no commitments right now. Tonight: A must appearance.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ You have the skill set to manage many different interests, but you might feel overwhelmed. You'll want to manage a situation differently and move forward with a project. Prioritizing will help diminish your to-do list more efficiently. Tonight: Happiest at home.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Listen to what someone wants to share; help this person form a game plan to get there. You suddenly might discover that there is a change in how you proceed. Tonight: Fun doesn't have to cost anything.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ You know which way to go and why you are heading in that direction. You can explain only so much to others; otherwise, you might miss the opportunity. Timing is critical right now. A sense of humor goes far when dealing with a problem. Tonight: What would make you happy?

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★ Know how to say "no." Your wittiness might be best kept to yourself for the time being. Make a point of saying "hello" more often to that acquaintance who makes a difference in your life. Understand what must happen in order to get a project off the ground. Tonight: Out late.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Keep reaching out to someone whose opinion you trust. You need to get feedback, but it needs to come from someone who is not involved in the outcome. Be willing to put out ideas that you typically would judge as not workable. Tonight: Let your imagination lead the way.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Examine what you want and expect from a family member. This person often becomes very innovative when dealing with you. Maintain a good attitude, but find a different approach. Tonight: Have a long chat with a friend.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Someone seems to command more attention and decides to take the lead in a situation. Generally, center stage is your turf. How you handle this reversal will be telling of who you are. Tonight: Go with a suggestion.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★ Not everyone is as determined or focused as you might be at the moment. How you speak to someone, and your expectations for this person's responses, might need revision. Tonight: Schedule some more free time.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★ Build on an existing bond. You know what to expect, and you'll find it easy to be open with this person. Open up to new possibilities, and test them out on this friend, who just might come back with yet another idea. Let the brainstorming session begin! Tonight: Ever playful.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ You might discover that the best path right now is the tried-and-true. Though normally you are more unconventional, if you want to succeed, you'll need to bend a little more. Real estate, a parent and security all are factors that need serious consideration. Tonight: Stay close to home.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ You know what you like, and you're capable of creating it. Get on the phone or send out some emails to initiate conversations with those whom you might impact by deciding to move in a new direction. Brainstorm away. Tonight: You might be amazed by what emerges.

Tuesday, July 2, 2013

This year marks an important time in your life. Expect good fortune and opportunity to meet. Make choices that suit you. You are initiating a 12-year cycle, so make sure that you are keeping your eye on the long-term as well as the short-term. If you are single, you will meet someone who will enrich your life. What type of relationship evolves from there depends on you. If you are attached, you enter one of those warm, connected years where your bond grows stronger. TAURUS is loyal.

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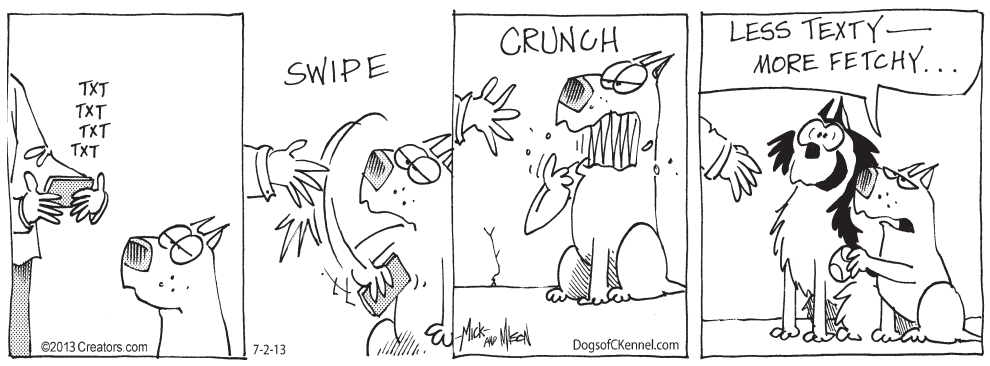
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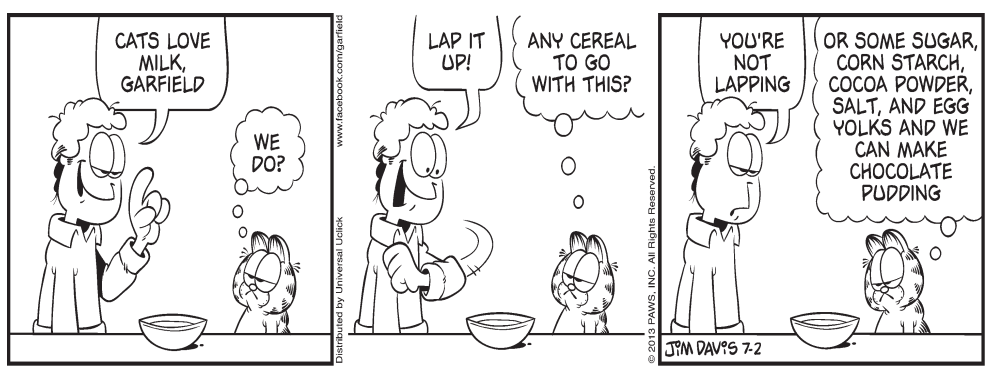
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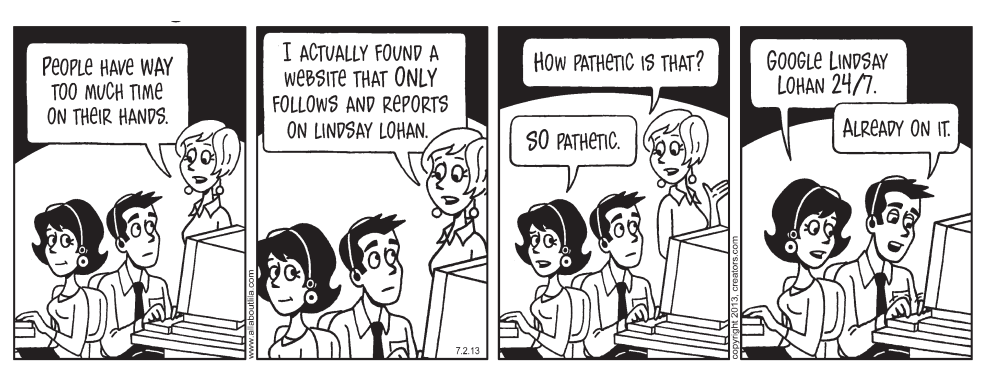
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Fill in the blank cells using numbers 1 to 9. Each number can appear only once in each row, column, and 3x3 block. Use logic and process of elimination to solve the puzzle. The difficulty level ranges from ★ (easiest) to ★★★★★ (hardest).

Difficulty Level ★★

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

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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

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

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CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

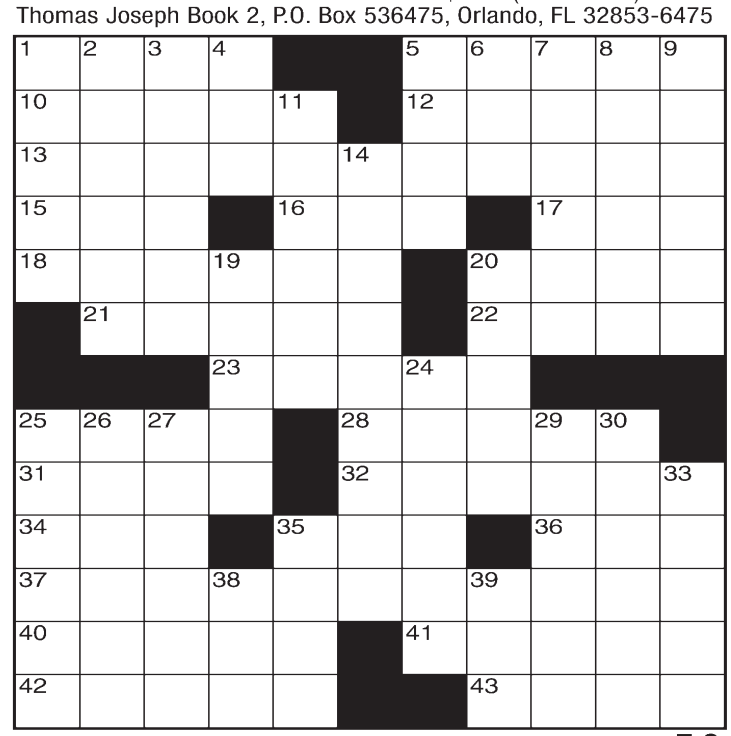
ACROSS
1 Bunches
5 "Cosmos" author
10 Eight-tracks, e.g.
12 Dwarf planet
13 Road flattener
15 Poet's contraction
16 Not at home
17 Golf goal
18 Texas team
20 Lucy's co-star
21 One of the senses
22 March time
23 Beach-combing site
25 Increase
28 Thesaurus creator
31 Ambulance workers, for short
32 Sure to fail
34 In the past
35 Ready to go
36 Lyricist Gershwin
37 Coat applier
40 Game show host
41 Sleep disturber
42 Plant anew
43 Big snakes

DOWN
1 Sailing
2 Current fashion
3 Willing to consider
4 Brewed beverage
5 Location
6 Maximum amount
7 Swallowed
8 Relaxed
9 Action star Chuck
11 Kiss
14 It may be shipped overnight
19 Tricks
20 Painter Rivera
24 Cheer for
25 Farm machine
26 "Count me in!"
27 Unemotional bunch
29 Designer Pucci
30 Nobel-winner Mother —
33 Challenges
35 Hearty dish
38 "The Matrix" hero
39 High hit

T	A	C	O	■	D	E	C	A	L	■
E	T	O	N	■	E	R	A	S	E	S
N	O	S	E	■	F	R	Y	P	A	N
O	N	T	A	R	I	O	■	I	N	A
R	E	S	C	U	E	R	■	R	E	C
■	■	■	T	E	D	■	D	I	S	K
W	A	R	E	S	■	C	E	N	T	S
O	V	E	R	■	C	O	P	■	■	■
L	A	T	■	J	O	B	L	E	S	S
V	I	I	■	A	L	B	E	R	T	A
E	L	N	I	N	O	■	T	O	O	L
S	E	A	L	E	R	■	E	D	N	A
■	D	E	L	T	S	■	D	E	E	D

Yesterday's answer

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Recently, parents in Texas and New York City have pointed out that when children commit sex offenses against classmates, educational policy (and sometimes, the law) seeks to give light punishments and second chances to the perpetrators, thus posing risks to their classmates. A Texas child, raped at age 4 by a 13-year-old, recently was forced to endure the perpetrator's return to class after only 45 days away at an "alternative" program -- because federal law requires the child's prompt return to ordinary classroom settings if a "disability" played a role in the incident. A New York City mother filed a $6 million lawsuit in May against the city's Education Department after her son was allegedly forced to perform oral sex on a group of classmates, one of whom had already been involved in a sex assault -- for which he received a five-day suspension.

■ As John Jacobson, 20, was being booked into jail in Portland, Ore., in May (for allegedly trying to steal a case of beer from a Plaid Pantry grocery store), police discovered a live mouse in his pocket. Jacobson had his father come down to the jail and take custody of the mouse.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1917 – The East St. Louis Riots end.

1934 – The Night of the Long Knives ends with the death of Ernst Röhm.

1937 – Amelia Earhart and navigator Fred Noonan are last heard from over the Pacific Ocean while attempting to make the first equatorial round-the-world flight.

1940 – Indian independence leader Subhas Chandra Bose is arrested and detained in Calcutta.

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\ MUHS-ter \ , verb;
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"The Second Day of July 1776, will be the most memorable Epocha, in the History of America. I am apt to believe that it will be celebrated, by succeeding Generations, as the great anniversary Festival. It ought to be commemorated, as the Day of Deliverance by solemn Acts of Devotion to God Almighty. It ought to be solemnized with Pomp and Parade, with Shews, Games, Sports, Guns, Bells, Bonfires and Illuminations from one End of this Continent to the other from this Time forward forever more. You will think me transported with Enthusiasm but I am not. I am well aware of the Toil and Blood and Treasure, that it will cost Us to maintain this Declaration, and support and defend these States. Yet through all the Gloom I can see the Rays of ravishing Light and Glory. I can see that the End is more than worth all the Means. And that Posterity will tryumph in that Days Transaction, even altho We should rue it, which I trust in God We shall not."

(The Book of Abigail and John: Selected Letters of the Adams Family, 1762-1784, Harvard University Press, 1975, 142).

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